

Note at Crestwood specifies student, teachers to kill

Officials: No real danger was posed, investigation ongoing

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Yet another school in Sumter County has been on the receiving end of a rumor, prank or threat of potential violence since a deadly mass shooting at a high school in Florida.

An anonymous note was found at Crestwood High School on Wednesday that threatened several teachers and one student, according to Ken Bell, public information officer for Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The note, which was found on a student's desk, said, "kill ya ppl today at 1:15" and "ima kill all ya peoples at this school," according to an incident report from the sheriff's office.

"She then began to list out several different teachers on her target list. It was also stated that it will be (12) twelve victims, two per hall, and she would not stop until they all were dead," according to the report.

A bullet was then found on Thursday on a door frame leading to the school gymnasium in a place "where it is certain to be found."

Bell said a janitor later admitted she found the bullet in the trash on Wednesday and placed it on the door but forgot to notify officials at the school on Oswego Road.

"Individuals who are identified for making this threat will face disciplinary action

in accordance with the Sumter School District Code of Conduct, and law enforcement will file charges," Galloway said. "Our first and most important priority is the safety of our students and staff. We take all potential threats very seriously."

Galloway said law enforcement was "quick and vigilant" in its response.

"Although we still do not believe this is a credible threat, we have placed additional officers at the school as a proactive preventative approach," Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said.

The sheriff's office is investigating the note.

School officials notified law enforcement "as soon as the note and bullet were found."

"Unfortunately, some of the students think this is a joke. We had the same kinds of things happening around the country after the Columbine High School shooting," Dennis said. "I don't understand it."

"Whoever is making these threats will face serious charges once they are identified."

This threat marks the third such incident and the fourth in *The Sumter Item's* coverage area since the day a 19-year-old man walked onto the campus he had been expelled from at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14 and

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Sumter legislator writes bill to ban bump stocks, assault-style weapons

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Sumter County's newest state legislator said action must be taken in light of last week's deadly mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida.

State Rep. Wendy Brawley, D-70, who represents southern and western Sumter County and southern Richland County, introduced a bill on Wednesday that would ban assault weapons and devices that can turn a semi-automatic gun into a fully automatic weapon. H. 4975 would prohibit the sale or possession of all semi-automatic centerfire rifles with a detachable magazine with a capacity of 21 or more rounds, all semi-automatic shotguns with a folding stock or a magazine ca-



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capacity of more than six rounds, any firearm that has been modified to operate as an assault weapon and any part of a combination or parts designed to convert a firearm into an assault weapon.

"This, to me, is common-sense legislation to remove some of these military-style assault weapons and prevent them from being sold in our state," said the first-year legislator who was elected in June 2017 after a special election to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Joseph Neal. "The federal government can't seem to figure out how to do this."

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, a 19-year-old former student of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School came onto the campus and opened fire, killing 17 people. He used weapons, including an AR-15 and other

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CHRIS MOORE / PALMETTO HEALTH TUOMEY

Palmetto Health Tuomey Process Engineer Kimberly Rauschenbach asks the students about their interests Thursday at Lemira Elementary School. To watch a video, visit theitem.com/studio-sumter.

Hospital unveils coloring book to Lemira students

BY BRUCE MILLS
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It really does "take a village to raise a child," if you ask Palmetto Health Tuomey.

And in the spirit of the saying, the hospital extended its community partnership with Lemira Elementary School on Thursday at the school with the unveiling of a new coloring book showcasing careers in the hospital.

Tuomey began its partnership with the South Sumter school last school year and has extended it this year, according to hospital process engineer and lead volunteer Kimberly Rauschenbach.

After visiting Lemira a few times last year and participating in a "career fair" day at the school, she learned the elementary school students knew that hospitals employed doctors and nurses, but they didn't know any of the other jobs or careers at a hospital.

Rauschenbach said she told them there were many other valuable jobs in a hospital, even though they might go on behind the scenes.

"We wanted to be able to teach these children about careers and reach them in a way they could understand," Rauschenbach said.

She said she thought of doing something like the A to Z of jobs in the hospital with just coloring sheets to hand out to students at the school. She said she pitched the idea to the hospital's marketing and communications team, and it came up with the idea of the full-scale, activity coloring book.

The book, titled *Are You My Job?*, details hospital careers starting with all 26 letters of the alphabet for students at the school.

For the letter "A," the careers of athletic trainers and accountants are described. "T" is for transporters who use wheelchairs and rolling beds to move patients around inside the hospital, according to the book. "X" is for X-ray technicians (of course), who take pictures of the inside of the body. "Z" represents those individuals who help people get their "ZZZZZ"s if they are not sleeping well — sleep doctors.

About a dozen hospital staff members from various careers were on hand Thursday for the unveiling of the coloring book to second-graders at Lemira.

Sonya McDaniel, clinical respiratory care manager at Palmetto Health Tuomey, discussed with the second-graders the importance of respiratory therapists in helping patients who have trouble breathing.

Tuomey guest relations representative Darion Canty talked about his job ensuring patients and visitors have a positive experience at the hospital.

Shawn Gilroy, an interventional technologist at Tuomey, a type of X-ray technician, said he was impressed with the second-graders' knowledge and questions.

"They were like: 'What about this bone and that bone?' and 'the chest protects the heart,'" Gilroy said. "They asked some good questions. These are smart kids."

The entire second-grade class of about 91 students at Lemira took part in the up-close and personal look at hospital careers.

Jaidynn Wilson, 7, said he liked learning about the job of transporter at the hospital.

Eight-year-old Katelynn Johnson said she also enjoyed learning about the transporter.

"You get to put people in the wheelchair and have conversations with them," Johnson said.

Fellow 8-year-old Yuleidy Garcia said she most enjoyed learning about nurses.

"The nurse checks you and finds out if you feel bad and takes shots if you have the flu," Garcia said. "They take really good care of you."

The coloring book was funded for the hospital by a grant from The Tuomey Foundation, a philanthropic arm that supports the mission of Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Rauschenbach said the goal of the hospital's partnership with Lemira is to help the kids learn to dream big.

"You can't dream it until you know what it is," Rauschenbach said.



The "Are You My Job?" coloring book can be viewed at Tuomey-Foundation.org/coloring-book.html

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Governor sides with faith-based foster care approach

BY TIM SMITH
The Greenville News

COLUMBIA — Gov. Henry McMaster is siding with an Upstate foster-care provider embroiled in a battle with government officials about a requirement it has that foster families be Christian.

In a letter sent Wednesday night to Miracle Hill Ministries of Greenville, McMaster said he is working with federal officials to obtain a waiver from requirements that would restrict the organization's faith-based approach or halt its work in helping provide foster care.

"The licensing and participation of faith-based entities in the state foster care system is a constitutionally protected practice," McMaster wrote. "It is important that religious organizations not be required to sacrifice the tenets of their faith in order to serve the children of South Carolina."

In an op-ed delivered to *The Greenville News*, Betsy Tanner, an Upstate foster parent and adoption attorney, wrote that Miracle Hill has become

one of the largest private foster-care providers in the state, supporting families in eight counties.

Currently, she wrote, 161 children receive care in those foster families. Last year 31 of those children achieved permanency when adopted by the families caring for them.

"For 29 years, Miracle Hill has gladly served all foster children of any race, national origin, religious beliefs, sex, disability or political belief," Tanner wrote. "And for 29 years, Miracle Hill has recruited foster families who share its nondenominational Christian religious beliefs. Miracle Hill has always been clear regarding its religious identity and conviction that all staff — paid and unpaid — are followers of Jesus Christ."

But in 2017, Tanner wrote, the state Department of Social Services began interpreting federal and state regulations to say that Miracle Hill does not have the freedom to require foster families share its religious beliefs.

"Based on this new interpretation, SCDSS has given Miracle Hill 30 days

Crosswell Home director concerned

BY BRUCE MILLS
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In response to Miracle Hill Ministries' case with DSS, the leader of John K. Crosswell Home for Children in Sumter said he's concerned about possible ramifications in the situation and what might be the government's next step.

Jerry Allred, executive director of Crosswell, made his comments Thursday.

Allred said he's concerned that even stricter restrictions on Christian-based foster agencies and children's homes may come in the future, such as preventing church groups from coming on campus to

either abandon its religious convictions or shut down its ministry as a foster child placing agency," Tanner wrote.



ALLRED

conduct a Bible study. "The majority of volunteers who come to Crosswell to help us in various ways are members of area churches," Allred said. "If further restrictions are put in place, it might handi-

cap our ability to go to these people for assistance. It's an interesting time to see what happens."

He also said he's been in dialogue with members of the local legislative delegation, and he's hoping to plan a meeting with them next week. He said delegation members who he's spoken with are in support of Miracle Hill.

The provider is licensed by DSS, which is part of the governor's cabinet, under regulations of the federal government.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SAFE employee oversees electronic services

SAFE Federal Credit Union announced in a news release the naming of Mandy Baibak as assistant vice president of electronic services.



BAIBAK

Baibak, who has worked for SAFE for almost 14 years, will oversee all electronic services ranging from debit and

credit cards to online account application, remote deposit capture, video-enabled Personal Teller Machines, online banking, online bill pay and more.

The new position and the realignment of the electronic services are part of SAFE's overall streamlining of operations in response to the credit union's continued growth. The credit union now has more than a billion dollars in assets.

Scholarship, college fair set for Saturday

On behalf of the Professional Assistance for College-Prep Excellence Academy, the statewide OnePalmetto Scholarship and College Fair will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sumter High School, 2580 McCrays Mill Road.

This free event is designed for all parents, high school, college and graduate students as a direct opportunity to meet face to face with college admissions counselors and scholarship organizations for on-the-spot advice about obtaining scholarships and what is sought in potential recipients.

About 70 scholarship organizations and colleges combined will be present at this event, and more than 1,000 parents and students have preregistered — as numbers continue to rise.

Wilson Hall kindergarteners celebrate 100 days



Wilson Hall kindergarten students celebrate their 100th day of school with a parade through the campus. Each kindergarten student made something with 100 items to commemorate the milestone and then gave a presentation about his or her creation to the first-grade classrooms.

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Group honors students who won essay contest

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Each year, Sumter's Home Chapter, NSDAR recognizes outstanding students at its February meeting. The chapter sponsors two essay contests — one for elementary and one for high school students.

The first is the DAR American History Essay Contest for grades 5-8, and the second is the DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship for grades 9-12. It is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The student selected as each school's DAR

Good Citizen must possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Students who enter the contest are eligible for awards beyond the chapter level. Each state winner receives an award in the amount of at least \$250 and a state DAR Good Citizens pin and certificate.

The three regional national division winners will receive a cash award in the amount of \$500. The national winner is invited to Washington, D.C., to attend the national DAR Continental Congress and will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship, an



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inscribed silver bowl and a certificate.

The 2018 Sumter's Home Chapter essay winners are: from left, Payton Houser — Thomas Sumter Academy, Good Citizen School Winner; Hannah Partin — Lake-wood High School, Good Citizen School Winner and Chapter Winner; Lesley Strickland — Crestwood High School, Good Citizen

School Winner; Brandon Lee — Sumter Christian School, Good Citizen School Winner; Layton Creech — Wilson Hall School, Good Citizen School Winner; Mason Reese — Furman Middle School, Seventh-Grade American History Winner; and Taelyn Savitski — Millwood Elementary School, Fifth-Grade American History Winner.

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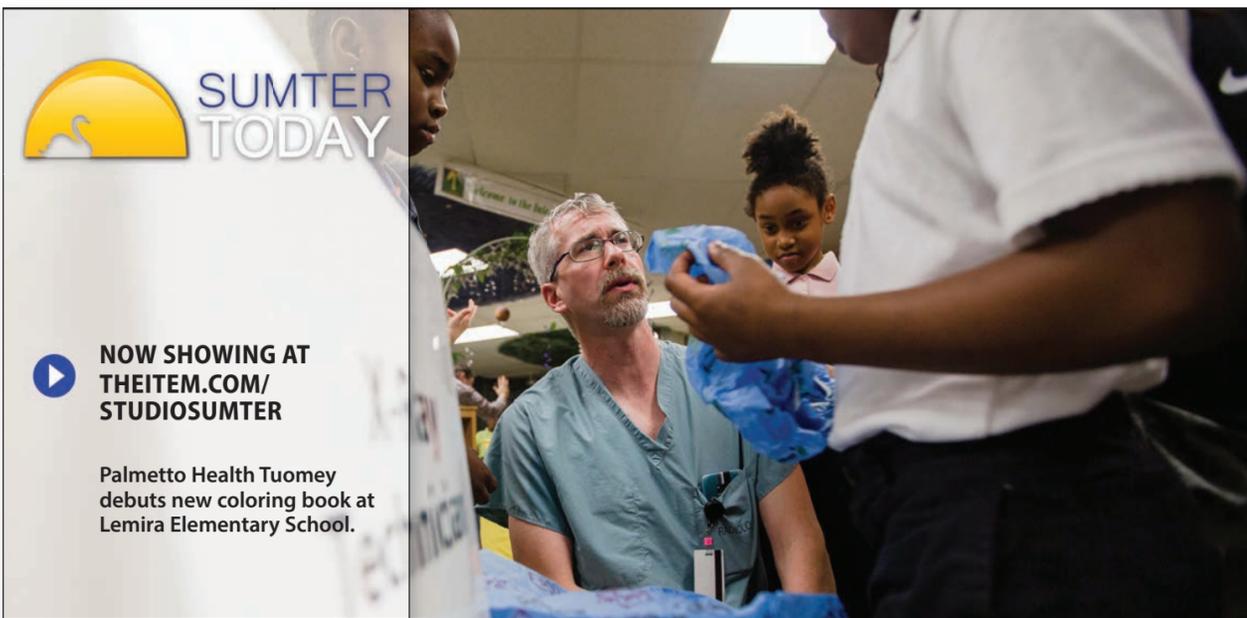
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BY LT. BRIDGET MITCHELL
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A Navy aviation machinist's mate is responsible for maintaining the engines and the fuel systems for aircraft.

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Dwight Nelson, a native of Sumter, is an aviation machinist's mate working with the Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Detachment stationed aboard Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada.

buster and attracted and trained the best allied pilots and air crew from all over the world.

Nelson plays a crucial role in the overall mission that flies more than 5,000 adversary sorties per year in support of the Navy and Marine Corps Active and Reserve fleet and replacement squadrons, carrier air wings and marine aircraft groups including the United States Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National guard and Canadian Forces.

"Nowhere in the world does the Navy have the ability to train as we do in NAS Fallon," said NAS Fallon Commanding Officer Capt. David Halloran. "The Navy specifically chose NAS Fallon as the location for Top Gun and the Naval Special Warfare Tactical Ground Mobility Training Center because of the desert climate, mountainous terrain and sophisticated ranges available in northern Nevada. Every Carrier Air Wing and Navy Seal Team is re-

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"In addition to my father serving in the Army, I have cousins in the Navy," said Nelson, explaining that military service is a family tradition. "I'm proud to have excelled quickly in my career as well as being awarded two Navy Achievement Medals."

Nelson also said they are proud to serve at the center of excellence for naval aviation, training and tactics development.

The future of U.S. aviation depends on the Navy's ability to achieve its vision for defeating tomorrow's air threats with the support of the ground crews and pilots.

"Serving in the Navy is a way to provide for my family, a chance to experience new things and to continue a family legacy of military service," Nelson added.

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In this June 27, 1954 file photo, Evangelist Billy Graham speaks to more than 100,000 Berliners at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, Germany. Graham transformed American religious life through his preaching and activism, becoming a counselor to presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history.

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When Billy Graham said 'No'

Billy Graham was a son of the segregated South. He grew up, as did I, with signs declaring "Whites Only" and "No Colored Served Here." Division by race was the abnormal accepted thing. It was understood that black people who showed up at "white" churches would be met at the door and redirected to a church for "their kind."

Billy Graham became a national figure in 1949 with the Los Angeles crusade. Invitations to conduct city-wide crusades poured in, including invitations in Southern cities. During the first Southern city-wide crusades, whites and blacks were seated in different sections, as was the custom. But the Holy Spirit began to trouble Billy's heart.

The defining moment came in 1953, before the Montgomery Bus Boycott and Martin Luther King Jr., before lunch counter sit-ins, before Civil Rights marches. It happened in Chattanooga, a Southern city with deep racial division (what Southern city didn't have deep racial divisions?).

The stadium where the crusade was to be held had been divided into white and black sections, as was the custom. Ropes marked the division.

When Billy Graham came to the stadium prior to the first night of the crusade, he saw the ropes. This time, he said, "No." With holy passion he mounted the steps of the stadium and began to pull down the ropes and the signs. Local Crusade organizers tried to stop him. He bluntly told them, "Leave the ropes down or you can have the crusade without me." The ropes stayed down. The gospel was preached. Whites and blacks came forward together to receive Christ. Because one man said, "No."

It is hard now, in 2018, to realize how courageous this act was. Just three years after Chattanooga, Billy Graham's pastor, W.A. Criswell,

would proclaim to the South Carolina Legislature that "anyone who believes in integration is dead from the neck up." Graham quickly made a statement to the press, saying, "My pastor and I have never seen eye to eye on the race question." What Graham did not say was that a great number of his financial backers expected Graham to support segregation or at least stay silent on race. But Graham would not budge. Every crusade would be integrated — period. For more than 20 years, Billy Graham refused to hold a crusade in South Africa, until segregation laws were repealed.

True, Billy Graham did not march with Martin Luther King Jr. By his own admission, he became too involved in politics during the Nixon Administration. He was not perfect, nor did he claim to be.

But for millions of Americans who had been touched by his ministry, a new thought formed: "If Billy Graham says 'no' to segregation, maybe I should say 'no' too."

I remember as a child seeing televised crusades. The camera would pan over the choir, and I would see black people singing next to white people. I had never seen that growing up in rural Florida. Even in my child's mind, something said, "This must be good, if it's happening at a Billy Graham crusade."

Billy Graham has always been my hero. He preached the gospel. Millions came to know Jesus. He used modern media to share Jesus. He made it OK to have music that sounded contemporary in Christian gathering. He spoke as the prophet America needed to hear, once saying to a white audience, "We have been proud and thought we were better than any other race, any other people. Ladies and gentlemen, we are going to stumble into hell because of our pride." He was the nation's pastor, a calming voice of faith when tragedy struck.

And he tore down the ropes.
Thank you, Billy Graham, for saying "No."

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



Clay Smith

Believers lost a great evangelist, but we share the 'same God'

The indelibility of revered evangelist Billy Graham this week was expected as was the response of many in the Christian community: sadness, gratitude, ruminations of the type of heavenly reception Graham was receiving.

There is not likely a believer alive today who hasn't been somehow influenced by Graham's message. His voice has reached millions and influenced generations of people. He would tell you he wasn't perfect, rightly taking the burden we all bear — that not a single one of us hasn't made a mistake.

He seemed so much more, a name synonymous with the gospel message. I can't count how many times I've heard someone invoke his name as the standard of any evangelism effort. It was this respect for Graham that causes many believers to revere the man, which is exactly the sentiment I express when I first heard of his death.

My husband was in the kitchen with me when the news broke. We shared a moment of sadness as I read through the limited details.

"I wonder who the next Billy Graham will be," I wondered aloud.

"Maybe it's you," my husband replied.

My husband is one of the most encouraging people I know, and, for a reason I've yet to understand, has this adoration for me that confounds reason. Beyond that, I've proven to him over and over that I constantly make mistakes. Further, I'm an awkward public speaker, and I don't have near the Biblical understanding that Graham did. I don't have the com-

passion Graham did, nor the ability to cut to the heart of a problem with the perfect combination of eloquence and brevity.

I'm no Billy Graham, and my facial response caused him to expound.

"Billy Graham claimed the same power you claim," he said. "Same God."

Those two words hit hard. In the Christian dictionary, this theological principle is often referred to as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It's the idea that God lives within us, guides us to make godly decisions, gives us peace that passes

all understanding, but also gives us the ability to do more than we could do on our own.

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you ..." (Rom. 8:11a, NLT)

It is a life-giving power in each one of us, and we have a choice. We can tap into that power and let God use us to the level of Billy Graham or — fathom the thought — beyond, or to indulge our desires for distractions that will leave us unfulfilled.

The difference between most of us and Billy Graham is that he chose to say yes to the God living inside of him more often.

We can't acknowledge the person Billy Graham was until we acknowledge the power of our God, the same God who gave Billy Graham a pulpit. The same God who calls us to speak truth in love. The same God who has so much more in store for our lives than what we choose to settle for.

Same God.

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CHURCH NEWS

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

* Sunday — Black history program at 3 p.m. James L. Felder will speak.

Bethel AME Church, 1605 S.C. 261, Wedgfield, announces:

* Sunday — Black history observance, fill a pew and soul food Sunday will be held beginning at 10:15 a.m.

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

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

Clark United Methodist Church, 2980 U.S. 401 N., Oswego Highway, announces:

* Saturday — Free NACA home ownership workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

* Sunday — Black history program at 3 p.m.

Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, 25 Community St., announces:

* Sunday — The 14th church anniversary worship celebration will be held at 5 p.m. Dr. James Blasingame, president of the Baptist E&M Convention of South Carolina, will speak.

Divine Purpose Outreach Ministries, 218 Commerce St., Manning, announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 28-March 2 — Crossing Over Revival at 7:30 nightly. Apostle Cravon Smith, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, will speak.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 105 Dinkins St., Manning, announces:

* Sunday — Black history program at 11 a.m. U.S. Marshal Kelvin Washington, District of

South Carolina, will speak.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 182 S. Pike East, announces:

* Today — Youth ministry worship service at 7 p.m.

Goodwill Presbyterian Church USA, 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, announces:

* Sunday — Black history worship celebration at 11 a.m. followed by a soul food meal. Jeannette Dozier, of Columbia, will speak.

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

* Saturday — Annual blood drive and yard sale beginning at 8 a.m.

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

* Sunday — Black history observance / male chorus anniversary will be celebrated during the 10:15 a.m. worship.

* Sunday, March 4 — Holy communion will follow the 10:15 a.m. worship.

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

Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 803 S. Harvin St., announces:

* Sunday — Minister licensure, deacon and deaconess ordination, leader and congregation consecration service at 5 p.m. Dr. Clinton Brantley will speak.

Knitting Hearts Ministry, meets at Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad St., announces:

* Saturday, March 10 — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. until noon. Debbie Dyches will speak. All ladies, all ages, are invited. A love of-

fering will be received. Visit knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com.

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

* Sunday — Black history celebration during 9 a.m. service. The Rev. Roosevelt Williams will speak.

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

* Saturday, March 3 — Indoor garage sale from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tables are \$20 each. Call (803) 773-3546 or (803) 565-5967.

* Saturday, March 24 — Joint health fair of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist and First Baptist Missionary Church from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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

* Sunday — Golden Age Fellowship Ministry's black history anniversary worship celebration at 10:45 a.m.

* Sunday, March 4 — The Rev. Johnnie M. Gist will speak at 6 p.m.

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

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

Nehemiah Kingdom Builder's Assembly, 845 Webb St., announces:

* Sunday — Official affirmation to the apostolic office of chief apostle at 4 p.m. at Westend Community Church, 101 S. Salem Ave. Prelate RC Ratliff, chief consecrator, and Apostle — Designate Sylvester Francis III will speak.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3249 U.S. 15 S., announces:

* Saturday — Annual Doris H. Fulwood Scholarship luncheon at noon.

* Sunday — Annual senior citizens program at 10 a.m.

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

* Saturday, March 10 — A barbecue dinner fundraiser for Van and Jennifer Thames, hosted by the men's ministry, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Van has been battling cancer and undergoing chemo for the past year and unable to work. Jennifer, who has been the sole bread winner, was recently injured in a fall and has been unable to work. Jennifer will be out of work for several more weeks as she recovers from extensive surgery to repair broken bones and torn ligaments. Higher Calling will provide music during the dinner. Plates will be available for eat in or take out and advance tickets are not required. All we ask if for you to make a donation.

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

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

* Wednesday — Fresh fire healing and deliverance service at 7 p.m.

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

St. Anne - St. Jude Catholic Church, 611 W. Oakland Ave., announces:

* Sunday — Black history program at 2:30 p.m. presented by the St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of St.

Peter Claver. Carrie Sinkler Parker will speak. Music will be provided by St. Ann St. Jude School choir, Catholic youth of Sumter, St. Jude choir and the Benevolence Choir.

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

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

St. Mark AME Church, corner of First Street and Larry King Jr. Highway, Summerton, announces:

* Sunday — Family and friends day will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. with dinner to follow. The Rev. Albert Thompson, pastor of Friendship AME Church of Summerton, will speak.

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

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

Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, 1130 Granby Lane, Summerton, announces:

* Sunday — Black history program.

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St., announces:

* Saturday — Black history event from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme is dreams to reality.

* Sunday — Black history worship service at 10 a.m.

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

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

Again the question: Could armed teachers stop shootings?

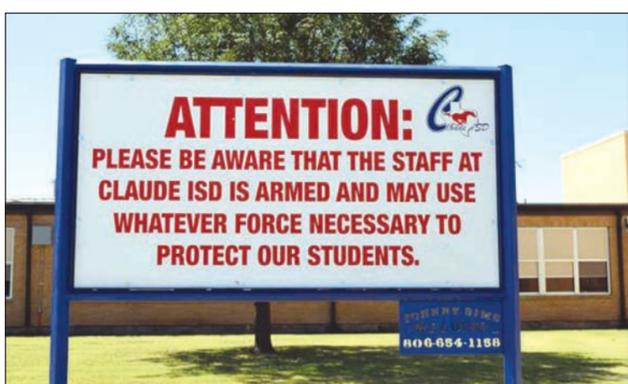
BY CAROLYN THOMPSON
The Associated Press

In the aftermath of yet another mass school shooting, President Donald Trump says that if one of the victims, a football coach, had been armed “he would have shot, and that would have been the end of it.”

Revisiting an idea he raised in his campaign, Trump’s comments in favor of allowing teachers to be armed come as lawmakers in several states are wrestling with the idea, including in Florida, where the 17 most recent school shooting victims are being mourned.

Assistant football coach Aaron Feis, hailed for shielding students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, “was very brave,” Trump said Wednesday during a listening session with parents and survivors of school shootings. “If he had a firearm, he wouldn’t have had to run.”

Florida Republican Sen. Greg Steube said gun-free zones such as schools are easy targets and has proposed allowing specially trained educators with military or law enforcement backgrounds to be armed.



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A sign outside a school is seen in Claude, Texas. Claude ISD Superintendent Brock Cartwright said armed teachers are just one part of safety plans. Trump’s comments in favor of allowing teachers to be armed come as lawmakers in several states are wrestling with the idea, including in Florida, where the 17 most recent school shooting victims are being mourned.

“Our most valuable, most precious resources are our children. Why in the world are we going to put them in a circumstance where there is nobody that is armed and trained at any of our schools to be able to respond quickly to an active shooter situation?” Steube told The Associated Press, even as students, including survivors of the Parkland shooting, rallied at the state’s capitol in support of changes in gun laws.

Similar discussions have taken place in Kentucky, Colorado, North Carolina and Alabama in recent days, and Wisconsin’s attorney general said he’s open to the idea.

“Our students do not need to be sitting ducks. Our teachers do not need to be defending themselves with a No. 2 pencil,” Republican Alabama Rep. Will Ainsworth said in proposing a bill days after the Valentine’s Day shooting in Florida. The debate breaches state-

house walls, and teachers — and the public — are divided on the issue. A poll released this week by ABC News/Washington Post says 42 percent of Americans think teachers with guns could have prevented the Florida shooting.

Salt Lake City, Utah, teacher Kasey Hansen said the idea to arm herself in school began with the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, where 20 children and six adults died.

“It just really hit home that these teachers, all they could do was pile those kids in a corner and stand in front of them and hope for the best,” said Hansen, who carries a concealed handgun as she teaches special education students.

“I’m not here to tell all teachers that they have to carry a gun,” she said. “For me personally, I felt that was more of a solution than just hiding in a corner and waiting.”

Utah is among at least eight states that allow, or don’t specifically prohibit, concealed weapons in K-12 schools, according to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

In Austin, Texas, teacher Tara Bordeaux can’t easily see

herself taking on that role, preferring to leave it to trained law enforcement officers.

“Would I get the same training, and would I have the same type of instinct of when and how to use it?” asked Bordeaux, her state’s 2018 teacher of the year. “I don’t have any instincts in me to be an officer of the law. My instincts are to be a teacher.”

Claude, Texas, Superintendent Brock Cartwright won’t reveal how many or who among his teachers is armed, but the district’s message to potential intruders blares in capital letters in three signs: “Please be aware that the staff at Claude ISD is armed and may use whatever force necessary to protect our students.”

Like other administrators, Cartwright said armed teachers are just one part of safety plans that include drilling for emergencies and shoring up buildings. The small town east of Amarillo doesn’t have a police department, raising concerns about the potential response time for law enforcement.

“Hopefully, we never have to use it,” Cartwright said, “but if we do, our thought is we’re going to hold off until help arrives.”

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Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist
103 N Pike West 775-4455
Pastor Phil Roberts
Sat. Sch: 9:15 am, Worship: 11:00 am
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African Methodist Episcopal

Union Station AME Church
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unionstationame@gmail.com
(803) 775-8200
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Reverend Dr. Dennis W. Broughton, Jr.
Church School 9:00 am
Worship 10:15 am
Wed. Bible Study 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm

Assembly of God

First Assembly of God
1151 Alice Drive • 773-3817
www.sumterfirstag.org
Jason Banar, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Baptist - Missionary

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

Salem Missionary Baptist Church

320 West Fulton Street
803-775-8054
Reverend Dr. Cartrell Woods, Jr. Pastor
Sun. School 9:00 am
Praise Worship 9:55 am
Worship 10:00 am

Baptist - Southern

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

Hickory Road Baptist Church

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

Shaw Heights Baptist Church

2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997
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Sunday School: 9:45 am
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www.sasjrc.org
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Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 pm
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Church of Christ

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

Interdenominational

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

Victory Full Gospel

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

Lutheran - ELCA

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

Methodist - United

Bethel United Methodist Church
5575 Lodebar Rd • 469-2452
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Sunday School: 10 am
www.yourbethel.org
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Trinity United Methodist Church

226 W Liberty St • 773-9393
Rev. Joseph James, Jr.
Blended Worship 8:45 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Traditional Service 11:00 am
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Non-Denominational

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

Christ Community Church (CCC)

320 Loring Mill Rd., Sumter
www.cccsumter.com
803-905-7850
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:45 am

First Church of God

1835 Camden Rd • 905-5234
www.sumterfcg.org
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Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Greater St. Paul Church

200 Watkins Street • 803-778-1355
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Sunday School - 10:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am
Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

The Rock Church of Sumter

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

Sumter Bible Church

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

Pentecostal

First United Pentecostal Church

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

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2609 McCrays Mill Rd • 481-8887
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514 Boulevard Rd • 473-5024
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First Presbyterian Church of Sumter
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Walmart's online focus changes

NEW YORK (AP) — Bohemian or traditional?

Walmart is launching a new online home shopping experience in the coming weeks that will let shoppers discover items based on their style.

The move, announced Thursday, is the first glimpse of the company's broader campaign to redesign its site with a focus on fashion and home furnishings. The overhauled website will be launched later this year and will mirror how people shop for different items. While some purchases like groceries are transactional, others like fashion and home furnishings require more discovery. Later this spring, Walmart is rolling out its new Lord & Taylor dedicated page as part of its partnership with the department store chain's parent company Hudson's Bay.

Walmart's home shopping site will include curated collections and nine shop-by-style options including modern, traditional and bohemian. It will offer design tips that will help shoppers pull items together.

"With this launch, we're making it faster, easier and more inspiring for customers to discover the best of our assortment no matter their personal style," Anthony Soohoo, senior vice president and general manager of home for Walmart's e-commerce division, said.

The move comes as Walmart, with its eye on Amazon.com, has been working to ramp up its e-commerce business, which still accounts for less than 4 percent of its total sales. It's overhauled its shipping strategy and expanded the number of items online to 75 million. In home furnishings, it doubled the number of products online from a year ago and introduced a new Scandinavian collection of furniture for children.

But Walmart faces stiff competition in the home arena not only from Amazon, but also shopping sites like Wayfair.

Amazon has been growing its home offerings. It sells its own exclusive brands of furniture, sheets and other home goods. It signed a deal with Ethan Allen last year to sell its sofas, lamps



WALMART VIA AP

This undated artist rendering provided by Walmart shows its colorful kitchen, which is part of Walmart's new online home shopping experience that will let shoppers discover items based on their style.

and rugs, and Amazon shoppers can ask Ethan Allen experts for design advice. Boston-based Wayfair is the largest online-only furniture retailer and has a seemingly infinite range of products, but it's facing more pressure from Amazon as it expands deeper into the home arena.

Target has also been stepping up its offerings in home furnishings, both online and in the store. Two years ago, it started offering vignettes in the home area of its physical stores to inspire shoppers to buy.

Walmart's latest online strategy comes as it hit a snag in its

e-commerce business for the critical fiscal fourth quarter, after enjoying a surging e-commerce business over the past few quarters that helped lift its stock. Its U.S. e-commerce business rose 23 percent for the fiscal fourth quarter, a dramatic slowdown from the 50 percent growth in the previous quarter. Shares fell 10.2 percent on Tuesday to post its biggest single-day percentage drop in 30 years.

Walmart says it expects its e-commerce business to ramp up this year and sees e-commerce rising 40 percent this year, the same pace as last year.

Subway shakes up rewards program, cuts free Footlongs

BY JOSEPH PISANI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Subway is shaking up its loyalty rewards program, giving customers the ability to earn \$2 discounts instead of free Footlongs.

The changes, taking place next month, are part of Subway's attempts to revamp its image, lure people back to its restaurants and fight falling sales. Sales at Subway's U.S. stores fell more than 4 percent in 2017 from the year before, according to food industry tracker Technomic, as it faced increasing competition from other sandwich chains and those selling burgers and fries. Loyalty programs are seen as a way to keep customers returning and spending more.

Subway said Thursday that customers will have the ability to earn points at more restaurants: Only a third of its locations in the U.S. and Canada, or 9,500 restaurants, participated in the program

being phased out. About 28,500 of its U.S. and Canadian locations will participate in the new one, the company said.

Customers who spend \$50 will get a \$2 discount they can use on sandwiches, salads or any other menu item. The previous program gave those that spent \$50 a free 6-inch sandwich; those that spent \$75 earned a free Footlong.

Subway said customers can save up enough \$2 discounts to get a Footlong, which costs about \$5. The \$2 discount, however, expires within 90 days.

There will be free cookies and chips for those that visit Subway more often, said Carissa Ganeli, Subway's chief digital officer.

"It's actually a rich program, with more frequent rewards," she said.

Subway, based in Milford, Connecticut, said existing members of its loyalty program will be automatically enrolled into its new one.

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long guns, he legally purchased after passing a background check.

"There seems to be no place safe from assault weapons. Whether you are in a church, whether you are in a school, whether you are in a movie theater, assault weapons have visited us in all of those places," Brawley said at a news conference Thursday in the state House lobby in Columbia.

The U.S. Congress has long grappled with a solution to passing gun laws after repeated mass shootings involving AR-15s.

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California and Republican Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona say they will introduce a bill to raise the minimum age required to purchase rifles from gun dealers from 18 to 21, the same age required to purchase a handgun, according to *The Associated Press*.

President Donald Trump on Thursday, the AP reported, endorsed a higher minimum age for buying certain rifles and tighter background checks, saying "there's nothing more important than protecting our children."

Trump said he spoke Wednesday night with many members of Congress and "they're into background checks," the AP reported.

Early Thursday, Trump tweeted his strongest stance on gun control one day after an emotional White House session where students and parents poured out wrenching tales of lost lives and pleaded for action.

Trump said on Twitter, "I will be strongly pushing Comprehensive Background Checks with an emphasis on Mental Health. Raise age to 21 and end sale of Bump Stocks!" The president did not immediately offer more details.

Trump's focus on gun violence came as leaders of the National Rifle Association offered a vigorous defense of gun rights during the Conservative Political Action

Conference, urging enhanced — and armed — security at schools. An armed Broward County sheriff's deputy, the regular school resource officer, was on the campus at the time of the shooting in Florida.

The NRA is reported by the AP as saying on Wednesday that any legislation aimed at raising the age requirement for rifle and shotgun purchases would deprive young Americans their constitutional right to self-protection.

"We need serious proposals to prevent violent criminals and the dangerously mentally ill from acquiring firearms," NRA spokeswoman Jennifer Baker said in the report, but also said raising the age requirement from 18 to 21 would punish "law-abiding citizens for the evil acts of criminals."

Back in South Carolina, Brawley has garnered the co-sponsorships, as of Thursday afternoon, of state Reps. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg; John Richard King, D-Rock Hill; Wendell Gilliard, D-Charleston; Jerry Govan Jr., D-Orangeburg; Rosalyn Henderson-Myers, D-Spartanburg; Chandra Dillard, D-Greenville; and Joe McEachern, D-Columbia.

Brawley said Gilliard and Cobb-Hunter have introduced similar bills in past years but that they have "languished in committee." H. 3183 was introduced in December 2016 and remains in the Committee on Judiciary.

Brawley, who lives in Richland County, said she thinks she is in a position to get the bill through because, as a new delegation member, she has no allegiances or partisan ties.

"That's not to be disparaging against my colleagues," she told *The Sumter Item*. "There are things my Republican colleagues have introduced I have supported."

Language in her bill makes exceptions for military and law enforcement personnel, continuing to allow those protector groups to have and use assault weapons.

"They really are designed for use in war. The military should be equipped with all these things. We have to have our law enforcement hopefully with weaponry that's a step above what's available to most common citizens," Brawley said.

The bill also does not address age requirements or mental status for purchasers.

"Those things are important," she said, "but at the end of the day, it's the ability to kill large numbers of people in a short amount of time."

After one man opened fire at a country music concert in Las Vegas in October 2017, killing 58 people and injuring 851, South Carolina's capital city in December approved a ban on bump stocks, which is a device that, when attached to a semi-automatic gun, allows it to shoot as rapidly as a fully automatic.

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin said at the time he thinks the city is the first to ban the device.

Brawley's bill would do the same.

The AP reported at the time there are statewide bans on bump stocks in Massachusetts and California.

"Change begins with us. If we in the Legislature are not willing to look at this bill, see the possibilities it has to save lives, then what is wrong with us? What is wrong with us? You sent us here to represent you," Brawley said at the news conference. "You sent us here to help pass laws to protect you, and we have the courage to do it."

THREAT

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opened fire with an AR-15, killing 17.

On Feb. 16, rumors circulated at Sumter High School that "something was going to happen at 2:20" based on unverified social media posts that did not pose a real danger to students or staff.

Then, on Monday, a 13-year-old girl was identified as the student who wrote on the seventh-grade girls' bathroom floor at Chestnut Oaks Middle School that she would "shoot the school down." That threat was also not considered as viable.

The girl will be petitioned to Family Court.

It was announced on Tuesday that Manning High School received calls from two students threatening violence. Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley said at the time the calls were rumors and conversations that had gone too far.



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School asks for donations to fix up dressing room

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

TURBEVILLE — Drastic cuts in educational funding have not only hurt poor school districts academically, but those same cuts have also caused athletic programs to suffer.

“Our athletic program does not take precedence over academics,” said former East Clarendon High School Principal Dwayne Howell. “And it never has. We’re proud of our academic program, but we’re proud of our athletes, too.”

Howell said the dressing rooms used today by the Wolverine girls’ and boys’ basketball teams as well as the visiting teams’ dressing room were built in the mid-1950s with very little renovations done to those rooms during the past half century.

“Just look at our boys’ dressing room,” Howell said as he stood amid dozens of chairs and tables in what looked more like a storage room than a dressing room. “This is where our boys prepare for a game.”

Howell said that before a Wolverine girls’ basketball game, the team can get ready in the boys’ dressing room but they’ll need to walk through the gymnasium to get to the visitors’ dressing room to use the restrooms.

“Our students don’t dress for PE because we don’t have dressing rooms,” he added. “We have six teams that fight for space on this court, and we don’t have anywhere for them to get dressed.”

Howell said he knows the district is strapped for money with the cuts in education funding and the high costs of facility maintenance.

“The money simply isn’t there to spend on those dressing rooms,” he added. “That is why we’re working to get those rooms repaired and functional through donations.”

Howell and ECHS alumni Donald Hardy have teamed up to raise the money needed to get the dressing rooms repaired and renovated.



PHOTOS BY SHARRON HALEY / THE SUMTER ITEM
Dwayne Howell, a former Wolverine football coach and former principal at East Clarendon High School, stands inside one of just two dressing rooms located adjacent to the school’s gymnasium. As seen in the picture, the dressing room serves a dual purpose: storage room for chairs and tables and outdated lockers and the dressing room for Wolverine boys’ basketball teams.

“We’ve had some big-name coaches come through those doors,” Howell added. “We’ve had Dawn Staley and others. It’s embarrassing to have them see the shape those dressing rooms are in now. It’s critical that visitors see us at our best. We don’t leave litter on the grounds. It’s the same thing on the inside.”

Howell also added that while the gymnasium area was built for athletics, it’s more than that to the Turbeville community.

“That gym is the place the community comes to for community events,” Howell said. “It holds classes every period of the day, assemblies, career day, graduation and basketball and volley-

ball games, but it also holds dinners, veteran programs and events that bring the community together. When I was principal and we had career day in the gym, the PE teacher had to find somewhere else to hold class.”

Howell said the gymnasium is also used as a shelter during weather emergencies.

“We have just one working shower in the nurse’s office and three working showers in the weight room,” Howell added. “What about those folks using the gym as a shelter? We don’t have the necessary facilities.”

Howell said he hopes that folks understand that he’s not finding fault with the school district.

“They are doing all they can with the money they have,” he said. “The students have helped take care of the dressing rooms, gym and schools, too.”

The dressing rooms are in such poor condition that patching is no longer an option, Hardy added.

“We need to improve them,” he said. “Where the money is going to come from is a dilemma, but it’s an improvement that needs to be addressed before it gets even worse, if that’s possible.”

Howell agreed.

“We don’t have any industry,” he shared. “Our taxes are already high. The money from the school’s Booster Club is great, but it helps with all athletics. We’re just asking those in the community especially with ties to our school to donate what they can to help with this project.”

“The size of the donation doesn’t matter,” Hardy added. “We want to do this for the school because the district doesn’t have the funds to do it. No donation is too small.”

According to how the money for the renovations and improvements comes in, Howell and Hardy agreed that the project may need to be done in stages with the first stage devoted to improving the boys’ dressing room and adding a girls’ dressing room nearby so that the present plumbing can be used for both areas.

“The best scenario economically would be to complete the projects at one time,” Howell said. “But we’ll see how that goes. Don’t forget that the money you donate is tax deductible.”

The donations can be made in memory of or in honor of an individual or individuals. Plaques noting these donations will be placed outside the dressing rooms.

Donations can be made by check. Make the check payable to Clarendon School District 3, and in the memo area write “for dressing room repair.” The checks can be mailed to Laura Fleming, CSD3, Drawer 70, Turbeville SC 29162.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gospel Extravaganza will be held at Weldon

The fifth-annual Gospel Extravaganza will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Weldon Auditorium with proceeds from this year’s event benefitting three area charities: Camp Happy Days, the Clarendon County Cancer Support Group and Craig Q. King’s Celebration of Life Gala.

T. Jerome Tindal will emcee the event with gospel groups from across the state performing. The Heavenly Angels, Sisters of Faith, Chapel AME Youth Choir, 2nd Chance, St. John in Pinewood, Church on Wheels, The Soul Revivals,

Gospelettes, Christina Stout, Christian Brothers, Cindy Ward, Ernest Pearson and The Singing Disciples, General for Christ, Kamon Singleton, Tramine Hopkins, Billy Bradley and Heart of Worship and Craig Varn are on the program.

Praise and worship will be offered by Clarendon County Sheriff’s Office Deputy First Class Barney Dozier. Food will be sold during the event. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from CCSO Deputy First Class Annett Smith by calling (803) 435-4414 or at Weldon Auditorium.

Public invited to Sunday Black History program

The Rev. Dr. George P. Windley Sr., pastor of Historic Ebenezer Missionary Bap-

tist Church, invites everyone to attend Black History 2018 “African American in Times of War” at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church, 105 Dinkins St., Manning. The program’s guest speaker will be United States Marshal Kelvin Washington from the District of South Carolina. There will be no charge to attend.

Family Leadership Conference coming up

Clarendon School District 2 and Clarendon County Adult Education will hold the Family Leadership Conference from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 3, at Central Carolina’s F.E. DuBose Career Center Campus in Manning. The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson, children’s author,

master storyteller and motivational speaker. The conference will be a learning experience for parents and caregivers of children from pre-K through 12th grade. Admission is free. Register online at <https://goo.gl/LZrRCK>, and provide the name of your child’s school.

Clyburn will host poetry talk tonight

U.S. Congressman James

E. Clyburn is hosting the United States Poet Laureate National Project Rural Tour with Tracy K. Smith at 5:30 p.m. tonight at Summerton Cultural Arts Center, 12 S. Church St., Summerton. Smith will talk about how poetry connects people to their everyday lives. The event is free and open to the public.

There will be a question-and-answer session at the end of the program.

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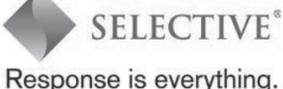
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SPECIAL REFEREE NOTICE OF SALE
2017-CP-14-00335

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. vs. Mary Lowe-Murphy, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Matthew Keenum a/k/a Richard M. Keenum, Deceased; Katherine E. Garcia, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Richard Matthew Keenum a/k/a Richard M. Keenum, Deceased; David Keenum, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Richard Matthew Keenum a/k/a Richard M. Keenum, Deceased; and Any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Richard Matthew Keenum a/k/a Richard M. Keenum, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, et al., I, the undersigned William T. Geddings, Special Referee for Clarendon County, will sell on **Monday, March 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM**, at the County Courthouse, 3 West Kiett Street, Manning, SC 29102, to the highest bidder:

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

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

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

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

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

1997 BELL PALME Manufactured Home, Serial No. GBBMK19845AB, with any fixtures.

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

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

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party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.

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

William T. Geddings
Special Referee
for Clarendon County

Scott and Corley, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff

SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE

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

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

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

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at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day, but at the risk of the defaulting bidders)

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

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COMMENTARY

Our state needs a gerrymandering fix

Editor's note: This editorial originally ran in the Feb. 18 edition of The Post and Courier.

State legislatures that engage in extreme partisanship in drawing voting district boundaries are pushing their luck. Unless something changes this year, they might force the Supreme Court to intervene to stop a blatant abuse of voters' rights.

That would be a damaging blow to federalism and to the federal courts, which could become inundated with cases brought by disgruntled voters.

The Supreme Court has been reluctant to get involved in the question of political gerrymandering, preferring that states address fairness issues themselves. For example, the court has temporarily blocked federal lower court-ordered redistricting in Wisconsin and North Carolina while it examines the issues. More recently, however, the high court allowed a state court

order for redistricting in Pennsylvania to go ahead.

The effects of gerrymandering also are evident in South Carolina, where the Statehouse and congressional districts are typically designed to be self-serving to one political party or the other. Unfortunately, this system doesn't serve the citizens as well. That's why three Democrats and two Republicans, including Sen. Sandy Senn of Charleston, co-sponsored a bill in 2017 that would create an independent redistricting commission via constitutional amendment. Their proposal has yet to advance out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Lawmakers should put aside partisanship and approve the bill so the question can go to the voters in November.

The Supreme Court's hands-off approach to political gerrymandering could change in 2018 because of heavily skewed partisan redistricting by state legislatures.

In the Wisconsin case, justices heard

evidence that in 2012 Republicans won 60 seats in the 99-seat state assembly with less than 50 percent of the statewide vote, while Democrats won only 39 seats. In 2014, the Republicans won control of 63 percent with only 52 percent of the vote.

The Democratic Party contends that the Republican legislature drew district lines that diminished the value of votes cast by Democrats. The Republican leadership responded by saying they followed all the rules established by state and federal courts.

Critics say partisan gerrymandering uses data-driven techniques called cracking and packing, in which voting districts are either broken apart or packed together to achieve a partisan advantage. The author of a North Carolina redistricting plan now before the Supreme Court, state Rep. David Lewis, has defended his work as perfectly legal, saying: "I think electing Republicans is better than electing Democrats. So I drew this map to help

foster what I think is better for the country."

There is no federal standard for what constitutes a "fair" electoral district, but a widely adopted view holds that voting districts should be "contiguous" and "compact" and avoid dividing other political boundaries such as cities and counties. Indeed, that is the explicit language of the Pennsylvania state constitution and probably why the U.S. Supreme Court supported a ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court for a new redistricting plan to be drawn immediately.

So far no state court or agency has stepped in to invalidate heavily skewed political gerrymandering in Wisconsin, North Carolina and Maryland, where it has been challenged in the courts. If states want to preserve their authority to decide on their voting districts, they will have to police themselves. That goes for South Carolina, too.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ALL POLITICIANS BOUGHT, SOLD BY INTEREST GROUPS

Here is an idea ...
Want to get the NRA out of all of the politicians' pockets? Me too.

And while you are screeching about that, how about we get all pharmaceutical, oil, heck, any special interest money out of their pockets as well. Maybe, just maybe, drugs can become affordable too. You OK with that? Or is this just a "republican" problem and these other things do not apply? If you do not see that ALL politicians are bought and sold by special interest groups, you are part of the problem ... Do you see that?

JOHN SELLAR
Sumter



EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

THE INDEX-JOURNAL

Feb. 20

Race, religion and other issues need to be discussed

Will one discussion solve everything? Anything? Probably not.

How about two? Three?
Does the size of the discussion group matter? Probably not. They're the ones most interested in the topic.

But none of this precludes the need for discussion, especially when it comes to race relations. True, there was not a large turnout Sunday at the Benjamin E. Mays Historic Preservation Site, but it is encouraging that even 16 people saw fit to carve out part of their Sunday for such a discussion.

Sunday's was the first of a three-month series, "Let's Talk About Race in America," hosted by the Greenwood County Library System. We agree with one of the participants, Cozetta Williams' assessment of the first session, and hope she's correct regarding the next.

"There's still hope here because of conversations like this one," she said. "Next time, there will be more people because those of us that were here will say 'Come on, you've got to come to this to have a discussion.'"

It might be well and good to have camps, much in the way we have political parties that have decidedly different platforms and philosophies, but even political parties with deep divisions can find reason to meet somewhere in the middle to discuss their differences and try to achieve compromise.

We need to see a return to that. On Capitol Hill. In discussions about religion. About race relations. And yes, about mass shootings.

Coming to the table for frank and

open conversation in an effort to find areas of agreement and develop better understanding, with the eventual outcome being that gains and inroads are made, that forward motion is made. Isn't that truly what the art of the deal should look like?

THE POST AND COURIER

Feb. 20

State officials asking for an investigation into merger emails

A lot of South Carolina residents have very strong opinions about the proposed merger between SCANA and Virginia-based Dominion Energy. At least a few of them have opinions they're not even aware of.

Some state lawmakers reported recently receiving form emails supporting the merger and bearing the names and addresses of real South Carolina residents. But not all of those people sent the emails — or even approve of the Dominion deal, according to a *Post and Courier* report on Monday.

So far, it's not clear who sent the fraudulent emails, but the form letter was written by the Consumer Energy Alliance, an industry group whose members include Dominion and, at least at one point, SCANA. It's not the first time the Consumer Energy Alliance has been caught up in similar episodes, but the group's president David Holt has denied his organization sent the emails.

On Monday, the state Attorney General's office, with the backing of several lawmakers, asked the State Law Enforcement Division to open a formal investigation into the matter. That's the appropriate response.

The SCANA-Dominion merger would be a really big deal for many South Carolinians. Families would get on average a \$1,000 cash rebate and pay slightly lower electric bills, but customers would still individually owe

about \$5,000 over the next two decades to pay for two nuclear reactors that will never generate power.

It's possible that even that flawed deal would be better than the worst-case alternative — rate cuts forcing SCANA into bankruptcy, disrupting the state's business climate and eventually driving rates even higher for customers.

But it's hardly clear that's the case. Multiple ongoing investigations must still be completed before making any big decisions.

In the meantime, it's critical that South Carolina residents get accurate, timely information about the Dominion deal and other alternatives. Lawmakers complained last week that they had fielded calls from constituents referencing the \$1,000 rebate hyped in a statewide Dominion advertising blitz even though they don't have any SCANA electric customers in their districts, for example.

Likewise, lawmakers need a realistic idea of what their constituents want. It is unconscionable, if not illegal, to mislead legislators by falsifying emails from real South Carolina residents. And the state's leaders shouldn't have to wonder if every communication with a constituent is legitimate.

SLED must get to the bottom of the situation as soon as possible.

THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT

Feb. 21

Study: Number of identity fraud victims is up

Once upon a time, stealing a person's identity would have seemed far-fetched. The stuff of movies. Now it appears to be easy.

And the problem is growing.
The 2018 Identity Fraud Study released in February by Javelin Strategy & Research revealed that the number of identity fraud victims increased by

8 percent (rising to 16.7 million U.S. consumers) in the last year, a record high since the firm began tracking identity fraud in 2003.

The study found that despite industry efforts to prevent identity fraud, fraudsters successfully adapted to net 1.3 million more victims in 2017, with the amount stolen rising to \$16.8 billion. With the adoption of EMV (embedded chip) cards and terminals, the types of identity fraud continued to shift online and away from physical stores.

The complexity of fraud is also on the rise as criminals are opening more new accounts as a means of compromising accounts consumers already have.

This last year saw a notable change in how fraud is being committed. While credit card accounts remained the most prevalent targets for new account fraud, there was significant growth in the opening of new intermediary accounts, such as email payments (e.g. PayPal) and other internet accounts (e.g. e-commerce merchants such as Amazon) by fraudsters. Although not as easily monetized alone, these account types are invaluable in helping fraudsters transfer funds from the existing accounts of their victims.

The study also found three significant changes in data breaches in 2017.

- Nearly a third (30 percent) of U.S. consumers were notified of a breach in the past year, up from 12 percent in 2016.

- For the first time ever, Social Security numbers (35 percent) were compromised more than credit card numbers (30 percent) in breaches.

- Finally, data breaches are causing consumers to lose trust in institutions. These trends combined to cause consumers to shift the perceived responsibility for preventing fraud from themselves to other entities, such as their financial institution or the companies storing their data.

"2017 was a runaway year for fraudsters, and with the amount of valid information they have on consumers, their attacks are just getting more complex," said Al Pascual, senior vice president, research director and head of fraud and security, Javelin Strategy & Research.

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AROUND TOWN

Waterhead Start Program's annual "Check Your Heart" event will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the North HOPE Center. This annual health fair stresses the need for good health, oral hygiene, healthy eating habits and exercise.

The United States Poet Laureate National Project Rural Tour with Tracy K. Smith will be presented at 5:30 p.m. today at the old Summerton High School, 12 S. Church St., Summerton. RSVP to Ana.Maxwell@mail.house.gov or to (803) 799-1100.

A OnePalmetto Scholarship and College Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Sumter High School gymnasium, 2580 McCrays Mill Road. This event is an opportunity for high school and college students to meet with college admissions counselors and scholarship foundations for advice about obtaining scholarships and what they look for in potential recipients. Email onepalmetto@gmail.com.

Sumter County Active Lifestyles (SCAL) invites you to celebrate American Heart Month through walking at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24. The walk will begin at the day surgery parking lot on Calhoun Street, go to Memorial Park and then return to the parking lot. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments for walk participants will follow at Sidewalk Café, 154 S. Main St. Advance registration for refreshments is encouraged. Call (803) 775-0386.

Neighborhood Assistance Corp. of America (NACA) will present a free home buyer workshop and America's Best Homeownership Program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Clark United Methodist Church, 2980 Oswego Highway / U.S. 401 North. Register online at www.naca.com or call 1-888-404-6222.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202 will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 310 Palmetto St. Call (803) 607-

3910.

The Sumter Branch NAACP's black history program will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, at High Hills AME Church, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell. The Rev. Anthony Taylor will speak.

VFW Post 10813 will hold its "4th Sunday Wine & Cheese Affair" from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 610 Manning Ave.

The Sumter Litter Alliance will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, at the Swan Lake Visitors Center. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the group's mission, address concerns from the public, and invite attendees to get involved.

The Westside Neighborhood Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, at Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Contact Jim McCain at (678) 429-8150 or jtmccain@bellsouth.net.

The Lee County Democratic Party will hold its 2018 convention at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, at the Lee County Courthouse.

The Disabled American Veterans Gamecock Chapter 5 will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 18 Hardpack Road (off of Peach Orchard Road / S.C. 441).

The Sumter County Veterans Association will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the American Legion Post 15, Artillery Drive. Memorial Day is only a few months away and we will be discussing our program as well as the flag placing in the cemeteries.

The South Carolina Education Association – Retired (SCEA-R) will meet at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the North HOPE Center.

The Sumter Branch NAACP will hold a community meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, at Delaine Community Center, 5400 Cane Savannah Road, Wedgefield, regarding the potential permanent closing of Delaine Elementary School.

WEATHER

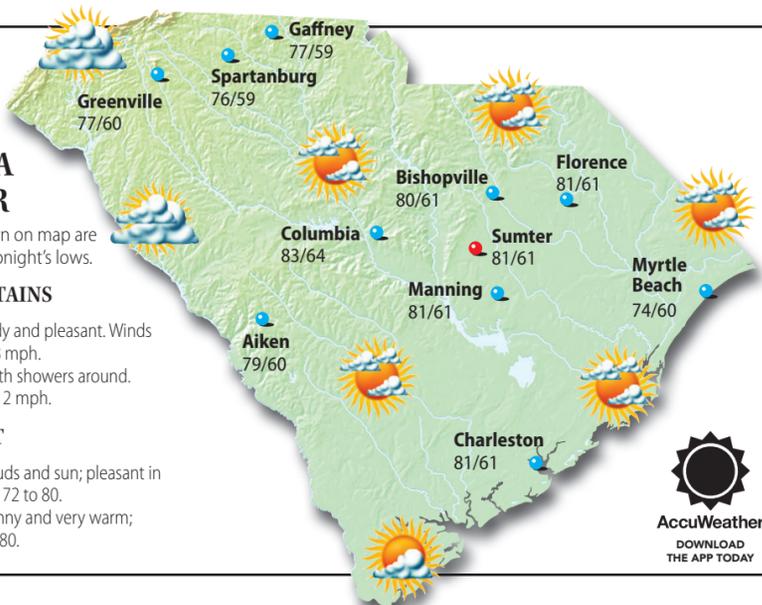
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Times of sun and clouds	Partly cloudy and warm	Periods of clouds and sun	Afternoon showers	Not as warm with rain	Mostly sunny and nice
81°	61°	82° / 64°	82° / 61°	72° / 46°	70° / 46°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 5%
S 4-8 mph	S 4-8 mph	SW 7-14 mph	SW 8-16 mph	SW 6-12 mph	ENE 7-14 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly cloudy and pleasant. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.
Saturday: Warm with showers around. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Times of clouds and sun; pleasant in southern parts. High 72 to 80.
Saturday: Partly sunny and very warm; pleasant. High 73 to 80.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
77°	77°	62°	60°	36°	80° in 2011	18° in 1959

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
trace	0.61"	2.69"	2.65"	5.58"	6.63"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.27	+0.05
Marion	76.8	75.05	-0.01
Moultrie	75.5	74.61	+0.06
Wateree	100	97.20	-0.28

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.53	-0.14
Congaree River	19	4.10	+0.30
Lynches River	14	5.60	-0.36
Saluda River	14	4.43	-0.01
Up. Santee River	80	77.97	-0.28
Wateree River	24	11.88	+2.47

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:58 a.m.	Sunset	6:13 p.m.
Moonrise	11:56 a.m.	Moonset	1:03 a.m.

Phase	First	Full	Last	New
	Feb. 23	Mar. 1	Mar. 9	Mar. 17

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	2:02 a.m.	3.0	9:19 a.m.	0.3
	2:35 p.m.	2.6	9:35 p.m.	-0.1
Sat.	3:11 a.m.	3.0	10:29 a.m.	0.3
	3:46 p.m.	2.6	10:42 p.m.	-0.2

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep a lid on any temptation to get angry or show emotions that will make you look weak or difficult to work with. Do everything in your power to live up to your promises and to finish what you start.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid any form of aggression. Don't take action based on emotions. It's important to avoid going into debt helping others. It's good to be generous, but don't put yourself in a bad position financially.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotions will be difficult to control. Consider how to best handle your relationships with others. Listen carefully, gather facts and aim to be respectful and diplomatic moving forward. Protect your personal information and passwords.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful of someone from your past trying to cause problems for you now. Don't leave anything to chance, and be prepared to defend your position. Integrity combined with diplomacy will win in the end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spending lavishly to impress someone will turn into a costly affair that will leave you in a vulnerable position financially. You'll do better if you offer kindness and romantic gestures instead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Problems will develop at home or within personal relationships if you share private information openly. Don't allow an outsider to interfere in your

personal life or decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Communication will be difficult if you or someone you're dealing with isn't open and honest regarding feelings, intentions and future plans. Ask questions and look for peaceful ways to rectify problems that arises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your intuition guide you. Someone will mislead you or offer you false hope. Get whatever you negotiate in writing before you make plans to spend money or get involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional matters will surface. Be careful what you agree to or promise others. Someone will hold you accountable if you don't live up to expectations. Stick close to home and avoid disputes with friends, relatives or peers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone will take advantage of you if you are too gullible. An emotional situation will throw you off guard, causing you to make mistakes that can be costly. Don't share personal information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rely on your own instincts to help you make wise choices regarding your lifestyle, domestic arrangements and how you earn your living. An emotional situation should be handled openly and honestly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have to win over those in key positions. Choose your words wisely and only put pressure on those you want to persuade to see things your way. A show of force will only lead to resistance.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	79/62/c	79/64/c
Chicago	47/30/r	44/34/r
Dallas	54/48/r	71/37/r
Detroit	51/35/r	42/37/r
Houston	80/68/c	78/56/c
Los Angeles	61/43/pc	62/44/s
New Orleans	81/68/sh	84/67/pc
New York	44/40/r	56/44/r
Orlando	85/63/pc	86/64/s
Philadelphia	46/44/r	58/46/r
Phoenix	59/38/pc	60/38/s
San Francisco	56/42/pc	58/41/pc
Wash., DC	52/48/c	62/53/sh

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	75/57/c	73/59/sh	Florence	81/61/pc	83/64/pc
Athens	80/60/c	80/63/c	Gainesville	82/62/pc	84/63/s
Augusta	83/61/pc	85/62/c	Gastonia	79/62/c	77/65/c
Beaufort	80/61/pc	80/63/pc	Goldsboro	77/60/pc	80/63/pc
Cape Hatteras	64/60/pc	68/61/pc	Goose Creek	79/62/pc	80/64/s
Charleston	81/61/pc	81/63/s	Greensboro	74/56/c	75/61/c
Charlotte	79/60/c	79/65/c	Greenville	77/60/c	78/62/c
Clemson	76/61/c	76/63/c	Hickory	75/55/c	73/60/c
Columbia	83/64/c	84/66/pc	Hilton Head	75/62/pc	76/63/s
Darlington	80/62/pc	81/64/pc	Jacksonville, FL	80/63/pc	84/64/s
Elizabeth City	68/59/c	75/63/pc	La Grange	81/63/pc	81/67/pc
Elizabethtown	79/61/pc	80/64/pc	Macon	80/62/pc	82/63/pc
Fayetteville	79/61/pc	81/64/c	Marietta	78/62/c	78/63/pc
			Marion	74/57/c	71/60/sh
			Mt. Pleasant	77/62/pc	78/63/s
			Myrtle Beach	74/60/pc	75/62/pc
			Orangeburg	81/62/pc	81/63/pc
			Port Royal	77/62/pc	77/63/s
			Raleigh	74/60/c	78/63/pc
			Rock Hill	79/61/pc	78/63/c
			Rockingham	80/61/pc	80/64/pc
			Savannah	80/61/pc	83/63/pc
			Spartanburg	76/59/c	75/62/c
			Summerville	79/62/pc	80/63/pc
			Wilmington	78/59/pc	77/62/pc
			Winston-Salem	74/56/c	74/61/c

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JUMBLE

OFFER ITCHY GENIUS NUANCE
 The rhinoceros showed how rude he was by — HORNING IN

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



FAR LEFT: Shiloh is a 2-year-old Corgi mix. She is great with children and other dogs but needs a home without cats. Shiloh is active, friendly, affectionate and playful. She lives for cuddles and attention. She would make an excellent family buddy.

LEFT: Kate is a housebroken 9-month-old American short hair. She is great with other cats and children. Kate is active, friendly, affectionate and playful. She loves to chase cat toys and laser lights.

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

The SPCA relies heavily on community support and donations. Currently, the biggest needs are for dry puppy and kitten food, wet cat food, cat litter and cleaning supplies. The following are also appreciated:

Newspapers, stuffed animals, heavy duty trash bags (30 gallon or larger), dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, bleach, paper towels, sheets and comforters, baby blankets, canned dog and cat food, dry dog food, treats, leashes and collars, disinfectant spray, all-purpose cleaner, air freshener, no scratch scrubbers, two-sided sponges for dishes, litter freshener and, of course, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

LOWER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



One win away

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

ABOVE: East Clarendon's Valencia Garris (25) battles Mary Wimberly of Scott's Branch for a rebound in last season's second-round game in the 1A state playoffs. The teams will face off today at 4 p.m. at Florence Civic Center for the 1A lower state title. BELOW: East Clarendon's Tylashia Cooper (10) defends against Cambria Parker of Scott's Branch during the Lady Wolverines' 72-47 victory last year.

East Clarendon hopes to take next step after coming up short in LS title game last season

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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East Clarendon hopes to take next step after coming up short in LS title game last season

The East Clarendon High School girls basketball team had a burning desire to get back to 1A state playoffs lower state title game after losing to Green Sea-Floyds in overtime last season. The Lady Wolverines accomplished that on Monday with a 73-37 road victory over Palmetto Scholars of North Charleston.

Much of that desire involved inflicting on GSF the pain they felt last year. However, EC's Region VI foe didn't make it back to Florence Civic Center. Instead, fellow Clarendon County school Scott's Branch defeated Green Sea-Floyds 52-49 on Monday to advance to today's game at 4 p.m.

"We're kind of disappointed," said East Clarendon senior Caitlin Timmons. "I believe we thought it would be (Green Sea-Floyds) and we wanted them to see what it felt like."

The Lady Wolverines came out of nowhere last season under then first-year head coach Mike Lowder to reach the LS title game. Returning and going beyond has been at the forefront of the team's thoughts this year.

"We know that we are truly blessed to be back," said Lowder, whose team takes a 17-5 record into the contest, "but if we hadn't gone back we'd have had a lot of disappointed young ladies."

If EC would have taken on GSF, it would have been their third meeting of the season. East Clarendon and 12-5 Scott's Branch haven't faced each other this season. They did play three times last year, including the Lady Wolverines coming away with a 72-47 victory in the second round of the state playoffs.

"I think it might be a good thing that we don't know a lot about them and them about us," said senior Gracen Watts. "We can go out with a clean hand and go out and do our thing. We can do what we are good at."

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Communication, teamwork key to success for surprising Scott's Branch

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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While East Clarendon's varsity girls basketball team has made a convincing and predictable run at the 1A state championship, its opponent in today's 4 p.m. lower state championship game at Florence Civic Center surprised almost everyone to get there. At 12-5 on the season, the Scott's Branch team from the other end of Clarendon County has had a solid season, finishing 8-0 in Region V-1A and winning its last eight games going back to a loss to 3A Manning.

None of those victories was bigger than Monday's 52-49 win over de-

fending 1A state champion Green Sea-Floyds, which propelled the Lady Eagles into their first lower state championship game since 2001.

First-year head coach Lucinda Stukes said her young team has gotten the job done quietly with a positive attitude and steadily improving their communication. Despite its relative youth, Scott's Branch is loaded with players that saw extensive playing time last year. They were on the court in last year's second-round 72-47 loss to East Clarendon, then a region foe, and don't mind taking on the underdog role in today's game.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Sumter's Butler 1 of 4 Gamecocks to sign with Highland

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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Sumter High School defensive lineman Johnathan Butler was one of four Gamecocks to sign a letter of intent to play football at Highland Community College in Highland, Kansas, during a National Signing Day event on Feb. 7 at the SHS gymnasium.

The 6-foot-1-inch, 236-pound defensive end averaged 4.7

tackles per game as a senior, accounting for 52 total, including nine for loss. Butler had 4½ quarterback sacks and even hauled in an interception in a

31-20 victory over South Florence.

"We call him 'Leo,' and we're really proud of him," said Sumter head coach Mark Barnes. "He was a guy that started for us for two years and was an all-conference player this year at defensive end."

"I think his calling at the next level is either going to be there or at fullback on offense," Barnes said. "He's got great hands, and I think he has the ability to play two positions, which is good for them."

Barnes said Butler was a player that just needed a bit longer to develop, and that he'll be getting that opportunity, along with three classmates, quarterback Zykiem Jackson and fellow defensive ends Ronald McGee and Sterling McKenzie.

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KEEPING UP

Crestwood alum Rogers doing double duty for Converse hoops

BY BARBARA BOXLEITNER
Special to The Sumter Item

Freshman Lindsey Rogers is handling double duty for the Converse College women's basketball program.

The Crestwood High School graduate is playing for the varsity team and its reserve squad.

As of Sunday, she appeared in eight of the 26 varsity games for 9-17 Converse. Playing mostly point guard and occasionally shooting guard, the reserve averaged 2.6 rebounds, 2.4 points

and 1.5 assists. She is a starter for the reserve squad.

"The way Coach sets up his rotation is based on how people play," Rogers said. "He moves us up on our performance."

She has played from three to 25 minutes during her varsity appearances. "Sometimes it's just giving somebody a breather or when they're in foul trouble," she said. "He'll (the coach) give us special situations."

She produced her best effort during a loss to Mount Olive.



ROGERS

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: European PGA Tour Qatar Masters Second Round from Doha, Qatar (GOLF).
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 Practice from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
12:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Delray Beach Open Quarterfinal Matches and Rio Open Quarterfinal Matches (TENNIS).
1 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Rinnai 250 Practice from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
1 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Washington vs. Houston from Palm Beach, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Active Pest Control 200 Practice from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
2:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Wolfsburg vs. Mainz (FOX SPORTS 2).
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Rinnai 250 Practice from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Honda Classics Second Round from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (GOLF).
4 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Active Pest Control 200 Practice from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee from Phoenix (MLB NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Baseball: Dallas Baptist at Clemson (WJMZ-FM 93.1).
4 p.m. — College Baseball: Charleston Southern at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
5 p.m. — College Lacrosse: North Carolina at Johns Hopkins (ESPNU).
5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 Pole Qualifying from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
5:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Delray Beach Open Quarterfinal Matches and Rio Open Quarterfinal Matches (TENNIS).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Central Michigan at Toledo (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Dayton at Rhode Island (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Harvard at Princeton (ESPNU).
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Washington (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Louisiana State at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Houston (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Ohio State at Indiana (FOX SPORTS 1).
8 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Detroit vs. New York Yankees from Tampa, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Hockey: Denver at St. Cloud State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Auburn at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
9 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Boise State at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Western Michigan at Ball State (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Manhattan at Iona (ESPNU).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Dallas at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN).
11 p.m. — International Basketball: FIBA 2019 World Cup Americas Qualifying Game from Santa Cruz, Calif. — United States vs. Cuba (ESPNU).
11 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: St. Louis vs. Miami from Jupiter, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
1 a.m. — LPGA Golf: Honda LPGA Thailand Third Round from Chonburi, Thailand (GOLF).
2 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Seattle vs. San Diego from Peoria, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).

SATURDAY

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: European PGA Tour Qatar Masters Third Round from Doha, Qatar (GOLF).
6 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Philadelphia vs. Toronto from Dunedin, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
7:30 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Stoke City vs. Leicester City (CNBC).
9 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Rinnai 250 Pole Qualifying from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Atlanta vs. New York Mets from Port St. Lucie, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
9:20 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hertha Berlin vs. Bayern Munich (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — West Ham vs. Liverpool (CNBC).
10:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Active Pest Control 200 Pole Qualifying from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
10:30 a.m. — Women's Professional Golf: Ladies European Tour Australian Ladies Masters Third Round from Bonville, Australia (GOLF).
10:30 a.m. — College Tennis: Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M from Orlando, Fla. (TENNIS).
Noon — College Basketball: Seton Hall at St. John's (WACH 57).
Noon — College Basketball: Providence at Georgetown (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Basketball: Michigan at Maryland (ESPN).
Noon — College Basketball: Baylor at Texas Christian (ESPN2).
Noon — College Basketball: Tulane at South Florida (ESPNU).
Noon — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — College Basketball: Marquette at DePaul (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
12:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hamburg vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Everton vs. Watford (WIS 10).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Louisville at Virginia Tech (WLTX 19).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: Honda Classics Third Round from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Tampa Bay vs. Boston from Fort Myers, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Tennessee at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Delray Beach Open Doubles and Singles Semifinal Matches and Rio Open Doubles and Singles Semifinal Matches (TENNIS).
1 p.m. — College Baseball: Dallas Baptist at Clemson (WJMZ-FM 93.1).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Loyola (Md.) at Navy (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Wichita State at Southern Methodist (ESPN).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Illinois State at Loyola (Chicago) (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Louisiana State at Georgia (ESPNU).
2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Rinnai 250 from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Boston College at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Teams To Be Announced (SPECTRUM 1250).
2 p.m. — College Baseball: Charleston Southern at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
2:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Villanova at Creighton (WACH 57).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Honda Classics Third Round from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (WLTX 19).
3 p.m. — College Basketball: Georgia Tech at Clemson (WKTC 63, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
3:30 p.m. — College Basketball: South Carolina at Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Indiana State at Bradley (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas A&M at Vanderbilt (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia at Pittsburgh (ESPNU).
4 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Kansas at Kansas State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
4 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle from Peoria, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
4:15 p.m. — College Basketball: Kansas at Texas Tech (ESPN).
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Active Pest Control 200 from Hampton, Ga. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).
5:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Delray Beach Open Doubles and Singles Semifinal Matches and Rio Open Doubles and Singles Semifinal Matches (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Bowling Green at Kent State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Kansas State at Oklahoma (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Iowa State at West Virginia (ESPNU).
6 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Texas at Iowa State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Arkansas at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
6:15 p.m. — College Basketball: Syracuse at Duke (ESPN).

7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Carolina at Detroit (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Old Dominion at Western Kentucky (SPECTRUM 1250).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: St. Bonaventure at Virginia Commonwealth (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Gonzaga at Brigham Young (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Arizona State at Oregon State (ESPN).
8 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: San Francisco vs. Los Angeles Dodgers from Glendale, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
8:15 p.m. — College Basketball: Missouri at Kentucky (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City at Golden State (WOLO 25).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Auburn at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
9:30 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Srisaket Sor Rungvisai vs. Juan Francisco Estrada for the WBC Junior Bantamweight Title, Carlos Cuadras vs. McWilliams Arroyo in a Junior Bantamweight Bout and Donnie Nietes vs. Juan Carlos Revoco for the IBF Flyweight Title from Inglewood, Calif. (HBO).
10 p.m. — Men's College Volleyball: Stanford at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Wyoming at Fresno State (ESPN).
10:15 p.m. — College Basketball: Arizona at Oregon (ESPN).
11 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Atlanta vs. Houston from Palm Beach, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
1 a.m. — LPGA Golf: Honda LPGA Thailand Final Round from Chonburi, Thailand (GOLF).
2 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: St. Louis vs. New York Mets from Port St. Lucie, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: European PGA Tour Qatar Masters Final Round from Doha, Qatar (GOLF).

WINTER OLYMPICS ON TV

5 a.m.
NBCSN — Speed Skating: Men's 1,000m Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
OLY CHANNEL — Medal Ceremonies (LIVE)
6:30 a.m.
NBCSN — Men's Hockey: Semifinal, Canada vs. Germany (LIVE)
9:30 a.m.
NBCSN — Men's Curling: Bronze Medal Match, Canada vs. Switzerland
12:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Women's Curling: Semifinal; Medal Ceremonies
3 p.m.
NBC — Biathlon: Men's 4×7.5km Relay Gold Medal Final
4 p.m.
NBCSN — Hockey Game of the Day (replay); Hockey Game of the Day II (replay); Olympic Ice
5 p.m.
CNBC — Curling: Women's Semifinal
8 p.m.
NBC — Alpine Skiing: Team Event Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Snowboarding: Men's Big Air Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Four-Man Bobsled: Competition; Speed Skating: Men's 1000m Gold Medal Final
NBCSN — Biathlon: Men's 4×7.5km Relay Gold Medal Final; Women's Curling: Semifinal (replay)
11:35 p.m.
NBC — Snowboarding: Men's & Women's Parallel Giant Slalom competition
Midnight (Saturday)
NBCSN — Cross Country: Men's 50km Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
3 a.m. (Saturday)
NBCSN — Curling: Men's Gold Medal Final, Sweden vs. United States

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	16	.719	—
Boston	40	19	.678	2
Philadelphia	30	25	.545	10
New York	23	36	.390	19
Brooklyn	19	40	.322	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	33	24	.579	—
Miami	30	28	.517	3½
Charlotte	24	33	.421	9
Orlando	18	39	.316	15
Atlanta	18	41	.305	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	22	.607	—
Indiana	33	25	.569	2
Milwaukee	32	25	.561	2½
Detroit	28	29	.491	6½
Chicago	20	37	.351	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	44	13	.772	—
San Antonio	35	24	.593	10
New Orleans	31	26	.544	13
Memphis	18	38	.321	25½
Dallas	18	40	.310	26½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	36	25	.590	—
Oklahoma City	33	26	.559	2
Denver	32	26	.552	2½
Portland	32	26	.552	2½
Utah	30	28	.517	4½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	44	14	.759	—
L.A. Clippers	30	26	.536	13
L.A. Lakers	23	34	.404	20½
Sacramento	18	39	.316	25½
Phoenix	18	41	.305	26½

THURSDAY

Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Washington at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY

Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
 San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Orlando at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
 Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Detroit at Charlotte, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
 San Antonio at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.
 Houston at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 8 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Kansas City	0	0	.000
Minnesota	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
Oakland	0	0	.000
Seattle	0	0	.000
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000
Texas	0	0	.000
Toronto	0	0	.000
Houston	0	0	.000
Detroit	0	0	.000
Boston	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Baltimore	0	0	.000
Cleveland	0	0	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Arizona	0	0	.000
Atlanta	0	0	.000
Washington	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	0	.000
San Francisco	0	0	.000
Colorado	0	0	.000
San Diego	0	0	.000

Pittsburgh	0	0	.000
Philadelphia	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Cincinnati	0	0	.000
Milwaukee	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Miami	0	0	.000

THURSDAY

Boston 4, Boston College 2
 Boston 15, Northeastern 2
 Detroit 6, Florida Southern 1
 Philadelphia 6, U. of Tampa 0
 Minnesota vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

TODAY

Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

SATURDAY

Atlanta vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Colorado vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

1. Virginia (25-2) beat Georgia Tech 65-54. Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
 2. Michigan State (27-3) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Sunday.
 3. Villanova (25-3) beat DePaul 93-62. Next: at Creighton, Saturday.
 4. Xavier (25-4) beat Georgetown 89-77. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
 5. Duke (23-5) beat Louisville 82-56. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
 6. Gonzaga (25-4) did not play. Next: at San Diego, Thursday.
 6. Texas Tech (22-6) lost to Oklahoma State 79-71. Next: vs. No. 8 Kansas, Saturday.
 8. Kansas (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Texas Tech, Saturday.
 9. Purdue (24-5) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
 10. North Carolina (22-7) beat Syracuse 78-74. Next: vs. Miami, Tuesday.
 11. Cincinnati (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.
 12. Auburn (24-4) beat Alabama 90-71. Next: at Florida, Saturday.
 13. Wichita State (22-5) beat Tulane 93-86. Next: at SMU, Saturday.
 14. Arizona (21-6) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.
15. Clemson (20-7) lost to Virginia Tech 65-58. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
 16. Ohio State (23-7) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Friday.
 17. Michigan (23-7) beat Penn State 72-63. Next: at Maryland, Saturday.
 18. Rhode Island (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Dayton, Friday.
 19. Tennessee (20-7) beat Florida 62-57. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
 20. Nevada (24-5) beat San Jose State 80-67. Next: vs. Colorado State, Sunday.
 21. West Virginia (20-8) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
 22. Saint Mary's (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
 23. Houston (21-5) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Thursday.
 24. Middle Tennessee (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. UAB, Saturday.
 25. Florida State (19-8) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday.

WOMEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

Wednesday
 1. UConn (27-0) beat Tulane 91-47. Next: at SMU, Saturday.
 2. Mississippi State (28-0) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
 3. Baylor (26-1) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
 4. Louisville (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
 5. Notre Dame (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Thursday.
 6. Texas (22-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
7. South Carolina (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 LSU, Thursday.
 8. Oregon (25-4) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Friday.
 9. Florida State (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
 10. UCLA (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
 11. Missouri (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
 12. Oregon State (21-6) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
 13. Maryland (22-5) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
 14. Ohio State (23-6) beat Northwestern 88-54. Next: at Penn State, Sunday.
 15. Tennessee (21-6) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
 16. Stanford (19-9) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
 17. Texas A&M (20-8) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Thursday.
 18. South Florida (23-5) beat Houston 81-65. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.
 19. Georgia (22-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
 20. Duke (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Sunday.
 21. N.C. State (21-6) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
 22. Green Bay (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Friday.
 23. Belmont (27-3) beat Jacksonville State 66-35. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Saturday.
 24. LSU (18-7) did not play. Next: at No. 7 South Carolina, Thursday.
 25. Oklahoma State (18-9) lost to Kansas 66-59. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.

TRANSACTIONS

THURSDAY

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Tillman on a one-year contract.
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded OF Bryce Brentz to Pittsburgh for cash considerations.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Sandy Baez, Michael Fulmer, Eduardo Jimenez, Joe Jimenez, Gerson Moreno, Zac Rejzinger, Warwick Saupold and Spencer Turnbull, LHPs Chad Bell, Matthew Boyd, Jairo Labourt, Gregory Soto and Daniel Stumpf, INFs Dawel Lugo and Dixon Machado and OFs Mike Gerber and JaCoby Jones on one-year contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Named Mark Zarzhar president of Fayetteville (Carolina).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Anibal Sanchez on a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Traded DH Corey Dickerson to Pittsburgh for RHP Daniel Hudson, INF Tristram Gray and cash.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed G Antonius Cleveland to a 10-day contract.

SPORTS ITEMS

Lady Cats' Branham fans 16

East Clarendon's Valencia Garris (25) battles Mary Wimberly of Scott's Branch for a rebound in last season's second-round game in the 1A state playoffs. Both players are key contributors to their squads, who will face off today at 4 p.m. at Florence Civic Center for the 1A lower state title.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

ECHS FROM PAGE B1

And what EC has been good at is pushing the tempo.

"What we want to do is get out on the fast break," Timmons said. "We want to go, go, go. We want to be able to push the ball up the floor."

Eighth-grader Tylashia Cooper is the offensive leader for East Clarendon. She is averaging 25 points a game and had 41 in the victory over Palmetto Scholars.

Sophomore Valencia Garris is averaging a double-double of 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Watts and Timmons are both averaging around nine points a game.

"I think we're a better team this year," Timmons said. "We've all grown and gotten a

lot better as players. Tylashia has improved so much, and I think Gracen and I provide that senior leadership."

Lowder said he isn't sure what to expect from the Lady Eagles after looking at film of the GSF game.

"They came out for the first quarter and a half and used a zone press," Lowder said of SB, which is under the leadership of first-year head coach Lucinda Stukes. "Then they started the second half and just went man-to-man, and they did mix in a little zone. So we really don't know what they're going to do."

What everyone is expecting though is for plenty of fans from both schools to make the trek up Interstate 95 North to Florence today.

"We talked about we might just shut Clarendon County down," Watts said. "Both schools are very supportive of their teams. I feel like the fans are a tremendous part of our success. We had a lot of people who went to Charleston (for the Palmetto Scholars game), and we've been having to turn people away at our home games. They really support us."

Lowder does believe his team is playing its best ball of the season entering today's contest.

"Everybody is on the same page right now," he said. "You need it to be like that this time of year. Everything seems to be spread out right now between the scoring, rebounding and assists. We are really playing well."

KEY FROM PAGE B1

"The region isn't that tough, but it was still a tough task, especially with C.E. Murray being in there, and (Bethune-) Bowman was semi-tough," said Stukes, a 2000 graduate of Scott's Branch. "We just knew going in that we wanted to play good defense and that that would kind of carry us. We love where we are right now, and I think it's great that we did it quietly. At this point, though, it's not a sneak-up situation. We're kind of glad that they know who we are, and we kind of invite the underdog role."

Stukes pointed to the leadership of her team captains, seniors Diondra Seaberry and Mercedes Oliver and junior Tonia Lawson.

"The seniors bought in, and the younger ones bought in behind them, so I think senior leadership has played a big role in that," said Stukes.

"Seaberry has been our mouthpiece, always telling us not to give up. Oliver got hurt when we played Bowman, and she's been a very vocal leader even though she hasn't been on the floor for us. Lawson has taken a very steady defensive role -- I told her she has a battery on her back -- and we look to her for that."

Lawson, a defensive specialist with 75 steals on the season, had 14 points in the win over GSF, to go with freshman point guard Cambria Parker's game-leading 21. Lawson said

the key to the Lady Eagles' success this season has been teamwork and communication.

"We've been playing with each other since we were in middle school," Lawson said. "We knew how to play together and communicate. We're a good team because we play well with each other."

Seaberry and Oliver also said communication and keeping a positive attitude have been key. Oliver said the biggest difference between this year's team and last year's 9-9 squad was the team learned from its mistakes.

"We learned from our mistakes and we learned how to take a loss and turn it into a positive now," Oliver said. "Last year, we weren't a bad team, but improving our communication skills has made a big difference this year. "We are a team, but the biggest thing is that we are a family. We take it very (seriously) that we've come this far, and we're sisters and not just teammates that come to school and play basketball together."

Junior small forward Mary Wimberly, at 5-feet-5-inches, is the leader in points and rebounds, averaging nearly a double-double with 9.9 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. Parker, at 5-3, is averaging 9.7 points.

Now in different regions, the teams did not play in the

regular season. Both teams beat Green Sea-Floyds, and both lost to 4A Crestwood and 3A Manning, although East Clarendon did beat Manning in November. Stukes said the teams aren't exactly strangers though, and that her girls are aware of the exploits of the Lady Wolverines 5-11 eighth-grade sensation Talaysia Cooper and senior forward Caitlin Timmons.

"We're looking for a tough game," Stukes said. "We're not fearful, but we're respectful, and we just look forward to a good game and playing good defense and hopefully coming out with a win."

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LOWER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Florence Civic Center

Today

1A Girls
East Clarendon vs. Scott's Branch, 4 p.m.

1A Boys
Hemingway vs. C.E. Murray, 5:30 p.m.

4A Girls
Wilson vs. Myrtle Beach, 7 p.m.

4A Boys
Wilson vs. A.C. Flora, 8:30 p.m. Saturday

2A Girls
Mullins vs. Marion, 11 a.m.

2A Boys
Marion vs. Carvers Bay, 12:30 p.m.

3A Girls
Ridgeland-Hardeeville vs. Swansea, 2 p.m.

3A Boys
Wade Hampton (H) vs. Ridgeland-Hardeeville, 3:30 p.m.

5A Girls
Spring Valley vs. Goose Creek, 5 p.m.

5A Boys
Irmo vs. Blythewood, 6:30 p.m.

UPPER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Bon Secours Wellness Arena (in Greenville)

Today

1A Girls
McCormick vs. Timmonsville, 4 p.m.

1A Boys
Lewisville vs. Ridge Spring-Monetta, 5:30 p.m.

4A Girls
Westwood vs. North Augusta, 7 p.m.

4A Boys
South Aiken vs. Ridge View, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

2A Girls
Keenan vs. Christ Church, 11 a.m.

2A Boys
Keenan vs. Gray Collegiate, 12:30 p.m.

3A Girls
Seneca vs. Newberry, 2 p.m.

3A Boys
Southside vs. Walhalla, 3:30 p.m.

5A Girls
Woodmont vs. Wade Hampton (G) 5 p.m.

5A Boys
Dorman vs. Wade Hampton, 6:30 p.m.

SCISA BOYS

3A

Semifinals

Today

At Sumter County Civic Center
Porter-Gaud vs. Heathwood Hall, 5 p.m.

Cardinal Newman vs. First Baptist, 8 p.m.

2A

Semifinals

Thursday

Spartanburg Day vs. Christian Academy
Palmetto Christian vs. Trinity-

Byrnes

1A

Semifinals

Thursday

Anderson Christian vs. Clarendon Hall
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Today

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Thursday

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CLEMSON MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hokies continue winning ways, beat No. 15 Clemson 65-58

BY JIMMY ROBERTSON
The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech coach Buzz Williams admitted that he and his team only focus on increments of 24 hours.

“Just be consumed with today,” he said.

That approach certainly has been working.

Justin Robinson and Kerry Blackshear Jr. scored 14 points each to lift the Hokies to a 65-58 victory over No. 15 Clemson on Wednesday night.

Robinson continued his stellar play of late, scoring in double figures for the 14th time in the past 15 games for the Hokies (20-8, 9-6 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won six of their last eight games and moved into a tie for fourth place in the conference standings. Blackshear struggled from the floor, but was 3 for 4 on free throws in the final 33 seconds to preserve the win.

“How we manage the next 24 hours emotionally, physically, mentally, that’s going to impact Saturday,” Williams said. “The same can be said for Friday. I’ve allowed our staff to kind of step in front me because they’re better at it than me at doing that more.”

“I’ve kind of just tried to help give energy to our guys. Same thing in the game tonight. Very little strategy. Not a lot of technique. I thought we won the game because of energy, and I believe that will be the case if we win (Saturday).”

Virginia Tech, which won its third straight over the Tigers (20-7, 9-6), broke open a close game midway through the second half. The Hokies trailed 38-34 after Clemson’s Marcquise Reed hit a 3-point shot with 13:43 remaining, but they went on a 10-0 run



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Virginia Tech forward Kerry Blackshear Jr. (24) guards Clemson guard Scott Spencer (22) during the first half of the Hokies’ 65-58 victory over a reeling Clemson squad on Wednesday in Blacksburg, Virginia.

VIRGINIA TECH 65, (15) CLEMSON 58

CLEMSON (20-7)

Thomas 5-5 2-4 12, Simms 1-3 0-0 3, Skara 3-7 0-0 7, Reed 10-24 0-0 28, DeVoe 3-9 1-4 8, Donnal 0-1 0-0 0, Trapp 0-2 0-2 0, Spencer 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 22-57 3-10 58.

VIRGINIA TECH (20-8)

Blackshear 4-12 6-7 14, Robinson 4-13 4-4 14, Bibbs 3-9 0-0 8, Wilson 3-6 0-2 8, Alexander-Walker 1-6 0-0 2, Horne 2-6 4-6 9, Hill 1-2 1-2 3, Bede 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 1-1 0-0 3, Clarke 1-2 1-4 4. Totals 20-58 16-25 65.

Halftime Virginia Tech 26-25. 3-Point Goals Clemson 11-36 (Reed 8-20, Simms 1-2, Skara 1-3, DeVoe 1-6, Donnal 0-1, Trapp 0-2, Spencer 0-2), Virginia Tech 9-24 (Robinson 2-4, Wilson 2-4, Bibbs 2-5, Jackson 1-1, Clarke 1-1, Horne 1-2, Hill 0-1, Alexander-Walker 0-2, Blackshear 0-4). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds Clemson 36 (Thomas, Reed 10), Virginia Tech 34 (Blackshear 7), Assists Clemson 9 (Reed, DeVoe 3), Virginia Tech 14 (Robinson 5). Total Fouls Clemson 18, Virginia Tech 10. A_9,275 (10,052).

punctuated by Ahmed Hill’s layup to take the lead for good.

The Hokies led by as many as 14 with 2:33 left before the Tigers put on a furious rally. They used an 11-2 run to cut the lead to 61-56 on a 3-pointer by Gabe DeVoe with 41 seconds remaining.

Virginia Tech scored the next four points — all from the free-throw line — with Blackshear making 3 of 4

and Chris Clarke 1 of 2, which was just enough as the Tigers missed three 3-pointers in the final 30 seconds.

“It’s a big step,” Robinson said of the win. “We got a win in front of fans. We kind of talked about it before the game. We’ve got more losses here (at home) this year than the last two. I think it’s something in our pride that we took care of tonight.”

USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

South Carolina rains 3s in 66-57 win over Georgia

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — In the midst of a five-game losing streak, South Carolina coach Frank Martin told his point guards that nothing was going to change unless they started playing better.

Three games later, Martin is praising his ball handlers, especially after the Gamecocks hit 13 3-pointers to beat Georgia 66-57 on Wednesday night.

Wesley Myers led South Carolina (15-13, 6-9 Southeastern Conference) with 15 points, all on 3s, and starting point guard Hasani Gravett had eight points and five assists.

“When your point guards play better, your team plays better,” said Martin, whose Gamecocks have won two of three since he challenged his point men.

The Gamecocks ended the first half on a 13-3 run to take a 15-point lead at the break.

Georgia (5-12, 6-9) scored on six straight possessions early in the second half, but then suddenly went sloppy and cold. The Bulldogs committed three offensive fouls and turned

the ball over twice after cutting the deficit to 47-40.

Georgia also made just three of its next 14 shots, but trailed just 58-50 because South Carolina was shooting poorly. The Gamecocks shot just 8-of-33 in the second half, but five of their made shots were 3s.

The Gamecocks also played their cleanest game of the season with just five turnovers. Georgia turned the ball over 17 times.

“When you dig that kind of hole, you have to play almost perfect to get out of it. And we didn’t do it,” Bulldogs coach Mark Fox said.

Chris Silva also scored 15 points for South Carolina despite playing just 19 minutes with foul trouble.

William Jackson II led Georgia with 14 points. Yante Maten added 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Gamecocks shot 31 percent (21 of 68) from the field. They beat Georgia 64-57 on Jan. 13 shooting just 27 percent.

UP NEXT

Georgia: The Bulldogs host LSU on Saturday.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks are at Mississippi State.



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South Carolina forward Maik Kotsar (21) keeps Georgia forward Derek Ogbey (34) away from the ball during the Gamecocks 66-57 victory over the Bulldogs on Wednesday in Columbia.

BUTLER FROM PAGE B1

“He’s academically in good shape, so he’s a guy that can go to Highland for one semester and be out of there and be recruited by anybody in the country,” Barnes said of Butler. “He’ll get re-recruited as a junior college guy, and they’re going to look at him at both positions, too, so it’s going to be interesting to see where he ends up going.”

Barnes said Highland is a good way for promising players to get another year of development both on and off the field before they’re ready for a look by 4-year programs. He pointed out that

former Sumter defensive tackle Jahkeem Green, whose all-conference performance with the Scotties this season could have helped pave the way for this year’s signees, was now drawing the attention of Southeastern Conference programs.

For his part, Butler is just

glad the recruiting process took a positive turn for him and said he and his teammates are looking forward to proving out Highland’s continued interest in recruiting Sumter High players.

“I feel like it will help me develop as a football player

and get the offer that I want, and I feel like they made me a priority during the recruiting process,” Butler said. “At the time, the recruiting process wasn’t going like I wanted it to, and that’s when they started talking to me. None of the other colleges were talking to me like they were.”

ROGERS FROM PAGE B1

Rogers is happy with her decision to play at Converse. “They really do focus on the individual and getting the individual better, which in turn makes the team better,” she said. “I enjoy playing the game, and I love getting better.”

More women’s basketball Highland Community College freshman Kamryn Lemon was named the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II player of the week for the season’s sixth week. Lemon was cited for averaging 17.3 points in three games, including a season-high 24 points against the Oklahoma Wesleyan JV. She competed two years for Lakewood High before transferring to Dreher in Columbia.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanddoc@gmail.com.



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US women beat Canada for gold in a 3-2 shootout thriller

BY TERESA M. WALKER

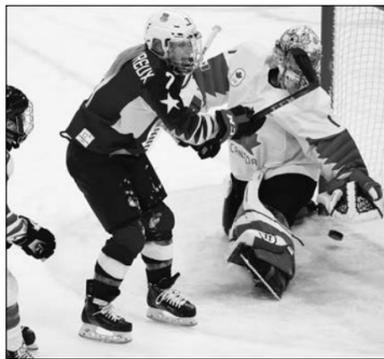
The Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson skated slowly back and forth toward the net, showing forehand, then leaning quickly to the left to fake a backhand that pulled Canadian goalie Shannon Szabados out of the crease.

On the sport's biggest stage, against the Americans' greatest rival, with all her teammates leaning eagerly over the boards watching her every move, the three-time Olympian came back to her forehand to finish off a dazzling, triple-deke move by sliding the puck into the net past the outstretched glove of Szabados for the deciding goal in the sixth round of a shootout thriller.

"I knew when that went in that Maddie was going to stop the next one," Lamoureux-Davidson said.

That would be 20-year-old goalie Maddie Rooney, who stuffed the last two Canadian shooters to wrap up a



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Monique Lamoureux-Morando (7) of the United States shoots the puck past goalie Shannon Szabados of Canada, for a goal during the United States' 3-2 gold medal victory on Thursday in Gangneung, South Korea. Read the full story at www.theitem.com.

3-2 victory Thursday that snapped the Americans' 20-year gold medal drought and ended Canada's bid for a

fifth straight title in the first shootout in an Olympic women's final.

The Americans piled over the boards, throwing gloves in the air before piling on top of Rooney on the ice — 20 years after their last gold medal in women's hockey and 38 years to the day after the men's famous "Miracle on Ice" victory over the Soviet team in group play at Lake Placid.

"Joy's the only word that comes to mind," said Gigi Marvin, a three-time Olympian and at 30 the oldest American on the roster.

Even President Donald Trump, who has been mostly silent on Twitter about the Olympics, got in on the celebration. He tweeted his congratulations to the team.

This victory capped a year that started with the Americans threatening a boycott of the world championships to secure more money and the same kind of treatment that USA Hockey gives to the men's team.

"They should make a movie on it," forward Hilary Knight said. "We had

all the drama and everything. It's sort of a storybook ending to an incredible series of accomplishments."

Nothing was more incredible than the move by Lamoureux-Davidson, who decided to use the deke called "Oops, I did it again" — something she had practiced uncounted times in practice, skating around tires set up on open ice to mimic defenders.

"I'm just thrilled beyond words," the beaming Lamoureux-Davidson said with a U.S. flag draped around her shoulders and gold hanging on her chest. "I've butchered it a thousand times, just ran into tires, tripped over tires just working on my hands. Just glad it worked out this time."

Her twin, Monique Lamoureux-Morando, said coach Peter Elander, now at Ohio State, had taught the sisters the shootout move when the three were at the University of North Dakota.

"Not everyone can take the pressure like that, and she took it like a champ," she said.

OBITUARIES

ALBERTA G. WATTS

GULFPORT, Miss. — Alberta Goins Watts, 82, peacefully passed away in Gulfport on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, from complication of Alzheimer's. Alberta was born in 1935 in South Carolina.

She is survived by Clark O'Neal Watts Sr.; her children, Debra

Brown Davis of Charleston, Vicky Brown Redding of Gulfport and Clark O'Neal Watts Jr. of Bonneau; her brother, James Henry Goins; her sisters, Patricia Goins Reece, Diane Goins Curby and Ann Goins Brown; her eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Alberta was a loving and caring force for her family and friends. Her wonderful smile and caring demeanor provided comfort and inspiration for those who knew her. Her determination and humility inspired siblings, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. All of us who shared her life will carry her wisdom, charisma, determination and inspiration forward. Alberta will never be forgotten.

Her children plan to have a private service at a later date.

Riemann Family Funeral Home, Gulfport, is serving the family and memories may be shared at www.riemannfamily.com.

JAMES E. BRADLEY

Funeral services for James Edward Bradley will be held at noon on Saturday at New Zion AME Church, 78 Elliott Highway, Bishopville, with the Rev. Archie S. Temoney Sr. officiating. Interment will follow at the New Zion AME Garden.

The public may view from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter.

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

Mr. Bradley, 74, husband of the late Tillie W. Bradley, transitioned on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at Pruitt Health Re-

habilitation Facility in North Augusta.

Born in Elliott, he was a son of the late Walter and Rosa Lee Ruth Bradley and a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School Class of 1965. Mr. Bradley was a lifelong member of New Zion AME Church, where he served as a former trustee and a member of the Sons of Allen. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a former employee of Georgia Pacific Co. of Sumter, Reeves Brothers of Bishopville and Lee County Schools Maintenance Department.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Albert Bradley.

Survivors include three children, Treva Bradley of Elliott, Edward Rodriguez Bradley of Mayesville and Deisha T. Ponder of Columbia; two grandchildren, Christopher Jr. and Delisha Ponder; sisters, Nancy Charles of Washington, D.C., Louvenia (Roosevelt) Wilson of Lynchburg, Margie Bradley of Mayesville, Ernestine (Daddy) Emeruem of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Betty (George) Turner of Cheltenham, Maryland; brothers, Booker T. Carter and Larry (Diane) Bradley, both of Sumter, Wardell Bradley of Bishopville, Wilton Bradley and Roosevelt Bradley, both of Mayesville; aunt, Bernice Bradley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, other relatives and dear friends.

SHIRLEY D. NELSON

Shirley D. Nelson was born on June 28, 1959, in Sumter, to Almata Gaymon Nelson and the late Furman Nelson Sr.

In addition to her father, Shirley was preceded in death by her brother, Furman Nelson Jr.; maternal grandparents, Tanzie and Corine Gaymon; paternal grandparents, Annie Ruth Nelson and Harkless Sinkler; and a host of aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

Shirley was called home to rest on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, in Columbia.

Shirley leaves to cherish

her precious memory: her husband, Donald Cousar; mother, Almata G. Nelson; three sisters, Shavelle Nelson, Maebell Farmer and Marjorie Nelson; two brothers, James Nelson and Edward Nelson; mother-in-law, Thomasina Cousar; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 182 S. Pike St., Sumter, with Aurelia Hill, pastor, and Bishop Sylvester Francis III officiating. Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery, Chewing Road, Rimini community of Pinewood.

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

Messages of hope can be left at www.whitesmortuary.net

The family is receiving friends at the home of her mother, 56 Hoyt Heights, Sumter.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

WILLIAM ADAM HILL

Infant William Adam Hill died on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of William Fredrick Hill and McKenzie Bell Hill.

Surviving are his parents of Sumter; two half-brothers, Mason Bell and Cayden Bell; maternal grandparents, Fred and Gail Corbett of Sumter; paternal grandparents, Murry and Donna Bell of Sumter; paternal great-grandmother, Mary Louise Adams of Sumter; and maternal great-grandmother, Betty Jean Bell of Lamar.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at New Start Community Church Cemetery with the Rev. James Thrower officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



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DAVID C. ONSRUD

David Clarence Onsrud, 87, formerly of Simpsonville, died on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, at Covenant Place in Sumter.

He was born on June 21, 1930, in Raleigh, North Carolina, and was a member of Simpsonville United Methodist Church for 30 years. Mr. Onsrud served in the U.S. Air Force, where he developed his lifelong interest in aircraft. He was honored to go to Washington on the Honor Flight with other veterans. He attended Purdue College; lived in St. James, New York; and was employed as an engineer with Brookhaven Research Center, from which he retired in 1992. He was previously employed with Gyrodyne Helicopter Co., Dayton Brown and Boeing Air Craft Co.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Kirven Onsrud of Sumter; nephews, Arthur Hodge of Mauldin and Danny Onsrud of Long Island, New York; and nieces, Lucia Hodge of Greenwood, Deborah Ingersoll of Melbane, North Carolina, and Adelle Giovanniello of Long Island.

He was predeceased by brothers, Julian K. Onsrud, Robert Burke Onsrud and Edward Eugene Onsrud; and a sister, Mary Lucia Onsrud Hodge.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Sumter Cemetery, 700 W. Oakland Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Joseph James and the Rev. George Riser officiating, followed by a reception for family and friends at the Life Enrichment Center at Covenant Place, 2825 Carter Road, Sumter.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 226 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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RUTHIE MAE CROSKY

Ruthie Mae Croskey, 73, widow of Cleveland Croskey Jr., was born on Oct. 17, 1944, in Bishopville. She departed this life on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, in Queens, New York.

Ruthie Mae is survived by three daughters and one son, all of New York; Willie Mae Reams; and other family members in Bishopville and Sumter.

Graveside services and interment will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Walker Cemetery, 700 W. Oakland Ave., Sumter.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

LEROY M. BARNES

OLANTA — Samuels and Richardson Funeral Home announces the passing of Leroy M. Barnes, 70, of Olanta, who passed away on Feb. 21, 2018, at his residence.

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Looking for a certified mechanic to work on Class A tractors and trailers. Certified in annual inspections, tires and brake work. If interested call 803-473-6553.

Nesbitt Transportation is now hiring Class A CDL Drivers. Must be 23 yrs old and have 2 yrs experience. Home nights and weekends. Call 843-621-0943 or 843-659-8254

Help Wanted Part-Time

Circulation Desk Asst (PT) Sumter County Library Hours 9 - 2, M-F

Part-time moving helper needed back ground check and driver license prefer. 21 and older need to be able to lift 50lbs or more. Only serious inquiries please. Call 803236-4008

Exp. Trailer switcher needed in Sumter to move trailers in yard. Do washouts & minor repairs. Thurs., Fri. & Sun. 7 am - 5 pm. Must have 2 yrs exp. CDL & clean driving record. 803-938-2708 M-F 9am-3pm lv msg.

Local Lawn Service Co. has immediate opening for Lawn Care helper. Must be 18 yrs old with valid DL & transportation. Starting pay \$8 - \$11 depending on experience. Call 803-840-9534 for interview.

Looking for a dependable yardman. Mail letter of interest to P-482 c/o The Item, PO Box 1677 Sumter SC 29151.

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Truck / Trailer Service Technician / Welder Immediate opening for a general service technician to perform general maintenance and PM services. Experience with general repair, brakes, lights along with welding/fabricating experience preferred. Benefit package includes medical, dental, life, prescription and 401K plan available. Company supplied uniforms and accrued PTO time. Applicants can apply in person at Freehold Cartage 132 Myrtle Beach Hwy Sumter, SC 29153 or call 803-773-2611 ext 25. Resumes can be e-mailed to tkrigbaum@freeholdcartage.com. Hourly rate commensurate with experience.

RENTALS

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE 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 5, 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 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 5th deadline. Applications will not be accepted after noon on March 5, 2018. Following the March 5th 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/CommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2018PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php.



Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Wells Fargo Bank, NA vs. Eric J.D. Smith; Tiffany Smith; C/A No. 2017CP4301618, The following property will be sold on March 5, 2018, at 12:00 Noon at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel and lot of land with improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina identified as Lot No. 82 of Knights Village Subdivision Phase I Section II and being more fully shown on a plat prepared by Louis W. Tisdale, K.L.S. dated 1/5/05 and recorded in plat book 2005 at page 81, records of Sumter County. This property is known as 943 Mordred St and is further identified as Sumter County Tax Map Parcel No. 226-16-04-010.

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

Derivation: Book 1137 at Page 1072

943 Mordred Street, Sumter, SC 29154-7407

226-16-04-010

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

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

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

Richard L. Booth Master In Equity for Sumter County

John J. Hearn Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 100200 Columbia, SC 29202-3200 (803) 744-4444 (813)263-10098 Website: www.rtl-law.com (see link to Resources/Foreclosure Sales)

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

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

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, containing 0.45 acres/s, more or less, together with any and all improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in Stateburg Township, the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 11 of Wintergreen Subdivision, Phase II on that certain plat by Joseph R. Edwards, PLS dated February 17, 2003, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2003 at Page 95.

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

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

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

TMS#: 186-01-01-021

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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the Township of Providence, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot #116, containing 0.53 acres, more or less, of Rolling Hills Subdivision, as shown on that certain plat prepared for Robert M. Belk, Jr. and Denise Belk by William E. Lindler, Jr., RLS, dated August 28, 2001 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book PB 2001 at page 604. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. Derivation: Book 1211 at Page 291

4405 Camden Hwy, Dalzell, SC 29040
151-14-02-007

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

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. Personal or deficiency judgment having been demanded or reserved, the sale will remain open for thirty (30) days pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §15-39-720 (1976). The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2017CP4301952.

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

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Notice of Sale

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

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

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

THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto **Mary Lou B. Hardy** and **Tiffany D. Barrett** by virtue of a Deed from **Great Southern Homes, Inc.** dated August 26, 2015 and recorded September 2, 2015 in Book 1214 at Page 3820 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

1749 Nicholas Drive Sumter, SC 29154
TMS# 225-10-05-019

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 50/100 (4.50%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

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MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE CASE NO. 2017-CP-43-01807

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **United States of America** acting through the **Rural Housing Service** or successor agency, **United States Department of Agriculture** against **Susan H. Barkley a/k/a Susan Barkley, I**, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, March 5, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.**, at the Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying, and being in the Township of Privateer, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot #46 of Hideaway Village Subdivision, as shown on that certain plat prepared for Susan H. Barkley, by Michael C. Turbeville, RLS, dated February 9, 2005, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2005 at Page 80, and having such metes and bounds as are shown on said plat, this description being in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina. This is the property known as 3075 Tuckaway Drive.

This being the same property conveyed to **Susan Barkley** by Deed of **J.D. Gainey Construction Co., Inc.** dated January 3, 2005 and recorded February 11, 2005 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Deed Book 969 at Page 611.

Property Address: 3075 Tuckaway Dr., Sumter, SC 29154

TMS # 180-13-02-026

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.0% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

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NOTICE OF MASTER IN EQUITY SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2017CP4301314

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC**, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, against **Elizabeth S. Ramsey, et al.**, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, or his agent, will sell on **March 5, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.** at the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC to the highest bidder:

All that piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, located in the County of Sumter, Staatsburg Township, the said lot or parcel having been surveyed and divided from a 7.49 acre tract owned by **Louis Ramsey**, the said lot of land being more specifically described in that plat of **H.S. Willson, RLS**, dated July 26, 1982 and recorded in Plat Book Z-47 at Page 748 being bounded and measuring according to said plat.

TMS Number: 155-16-01-032
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 785 Mayfield Dr., Sumter, SC 29150

This being the same property conveyed to **Terrill Ramsey** and **Yulanda Ramsey** by deed of **Elizabeth S. Ramsey** dated October 13, 2011 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on October 13, 2011 in Deed Book 1161 at Page 1133.

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

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

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

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

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Wells Fargo Bank N.A.**, as Trustee, for **Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-N-C3 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates**, against **Betty M. Williams**, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, or his/her agent, will sell on **March 5, 2018, at 12:00 P.M.**, at Sumter Judicial Center, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the dwelling and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 22 in Block "A" on a plat recorded in Plat Book Z25 at Page 160 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 140 of Wintergreen Subdivision, Section No. 2, Phase I, as shown on that

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certain Plat of **Louis W. Tisdale, PLS** dated November 5, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2004 at Page 47, and having such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, reference to which is hereby made pursuant to authority contained in § 30-50-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. This property is known as 3775 Rhododendron Street, Sumter, SC.

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

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

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.9400%. THIS SALE IS

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SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. The Honorable **Richard L. Booth** Master in Equity Sumter County **Riley Pope & Laney, LLC** Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

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

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

TOGETHER WITH: One 1991 Clayton Mobile Home, Serial # WHC00168GAAB.

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

THEREAFTER, **Lisa Simon** conveyed all her interest in subject property unto **Michael Simon** by virtue of a Deed dated April 28, 2000 and recorded May 15, 2000 in Volume 771 at Page 1825 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

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(land and mobile home)

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States to forgo most of legal settlement with air-bag maker

Japanese air-bag maker Takata Corp. has reached a \$650 million deal to settle consumer protection claims from 44 states and Washington, D.C., but only a fraction of the money will be paid because of Takata's financial problems and bankruptcy.

In an agreement announced Thursday, the states said they will not collect the settlement so that victims of Takata's faulty air-bag inflators can get a bigger piece of the company's remaining money. There's an exception. South Carolina will get just more than \$139,000 to cover costs of the investigation. At least 22 people have died worldwide and more than 180 have been hurt.

Trump sued over decision to end protections for some immigrants

Haitian and Salvadoran immigrants sued President Trump on Thursday, arguing that the administration's decision to end special protections shielding them from deportation was racially motivated.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Boston seeks to block the administration from terminating temporary protected status for thousands of immigrants from Haiti and El Salvador.

Billy Graham will lie in honor at U.S. Capitol next week, Ryan says

The world-renown evangelist Billy Graham, who died Wednesday, will lie in honor at the U.S. Capitol next Wednesday and Thursday, with political leaders and the public allowed to pay their respects.

House Speaker Paul Ryan's office said that after Graham's casket arrives Feb. 28, Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., will take part in a service honoring the preacher and presidential counselor.

Graham's casket will remain in the Rotunda through March 1.

California lawmaker accused of sexual misconduct resigns

A state senator accused of sexual misconduct resigned Thursday just ahead of a possible vote to expel him, delivering a scathing resignation letter that called the investigation process a farce.

Democratic Sen. Tony Mendoza of the Los Angeles area said he may still run for the seat this fall.

Saudi Arabia announces it will build its first opera house

Saudi Arabia says construction will soon begin on the first opera house in the kingdom, where concerts have been banned for two decades, along with music in restaurants and stores.

The kingdom has been relaxing its decades-old restrictions on entertainment and fun, as part of a wider effort spearheaded by the young crown prince to boost the economy and increase household spending.

Staff and wire reports

'Generation Columbine' knows no other world



Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students lead the way Wednesday at a rally against gun violence on the steps of the Old Capitol in Tallahassee. Similar rallies were held around the USA in solidarity. JOE RONDONE/USA TODAY NETWORK

The young live under a cloud of 'we-could-be-next'

Greg Toppo
USA TODAY

Call them "Generation Columbine."

Born during the first few years of the 21st century, our youngest Americans, from high-schoolers on down, have never known a world without school shootings.

The 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., took place before virtually all of them were born. These students have grown up in Columbine's shadow, with locker searches, locked schoolhouse doors, bulletproof backpacks and active-shooter drills.

Just as their grandparents feared polio and their parents feared nuclear war, these young people arrive at school each morning fearing death by high-powered rifle.

By one estimate, this generation has attended class through more than 200 school shootings since Columbine, which have effectively altered their sense of safety — psychol-

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Parkland's kids give gun control a boost

USA TODAY ANALYSIS

Alan Gomez
USA TODAY

The survivors of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., have helped drive the gun control debate in ways other groups haven't been able to.

They sparked marches, protests and school walkouts around the country. President Trump ordered a Justice Department crackdown on bump stocks and proposed tougher background checks on gun buyers. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos bucked the party line and called for congressional hearings.

How did that happen? What's been so different from all the other mass shootings over the years?

Experts on social movements said the Parkland students have a variety of factors working for them.

Geography played an important role. The Las Vegas shooter killed the most victims in the history of U.S. mass shootings (57), but the families of the victims and the survivors of the shooting were scattered throughout the continent. In Parkland, the students were all from the same community.

Technology also was key. The Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999, happened when students didn't have social media apps on their phones. That informational vacuum made it difficult for Americans to truly grasp what had happened. The Parkland shooting happened in real time. One student posted a video from the floor of his classroom, allowing Americans into that room.

The age of the students was another important factor. The 6- and 7-year-old survivors of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting were too young to go before cameras and plead their case.

The Parkland kids, who are in their

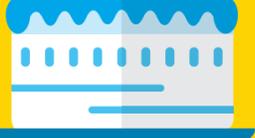
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Maria's lesson: Plan now to aid isolated areas

Oren Dorell
USA TODAY

ARLINGTON, Va. — The United States isn't prepared to respond to disasters in Hawaii, Alaska or on Pacific Islands as fast as on the American mainland, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said.

Islands such as Guam could suffer the same fate as Puerto Rico, where thousands of residents are still waiting for power to be restored five months after Hurricane Maria struck the island.

In the rest of the country, the Corps has plans in place for emergency gener-

Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite hopes to get power to 95% of Puerto Ricans by the end of March, but it's unclear when 100% will have power.

ators, debris removal, bucket trucks and linemen to roll into mainland states as a storm recedes. Those plans did not apply to Puerto Rico, where the Caribbean was an obstacle to getting supplies and people to the island.

Lessons learned from the slow pace of restoring power to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria last September should

be applied to other isolated states and territories, including Hawaii, Alaska, the U.S. Virgin Islands and U.S. atolls in the Pacific, said Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"I don't think you can treat the (U.S.) Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska and the atolls the same way you treat the Lower 48," Semonite said at the Pentagon on Wednesday.

Future planning should include identifying priorities in every city and permanently parking supplies and equipment on isolated states and territories for emergencies, Semonite said.

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ogists would call the collective dread a “threat to your assumptive world.”

And now there is Parkland.

“It seems like there’s been shooting after shooting, and the adults in power right now aren’t doing anything,” said Paloma Mallan, a student at H-B Woodlawn High School in Arlington, Va., as she marched Wednesday in a Washington, D.C., student protest for tougher gun laws. “It could be us next. It could be one of our friends.”

Connecticut psychologist Eric Schleifer, who specializes in treating teenage boys, said the 24/7 news cycle and the ubiquity of mobile news change kids’ conceptions of the bad things that are possible in school.

“Even 20, 30 years ago, unless it was a huge catastrophe, news was sort of local,” he said. “Now there’s just this sense that these things happen every day, all the time. My question is: How are kids

able to process that?”

Until they’re teenagers, most children — especially boys — don’t have the capacity to process events as traumatic as a school shooting, Schleifer said. “They get this information, and then they tuck it away somewhere in a box,” and eventually they begin avoiding nearly every stressful situation and potential disappointment.

In the past two years, he has seen “a huge uptick” in patients as young as 6 with “full-on anxiety and panic attacks,” students who simply can’t bear to go to school. “I did not see that seven, eight or nine years ago.”

News coverage of school shootings makes young people feel vulnerable even if they don’t know the victims, said David Schonfeld, a developmental-behavioral pediatrician in Los Angeles. In the face of such coverage, he said, adults should reassure children that schools are relatively safe places — and that there’s a lot being done at school to keep them as safe as possible.

But we shouldn’t be telling kids not to worry, he said: “We should ask them

what they’re worried about. If we keep saying ‘You shouldn’t be worried,’ then we’re telling them we don’t take their concerns as legitimate and that we can’t deal with their concerns.”

Students are, for all practical purposes, quite safe at school. In the years from 1999 to 2013, homicides, bicycle accidents, firearm accidents, falls and swimming pool drownings accounted for 31,827 of the total 32,464 reported deaths, while deaths in school shootings numbered 154, or fewer than 0.5%, according to James Alan Fox, a professor of criminology, law and public policy at Northeastern University.

Put another way, a young person in the U.S. is nearly 11 times as likely to die in a swimming pool than in a school shooting.

The deadly attack last week in Parkland, Fla., represented the 208th school shooting since Columbine, according to the Denver-based news outlet *Westword*. That works out to more than one shooting a month, every month, for nearly 19 school years.

Journalist Dave Cullen, whose 2009

book *Columbine* remains the definitive account of the attack, continues to tour the U.S., reading from the book. Asked whether he thought he’d still be answering students’ Columbine questions nearly a generation after the attack, Cullen said, “Not in a million years.”

Cullen thought young people would be gripped by the narrative of two seemingly ordinary kids who somehow did the unspeakable. But nine years later, he said, students are just as interested in Columbine’s survivors. “They really want to know what happened to these kids and how they got through it.”

This week, Cullen is in Tallahassee with post-Parkland student protesters for a planned series in *Vanity Fair*.

Speaking by phone from the Florida capital, he said students these days tell him they go to school with a kind of vague dread about being shot.

“Nobody feels like it’s imminent, like they’re going to die tomorrow,” he said. “But they do feel like it’s imminent for somebody.”

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teens, were able to respond immediately after evacuating the building. They went before the TV cameras in South Florida to show the world exactly what they were feeling.

Marshall Ganz, a senior lecturer of public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, said the Parkland students connect with Americans in ways that politicians and advocacy groups cannot.

“Human beings communicate through stories,” said Ganz, who spent three decades being part of the civil rights and farmworker movements. “It’s how parents teach children, it’s how societies teach their moral content. These kids are articulate as hell.”

Rory McVeigh, director of the Center for the Study of Social Movements at the University of Notre Dame, said the Parkland students benefit from a national environment ripe for activism.

They also have the spirit of youth.

The Parkland students see something different, a sentiment on display



Gwendolyn Frantz, 17, of Kensington, Md., stands in front of the White House during a student-led protest for gun control Wednesday. EVAN VUCCI/AP

when they deliver a speech or confront legislators in person. McVeigh said that’s why this movement has a real chance to endure.

“That’s one of the beautiful things about being 18 years old,” he said. “You may still have this sense that you can make the world a better place.”

Mueller files new charges for Manafort and Gates

Former Trump aides accused of bank fraud

Brad Heath and Kevin Johnson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller filed a barrage of new criminal charges on Thursday against two of President Trump’s former campaign aides, accusing them of lying to banks to obtain millions of dollars in loans.

Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and his associate Rick Gates already faced charges over their work for a pro-Russian faction in Ukraine. In an indictment revealed Thursday, prosecutors also charged the men with tax fraud, bank fraud and failing to report overseas bank accounts, which they used to hide millions of dollars in income from U.S. authorities while paying for cars and homes.

The spate of new charges could intensify legal pressure on Manafort and Gates, who have emerged as central figures in Mueller’s probe of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Prosecutors charged that Manafort and Gates funneled millions of dollars from their work in Ukraine into foreign bank accounts and concealed it from U.S. tax authorities. Instead, prosecutors said, Manafort “used his hidden overseas wealth to enjoy a lavish lifestyle in the United States, without paying taxes on that income.”

They said more than \$75 million passed through the offshore bank accounts, and that they laundered more than \$30 million of income.

Prosecutors also said Manafort and Gates obtained more than \$20 million in loans by lying about their business income and debts.



Paul Manafort

Trump touts plan to arm teachers

President not relenting amid mounting criticism

David Jackson,
Ledyard King
and John Bacon
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — President Trump offered a full-throated defense Thursday for his proposal to arm some teachers and staff in the wake of last week’s school shooting in Florida despite opposition from law enforcement groups and teachers’ unions who warn that more guns in schools would only make them more dangerous.

One day after an emotional session with survivors of the high school shooting in Parkland, Fla., Trump praised the National Rifle Association and insisted in a series of tweets that “highly trained” teachers and coaches should be allowed to carry weapons at schools.

At a meeting later Thursday with law enforcement and school officials from around the country, Trump also suggested staff who are trained and carry a weapon could even get “a little bit of a bonus” for making their schools safer. NRA chief Wayne LaPierre immediately endorsed Trump’s call to “harden our schools” but did not specify that the teachers themselves should have guns.

A movement was created Tuesday on Instagram by teachers Olivia Bertels and Brittany Wheaton in opposition to the notion that armed teachers could stop mass shootings.

Bertels, who teaches middle school English in Kansas, knew someone close to the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

She told USA TODAY that she and Wheaton started #ArmMeWith to combat the “absurd notion being espoused by largely NRA-funded politicians” that arming teachers will keep schools safe.

“Arm me with the resources and funding needed to help students experiencing mental health issues, not guns,” the #ArmMeWith movement urges.

The goal was to give educators a



President Trump listens as Parkland, Fla., students Julia Cordover and Jonathan Blank discuss gun violence on Wednesday. MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

“Arm me with the resources and funding needed to help students experiencing mental health issues, not guns.”

#ArmMeWith movement

community-driven way to voice their frustrations, and it quickly gained traction on social media.

“The vast majority of school personnel are uninterested in carrying a weapon into a building full of hundreds or thousands of children each day,” Bertels said.

“Those desires are not being reflected in the tone-deaf suggestions being made by lawmakers as a solution to America’s gun problem,” she said.

The National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers and the teachers union in Florida’s Broward County also responded with a hard “no” to the idea of arming teachers.

Pushback came from others as well. The National Association of School Resource Officers panned the idea, saying only their sworn law enforcement officers should be armed in schools. The

group cited a list of concerns, including identifying the suspect among all the gunmen and the risk of bystanders being shot by non-professionals.

Since the Parkland shooting, Trump has also endorsed the idea of expanded background checks for potential gun buyers, especially ones with mental health problems. Trump has also ordered his Justice Department to issue new regulations to ban bump stocks and other devices designed to convert guns into rapid-firing automatic weapons.

“Congress is in a mood to finally do something on this issue — I hope!” he tweeted.

The president sought to downplay any discord his proposals might engender with the NRA, praising the gun advocacy group that endorsed his candidacy and spent millions to help him get elected.

In a Thursday morning tweet, Trump called its leaders “Great People and Great American Patriots.”

Yet his proposal to raise the age limit for gun buyers has already drawn criticism from the NRA. On Wednesday the group pushed back on raising the age on assault rifle purchases, saying it would deprive young people of “their constitutional right to self-protection.”

NEWS

Trolls hijack woman's grief, again and again

Photos help perpetuate online conspiracy theory

Christal Hayes
USA TODAY

When Emma MacDonald saw the tragedy unfolding at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, she felt a sense of dread.

She knew what would come next: the same lie that's been spreading for years.

It's like clockwork. New life is given to the hurtful conspiracy after each tragedy.

MacDonald said she feels to blame because it's her face that is used to promote one of the more persistent conspiracy theories over the past few years.

"Enough is enough," said MacDonald, 25, of Boston. "This needs to go away."

It started with a photo of MacDonald breaking down in tears during a vigil after the Boston marathon bombing in 2013.

Conspiracy theorists took the image and pasted it alongside pictures of other women crying after mass shootings in Newtown, Conn., Aurora, Colo. — and the latest addition in Parkland, Fla. All the women are white, thin and brunette.

The aim is to try to prove those grieving after the tragedies were actually the same person — an actress paid to respond to crises around the country.

The collage was used after the Manchester Arena bombing and a shooting in 2015 at a college in Roseburg, Ore., that left 10 dead, including the gunman.

"When you're short on crisis actors," the photo is labeled.

Conspiracy theories are nothing new. But the Internet and social media have made them more accessible.

Studies have shown people tend to believe even far-flung theories in situations that are out of their control or when a theory better aligns with their beliefs.

MacDonald said she didn't know anyone who died in the Boston bomb-



Emma MacDonald weeps during a vigil for the victims of the Boston Marathon explosions on April 16, 2013. JULIO CORTEZ/AP

"I'm just some random girl in some random photo, and I hate it. My face is used as a tool to these people. It's used as a distraction to what's really happening."

Emma MacDonald
Boston woman and unwitting subject of Internet trolls

ings but attended a vigil a day after the attack April 15, 2013.

She got emotional after seeing a young boy place a flower down during the vigil and started crying.

An Associated Press photographer captured the moment, and it ended up in newspapers across the country, making MacDonald a target of conspiracy theorists.

"I feel like I was very vulnerable in that image. I was sobbing uncontrollably, and every time I see it, I'm right back

there and relieve those moments," MacDonald said. "I just feel awful for the victims and families of the other women because they lost loved ones and still have to deal with this madness. It's just exploiting a tragedy."

Friends, bosses and acquaintances have reached out to her over the years after seeing the theories online.

At first, she said, she tried to report those who posted the false narratives, but it became more of an uphill battle after each tragedy.

"Every time, it's like, what do I do? Do I report every single blog post and try to debunk every theory?" she said. "Part of me genuinely didn't even want to call attention to it because that's just feeding the trolls."

She reported one of the incidents Tuesday and hopes changes to Facebook and other social media platforms will help prevent the fake stories from spreading as quickly.

MacDonald said there has to be some way of stopping the flow of misinformation, and she hopes people will verify information before sharing it.

"I'm just some random girl in some random photo, and I hate it," she said. "My face is used as a tool to these people. It's used as a distraction to what's really happening — the grief these people are feeling and the solutions that can help prevent against this from happening again."

Nearly 100 girls in Nigeria missing after school attack

Boko Haram militants are suspected in abductions

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USA TODAY

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nearly 100 Nigerian schoolgirls are still missing three days after suspected Boko Haram militants raided their school this week in northeastern Nigeria, parents said Thursday.

The news came after government officials in Yobe state said some 50 women remained unaccounted for in the Monday evening attack on the Dapchi village. There have been conflicting reports over the number of girls accounted for and how many are still missing.

Families accuse the government of lying about finding some of their children. "How could they have deceived us all along?" said Abdul Dapchi, 27, whose two sisters are missing.

The incident came four years after 276 students were abducted from their school 170 miles away in the northeastern town of Chibok, sparking the viral #BringBackOurGirls campaign.

Teachers and students ran from the Government Girls Secondary school into the bush outside Dapchi on Monday evening as the girls were taken away in trucks, the BBC reported.

Boko Haram, which loosely translates as "Western education is forbidden," pledged allegiance to the Islamic State in 2015 and has launched a number of attacks on schools. Last year, the Nigerian army claimed the militants had been defeated in military terms, although not eliminated.

Police and the education ministry initially denied that the students were abducted. Nigerian authorities often downplay similar incidents.

The Nigerian military on Wednesday said it rescued 76 girls and recovered two students' bodies. Gaidam said Thursday that contrary to claims by the army, no girls were rescued. The government also admitted Thursday that some girls were missing.

Modu Goniri, 45, a civil servant and father of two girls kidnapped Monday, said he was terrified over what could be



A video image released by the militant group Boko Haram shows some of the 276 girls kidnapped from Chibok in 2014. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"I can't sleep since my daughters have gone missing."

Modu Goniri
Father of two missing girls

happening to his daughters. Escaped and rescued Chibok students have recalled sexual abuse, forced conversions to Islam and forced marriages during their captivity.

"I can't sleep since my daughters have gone missing," Goniri said.

Goniri said parents have counted at least 94 missing girls. "No one can actually say the whereabouts of the girls; they have disappeared completely without any trace," he said.

Gaidam addressed parents Thursday at the school where the Boko Haram militants struck. He had no information suggesting that anyone knew the whereabouts of the girls or whether they were rescued, said Goniri and others who attended the meeting.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari tweeted Wednesday evening that he would do everything he could to bring back the girls: "I share the anguish of all the parents and guardians of the girls that remain unaccounted for. I would like to assure them that we are doing all in our power to ensure the safe return of all the girls."

Contributing: The Associated Press



Jonathan Johnson abandoned his car in Janesville, Wis., Tuesday. Two babies were rescued from the vehicle. ANGELA MAJOR/THE JANESVILLE GAZETTE VIA AP

At least 3 killed in floodwaters as heavy rains swamp central U.S.

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

Days of rain have caused rivers to rise throughout the central U.S., leading to widespread flooding from Texas to Michigan.

At least three people have been killed in the flooding, one each in Michigan, Illinois and Oklahoma, the Weather Channel said. Two of the victims drove their cars into floodwaters.

Though the rain has stopped in some areas, several rivers are forecast to reach major flood stage over the next few days, AccuWeather said.

In less than 48 hours, from Monday to Wednesday, more than a month's worth of rain fell on some locations.

Indiana was particularly hard hit: In the towns of Elkhart and Goshen, local officials declared a state of emergency Wednesday and asked that traffic be limited to first responders and emergency personnel. Some people had to abandon their homes as water rose.

"I ended up grabbing my favorite blanket and stuffed animals," Madison Schmidt, 15, who was evacuated from her home in Elkhart to a shelter at a church, told *The Elkhart Truth* newspaper. "I got into the boat. Seeing what happened just almost made me cry."

In Michigan, the Red Cedar River in Lansing was at its highest point since 1975. Officials were expecting hun-

dreds of homes and dozens of businesses in Lansing and Lansing Township to flood.

"We are 100% at the mercy of the water, and we have absolutely no control over what the water does," said Michael Tobin, the city's emergency management chief.

In Arkansas, more than a dozen students had to be rescued Wednesday after their school bus ran off the road and became stuck in flooding in a rural area of North Little Rock, according to The Associated Press.

More rainfall is expected from Texas to Ohio over the next few days, on top of ground already saturated from prior days of excessive rain, the National Weather Service said.

Minor to moderate flooding is expected to continue along the Ohio and middle to lower Mississippi rivers over the next couple of weeks, as it takes much longer for the flooding cycle to occur on the large rivers, according to AccuWeather.

While flooding swamped eastern Texas, drought continued in northwestern parts of the state. Bone-dry Amarillo has picked up only one-one-hundredth of an inch of rain since Dec. 1.

Elsewhere, the record-breaking heat wave ended Thursday as temperatures returned to late-February averages.

Contributing: The Associated Press, The Lansing State Journal

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)	2018 Winter Olympics Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Bobsled, Speed Skating. Alpine skiing (team event final); snowboarding (men's big air); bobsled (four-man); speed skating. (N) (Live)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:35) 2018 Winter Olympics Men's and Women's Snowboarding. (N Same-day Tape)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition Houseguests vie for the power of veto. (N)			Blue Bloods "Love Lost" Jamie rides with a new partner. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Anderson Cooper, Maz Jobrani.	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Delicious Destinations" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	*** "Wreck-It Ralph" (2012, Children's) Voices of John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Jack McBrayer. Animated. An arcade-game "bad guy" wants to be a hero.			20/20	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Saoirse Ronan, Kyle Chandler, Joey Dosik" Saoirse Ronan; Kyle Chandler. (N)	
WRJA	27	11	14	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week (N)	MeToo, Now What? (N)	Great Performances "Movies for Grownups Awards With AARP The Magazine" Awards for actors, films and filmmakers. (N)		Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	NHK Newline
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Cushion Saturation"	The Big Bang Theory "The Cushion Saturation"	Showtime at the Apollo: Steve Harvey hosts a showcase event.			WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike starts a miniature tank collection.	Last Man Standing Mike starts a miniature tank collection.	The 3rd Annual Howie Mandel Stand-Up Gala: Stand-up performances; Howie Mandel.			Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Malcolm Goodwin"	American Ninja Warrior "Military Finals" Obstacles include Doorknob Arch. (Part 1 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior "Military Finals" Obstacles include Doorknob Arch. (Part 2 of 2)	The Game Derwin's former college teammate.
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 02.17.18" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 88" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 02.23.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)			Live PD "Live PD -- 02.23.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)			Live PD "Live PD -- 02.23.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)	
AMC	48	180	(6:30) *** "U.S. Marshals" (1998, Action) Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case.	Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes, Robert Downey Jr. Sam			*** "The Book of Eli" (2010, Adventure) Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis. A lone warrior carries hope across a post-apocalyptic wasteland.			The Walking Dead "First Time Again"		
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters (N)			(:03) Treehouse Masters			(:03) Treehouse Masters		
BET	61	162	(5:30) *** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom.	*** "Ray" (2004, Biography) Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington, Regina King. Ray Charles overcomes hardships to become a legend.			The Death Row Chronicles			The Death Row Chronicles		
BRAVO	47	181	Married to Medicine "Island Fever" Eugene gets a major health scare.	Married to Medicine "Circle of Truth" Mariah shares a shocking revelation.			Married to Medicine "D.N.A. D-Day" Heavenly throws a DNA reveal party.			Married to Medicine "D.N.A. D-Day" Heavenly throws a DNA reveal party.		
CNBC	35	84	2018 Winter Olympics	Shark Tank A motorized vehicle suit.			Shark Tank A bike lighting system.			Shark Tank		
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "Moving On"	(:25) The Office "Moving On"			** "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston, David Herman. A white-collar worker rebels against corporate drudgery.			Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain: The comic discusses his life.		
DISN	18	200	(6:15) "Zombies" (2018, Adventure) Milo Manheim, Meg Donnelly.	Andi Mack Cyrus' bar mitzvah commences. (N)			Bizaardvark (N) (DVS)			Raven's Home		
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush "Of Monsters and Men"	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)			Gold Rush "King Kong" (N)			(:03) Gold Rush: White Water (N)		
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Houston Rockets. From the Toyota Center in Houston.			NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)			NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)		
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Dayton at Rhode Island.	From Ryan Center in Kingston, R.I.			College Basketball Western Michigan at Ball State. (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)		
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive			Diners, Drive			Diners, Drive		
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N)			The Ingraham Angle (N)		
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Just Go With It" (2011) Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston. A man's careless lie spins out of control.	*** "The DUFF" (2015, Comedy) Mae Whitman, Robbie Amell, Bella Thorne. A teen tries to overthrow a judgmental classmate.			The 700 Club			** "You Again" (2010) Kristen Bell.		
FSS	21	47	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers.	From Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (N)			Hawks Postgame			3 Wide Life (N)		
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "A Royal Winter" (2017, Drama) Merritt Patterson, Jack Donnelly.	"Cooking With Love" (2018, Comedy) Ali Liebert, Brett Dalton. A producer and a chef are paired on a cooking show.			Meet the Peetes "Let's Get This Party Started" Holly and Rodney plan a party.			The Golden Girls "Yokel Hero"		
HGTV	39	112	Dream Home	Dream Home			Dream Home			Dream Home		
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "City of the Gods"	Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Alien Annihilation" New evidence about disaster myths. (N)			Hunters Int'l			House Hunters (N)		
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A shark attacks a woman in a pool.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Vampire and werewolf convention.			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A serial killer is on the loose. (DVS)			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A hoarder becomes suspected of murder.		
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) *** "Tyler Perry's Temptation" (2013) Jurnee Smollett-Bell.	** "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007, Romance) Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba. A poor mechanic and an attorney share an unexpected romance.			(:02) The Rap Game "There Can Only Be One" (Season Finale) Final performance for the young rappers. (N)			(:25) Bring It!		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		
NICK	16	210	Hunter Street (N)	Lip Sync Battle			** "Jurassic Park III" (2001, Adventure) Sam Neill. Premiere.			Full House		
PARMT	64	153	(:06) Friends	(:22) Friends			*** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen.			** "Limitless" (2011)		
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) *** "The Mechanic" (2011) Jason Statham, Ben Foster. (DVS)	Futurama "30 Percent Iron Chef"			Futurama "Crimes of the Hot"			Futurama "Jurassic Bark"		
TBS	24	156	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Your Honor"	** "Step Brothers" (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Richard Jenkins. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry. (DVS)			ELEAGUE Road to the Boston Major-Becoming Legends. (N)			*** "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" (2004, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate. (DVS)		
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Butterfield 8" (1960, Drama) Elizabeth Taylor. (DVS)	*** "Suspicion" (1941, Suspense) Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine. An English heiress fears that her playboy husband plans to kill her.			*** "Johnny Belinda" (1948, Drama) Jane Wyman, Lew Ayres. A doctor brings love to a deaf-mute rape victim in Nova Scotia. (DVS)			*** "Dead Man Walking"		
TLC	43	157	Untold Stories of the E.R. "Clueless!"	Untold Stories of the E.R. "Blackout"			Untold Stories of the E.R.			Untold Stories of the E.R.		
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Con Man in the Meth Lab" A con man misleads the team.	*** "Unstoppable" (2010, Action) Denzel Washington, Chris Pine. Premiere. Two men try to stop a runaway train carrying toxic cargo. (DVS)			The Alienist "The Boy on the Bridge" Serial killings in 1896 New York City.			(:09) The Alienist "A Fruitful Partnership" Sara gets her hands on a clue. (DVS)		
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.			Adam Ruins			Adam Ruins		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			Love-Raymond			Love-Raymond		
USA	25	132	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Egg Drop"			Modern Family "Me? Jealous?"			Modern Family "Leap Day"		
WE	68	166	Love After Lockup "Race to the Altar"	Mama June: From Not to Hot			Mama June: From Not to Hot (N)			Love After Lockup Johnna shocks Garrett.		
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			M*A*S*H			Bellevue "How Do I Remember?"		

Netflix offers gritty drama 'Seven Seconds'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Fans of complex, gritty realism have some binging ahead of them. "Seven Seconds" (TV-MA) premieres on Netflix, created by Veena Sud (who also is behind AMC's adaptation of "The Killing"). As in that series, the sun rarely shines on "Seven Seconds," shot in some of the more unglamorous sections of Jersey City, set against the taunting skyline of the Manhattan skyline.

While racing to the hospital bedside of his pregnant wife, distracted white police officer Peter Jablonski (Beau Knapp) hits a young black bicyclist. Against Jablonski's better instincts, his superior officer, Mike Diangelo (David Lyons), decides to cover up the incident and urges the distraught driver to go see his wife in the hospital.

Much to the officers' surprise, the boy survives but suffers severe brain injuries after being left untreated for so long. Over the course of 10 episodes, the truth emerges, exposing the kinds of police corruption, indifference and institutional racism that Diangelo's cover-up was supposed to hide.

Regina King and Russell Hornsby star as the injured boy's parents, Latrice and Isaiah. British actress Clare-Hope Ashitey ("Doctor Foster") has the most pivotal role of all as flunky prosecutor K.J. Harper, who's driven to alcoholism by the drudgery and paperwork of her job. At first, Diangelo and his cohorts try to use her to prosecute a homeless man for the crime. But even she can smell something fishy. And that leads to a sobering awakening.



JOJO WHILDEN / NETFLIX

Beau Knapp, left, stars as Peter Jablonski and David Lyons as Mike Diangelo in "Seven Seconds," now streaming on Netflix.

Viewers may recall Regina King from the highly praised but little watched ABC series "American Crime." That drama, like "Seven Seconds," did not lend itself to weekly installments. All three seasons of "American Crime" can be streamed on Netflix, as well as four seasons of the American version of "The Killing."

Seen recently as a culinary ambassador for NBC Sports during its Olympic coverage, chef David Chang hosts the eight-episode Netflix series "Ugly Delicious" (TV-MA), visiting with chefs, artists, writers and food activists all over the globe.

In other streaming news, the live-action comic book par-

ody "The Tick" begins the second half of its first season on Amazon Prime.

Alan Cumming hosts the 17th Annual Movies for Grownups Awards (9 p.m., PBS, check local listings). Produced by AARP Magazine, the ceremonies feature appearances by Helen Mirren, Gary Oldman, Annette Bening, Alfre Woodard, Blythe Danner, Saoirse Ronan and many more.

Cumming will perform musical parodies of "Get Out,"

"Lady Bird," "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," "The Shape of Water" and "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Coverage of the 2018 Winter Olympics (8 p.m., NBC) includes alpine skiing, snowboarding, bobsled and speed skating. NBCSN coverage (8 p.m.) includes men's biathlon and women's curling.

Steve Harvey hosts "Showtime at the Apollo" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

An arcade game character (John C. Reilly) deviates from the script in the 2012 animated comedy "Wreck-It Ralph" (8 p.m. ABC, TV-PG).

Comics perform on "The 3rd Annual Howie Mandel Stand-Up Gala" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14).

Joan Fontaine won a Best Actress Oscar for "Suspicion" (8 p.m., TCM), the only Academy Award ever bestowed on a performance in a film directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

Erin and her ex battle in court on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

Saoirse Ronan, Eric McCormack, Debra Messing, Rob Beckett and Keala Settle appear on "The Graham Norton Show" (10 p.m., BBC America, TV-14).

A comic and former inmate performs at a Texas penitentiary in the standup special "Ali Siddiq: It's Bigger Than These Bars" (11 p.m., Comedy Central, TV-MA).

LATE NIGHT

Anderson Cooper, Maz Jobrani and Margo Price are on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Saoirse Ronan, Kyle Chandler and Joey Dosik appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC).

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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	Trail of Hope: The Journey to Equality: The journey toward civil rights.	2018 Winter Olympics Figure Skating Gala, Bobsled. Figure skating coverage features the gala event. Plus, the four-man bobsled competition. (N) (Live)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)		2018 Winter Olympics From PyeongChang, South Korea. (N Same-day Tape)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N) Inside Edition Weekend (N)	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)	48 Hours		48 Hours		News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "No Retreat No Surrender" Danny and Baez probe a teen's death. (DVS)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Spa Getaway"	Jeopardy!	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Golden State Warriors. From Oracle Arena in Oakland, Calif. (N) (Live)			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Miami Finals Part 1" Obstacles Ledge Jump and Rolling Steel. (Part 1 of 2)	
WRJA	27	11	14	Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents Robert Cecil battles for spy network.	Father Brown "The Sins of the Father" Son of aeronautics magnate is murdered.	Shetland Death of a young man.	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries "Blood at the Wheel" Phryne suspects a crash was no accident.			Austin City Limits "Ms. Lauryn Hill" Lauryn Hill performs.	Bluegrass Underground The Mavericks perform.	
WACH	57	6	6	(6:00) UFC Fight Night: Emmett vs. Stephens - Prelims (N) (Live)	UFC Fight Night: Emmett vs. Stephens Emmett vs. Jeremy Stephens. From Orlando, Fla. (N) (Live)	Jessica Andrade vs. Tecia Torres; Josh Emmett vs. Jeremy Stephens. From Orlando, Fla. (N) (Live)		WACH FOX News at 10	The Simpsons (DVS)	Hell's Kitchen "Josh Josh Josh" The chefs cook different types of fish. (DVS)	Ring of Honor Wrestling	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve criticizes Vanessa's job.	Last Man Standing Boyd decides to stop eating meat.	Rookie Blue "Wanting" Gail makes a harrowing discovery.	Saving Hope "En Bloc" Alex performs a risky surgery. (DVS)	Leverage "The Mile High Job" Evidence is on a plane.		Impactical Jokers The guys work stadium security.	Impactical Jokers "Just Say No"	Impactical Jokers The guys ham it up at a deli.
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 02.16.18" (Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live))	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 89" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 02.24.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)							Live PD "Live PD -- 02.24.18"
AMC	48	180	(11) The Walking Dead "The Cell" A new group of survivors.	(:12) The Walking Dead "Service" The remaining members in Alexandria.	(:41) The Walking Dead "Go Getters" The group tries to find safety.	(:42) The Walking Dead "Swear" A brand new society.						(11:53) The Walking Dead
ANPL	41	100	Pit Bulls and Parolees "Soul Survivor"	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees "Left for Dead"	(:01) The Vet Life (N)	(:02) Pit Bulls and Parolees					The Vet Life
BET	61	162	(4:30) *** "Ray" (2004, Biography) Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington.	*** "The Help" (2011, Drama) Viola Davis, Emma Stone, Bryce Dallas Howard. An aspiring writer captures the experiences of black women.	*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.	*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.				Martin "Love Is in Your Face"	Martin "Love Is in Your Face"	
BRAVO	47	181	*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.	*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.	*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.	*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.						
CNBC	35	84	(6:57) American Greed	(7:57) American Greed	(:02) American Greed	(:02) American Greed						American Greed
CNN	3	80	The Van Jones Show (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	The Radical Story of Patty Hearst	The Radical Story of Patty Hearst				Death Row Stories		Death Row Stories
COM	57	136	(5:20) ** "Office Space"	(:25) * "Blended" (2014, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Joel McHale. Two single-parent families are stuck together at a resort.	*** "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor. Dodgeball teams compete for \$50,000 in Las Vegas.	*** "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor. Dodgeball teams compete for \$50,000 in Las Vegas.						(12:05) * "Blended" (2014)
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Bunk'd An abandoned treehouse.	Bizaardvark	Andi Mack Cyrus' bar mitzvah commences. (DVS)	Bizaardvark	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Bunk'd Emma and Zuri butt heads.	Bunk'd Emma spies on Xander.	Live and Maddie: Cali Style
DSC	42	103	Misfit Garage: Monkey Games	Misfit Garage: The Gas Monkey Games The Misfits take on the Monkeys. (N)	Misfit Garage	Misfit Garage						Misfit Garage
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball Syracuse at Duke.	(:15) College Basketball Missouri at Kentucky. (N) (Live)	(:15) College Basketball Arizona at Oregon. (N) (Live)	(:15) College Basketball Arizona at Oregon. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N)
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball	College Basketball Gonzaga at BYU. From Marriott Center in Provo, Utah. (N)	College Basketball Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton. (N) (Live)						Basketball
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report (N)	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)	The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)	Watters' World					Justice Judge
FREE	20	131	(6:40) *** "Matilda" (1996, Children's) Mara Wilson. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.	(:45) *** "The Lion King" (1994, Children's) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons, James Earl Jones. Animated. The son of a king battles treachery to claim his destiny.	(10:50) ** "The Lion King II: Simba's Pride" (1998) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Neve Campbell.	(10:50) ** "The Lion King II: Simba's Pride" (1998) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Neve Campbell.						
FSS	21	47	Women's College Basketball	Chopcast LIVE '18	Raceline	College Basketball Marquette at DePaul. From Wintrust Arena in Chicago.	Women's College Basketball Kansas at Kansas State.					
HALL	52	183	"Wedding March 3: Here Comes the Bride" (2018, Comedy) Jack Wagner, Josie Bissett. Olivia and Mick host their families at the inn.	"Royal Hearts" (2018, Comedy) Cindy Busby, Andrew Scott, James Brolin. Premiere. Kelly and her father, Hank, discover that he is now a king.	The Golden Girls "The Engagement"	The Golden Girls "The Engagement"	The Golden Girls "Rose the Prude"					
HGTV	39	112	House Hunters	House Hunters	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	House Hunters Renovation (N)	Log Cabin Living	Log Cabin Living	Fixer Upper		
HIST	45	110	American Pickers "High Energy Crisis"	American Pickers	American Pickers "My Sweet Ford"	(:09) American Pickers (DVS)	(:08) American Pickers (DVS)					American Pickers
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Sexual abuse at a private school.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A killer goes on a rampage in the city.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Tutuola's ex-brother-in-law is arrested.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A rape victim is arrested for murder.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A man brutally attacks other men.					Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "A Neighbor's Deception" (2017) Ashley Bell, Gates McFadden.	"Framed by My Fiance" (2017, Suspense) Premiere. A man frames his unconscious fiancee for a deadly accident.	Katrina Bowden, Jason-Shane Scott. Premiere. A disgraced agent must rescue the president. (DVS)	(:02) "Deadly Delusion" (2017, Suspense) Haylie Duff, Mike Faiola, Teri Polo. Julia is convinced that her demons have moved with her.						(12:01) "Framed by My Fiance" (2017)
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams	Deadline: White House (N)	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	Dateline				
NICK	16	210	"Blurt" (2018) Jace Norman.	The Thundermans	Knight Squad (N)	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	64	153	(5:00) John Wick	*** "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon. An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit.	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) Matt Damon, Franka Potente.							
SYFY	58	152	(5:03) *** "Conan the Barbarian" save him.	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley. Jack Sparrow's friends join forces to	Futurama "Three Hundred Big Boys"	Futurama "Spanish Fry"	Futurama "Bend Her"					
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Bottle Deposit"	Seinfeld "The Wait Out"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	The Detour "The Boat"	Drop the Mic
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "My Favorite Year" (1982, Comedy) Peter O'Toole.	*** "Cat Ballou" (1965, Western) Jane Fonda, Lee Marvin, Michael Callan. A schoolmarm seeks revenge on her father's killer.	*** "Harry and Tonto" (1974, Drama) Art Carney, Ellen Burstyn, Chief Dan George. A 72-year-old man makes a cross-country trip with his cat.	*** "Harry and Tonto" (1974, Drama) Art Carney, Ellen Burstyn, Chief Dan George. A 72-year-old man makes a cross-country trip with his cat.						(12:15) "There Will Be Blood" (2007)
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes to the Dress (N)	(:04) Say Yes: Wedding SOS (N)	(:04) Say Yes to the Dress	(:04) Say Yes to the Dress					Say Yes: SOS
TNT	23	158	(5:00) *** "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. (DVS)	** "Olympus Has Fallen" (2013, Action) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman. A disgraced agent must rescue the president. (DVS)	(:15) ** "Real Steel" (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo. A boxing promoter and his son build a robot fighter. (DVS)	(:15) ** "Real Steel" (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo. A boxing promoter and his son build a robot fighter. (DVS)						
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.
TV LAND	55	161	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens
USA	25	132	(5:30) *** "Bridesmaids" (2011) Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. (DVS)	** "The Wedding Ringer" (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Josh Gad. Premiere. A groom must hire a best man for his upcoming nuptials. (DVS)	Falling Water "Nothing Personal" Burton faces his past. (N) (DVS)	(:01) *** "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates.						
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds "The Perfect Storm"	Criminal Minds "Psychodrama"	Criminal Minds Critical decision.	Criminal Minds "The Boogeyman"	Criminal Minds "North Mammon"	Criminal Minds				
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Bellevue "How Do I Remember?"	Person of Interest "The Devil's Share"	Person of Interest	

'Notes From the Field' gives viewers much to ponder

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Art and activism mix in "Notes From the Field" (8 p.m. Saturday, HBO, TV-MA), the latest politically charged one-woman show from Anna Deavere Smith. Viewers may recognize her from "The West Wing," "Nurse Jackie" and "black-ish."

In "Notes," Smith portrays 18 different characters, all real people, delivering their words as she interprets the rage and frustrations of students, teachers, preachers and unemployed young men living in a society that seems to "invest" more in prisons than schools.

Her many characters include NAACP official Sherrilyn Ifill, who makes a concise and compelling case describing a failed education system as a school-to-prison pipeline. On the other side of the argument, she plays Tony Eady, a student concern specialist at North Charleston High School who is exhausted from dealing with generations of disrespectful kids. Smith then inhabits the person of street-smart deli worker Kevin Moore, who shot video of the police beating of Freddie Gray, as well as Niya Kenny, who faced punishment for a video of another police beating.

Smith portrays the imprisoned and the powerful, as well as the resilient and the resigned. To call this a moving experience is an understatement. It is also probably best described as a theatrical performance. "Notes" opened in late 2016 at a repertory theater in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and quickly moved to off-Broadway. It has an intimacy that's likely best experienced live.

The 2018 Winter Olympics concludes (8 p.m. Sunday, NBC). Athletes and competitors join in the spectacle of the closing ceremony from the PyeongChang Olympic Stadium in South Korea.

Whatever the ultimate ratings, the Olympics remain a marvel in that they dominate the prime-time landscape with broadcasts of winter games that few Americans play. Some naysayers took note that viewership of the games last Presidents Day weekend fell to "only" 16 million. Compare that to the World Series last fall, which averaged 19 million

viewers per game. And imagine a World Series that went on for two weeks! I guess I'm a glass-half-full guy, but when I read that "only" 16 million people watched Russian skaters and Canadian curlers competing in South Korea, I'm more than slightly impressed.

Perhaps the biggest take-away from the Olympics broadcast has been the emergence of commentators Tara Lipinski and Johnny Weir as the faces of NBC's coverage. Their colorful wardrobes and Weir's ever-shifting hairstyles are custom-made for the era of social media, inspiring countless tweets.

While Weir's getup may be very 21st century, he's hardly the first sportscaster to don an outrageous getup for attention. I'm old enough to remember a sportscaster named Lindsey Nelson who ushered in the era of color television by wearing the most outrageous sports jackets imaginable. Folks tuned into New York Mets and college football games just to gawk at Nelson's ugly ensembles. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Beyond the surface, Lipinski and Weir also brought Olympic experience to their performance, as well as elements often lacking in television sports commentary -- camaraderie, spontaneity and wit. They were a welcome relief from the usual Olympic menu of heavy-handed jingoism, emotional manipulation and endless cliches. They were entertaining, colorful and inspired millions of Americans to stay up past their bedtimes to watch exotic, arcane sports spectacles. The Tara and Johnny Show has a bright future in broadcasting.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Coverage of the 2018 Winter Olympics (8 p.m., NBC) includes figure skating and bobsled.
- The Golden State Warriors host the Oklahoma City Thunder in NBA action (8:30 p.m., ABC).
- A woman's bad beau forces her to take the rap in the 2017 shocker "Framed by My Fiance" (8 p.m., Lifetime).
- A young woman and her father discover they are heirs to a royal existence in the 2018

fairly tale "Royal Hearts" (9 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).

- An old man (Art Carney) and his cat travel across America in director Paul Mazursky's 1974 drama "Harry and Tonto" (10 p.m., TCM). To everyone's surprise, Carney won the Best Actor Oscar for "Tonto," beating out Al Pacino in "The Godfather, Part II."

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): Syrian gas attacks on civilians; a profile of photographer and street artist JR; an interview with actress Jennifer Lawrence.
- A winner emerges on "Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" (8 p.m., CBS).
- An office tragedy provokes questions on "Counterpart" (8 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).
- The holidays bring heightened emotions on "Victoria" on "Masterpiece" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).
- The six-part series "The Radical Story of Patty Hearst" (CNN) concludes with the explosive end to the SLA (9 p.m.) and Hearst facing trial and public scrutiny (10 p.m.).
- Crisis requires hard choices as season eight of "The Walking Dead" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA) resumes.
- Audrey gets too much attention on "Here and Now" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Carrie comes to a sobering conclusion on "Homeland" (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).
- Ash's placid life as a local hero comes to a rude conclusion as "Ash vs. Evil Dead" (9 p.m., Starz, TV-MA) returns for a third season.



From left, Andrew Lincoln stars as Rick Grimes, Chandler Riggs as Carl Grimes and Danai Gurira as Michonne in "The Walking Dead," which returns at 9 p.m. Sunday on AMC.

- Brandon puts his job on the line on "The Chi" (10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).
- Talk radio firebrand Mark Levin gets a Sunday night perch on "Life, Liberty & Levin" (10 p.m., Fox News).

CULT CHOICE

A naive young woman (Teresa Wright) slowly comes to realize that her beloved uncle (Joseph Cotten) is a man wanted as the "Merry Widow Killer" in the 1943 thriller "Shadow of a Doubt" (8:10 p.m. Saturday, Starz Encore). Director Alfred Hitchcock ranked "Shadow" as his personal favorite.

SATURDAY SERIES

Stuck inside on "Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" (8 p.m., CBS) * "UFC Fight Night" (8 p.m., Fox) * "NBA Countdown" (8 p.m., ABC) * Two helpings of "48 Hours" (9

p.m. and 10 p.m., CBS, r).

SUNDAY SERIES

Grandpa's perception sharpens on "The Simpsons" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * The women share stories on "The Bachelor" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14) * Robots take over on "Ghosted" (8:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * Peter moves with a cooler crowd on "Family Guy" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * A cockpilot rival takes over on "LA to Vegas" (9:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * A charity is suspected of illegal arms trading on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * New notions of men's swimwear on the season finale of "Shark Tank" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A student's injury sends Jack to "teacher jail" on "A.P. Bio" (10:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

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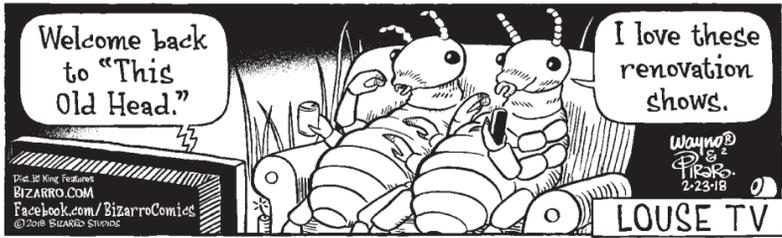
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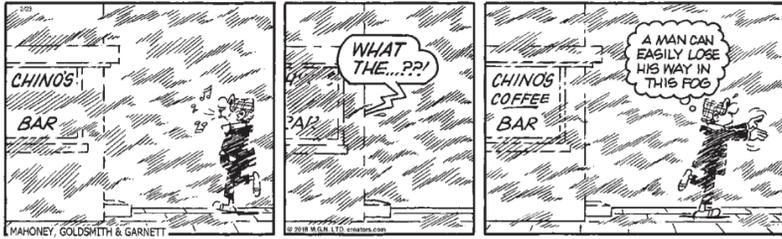
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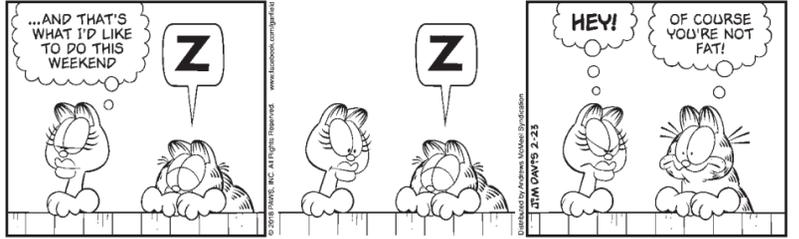
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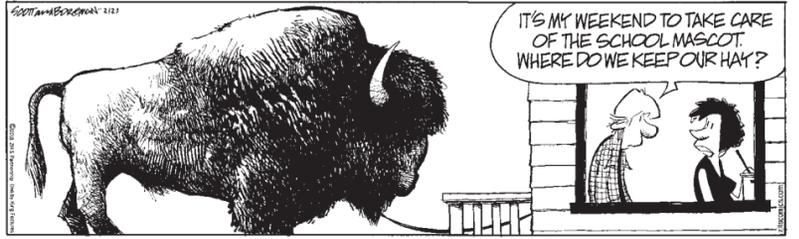
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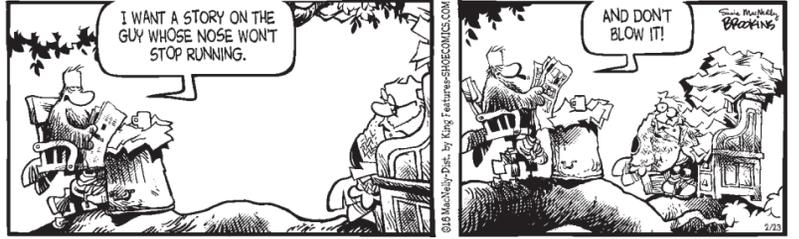
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Parents fail to keep promises to help ailing daughter



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I suffer from a debilitating, rare, chronic illness. Two years ago, my parents convinced me to move across the country to live with them in a city I've never lived in. They promised it would be "only for a year," they'd pay the cost of moving and finance a "year of wellness." I was to receive acupuncture, massage therapy, physical therapy, help from doctors, a personal trainer, etc. They paid to move me, but have not followed through with any of their promises to

help treat my disorder. What's more, I have had to fit an entire apartment's worth of furniture and other items into a small bedroom, and I'm not allowed to use the rest of the house. Now that I am here, I can't afford to pay to move back east or possibly find a place to live or work without being established in this new city. Is there a way to address the predicament I am now in and the fact that they relocated me without keeping their promises? I'm extremely shy and have made no friends in this town these past two years.
Desperate daughter

are a prisoner in your parents' home. Contact your doctor back east about what has been going on. Of course, if you have friends there, you should alert them, too. You will not get better living as you are. For your parents to have promised help and reneged is inexcusable. If there is an organization that supports your rare illness, it should be contacted too. Please do not wait. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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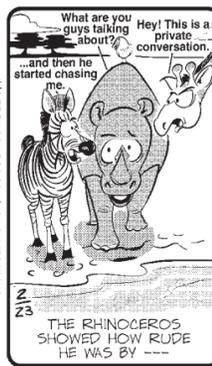
CANUNE

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MESSY DOUSE FLINCH EMBODY

Answer: The company couldn't make a profit selling origami, so the — BUSINESS FOLDED



THE RHINOCEROS SHOWED HOW RUDE HE WAS BY

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

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

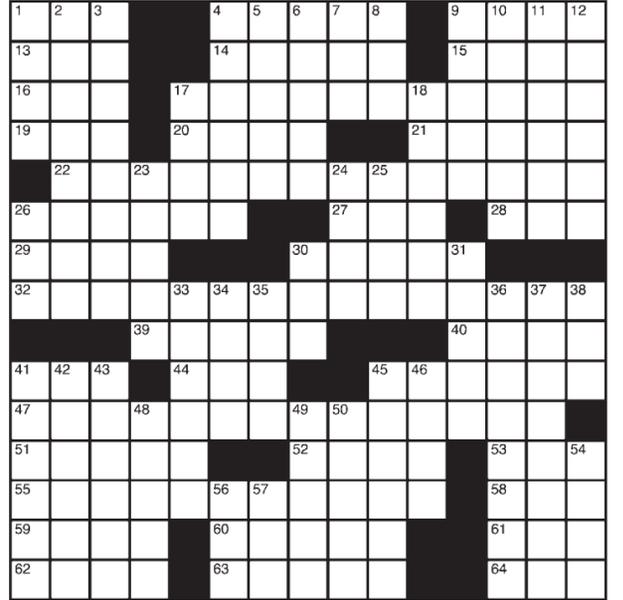
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Jeffrey Wechsler

2/23/18

ACROSS

- 1 Med. recording
- 4 Type sizes
- 9 "___, then ..."
- 13 Post: Nassau County, N.Y. school
- 14 Spectacle
- 15 Haunted house sound
- 16 Letters on a communications corp. logo
- 17 *Dog that really needs a bath?
- 19 The Gray Lady of the press: Abbr.
- 20 Exile of 1979
- 21 Els on greens
- 22 *Donkey that has mastered the hurdles?
- 26 AB negative, among blood types
- 27 Cockpit no.
- 28 Prepared
- 29 Big Ben feature
- 30 Odysseus' faithful dog
- 32 *Holiday employment schedule in "Animal Farm"?
- 39 Friend of d'Artagnan
- 40 Unsullied
- 41 One-fifth of MD
- 44 Swindle

- 45 Any Beatle, say
- 47 *Offer to acquire a rising agent?
- 51 Give one final flicker
- 52 Greatly reduced sea
- 53 Old possessive
- 55 When required ... or a terse hint to solving the starred clues
- 58 Where Simone Biles won four golds
- 59 Welsh actor Roger
- 60 Subway entrance
- 61 Lake Mich. state
- 62 Criteria: Abbr.
- 63 Thompson of "Cred"
- 64 Org. with a tee in its logo

- very hard": Maya Angelou
- 10 Regional animal groups
- 11 "Forrest Gump" actor
- 12 Most stale
- 17 Voids
- 18 Bully
- 23 toast
- 24 Baby food array
- 25 Bit of aquatic life
- 26 Nutritional fig.
- 30 Cadillac compact
- 31 Hue of many Renaissance drawings
- 33 Long list substitute, briefly
- 34 "Cat on ___ Tin Roof"
- 35 Xperia maker
- 36 Best
- 37 Causing to foam

- 38 Marshy expanse
- 41 Pleasures shared by Churchill and Castro
- 42 It might be stuffed at home
- 43 Like one who is beside oneself?
- 45 How land prices are often calculated
- 46 Lean (on)
- 48 Stab
- 49 Refreshing spot
- 50 Range with one end in Kazakhstan
- 54 Small figure wielding much force?
- 56 Del. winter hrs.
- 57 Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.

Previous Puzzle Solved

BED	ASSOC	MILLE
AMI	RHINO	OBIES
JIML	HRER	UNZIP
ALAIN	BETS	
GRAOE	CROSSING	
ASEI	RAPTOR	
TAC	PHEW	KASHA
RURAU	POPULATION	
ADELE	SASE	NWT
PIETAS	HATE	
POLIS	SAUSAGE	
HOOD	TGLOO	
SCOWL	BACKWOODS	
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