

## School board OKs study consultants

Reports could lead to school closures

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Two independent consultants were approved Monday to conduct studies that could impact the future of smaller, low-enrollment schools in

the district.

After returning from executive session at its regular monthly meeting Monday, the Sumter School District's Board of Trustees approved Interim

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## Call leads to arrests in vehicle break-ins

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A phone call on Tuesday morning reporting a suspicious vehicle led to the arrest of two Sumter and two Camden, including two teens, men suspected of breaking into vehicles in the Idlewild subdivision of Sumter, officials said.

Sumter police were called to the area

about 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 13 after two men were reportedly seen getting out of a silver Chrysler 300 that was seen driving slowly through Idlewild, according to Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for the Sumter Police Department.

The reports indicated the men appeared

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## Young and young at heart in Sumter share what love means to them

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS adrienne@theitem.com

Candy and flowers topped the list of things students at F.J. DeLaine Elementary School would like to give or receive this Valentine's Day, while some of the students' vast imaginations resulted in more out-of-the-box responses. However, despite their young ages, some of the students seemed to be very knowledgeable on a subject that leaves many adults scratching their heads — love. And a few of Sumter's more experienced residents at Covenant Place shared their knowledge on love after dedicating years of research to the topic. See more responses and a video with this story at [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com).



**What do you want for Valentine's Day?**

"A puppy."

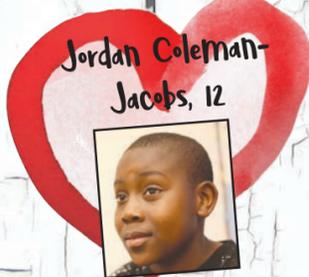
**What does love mean?** "If you love someone in your family. It feels good to be loved, and sometimes people feel great about it. And if somebody is in a foster home and if they get loved by somebody that adopts them."

**Who do you love?** "My family and my enemies."

**What would you give your Valentine?**  
"\$20, chocolate and a bouquet of flowers."

**What was the best Valentine's Day gift you ever received?** "When I got my first dirt bike."

**What more is there to learn about love?**  
"To trust one another and have faith in each other."



**What would be the best Valentine's Day gift?**

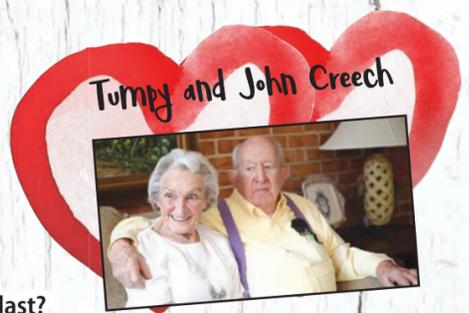
"I tend to like silly stuff. And he [Andy] finds the most adorable singing Valentines cards. My really best — I'll ask for it for Christmas, my birthday — is manure because I'm a gardener, and that's my favorite thing to do. He's lucky. See, most women want the expensive jewelry, and I just want dirt."

**How do you know you're in love?** "Well that is truly a good question because you know it from the inside and the out. You have a deep feeling of something greater than I can even express."

**How do you make love last?**  
"Put yourself second. Always be thinking of the other person rather than yourself."

**What was the best Valentine's Day gift you ever received?** "Best Valentines gift I got was when I married this girl."

**How do you make love last?** "Going the extra mile when you [don't] feel like doing it."



**Who would you buy a gift for, and what would the gift be?** "I would probably buy my dad an Apple Watch because he really wants it. My mom would probably be the happiest one because he bothered her for it for a long time."

**What does it mean to love someone?** "It's actually kind of good to love somebody because then you will have feelings for everybody. Just like you have a feeling for God. You should love your parents because they get you everything you want."

## The Sumter Item launches website redesign

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter Item launched a new website design this week as part of its continuous effort to give readers a better

experience and more ways to consume local news.

By going to the same URL, [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com), readers will see expanded listings of news stories, sports, lifestyles and

obituaries, with easy-to-find sections and layouts.

A new feature and focus of The Sumter Item is its video production services, Studio Sumter, which is launching a

daily news show, Sumter Today, today at [www.theitem.com/studiosumter](http://www.theitem.com/studiosumter) and continues to help partners and advertisers grow their reach.

"More readers read The

Sumter Item online this January than ever before in the paper's 124-year history," Publisher Vince Johnson

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## Fort Motte – ‘make no doubt we shall carry this post’

### Sumter museum hosts Revolutionary War exhibit

BY IVY MOORE

Special to The Sumter Item

Fort Motte, a Revolutionary War British outpost, is in Calhoun County less than 40 miles from Sumter, yet its history is unknown to many. An exhibit on the fort at the Sumter County Museum through March 24 aims to change that.

“The British found the area a good spot between Camden and Charleston,” Sumter County Museum Director Annie Rivers said. It was an important point on the British military’s supply route, as it was also on the Wateree and Congaree rivers.

The British commandeered the Calhoun County plantation of the widow Rebecca Motte, Rivers said, and occupied it as a fort until Gen. Francis “Swamp Fox” Marion and Col. Henry “Lighthouse Harry” Lee led American forces to retake it.

Rivers said Motte was instrumental in the American forces’ success.

“She gave Marion permission to burn her house,” Rivers said, “and she even provided the arrows to do it. She was a patriot.”

The capture of the fort by the Americans after a seven-day battle in 1781 was especially significant in leading to the “beginning of the end of the British occupation during the

American Revolution,” according to the exhibit’s guest curators, James B. Legg and Steven D. Smith.

Historical archaeologist Legg, with the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology for 30 years, specializes in military sites. Smith is the director of the institute and a research associate professor at the University of South Carolina. They have been involved with the archaeological work at Fort Motte since 2004.

The exhibit, titled “... make no doubt we shall carry this post,” The History and Archaeology of Fort Motte,” comprises more than a dozen panels and 12 reproductions of both American and British artifacts. Among the artifacts are fragments of weapons, ammunition, pottery, buttons, coins, arrowheads and more.

Maps and illustrations in the exhibit were “developed by the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum,” Rivers said.

Included among the other exhibits is an interactive one that allows children to “excavate” artifacts from Fort Motte, much as students, faculty and others have done since the 1960s through “work conducted by the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology and USC,” Legg said.



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Sumter County Museum Director Annie Rivers demonstrates an interactive element that allows children to “excavate” artifacts at Fort Motte much as archaeologists have been doing since the 1960s. The S.C. State Museum’s traveling exhibit about the Revolutionary War site can be seen at the museum through March 24.

The Sumter County Museum obtained the Fort Motte exhibition through the S.C. State Museum. It can be viewed in the museum’s Williams-Brice House, 122 N. Washington St., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thurs-

days through Saturdays. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for those ages 6 through 17. First responders and their families with ID will be admitted free Feb. 15 through 24. For information, call (803) 775-0908.

## LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Women’s guild holding coat, clothing giveaway

The Women’s Guild of St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic Church will hold a coat and clothing giveaway on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at the St. Anne location, 216 E. Liberty St. These items were donated by and to the parish for this purpose. Usually, the giveaway is held once a year in November, but because of a large increase in donations, the guild is able to offer coats and clothing to the Sumter community twice this year.

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## Dr. Doug visits Lemira

Dr. Doug, an internationally renowned oceanographer and geo-scientist, joined Lemira Elementary School second-graders in the STEM Lab. Chyna Whitted is closest to Dr. Doug with Sha’Zyria Prince watching at left. The students learned about matter and were able to explore science with the guidance of a chemist by using beakers to measure the mystery liquid and observing properties of different forms of matter. With more than 30 years of teaching experience at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Doug expanded his instruction to children and families in 2004 by creating science programming for EdVenture Children’s Museum in Columbia. Since 2006, he has introduced S.C. educators to a collection of standards-based science programs for elementary and middle school students.

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## Nonprofit gets \$10K donation for youth violence prevention

### Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands will hire additional educator

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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A nonprofit that serves sexual assault and abuse victims throughout Sumter, Clarendon and the Midlands wants to take South Carolina out of the top ranks for women being killed by men, and a recent anonymous donation will help its effort.

Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands received a \$10,000 donation

from a “Cheerful Giver” in recognition of the group’s Youth Violence Prevention Curriculum and vision for ending violence, according to Mary Dell, executive director.

“There is nothing more powerful we can do to break the cycle of violence than to make sure all children receive violence prevention education from educators who are trained to recognize and respond to trauma,” Dell said.

Dell said the donation has made it possible to hire an additional full-time prevention educator this summer to “increase access to violence prevention education for youth in Sumter and Clarendon counties.”

“While this grant is not specifically funding that work, it frees up some other areas of support to make that possible,” she said. “We’re really excited to continue to grow our team in Sumter and Clarendon.”

The Youth Violence Prevention Curriculum, which currently serves more than 3,500 local children a year, is a primary prevention, practice-based approach to ending violence by helping young people build communication, boundary setting, conflict resolution and other relationship skills that prepare them to have healthy friend and dating relationships, according to the nonprofit.

Youth are taught to safely inter-

vene to prevent interpersonal violence much in the way that the stop smoking campaign helped to dramatically reduce the number of smokers.

Information provided by the nonprofit says years of research and advocacy have established that these topics must be addressed in schools and other community settings — in addition to the home — to effectively stop the cycle of violence. In addition to implementation by STSM staff, a facilitator training model is available to the community so that local educators, guidance counselors and youth workers can implement the curriculum.

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# Remember to rest when muscles are sore from exercise

Whether you are still going strong with your resolution to exercise or just beginning an exercise program, the goal should be the same, to make gains without putting yourself out for a few days. With reality weight-loss shows putting participants through extremes, it's difficult for viewers to believe that results can come from anything other than the "No Pain, No Gain" approach.



Missy Corrigan

After a good workout, you should feel pumped and even more energetic. You may feel ready to conquer the next workout. That is, until you wake up the next morning barely able to sit or lift your arms over your head. Feeling sore the next day after a really challenging workout or even after you are starting a new exercise routine is normal. During exercise, microscopic tears occur in your muscle fibers, causing an inflammatory response as the damaged muscles repair. This can cause pain during the recovery process anywhere from 24 hours after activity and lasting up to seven days.

While this may seem unnerving, it is actually a good thing for the body. With any new exercise or activity, muscle soreness is most likely to occur. This process allows your muscles to become stronger and helps them adapt to the activity so the next time you are less likely to be sore or experience a long recovery time.

But without muscle dam-

age, your muscles won't grow or get stronger.

When your muscles are sore, it is important to rest. Exercising with sore muscles can delay recovery and increase risk of injury. Gentle movements such as walking and stretching may actually help make muscle fibers more fibrous. However, extreme soreness can be dangerous and be counterproductive. When muscles are sore, they leak proteins from their cells into the blood stream and can impair kidney function. So it's important to progress slowly and stay well-hydrated to prevent protein buildup in the blood.

Although taking anti-inflammatories can make you feel better, there is very little you can do to prevent muscle soreness or to recover faster. Experts recommend following these steps to reduce muscle soreness:

- Warm up with cardio and range of motion work to get the blood flowing throughout muscles and joints;
- Be sure to consume fruits, vegetables, proteins and starchy carbohydrates to support muscle repair;
- Stretch after each exercise session; and
- See a physician if any pain lingers after seven days or returns with light exercise.

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# 4 alternatives for when your 401(k) doesn't cut it

BY ANNA-LOUISE JACKSON  
NerdWallet

There's a finite list of things you can change at work — and your employer's less-than-stellar retirement plan probably isn't among them.

What makes for a lousy 401(k) is somewhat in the eye of the beholder, but characteristics may include limited offerings, high fees or no company match. The following four alternatives can ensure your employer's retirement plan (or lack thereof) doesn't derail your plans for retirement.

## OPEN AN IRA

An individual retirement account, either of the Roth or traditional variety, can help solve for an employer-sponsored plan plagued by lackluster options and high fees. An IRA provides comparable tax benefits to a 401(k) but with a broader array of assets and generally lower associated fees.

Take exchange-traded funds, for example. These darlings of the investment world still aren't offered in a majority of 401(k) plans, according to data from the Investment Company Institute, a trade group. With an IRA, you'll gain access to ETFs, along with stocks, options and bonds; meanwhile, most employer-sponsored plans are confined to mutual or index funds.

There's one major downside of IRAs, however. These accounts carry a lower maximum contribution threshold for tax-benefit purposes than a

401(k): \$5,500 versus \$18,500 for workers under age 50. The limits increase to \$6,500 and \$24,500, respectively, for people 50 and older.

Other good-to-knows: Roth IRAs have income eligibility limits, whereas traditional IRAs don't (though traditional IRAs do limit deductions for high earners who also have access to an employer plan). The main difference between the accounts is when you're taxed: now with a Roth, upon distributions with a traditional.

Even if you have a good 401(k), an IRA is a wise choice — and opening one takes only minutes. Review IRA provider options.

## OPEN A TAXABLE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT

If an online brokerage account sounds like something reserved for people who trade stocks all day, think again. These accounts also serve the needs of long-term investors and are a good alternative to a conventional retirement account, especially if you're looking to invest more than the \$5,500 allowed for IRAs.

Like with IRAs, you'll have access to a broader array of investments than most employer-sponsored plans, along with discretion over what associated fees you'll pay. But there's a significant disadvantage: There's no tax break on contributions, so investments are made only after Uncle Sam takes his bite, and earnings will be subject to taxes, too.

There are a few silver linings to this approach, however.



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Brokerage accounts don't offer tax benefits, so the IRS imposes no limits on the amount of money you can set aside. For buy-and-hold investors, you'll only be taxed at long-term capital gains tax rates, which may be lower than ordinary tax rates, when you withdraw. Otherwise, selling investments you've held for less than a year will make profits subject to higher capital gains tax rates.

## GET CREATIVE

Even if you have a perfectly fine 401(k), there's good reason to pad your retirement nest egg with other accounts. The following alternatives aren't necessarily difficult to set up, but you'll need to make sure you qualify and follow the relevant rules.

Got a profitable side gig? Consider opening a SEP IRA (SEP is shorthand for simplified employment pension), which is a retirement account for business owners or self-employed workers. These accounts carry a higher contribution limit in theory — a whopping \$55,000 for 2018 — but that's if you're making a lot of money. Otherwise, the

Money not used for medical expenses can be withdrawn after age 65 and used for any purposes without penalty; earnings and interest will be taxed as income.

## SEEK SOLUTIONS INTERNALLY

Researching alternatives to a lousy 401(k) plan takes time and effort, and it sure would be easier if your employer just offered a better plan. If only, right?

Have you approached your human resources department about your 401(k)? After all, an attractive retirement plan is one of many benefits companies offer to attract — and retain — employees. Explain what you find lacking about the current plan and identify possible solutions for improvement.

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# Can gene therapy be harnessed to fight AIDS virus?

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
AP Chief Medical Writer

For more than a decade, the strongest AIDS drugs could not fully control Matt Chappell's HIV infection. Now his body controls it by itself, and researchers are trying to perfect the gene editing that made this possible.

Scientists removed some of his blood cells, disabled a gene to help them resist HIV and returned these "edited" cells to him in 2014. So far, it has given the San Francisco man the next best thing to a cure.

"I've been off medications for three-and-a-half years," he said. He even was able to keep the virus in check despite cancer treatments last year that taxed his immune system.

Chappell was lucky, though. Only a few of the 100 others in those experiments were able to stay off HIV drugs for a couple years; the rest still need medicines to keep HIV suppressed.

Now researchers think they can improve the treatment and are trying again to tackle HIV by doctoring DNA. New studies to test these tweaked approaches in people are getting underway.

"Gene therapy techniques have advanced greatly," said Dr. Otto Yang of the UCLA AIDS Institute, one place working on this. "A lot of people are thinking it's the right time to go back."

They include Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which is funding some of the new studies. He doesn't think the technique will become common because millions of people do well on existing treatments. But he says it could help those who can't easily control the virus and should be pursued because it holds potential for a cure.

"They're very bold, innovative techniques, mostly to try and cure people," he said. "It's worth trying because the science is there."

## ONE MAN'S CURE GAVE HOPE

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Matt Chappell, right, is checked by Dr. Christopher Schiessl during an appointment Jan. 26 at a medical center in San Francisco. For more than a decade, the strongest AIDS drugs could not fully control Chappell's HIV infection. Now his body does it by itself, thanks to the first gene-editing experiments in people.

to have been cured of HIV infection, a man who had a cell transplant a decade ago from a donor with natural immunity to the virus. The donor lacked a common gene that makes an entryway HIV uses to infect T cells, immune system soldiers in the blood.

The transplant gave the recipient that protection, but procedures like that are too risky and impractical for wide

use. Scientists have been trying to find a way to create similar immunity by altering some of a patient's own cells. They use a gene-editing tool called zinc finger nucleases, which cut DNA at a precise spot to disable the HIV entryway gene.

The California company that makes the editing tool, Sangamo Therapeutics, sponsored the initial studies.

"It worked; the T cells were edited," said Sangamo's president, Dr. Sandy Macrae. But it didn't work quite well enough: The altered T cells were outnumbered by T cells that were not altered and could still be infected.

Now, Dr. John Zaia at City of Hope, a research center in Duarte, California, is trying the approach with a twist. He's using blood stem cells — parent cells that produce many others. Once a stem cell is altered the benefit should multiply and last longer, Zaia said.

## THE SILVER LINING

Though the initial gene-editing experiments were disappointing, there was a silver lining. Patients in those studies had a big drop in the number of cells where HIV lurked in a dormant state — the so-called reservoir of silent disease.

At Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Dr. Rafick-Pierre Sekaly is trying to capitalize on that drop. His study will try the same gene editing — disabling the gene that makes the HIV entryway — while keeping patients on strong antiviral medicines for at least a year before discon-

tinuing them.

"As long as we're not able to get rid of this reservoir, we'll never be able to stop treatment," he explained.

The hope is that the medicines plus the altered cells will knock down the virus and reduce the reservoir to a point where the body can control any residual disease by itself, as Chappell seems to be doing.

## PROTECT AND ATTACK

University of Pennsylvania scientists are trying a two-part approach: Besides knocking out the gene for the HIV entryway, they're adding a gene to help T cells recognize and kill HIV. This second part is called CAR-T therapy, a treatment approved last year for treating cancer.

The new study's leader, scientist James Riley, is encouraged that some patients at Penn who were in the early studies kept HIV suppressed for nearly a year without drugs.

"You'd never know they were sick" even though the virus could still be detected, Riley said. "At some point, you're going to have confidence that it's not going to come back."

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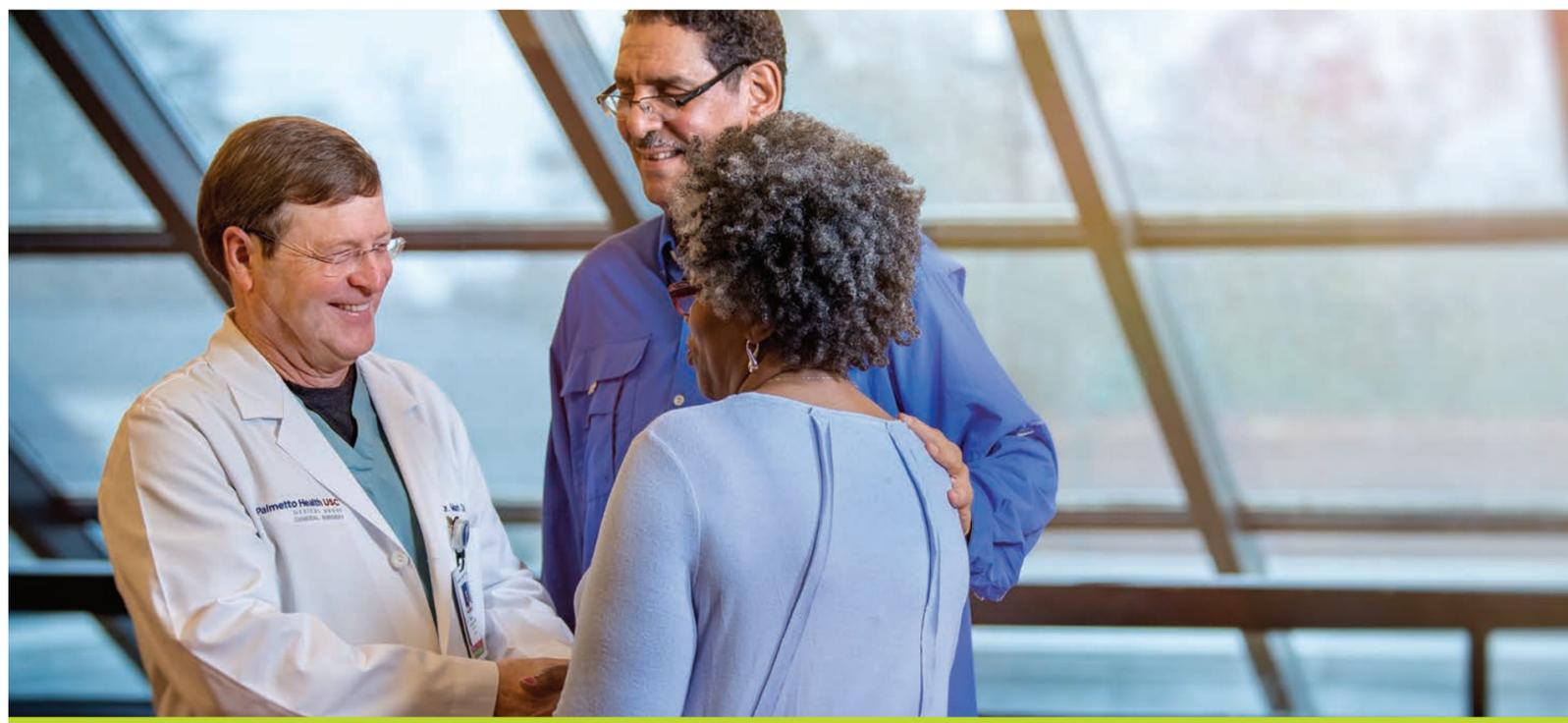
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# Principal recalls horror that ex-student was school shooter

ANDERSON (AP) — The horror felt by the principal of a South Carolina elementary school when someone began firing at her students on the playground became even worse when she recognized the shooter as a former student.

"He's been here. He knows where our kids are. He knows how we drill," Townville Elementary School Principal Denise Frederick testified on Tuesday.

Media outlets reported that Frederick took the stand at a hearing to determine if the teen will be tried as a juvenile or adult for two counts of murder — one for the shooting of his father in their home, and another for the first-grader killed at the school.

The teen, who turned 14 just weeks before the shootings in September 2016, gave up without going inside the school. In an interview with investigators played in court Monday, he said he loaded the wrong ammunition into the gun, and it jammed each time he fired at the school playground.

He said he thanked God for the gun jams, saying it prevented him from shooting more people.

Jacob Hall, 6, was shot in the leg and bled to death. A teacher was wounded in the shoulder and another student was hurt, but both survived.



AP FILE PHOTO

This Oct. 5, 2016, photo shows Dale Hall, dressed as Superman, next to the casket for his brother, Jacob Hall, at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville. A teenager charged with killing his father at his home and a first-grader on a school playground said he kissed his bunny Floppy and three dogs goodbye after shooting his father and then headed to the school to resume shooting, according to the boy's videotaped statement played in court on Monday.

Prosecutors want the teen tried as an adult, where he could face decades in prison if convicted. His attorneys want him tried as a juvenile, where he could be held only until his 21st birthday if found guilty.

The Associated Press is not using the defendant's name while he remains in the juvenile court system.

The teen's lawyers asked Frederick what she knew about his chaotic home life. He told investigators his father was a drunk who had loud arguments with his mother and tried to fight him. He said he spent most of his time locked in his room, posting to social

media or petting his bunny.

Don Smith, a lawyer assigned to be the teen's guardian, suggested in questions Monday that the teen's father might have had him kill chickens that weren't growing fast enough at the family's home. School officials did not know, and the guardian Smith did not elaborate.

The shooting forever changed Townville Elementary School, Frederick said, recalling a school event where a balloon popped, bringing back horrible memories for dozens.

"Our kids ask us: 'Is he coming back? Is he going to hurt us again?'" Frederick said.

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# Mattel doubles down on Uno with a new card game called Dos

BY JOSEPH PISANI  
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — What's next for Uno? Dos, of course.

Mattel is launching the new card game Dos next month in hopes of giving its nearly 50-year-old Uno brand a second life. Dos has similar rules as Uno, except players make two piles of cards and can throw down two cards at a time instead

of one.

It comes as Mattel tries to turn its business around, mainly by updating classic brands, such as Barbie dolls and Hot Wheels cars. The toy maker's revenue fell 11 percent last year, hurt by the bankruptcy filing of Toys R Us and the changing tastes of kids, who are increasingly reaching for a tablet instead of a toy.

Uno, however, was a bright

spot: The company says Uno sales were up 12 percent in 2017 from the year before. Mattel, which is based in El Segundo, California, has sought to sell Uno in more places, including dollar stores and video game shops. And it has also been chasing trends, releasing Uno cards with emojis, baby

animals or unicorns. An Uno smartphone app is in the works for the spring, and Mattel already has launched a way to play the card game through Facebook Messenger.

It may follow a similar strategy with Dos, says Ray Adler, who oversees Mattel Inc.'s games unit.

Dos, which costs \$5.99, will

first be sold at Target in March and then roll out to other stores in August.

It took two years to develop Dos, mainly to make sure playing the game was different enough from Uno. But don't expect to see Tres anytime soon, says Adler.

"We're happy where we are with Dos right now," he says.



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## WEBSITE FROM PAGE A1

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## ARRESTS FROM PAGE A1

to be checking vehicle door handles.

Officers stopped a vehicle matching the description on Springdale Drive off Loring Mill Road where the subdivision is located. Several book bags were in clear view in the back seat, according to agency information. When the four occupants were asked to exit the vehicle, officers also discovered two handguns.

Four men were taken into custody and booked at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center:

- Austin Cole Higgins, 23, of Camden;
- Blake Alexander Drown, 17, of Sumter;
- Mikkel Demond Bush, 23, of Camden; and
- Nickolas Francis Smith, 17, of Sumter.

Each suspect was charged with 15 counts of breaking and entering auto and unlawful carrying of a pistol. Drown and Smith were also charged with possession of a pistol under the age of 18.

Police have linked the suspects, who all have previous arrests including breaking and entering auto, to unlocked vehicles that were entered in the Idlewild area and Wren Street off Alice Drive, according to the department. It is unclear how they obtained the handguns that were found. An investigation is continuing.



BUSH



DROWN



HIGGINS



SMITH

## STUDIES FROM PAGE A1

Superintendent Debbie Hamm's recommendations for who will conduct a county population demographics study and a facilities assessment study.

The population study, which was approved for Templeton Demographics of Southlake, Texas, will include short-term and long-term enrollment projections in the district's schools. According to its website, Templeton has been conducting demographic and planning studies for school districts since 2002. The facilities assessment study of all the district's schools will be conducted by Cumming Corp., a national consulting firm with operations in 24 states, including South Carolina.

The two studies have been discussed by the board and superintendent for a few months. After a board Facilities Committee was formed and met on Oct. 20, the full board approved for Hamm to move forward with formally seeking proposers for the two studies at its Nov. 13 meeting.

According to the Facility Committee, chaired by at-large board member Wil-

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The Sumter County Branch of the NAACP held a community meeting Tuesday night regarding the potential closure of Mayewood Middle School at Eastern Community Center, 3675 E. Brewington Road. Read Thursday's Item for a full report from that meeting.

liam Byrd, both studies will provide a comprehensive look at existing schools' physical assets and needs and future facility utilization, which could factor into closing certain smaller, low-enrollment schools in the district.

Potentially closing low-enrollment schools has been a topic of the board for more than a year now, especially after the revelation of a financial budget crisis in December 2016 by district auditor Robin Poston.

The fiscal year 2016 audit report, released that month, revealed the district overspent by \$6.2 million that year and had an ending general fund balance on June 30, 2016, of \$106,449 — a critically low level, according to Poston. The district ended fiscal 2017 on an upward trend, however, with net income of

\$779,230 for an ending general fund balance on June 30, 2017, of \$885,679.

That fund balance is still relatively low, according to the district's new chief financial officer and new state Department of Education regulations on districts' required fund balances to have on hand.

Last year, before the district's new CFO came on staff, an outside financial consultant guided the district through its financial difficulties. In preparing this year's budget, the consultant recommended closing two low-enrollment schools at the end of last school year (F.J. DeLaine Elementary and Mayewood Middle schools) and two more at the end of this school year to build the district's fund balance back up.

The consultant, Scott Allan, projected closing the two schools last year would provide \$3.6 million in cost savings this fiscal year to add to the general fund. He said at the time cost savings would mostly come in the areas of utility costs and insurance for the facilities.

In late April, the board voted down the motion in a 4-2 split vote to close the two schools.

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# Winners, losers under Medicare drug plan in Trump budget

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some Medicare beneficiaries would face higher prescription drug costs under President Donald Trump's budget even as the sickest patients save thousands of dollars, a complex trade-off that may make it harder to sell Congress on the plan in an election year.

In budget documents, the administration said its proposals strike a balance between improving the popular "Part D" prescription benefit for the 42 million seniors enrolled, while correcting design flaws that increase program costs for taxpayers. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar is expected to testify on the proposal later this week in Congress.

Trump has made bringing down drug costs a top priority, but his administration's plan would create winners and losers. The high cost of medicines is the

leading health care concern among consumers.

Independent experts said the administration's plan will help beneficiaries with the highest prescription drug costs, an estimated 1 million of the sickest patients, whose individual bills reach a total of more than \$8,418 apiece.

But about 4.5 million seniors in the group just behind them could end up spending more of their own money. That's because the budget proposes a change in how Medicare accounts for manufacturer discounts received by patients whose total bills range between \$3,750 and \$8,418. They could wind up paying about \$1,000 more.

A senior Senate Democrat said the Trump plan missed the mark.

"Instead of picking winners and losers and leaving big pharma unscathed, the president should follow through on his promise to lower high drug prices by getting Republicans in Congress to work with Democrats on behalf of

Americans who are getting clobbered at the pharmacy counter," Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in a statement. Wyden is the ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee, which oversees Medicare.

"The package reduces costs for some but increases costs for others, and the effect on premiums is not clear," said Tricia Neuman, a Medicare expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. Also unclear is how the Trump plan interacts with changes to the Medicare prescription plan enacted by Congress just last week.

Medicare's prescription drug benefit is delivered through private insurance plans. Here's more detail on the trade-off for beneficiaries:

- The budget eliminates cost sharing for Medicare beneficiaries who reach the program's "catastrophic" coverage threshold, currently \$8,418 in total costs. Instead of paying 5 percent of the cost of their medications, the sickest pa-

tients would pay nothing. They'd be the winners.

• A second group just behind the sickest patients would lose ground financially. Currently Medicare counts manufacturer discounts received by patients in this group to calculate total spending that determines when they qualify for catastrophic coverage. That practice would stop, meaning beneficiaries would have to spend more of their own money to reach the threshold for the richer catastrophic coverage.

"It's complicated," Joe Baker of the Medicare Rights Center said. "The winners in this proposal are people with very high drug spending. The people who are the losers here are the people who are stuck in the middle."

In other Medicare drug changes, the budget calls for requiring insurers to share manufacturer rebates with patients, and it expands coverage for medications to treat substance abuse.

## Conservatives lash out at GOP spending binge

BY STEVE PEOPLES  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The GOP is the party of fiscal responsibility no more.

That's according to some conservatives who are grappling with a Republican-backed spending binge that threatens to generate trillion-dollar deficits for years to come while staining a cherished pillar of the modern-day Republican Party.

While President Donald Trump and his allies hope economic growth may ease future deficits, few fiscal conservatives cheered Monday's release of the president's \$4 trillion-plus budget, which would create \$7.2 trillion in red ink over the next decade if adopted by Congress. That follows congressional passage of last week's \$400 billion spending pact, along with massive tax cuts, which some analysts predict will push deficits to levels not seen in generations.

Deficit hawks in Congress and conservative activists who railed against President Barack Obama's spending plans called the GOP debt explosion "dangerous," "immoral" and "a betrayal."

American Conservative Union chairman Matt Schlapp warned the Republican-controlled Congress not to underestimate the impact of responsible spending for voters.

"If the Republicans in Congress don't realize that spending control is one of the most important issues that our winning coalition cares about, if they are cavalier about spending decisions, I think we do risk our ability to go to the voters and say it matters to have us in the majority," he said.

The conservative backlash against government spending comes at a delicate moment for Trump's Republican Party.

Barely a year into his first term, the populist president has shown inconsistent commitment at best to the three planks that have defined his party since the Reagan era: fiscal responsibility, traditional family values and a strong national defense. With the GOP's fiscal responsibility now in question, the party's commitment to family values also continues to suffer as Trump and some high-profile allies struggle under the weight of repeated allegations of sexual misconduct and abuse.

Fiscal discipline has long helped unify an otherwise divided GOP, but that no longer appears to be the case as Republicans brace for a difficult midterm election season.

Americans for Prosperity, the political arm of the network backed by the conservative billionaires Charles and David Koch, described the recent spending from Trump and Congress "a far cry from the so-called fiscal responsibility Americans heard on the campaign trail."



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### Meet the Mascots

**Soohorang** is the mascot of the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang 2018. Soohorang is a white tiger, which is considered Korea's guardian.

In Korean, **Soo** means *protection*. This part of the name was chosen to show that the \_\_\_\_\_ will offer protection to the athletes, spectators and other participants in the 2018 Games. **Rang** comes from the middle letter of **Ho-rang-i**, the Korean word for *tiger*.



### The Paralympic Games

**Bandabi** is the mascot of the Winter Paralympic Games. It is an Asiatic black bear. The bear is a symbol of strong will and \_\_\_\_\_ in Korea.



**Banda** means *half-moon*, which is the shape of the white mark on the bear's chest and **bi** means to celebrate the Games.

The Winter Paralympic Games is an international sporting event where \_\_\_\_\_ with physical disabilities compete. The Winter Paralympic Games are held every four years directly following the Winter Olympic Games.

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## COMMENTARY

# Is U.S. being sucked into Syria's war?

**C**andidate Donald Trump may have promised to extricate us from Middle East wars, once ISIS and al-Qaida were routed, yet events and people seem to be conspiring to keep us endlessly enmeshed.

Friday night, a drone, apparently modeled on a U.S. drone that fell into Iran's hands, intruded briefly into Israeli airspace over the Golan Heights and was shot down by an Apache helicopter.

Israel seized upon this to send F-16s to strike the airfield whence the drone originated. Returning home, an F-16 was hit and crashed, unleashing the most devastating Israeli attack in decades on Syria. Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu says a dozen Syrian and Iranian bases and anti-aircraft positions were struck.

Monday's headline on *The Wall Street Journal* op-ed page blared: "The Iran-Israel War Flares Up: The fight is over a Qods Force presence on the Syria-Israeli border. How will the U.S. respond?"

Op-ed writers Tony Badran and Jonathan Schanzer, both from the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, closed thus:

"The Pentagon and State Department have already condemned Iran and thrown their support behind

Israel. The question now is whether the Trump administration will go further. ... Secretary of State Rex Tillerson (has) affirmed that the U.S. seeks not only to ensure its allies' security, but to deny Iran its 'dreams of a northern arch' from Tehran to Beirut. A good way to achieve both objectives would be back Israel's response to Iran's aggression — now and in the future."

The FDD is an annex of the Israeli lobby and a charter member of the War Party.

Chagai Tzuriel, who heads the Israeli Ministry of Intelligence, echoed the FDD: "If you (Americans) are committed to countering Iran in the region, then you must do so in Syria — first."

Our orders have been cut. Iran has dismissed as "lies" and "ridiculous" the charge that it sent the drone into Israeli airspace.

If Tehran did, it would be an act of monumental stupidity. Not only did the drone bring devastating Israeli reprisals against Syria and embarrass Iran's ally Russia, but it also brought attacks on Russian-provided and possibly Russian-manned air defenses.

Moreover, in recent months Iranian policy — suspending patrol boat harassment of U.S. warships — appears crafted to ease tensions and provide no new causes for Trump to abandon the nuclear deal Prime Minister Hassan Rouhani regards as his legacy.

Indeed, why would Iran, which,

with Assad, Russia and Hezbollah, is among the victors in Syria's six-year civil war, wish to reignite the bloodletting and bring Israeli and U.S. firepower in on the other side?

In Syria's southeast, another incident a week ago may portend an indefinite U.S. stay in that broken and bleeding country.

To recapture oil fields lost in the war, forces backed by Assad crossed the Euphrates into territory taken from ISIS by the U.S. and our Kurd allies. The U.S. response was a barrage of air and artillery strikes that killed 100 soldiers.

What this signals is that, though ISIS has been all but evicted from Syria, the U.S. intends to retain that fourth of Syria as a bargaining chip in negotiations.

In the northwest, Turkey has sent its Syrian allies to attack Afrin, and President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has threatened Manbij, 80 miles to the east, where U.S. troops commingle with the Kurd defenders, and U.S. generals were visible last week.

Midweek, Erdogan exploded: "(The Americans) tell us, 'Don't come to Manbij.' We will come to Manbij to hand over these territories to their rightful owners."

The U.S. and Turkey, allies for six decades, with the largest armies in NATO, may soon be staring down each other's gun barrels.

Has President Trump thought through where we are going with this deepening commitment in

Syria, where we have only 2,000 troops and no allies but the Kurds, while on the other side is the Syrian army, Hezbollah, Russia and Iran, and Shiite militias from Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan?

Clearly, we have an obligation not to abandon the Kurds, who took most of the casualties in liberating eastern Syria from ISIS. And we have a strategic interest in not losing Turkey as an ally.

But this calls for active diplomacy, not military action.

And now that the rebels have been defeated and the civil war is almost over, what would be the cost and what would be the prospects of fighting a new and wider war? What would victory look like?

Bibi and the FDD want to see U.S. power deployed alongside that of Israel, against Iran, Assad and Hezbollah. But while Israel's interests are clear, what would be the U.S. vital interest?

What outcome would justify another U.S. war in a region where all the previous wars in this century have left us bleeding, bankrupt, divided and disillusioned?

When he was running, Donald Trump seemed to understand this.

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

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### GOVERNOR RESPECTS STATE'S VETERANS

*Editor's note: This letter was sent to Gov. Henry McMaster in Columbia.*

Dear governor,  
In your State of the State report on Jan. 24, 2018, you stated you wanted to eliminate the state income tax on retired veterans' retired pay.

I am a retired, disabled veteran, and I applaud you. On behalf of all veterans in South Carolina, we thank you for your proposed action.

Of course in the Legislature there are those who will oppose your plan. They do not understand the benefits of your plan.

A good number of

states have done this, and they are pleased with the results.

All the taxes we do not pay will be spent in the state, so the state will get all the money back in the form of sales taxes plus the extra one penny for special projects.

It will also induce more veterans to settle in South Carolina, meaning more revenue for the state. It is not a losing proposition.

I trust you will be able to pass this bill without undue legislation.

Thank you for your care and respect for the veterans.

CHARLIE PITTS  
Sumter

## COMMENTARY

# Small newspapers make a big difference for many reasons

*Editor's note: This column originally ran in the Feb. 7 edition of The Gazette, www.ourgazette.com.*

**O**f the many factors that contribute to a community's quality of life, one that's often under-appreciated is the local newspaper.

Small, weekly (or non-daily) publications are a form of public service. They bring us "good news" and recognize the efforts of hometown people who make a difference. On their pages you're likely to find news about youth achievements, civic club projects, charity fundraisers and church events that larger media outlets don't carry.

They knit the community closer together and help instill a sense of local pride.

Community newspapers boost the local economy. They offer low-cost advertising, which can be vital for



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smaller and independently owned businesses. They showcase local merchants; and with e-commerce giants such as Amazon grabbing more and more of the retail market, it's important to remember all that our hometown shops and stores have to offer.

Importantly, community newspapers help make local government more transparent. We're bombarded daily with headlines out of D.C., and there's ample coverage as well of goings-on at the state capital. Yet the actions of your town council, county council and school board — which tend to more directly impact your daily life — usually receive far less attention from the large media outlets. Many community newspapers

step in to fill the gap, covering meetings of local boards or councils or publishing columns from local officials.

Some serve as "watchdogs" that hold public officials accountable ... the "eyes and ears" that provide much-needed scrutiny and sound the alarm when something's amiss.

Many are forums for expression. By allowing residents to sound off on local issues, they help foster a civil exchange of ideas.

They nurture their communities and help foster citizen involvement. Communities thrive when regular folks get involved in some way — volunteering for a nonprofit, serving on a local board or commission or expressing a grievance at a local government meeting. A lot of times citizens only learn about these opportunities through the local newspaper.

Small, community-based newspapers develop a level of trust with

their readers that the national media lacks. The people who operate these newspapers live and work in your community. They're your neighbors. They share your values. They understand the issues and challenges you face because they face them too.

The publication you're reading strengthens your hometown in ways that are often overlooked. Readers who want to return the favor can do so by supporting the businesses that advertise on these pages. And however you get your news, make sure your community newspaper is always in the mix.

Small newspapers make a big difference.

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### AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MONDAY MEETINGS:

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

### TUESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

### THURSDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

### FRIDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

### SATURDAY MEETINGS:

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

### SUNDAY MEETINGS:

**Sumter MS Support Group** — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email [I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com](mailto:I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com) or [msmiles013@gmail.com](mailto:msmiles013@gmail.com).

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Cloudy	Mostly cloudy and mild	Near-record warmth	A thick cloud cover	Cooler; a p.m. shower or two	Rain and drizzle possible
66°	54°	79° / 63°	80° / 56°	65° / 49°	63° / 52°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 30%
SSW 3-6 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	WSW 8-16 mph	WSW 10-20 mph	SSE 7-14 mph	E 4-8 mph

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

### IN THE MOUNTAINS

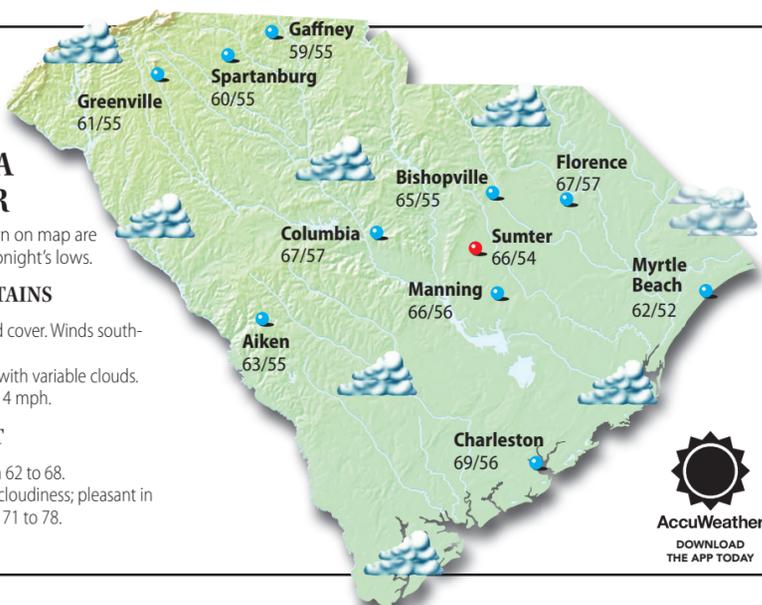
**Today:** A thick cloud cover. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.

**Thursday:** Warmer with variable clouds. Winds southwest 7-14 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** Cloudy. High 62 to 68.

**Thursday:** Variable cloudiness; pleasant in southern parts. High 71 to 78.



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
High	51°					
Low	46°					
Normal high	58°					
Normal low	35°					
Record high	77° in 1949					
Record low	11° in 1973					

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	trace
Month to date	0.60"	
Normal month to date	1.53"	
Year to date	2.64"	
Last year to date	4.96"	
Normal year to date	5.47"	

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.46	+0.11
Marion	76.8	75.01	+0.09
Moultrie	75.5	74.24	+0.23
Wateree	100	97.54	+0.15

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.77	-0.03
Congaree River	19	6.80	+0.62
Lynches River	14	9.10	+0.44
Saluda River	14	7.15	-0.12
Up. Santee River	80	80.73	-0.15
Wateree River	24	15.93	-0.08

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	Sunset	6:05 p.m.
Moonrise	6:23 a.m.	Moonset	5:09 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Feb. 15	Feb. 23	Mar. 1	Mar. 9

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:14 a.m.	3.0	2:23 a.m.	0.0
	8:18 p.m.	2.7	3:01 p.m.	0.0
Thu.	8:53 a.m.	3.1	3:04 a.m.	-0.1
	8:57 p.m.	2.8	3:38 p.m.	-0.1

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	66/58/c	72/62/c
Chicago	43/35/pc	41/27/r
Dallas	64/56/c	74/57/c
Detroit	40/36/pc	44/31/r
Houston	74/62/c	76/62/c
Los Angeles	66/50/pc	67/47/s
New Orleans	77/63/c	78/63/pc
New York	48/44/pc	61/51/pc
Orlando	80/62/pc	85/63/c
Philadelphia	52/46/pc	67/55/c
Phoenix	70/58/c	67/54/sh
San Francisco	59/45/pc	64/44/s
Wash., DC	58/51/c	72/60/c

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	62/53/c	73/56/c	Florence	67/57/c	80/65/c
Athens	65/56/c	75/63/c	Gainesville	74/56/c	80/56/pc
Augusta	68/57/c	79/61/c	Gastonia	62/57/c	75/64/c
Beaufort	68/57/c	78/62/c	Goldsboro	66/54/c	76/64/c
Cape Hatteras	56/51/c	64/56/c	Goose Creek	69/57/c	78/63/c
Charleston	69/56/c	80/63/c	Greensboro	57/51/c	73/62/c
Charlotte	61/56/c	76/64/c	Greenville	61/55/c	75/63/c
Clemson	60/57/c	73/64/c	Hickory	58/52/sh	75/60/c
Columbia	67/57/c	80/64/c	Hilton Head	66/56/c	73/62/c
Darlington	65/57/c	77/64/c	Jacksonville, FL	70/55/c	79/58/pc
Elizabeth City	61/51/c	72/62/c	La Grange	67/60/c	72/62/c
Elizabethtown	64/56/c	74/64/c	Macon	68/57/c	76/60/c
Fayetteville	66/55/c	78/63/c	Marietta	64/57/c	73/59/c
Marion	60/52/c	74/58/c	Mt. Pleasant	67/56/c	75/63/c
Myrtle Beach	62/52/c	73/61/c	Orangeburg	65/56/c	76/63/c
Port Royal	66/57/c	74/62/c	Raleigh	62/54/c	76/64/c
Rock Hill	62/56/c	74/63/c	Rockingham	64/55/c	77/63/c
Savannah	69/57/c	80/61/c	Spartanburg	60/55/c	73/62/c
Summerville	68/56/c	77/63/c	Wilmington	66/53/c	76/62/c
Winston-Salem	57/51/c	73/62/c			

## PUBLIC AGENDA

**CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3**  
Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

### The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You can dominate in your field if you are

cognizant of what's going on around you and know your limitations mentally, physically and financially. Change should begin within, not by trying to alter what others do or think.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Put your energy to good use. Refuse to let emotions take over and lead you into battle against someone you could really use on your team. Nurture relationships and offer incentives that will ensure future benefits and success.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Take ownership of whatever you do. Stand up and be counted and do your best to bring about positive change. Getting angry about things you don't like and actually doing something to make your life better are not the same thing.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Take action and do your part to cut back on expenses by searching for a cheaper way to live. Monitor your expenses and be reluctant to offer a cash donation when hands-on help will be cheaper and more effective.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Put more energy into personal accomplishments. Activities geared toward better health through exercise and proper diet will encourage positive change and the courage to reach your goals. A change in your personal finances looks promising.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Money matters, taxes, health issues and settlements should all be looked at carefully. Don't let anger get in the way of doing the right thing. Be

willing to compromise in order to cut your losses and move on.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Socialize, network and learn all the ins and outs of something that interests you in order to find the best way to achieve your goal. Your ideas are good and will bring about positive change if you go through the right channels.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the road less traveled. Look for peace of mind and tranquility, not anger and resentment. How you handle situations that affect your home and family will make a difference to the outcome. Positive thoughts and support are encouraged.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A passionate approach to life will help you bring about positive changes. Use your knowledge and let past experience help you pick and choose what's best for you. Don't let manipulative individuals test your patience or fuel your anger.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your energy to good use. Instead of getting involved in something that benefits someone else, focus on figuring out how you can best keep moving forward. A slow but steady pace is your best objective.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stand up and be counted. Do what you can for the underdog and show what you have to offer to those in a position of power. Navigate your way to success and you will outmaneuver any competition you meet along the way.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Channel your energy into something that will encourage you to learn. Take care of important documents, but don't share personal information with others. Refuse to let someone else take care of your affairs.

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## SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PET OF THE WEEK



**CAN'T ADOPT BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN SOME WAY? Sumter Animal Control will gladly accept donations of the following:** Capstar flea control pills (at Petco or Tractor Supply), bleach (gallons or spray bottle), metal food and water bowls in all sizes, towels, waterless pet shampoo, dog cologne, kibble, puppy food, newspapers and leashes and collars. You can also make a tax-deductible donation via Paypal at [sumtertrays@gmail.com](mailto:sumtertrays@gmail.com). One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

**TOP:** Jackie is a very young adult Labrador mix who is on the smaller side. She loves people and the company of other dogs, and we think she will be a great Frisbee player. If you have a family, or are just looking for a loving and intelligent young companion, Jackie would be so happy to be your best buddy. Jackie is in kennel 28 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road.

**BELOW:** Our little lowrider, Melina, is in a class by herself. This charmer has looks and personality to spare. A young adult, Melina is a happy little nugget who is ready for a lifetime home that will give her the security she deserves. In return, you will have the pleasure of her smile and adoration. At Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, kennel 30, Melina is just a joy.

We have many other adoptable dogs, as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Please check our page at Sumter Animal Control on Facebook, or call our volunteer coordinator at (803) 774-3232 to set up a meet and greet, or email [rescuesumtersc@gmail.com](mailto:rescuesumtersc@gmail.com).

## PREP BASKETBALL



# Hitting their strides

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Lakewood's Grant Singleton (5) looks for room to move as a trio of Crestwood defenders close in during the Gators' overtime victory over their archrivals on Jan. 19, at The Swamp.

## Sumter, Lakewood boys teams feeling good entering state playoffs

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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The varsity boys basketball teams from Sumter and Lakewood high schools had high expectations entering the 2017-18. Both stumbled a bit coming out of the gate, but they hit their strides once region play began and brought home region crowns.

### PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

#### TODAY BOYS

**5A** Goose Creek at Sumter, 7 p.m.  
**4A** Dreher at Lakewood, 7 p.m.  
**2A** Eau Claire at Lee Central, 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY GIRLS

**3A** Manning at Dillon, 7 p.m.  
**1A** Cross at East Clarendon, 7 p.m.  
Hannah-Pamplico at Scott's Branch, 7 p.m.

Now they hope to ride that momentum to a deep, deep run in their respective state

playoffs, which begin today. SHS will play host to Goose Creek in the first

round of the 5A state playoffs, while Dreher will come to The Swamp to take on the Gators in the 4A playoffs

Starting time for both contests is 7 p.m.

Both Gamecock head coach Shawn Jones and LHS head coach Bryan Brown like where their respective squads are at this point.

SEE **PLAYOFFS**, PAGE B2

## PREP BASKETBALL

# Seven local players named to All-State hoops teams

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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Seven local basketball players — three boys and four girls — have been selected to their respective South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association All-State teams.

Sumter High School has two players on the 5A boys team -- senior Isiah Moore and junior Calvin Felder. Lakewood's Grant Singleton is the other local boys player, chosen to the 4A team.

Among the girls, Crestwood's Jah'Che Whitfield was selected to the 4A squad, Manning's Mahogany Green to the 3A team, Lee Central's Robionne Myers to the 2A team and East Clarendon's Talaysia Cooper to the 1A squad.

Each was one of 15 players from throughout the state chosen to each of the 10 All-State squads.

Jimmy Nichols of Conway, which is a region foe of Sumter's, was selected as the 5A Boys Player of the Year. The other boys Players of the Year are Alex Caldwell of Wilson in 4A, Jermaine Patterson of Bluffton in 3A, Juwan Gary of Gray Collegiate in 2A and Darius Taylor of Hemingway in 1A.

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## AUTO RACING

# Danica 2.0? NASCAR looking for more female drivers

BY MARK LONG  
The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Danica Patrick and Natalie Decker shared a hug and a little chitchat as they crossed paths at Daytona International Speedway last week.

They wished each other luck in their respective races during the brief exchange.

Decker probably could have tossed in a hearty "thank you."

Although Patrick's NASCAR success never matched the attention she received for standing out in a male-dominated sport, her six-year stint in the Cup Series seemingly set the groundwork for other women to follow.

"There's so many younger girls that are fast — they're like 10 years old, 12 years old — and they're racing everything and anything," said the 19-year-old Decker, who started on the pole and finished fifth in the ARCA Series season opener at Daytona. "Dirt cars, go-karts, full-size cars already. They're coming up and they're going to be here faster than you know it."

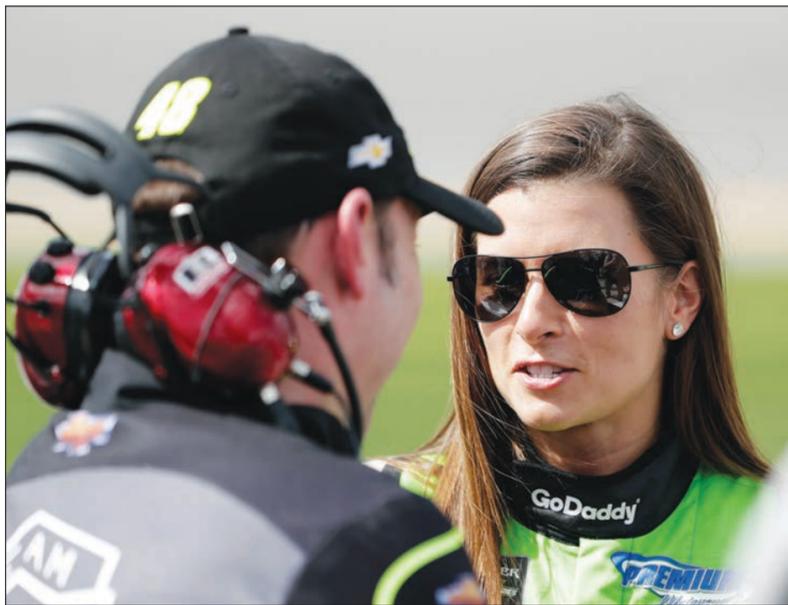
Probably not fast enough to avoid having an all-male Cup lineup in 2019.

But several female drivers believe Patrick will end up playing as prominent a role in NASCAR history as trailblazers Janet Guthrie and Shana Robinson.

"Let's face it: Racing has been a man's sport for many, many years, and there's been very few women that have ever made it to the top level," said 43-year-old Leilani Munter, a part-time driver in the ARCA Series since 2010. "Of those, very few girls have actually had an opportunity to run full time. To get a win, you need to be out there on a regular basis. For me, the biggest challenge has always been finding sponsorship."

That's the case for every driver, regardless of gender, age or ethnicity.

A lack of sponsorship ultimately cost Patrick, once among the most marketable drivers in motorsports, her ride at Stewart-Haas Racing last season. Patrick, 35, is making her final NASCAR start at the Daytona



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Danica Patrick, right, talks with Jimmie Johnson's crew chief Chad Knaus during qualifying for the Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday in Daytona Beach, Florida.

SEE **NASCAR**, PAGE B2

## PRO BASEBALL

# Young outfielder Acuna player to watch for rebuilding Braves

Atlanta Braves manager Brian Snitker, the former Sumter Braves manager, is hoping to face some tough decisions with young outfielder Ronald Acuna at the end of March. That would mean such top prospects as Acuna and Austin Riley have made such good impressions in Florida that it would be difficult to leave them off the Braves' opening day roster.

AP FILE PHOTO



BY CHARLES ODUM  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brian Snitker is hoping to face some tough decisions at the end of March.

That would mean such top prospects as Ronald Acuna and Austin Riley have made such good impressions in Florida that it would be difficult to leave them off the Braves' opening day roster.

For Snitker, the third-year manager, that'd be great news for Atlanta's future.

Acuna, 20, an outfielder with power, speed and strong defense, is Atlanta's player to watch. He was the most valuable player of the Arizona Fall League, the youngest ever to earn that honor, and Baseball America's No. 1 prospect.

The young native of Venezuela impressed the Braves last spring on his

visits from the minor league camp. Even at 19, he looked ready for the major leagues.

"If you want to get right down to it, he probably made our club as a fence-jumper last year, really," Snitker said. "... It's going to be even more fun this year to have him in camp every day and see what the kid brings."

The Braves would gain a seventh year of contractual control if Acuna spends a few weeks at Triple-A Gwinnett before making his major league debut. He could make the decision difficult by outplaying his competition.

"He's a very talented young man," Snitker said. "... He's probably going to make it hard on us."

The Braves helped to clear Acuna's path to the majors — and salary space in 2019 — by trading Matt Kemp to the Dodgers.

SEE **BRAVES**, PAGE B3

COLLEGE BASEBALL

# TCU going for 5th College World Series appearance in a row

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — TCU is looking for some history. A deep pitching staff could lead the way for the Horned Frogs.

TCU heads into the 2018 baseball season looking to join Stanford as the only programs to make five straight College World Series appearances since the NCAA went to its current tournament format in 1999.

The Horned Frogs have the makings for one of the top pitching staffs in the nation, led by starters Jared Janczak, Nick Lodolo and Sean Wymer and closer Durbin Feltman.

The biggest question mark is their everyday lineup. Five newcomers probably will start, joining first baseman Luken Baker, right fielder Connor Wanhanen and left fielder Josh Watson.

“We talk a lot, especially this year, about resetting to zero because last year’s group was awesome and the year before that was awesome and the year before that as well,” Wanhanen said. “This is a completely different team.”

TCU is a consensus top-10 team nationally and picked to finish behind two-time defending champion Texas Tech in the Big 12. D1Baseball.com selected shortstop Adam Oviedo for its preseason freshman of the year and Baker as its player of the year in the Big 12.

Baker missed the last 21 games of last season after injuring his left (non-throwing) arm in a collision at first base. He was the 2016 freshman of the year and is batting .355 with 103 RBIs in 114 career games.

“Everything is all healed up 100 percent,” Baker said.

Seven programs have reached the CWS at least five years in row. Miami has done it twice, and Oklahoma State made a record seven consecutive appearances from 1981-87.

TCU is going for its sixth trip to Omaha since 2010. The Frogs have yet to win a national title. Their last two CWS appearances ended with bracket-final losses to eventual champions Coastal Carolina (2016) and Florida (2017).

Ten other teams to watch:



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Florida pitcher Brady Singer (51) throws in the first inning of Game 1 of the NCAA College World Series finals against LSU in Omaha, Nebraska, last May. The defending national champion Gators are No. 1 in every major preseason poll. Five everyday starters are back, and the pitching rotation is headed by projected first-round picks Brady Singer and Jackson Kowar.

- **FLORIDA:** The defending national champion Gators are No. 1 in every major preseason poll. Five everyday starters are back, and the pitching rotation is headed by projected first-round picks Brady Singer and Jackson Kowar. The lineup gets a boost from the return of senior catcher JJ Schwarz (12 HR, 56 RBIs), who returned to school after falling to the 38th round of last year’s draft.

- **OREGON STATE:** The Beavers were beaten just four times before the CWS and then lost back-to-back games to LSU to fall short of a spot in the finals. Pac-12 player of the year Nick Madrigal leads a veteran lineup for the conference favorite. Luke Heimlich heads the pitching staff. He missed the super regional and CWS after the Oregonian newspaper reported he had pleaded guilty to a single count of molesting a 6-year-old girl when he was a teenager.

- **FLORIDA STATE:** It’s another season that begs the question whether this will be the year Mike Martin, who

### Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the preseason Baseball America poll (selected by the staff of Baseball America):

	Record	Prv
1. Florida	52-19	1
2. Oregon State	56-6	3
3. FSU	46-23	6
4. Arkansas	45-19	19
5. Texas Tech	45-17	12
6. UNC	49-14	11
7. TCU	50-18	3
8. Kentucky	43-23	9
9. Stanford	42-16	15
10. Texas A&M	41-23	10
11. Cal State Fullerton	39-24	7
12. Clemson	42-21	23
13. UCLA	30-27	NR
14. Texas	39-24	24
15. Virginia	43-16	12
16. Mississippi	32-25	NR
17. LSU	52-20	2
18. Vanderbilt	36-25	18
19. Louisville	53-12	5
20. Indiana	34-24	NR
21. Southern Miss	50-16	16
22. UCF	40-22	NR
23. Mississippi State	40-27	14
24. South Alabama	40-21	NR
25. St. John’s	42-13	NR

has led the Seminoles to the CWS 16 times, wins his first national title. Drew Mendoza leads what could be one of the nation’s most powerful lineups, and All-America lefty Tyler

## SCOREBOARD

### TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**5 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: ABN Amro World Tennis Tournament Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**Noon** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Daytona 500 Media Day from Daytona Beach, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**1 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: ABN Amro World Tennis Tournament Early-Round Matches and New York Open Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**2:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Champions League Round-of-16 First Leg Match — Paris Saint-Germain vs. Real Madrid (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**2:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Champions League Round-of-16 First Leg Match — Liverpool vs. Porto (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**6 p.m.** — College Basketball: South Florida at Central Florida (ESPNEWS).  
**6 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: ABN Amro World Tennis Tournament Early-Round Matches and New York Open Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Davidson at Virginia Commonwealth (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Duke (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Kansas State at Oklahoma State (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Orlando (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Villanova at Providence (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Clemson at Florida State (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Mississippi State at Vanderbilt (SEC NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Boston University at American (SPECTRUM 1250).  
**8 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Boston (ESPN).  
**8 p.m.** — College Basketball: East Carolina at Tulane (ESPNEWS).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: St. John’s at DePaul (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Kentucky at Auburn (ESPN2).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Memphis at Southern Methodist (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Seton Hall at Xavier (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Georgia Tech at Wake Forest (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**9 p.m.** — LPGA Golf: Women’s Australian Open First Round from Adelaide, Australia (GOLF).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Georgia at Florida (SEC NETWORK).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Golden State at Portland (ESPN).  
**11 p.m.** — College Basketball: Wyoming at San Diego State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**11 p.m.** — College Basketball: Nevada at Boise State (ESPN).

### NBA STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	39	16	.709	—
Boston	40	18	.690	½
Philadelphia	29	25	.537	9½
New York	23	35	.397	17½
Brooklyn	19	39	.328	21½

**Southeast Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	32	24	.571	—
Miami	30	26	.536	½
Charlotte	23	33	.411	9
Orlando	18	38	.321	14
Atlanta	18	39	.316	14½

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	33	22	.600	—
Milwaukee	31	24	.564	2
Indiana	32	25	.561	2
Detroit	27	29	.482	6½
Chicago	20	36	.357	13½

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	42	13	.764	—
San Antonio	35	23	.603	8½
New Orleans	30	26	.536	12½
Memphis	18	37	.327	24

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	18	39	.316	25

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	24	.593	—
Oklahoma City	32	25	.561	2
Portland	31	26	.544	3
Denver	30	26	.536	3½
Utah	29	28	.509	5

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	44	13	.772	—
L.A. Clippers	29	26	.527	14
L.A. Lakers	23	32	.418	20
Sacramento	17	38	.309	26
Phoenix	18	40	.310	26½

**TUESDAY**

Miami at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

**TODAY**  
 Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Indiana at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Boston, 8 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Golden State at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
 Denver at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
 2018 All-Star Game  
 Team LeBron vs. Team Stephen at Los Angeles, Calif., 8 p.m.

### NHL STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	56	38	15	3	79	201	149
Boston	54	34	12	8	76	180	131
Toronto	58	34	19	5	73	192	162
Florida	53	24	23	6	54	154	172
Detroit	54	22	23	9	53	147	165
Montreal	55	22	26	7	51	144	172
Ottawa	54	19	26	9	47	144	188
Buffalo	56	16	30	10	42	132	185

**Metropolitan Division**

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	55	32	17	6	70	173	161
Pittsburgh	57	31	22	4	66	176	171
Philadelphia	56	28	19	9	65	165	162
New Jersey	55	27	20	8	62	163	170
Carolina	56	26	21	9	61	151	166
Columbus	55	28	23	4	60	147	155
N.Y. Islanders	57	27	24	6	60	193	210
N.Y. Rangers	56	27	24	5	59	164	172

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	54	33	12	9	75	169	140
Winnipeg	56	32	15	9	73	179	151
St. Louis	58	34	21	3	71	167	147
Dallas	57	33	20	4	70	175	151
Minnesota	55	30	19	6	66	165	156
Colorado	55	30	21	4	64	174	163
Chicago	56	24	24	8	56	158	161

**Pacific Division**

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	55	36	15	4	76	187	152
San Jose	56	30	18	8	68	165	156
Calgary	56	29	19	8	66	159	159
Los Angeles	55	30	20	5	65	159	133
Anaheim	57	27	19	11	65	160	164
Edmonton	55	23	28	4	50	157	184
Vancouver	56	22	28	6	50	147	180
Arizona	56	14	32	10	38	135	194

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

**TUESDAY**  
 Los Angeles at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
 Columbus at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
 Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
 Calgary at Boston, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.  
 N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Chicago at Vegas, 10 p.m.  
 Arizona at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Columbus at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Montreal at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.  
 Florida at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
 Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
 N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
 Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
 Calgary at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Montreal at Arizona, 9 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Vegas, 10 p.m.  
 Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
 Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.  
 Colorado at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**WOMEN’S TOP 25 RESULTS**

Monday  
 1. UConn (25-0) beat No. 4 Louisville 69-58. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.  
 2. Mississippi State (26-0) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.  
 3. Baylor (23-1) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Oklahoma State, Tuesday.  
 4. Louisville (25-2) lost to No. 1 UConn 69-58. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.  
 5. Notre Dame (23-2) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.  
 6. Texas (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.  
 7. UCLA (21-4) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Oregon State, Friday.  
 8. South Carolina (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Georgia, Thursday.  
 9. Oregon (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.  
 10. Maryland (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.  
 11. Tennessee (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.  
 12. Florida State (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.  
 13. Missouri (20-5) beat Arkansas 84-58. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.  
 14. Stanford (18-8) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.  
 15. Oregon State (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 UCLA, Friday.  
 16. Ohio State (20-6) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Tuesday.  
 17. Duke (20-6) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Thursday.  
 18. Texas A&M (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Thursday.  
 19. Green Bay (22-2) did not play. Next: at Cleveland State, Thursday.  
 20. Georgia (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 South Carolina, Thursday.  
 21. Oklahoma State (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Baylor, Tuesday.  
 22. South Florida (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. SMU, Wednesday.  
 23. Michigan (20-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Wednesday.  
 24. Belmont (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Kentucky, Thursday.  
 25. N.C. State (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.

### TRANSACTIONS

**TUESDAY**

**BASEBALL**  
**MLB PLAYERS ASSOCIATION** — Announced the resignation of director of communications Greg Bouris.  
**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Gausman on a one-year contract.  
**TAMPA BAY RAYS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Sergio Romo on a one-year contract.  
**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Agreed to terms with LHP Craig Breslow on a minor league contract.  
**National League**  
**CHICAGO CUBS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Yu Darvish on a six-year contract and OF Peter Bourjos on a minor league contract.

Holton is back after striking out 144 in 119 1/3 innings last season.

- **TEXAS TECH:** The Red Raiders made it to the CWS in 2016 but were upset by Sam Houston State in regionals last year. They lost some big bats, but they have enough back to win the Big 12. They have one of the nation’s best lefties in 10-game winner Steven Gingery and a solid No. 2 starter in Davis Martin.

- **NORTH CAROLINA:** Like Texas Tech, the Tar Heels got knocked out of regionals by an upstart (Davidson). Three of the top four hitters are gone, so there are question marks about the offense. The pitching staff is young and talented, headed by 6-foot-6, 256-pound Gianluca Dalatri.

- **ARKANSAS:** The Razorbacks are picked to win the SEC West. Grant Koch hit a career-high 13 home runs last season, most by an SEC catcher, and No. 1 starter Blaine Knight is back after striking out 96 in 90 innings. The Hogs also should get a boost from pitcher Isaiah Campbell’s return from an elbow injury.

- **UCLA:** The Bruins usually aren’t an offensive juggernaut, but a young everyday lineup matured last season and their production should increase. Jon Olsen is back after going 7-1 as the staff ace.

- **CAL STATE FULLERTON:** The Titans, picked to win the Big West, bring back a .300 hitter in shortstop Sahid Valenzuela as well as No. 1 starter Colton Eastman, who missed 2 1/2 months in the middle of last season because of an elbow injury, and closer Brett Conine (15 saves).

- **INDIANA:** Coach Chris Lemonis has taken the Hoosiers to regionals in two of his first three seasons, and they are the pick to win the Big Ten. Three returning players hit double-digit homers and the pitching staff is deep and experienced.

- **SOUTH ALABAMA:** Travis Swagerty (.356, 60 RBIs) is among eight returning starters from one of the top offenses in the country. The Jaguars of the Sun Belt Conference will need to be productive again because their pitching is a concern.

## SPORTS ITEMS

# Boys lacrosse informational meeting set

An informational meeting for boys from Sumter and Clarendon counties in grades 3-10 interested in playing lacrosse will be held on Friday in the new Laurence Manning Academy Student Arts Room beginning at 6:15 p.m. Practice for the teams will begin on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Laurence Manning.

Teams will be formed based on registration numbers, ages and grades. Initial registration costs will be a \$35 membership to US Lacrosse. Players will be required to purchase their own equipment. Some equipment may be available to players though.

To sign up or for more information, email Dan Tamburello at [AlphaLax-SC@gmail.com](mailto:AlphaLax-SC@gmail.com) with the child’s name, age, grade, telephone number and email address.

### MCHUGH GOES TO ARBITRATION; GAUSMAN SETTLES

PHOENIX — Collin McHugh became the second pitcher on the World Series champion Houston Astros to go to salary arbitration, asking for a raise from \$3.85 million to \$5 million.

Houston argued for a \$4.55 million salary in Tuesday’s hearing before arbitrators Mark Burstein, Jeanne Wood and Allen Ponak.

Players lead 7-6 with decisions pending for McHugh and pitchers Marcus Stroman, Jake Odorizzi and Trevor Bauer. Six more hearings are scheduled, and 22 decisions would be the most since players won 14 of 24 cases in 1990.

Baltimore and pitcher Kevin Gausman agreed Tuesday to a \$5.6 million, one-year deal, avoiding a hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

### AP SOURCE: SEATTLE GROUP FORMALLY FILES FOR NHL EXPANSION

SEATTLE — A person with direct knowledge of the situation tells The Associated Press the group looking to bring professional hockey to the city of Seattle has formally filed its expansion application with the National Hockey League.

The person spoke to the AP on Tuesday on the condition of anonymity because the league was not commenting on the situation. Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan also tweeted that Oak View Group had submitted the filing with the NHL.

From staff and wire reports

## AREA ROUNDUP

## LMA boys, Wilson Hall girls victorious in semifinals

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Laurence Manning Academy varsity boys basketball team and the Wilson Hall girls advanced to the respective championship games of the SCISA Region II-3A tournaments with semifinal wins on Monday at Sumter County Civic Center.

The LMA boys defeated Florence Christian School 48-31 and faced Orangeburg Prep in the title game on Tuesday. OP defeated Wilson Hall 38-28 in the other semifinal game.

The WH girls whipped OP 65-37 and were scheduled to face Florence Christian School on Tuesday. FCS defeated LMA 50-30.

The junior varsity title games between the Wilson Hall and LMA girls and the WH-OP boys were also played on Tuesday.

Laurence Manning improved to 18-6 on the season with its win over Florence Christian. Jerrel Kelly led the Swampcats with 17 points. Grayson Dennis added 10 and Taylor Lee

had eight.

The Wilson Hall girls also improved to 18-6 with their win over OP. The Lady Barons trailed 12-9 after one quarter but led 30-19 at halftime.

Natalie Jackson led WH with 17 points, while Haley Roone McCaffrey had 11, nine of them coming in the second quarter. Courtney Clark added eight.

Alyson Hay led Prep with 13 points and Mariel Robinson had 11.

In the Wilson Hall-OP boys contest, the Barons fell to 9-12. Chandler Scott led WH with nine points. Grant DeVaronna added eight. Hunter McClain and Bill Metts both had 10 to lead OP. Benjamin Davis had eight.

In the FCS-LMA girls game, Brooke Bennett led the Lady Swampcats with 10 points. Olivia Coker added six. Zoe Cauthen had a double-double of 10 points, 14 rebounds and 12 blocked shots to lead the Lady Eagles. Kylee Stewart led Florence Christian with 13 points while Madison Stewart and Corley Keefe had 10 points apiece.

## MS BASKETBALL

LEE CENTRAL 46  
SCOTT'S BRANCH 42

BISHOPVILLE — Scott's Branch Middle School lost to Lee Central 46-42 in the Upper Pee Dee Conference boys basketball tournament championship game on Saturday at the LC gymnasium.

Tariq Coard led SB with 22 points. Randy Gibson added 12.

## GIRLS

## VARSITY BASKETBALL

THOMAS SUMTER 36  
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 24

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy's varsity girls basketball team clinched a share of the SCISA Region II-2A title with a 36-24 victory over Northside Christian School on Monday at Edens Gymnasium.

Caetlyn Martin, one of eight seniors honored on Senior Night, led the Lady Generals with 12 points. Aubrey Stod-

dard had nine and Sydney Daniel added six.

TSA finished the regular season with a 19-7 record and went 11-1 in region play. It shares the region crown with Palmetto Christian.

MANNING 52  
MAY RIVER 46

MANNING — Manning High School defeated May River 52-46 in the first round of the 3A state playoffs on Monday at Thames Arena.

Mahogany Green led the 19-5 Lady Monarchs with 20 points. Measha Jones followed with 14 points and Arionya Busby added 12.

Chyna Reed led May River with 22 points.

Manning will be on the road against Dillon in a second-round game on Thursday at 7 p.m.

MAY RIVER  
Reed 22, Peluso 3, Graves 4, Bigham 8, Quiceno 9, Olds 2.

MANNING  
Green 20, York 6, Busby 12, Jones 14, Smiling 1.

## ALL-STATE FROM PAGE B1

Alexis Tomlin of Carolina Forest, which defeated Sumter twice to win the Region VI title, is the 5A Girls Player of the Year. The top 4A player is Amari Young of North Augusta, the 3A winner is

Danae McNeal of Swansea, Star Ertle of Saluda and Malaysia Gates of Batesburg-Leesville share the 2A honors and the 1A winner is Tamara Jackson of Green Sea-Floyds.

## SCBCA ALL-STATE BASKETBALL TEAMS

## BOYS

5A Player of the Year: Jimmy Nichols, Conway

Isaih Moore, Sumter  
Trave Carson, Westside  
Robert Braswell, Blythehood  
Charles Jackson III, Blythehood  
Zeb Graham, Nation Ford  
Ryan Heriot, Fort Mill  
Shaman Alston, Nation Ford  
Myles Tate, Dorman  
Bradley Childers, Gaffney  
Will Edwards, Wade Hampton  
JaVarion Calhoun, Greenwood  
Jamal Edmonson, Ashley Ridge  
Shaq Davis, Summerville  
Calvin Felder, Sumter  
Ja'hciem Handy, T.L. Hanna

4A Player of the Year: Alex Caldwell, Wilson

Trae Hannibal, Hartsville  
Russell Jones, Westwood  
Bryson Mozone, North Augusta  
Ephraim Butler, Berkeley  
Wells Hoag, Greenville  
Chris Davis, Greer  
Malcolm Kennedy, York  
Malcolm Wilson, Ridge View  
DJ Sinkler, A.C. Flora  
Grant Singleton, Lakewood  
Robert Swanson, Myrtle Beach  
Triston Nieves, Colleton County  
Quade Parks, Greenville  
Graham Burton, Travelers Rest  
Zach Foulks, A.C. Flora

3A Player of the Year: Jermaine Patterson, Bluffton

John Thorsland, Walhalla  
Jamal Burke, Southside  
Shaundre Miller, Chapman  
Cam Jefferson, Camden  
Effix Miller, Swansea  
Travis Walters, Loris  
Leo Albano, Bishop England  
Ben Wolff, Walhalla  
Ta'Mious Young, Berea  
David Miller, Broome  
TJ Hollis, Chester  
Dominique Perry, Brookland-Cayce  
Jahrique Isaiah, Loris  
Jalen Gibbs, Hannahan  
Rashamel Butler, Ridgeland-Hardeeville

2A Player of the Year: Juwan Gary, Gray Collegiate

Trey Smith, Landrum  
Jalen Coit, Cheraw  
Zamuel Fredrick, Calhoun County  
Dijon Goss, Carvers Bay  
Mikel Shuler, Woodland  
Chris Paez, Greenville Tech  
Matt Kormylo, Southside Christian  
Darjawuan Brown, North Charleston  
Dillon Jones, Keenan  
Zach Johnson, Saluda  
Desmond Tate, Chesnee  
Michael (BJ) Blue, Marion  
Bryson Rose, Academic Magnet  
Foster Bridges, Landrum  
Shamar Matthews, Andrews

1A Player of the Year: Darius Taylor, Hemingway

Kelton Talford, Great Falls  
Shondale Lowe, Ware Shoals  
Jamane Peterson, Lowcountry Leadership  
Marlow Gilmore, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler  
Mateo Durant, McCormick  
Roderick Pam, Bethune-Bowm  
Jayden Byrd, High Point Academy  
Shane Hammond, McBee  
Desmond Murray, Williston-Elko  
Kobe Praylow, Hannah-Pamplico  
Keshawn Toney, Williston-Elko  
Tyson Bettis, Ridge Spring-Monetta  
Mikial Fournay, Lewisville  
Darius Williams, Hemingway  
BJ Fuller, Cross

## GIRLS

5A Player of the Year: Alexis Tomlin, Carolina Forest

Laimani Simmons, Woodmont  
Greyson Boone, Wade Hampton  
Jasmine Oglesby, Gaffney  
Rikoya Anderson, Rock Hill  
Yamia Johnson, White Knoll  
Skylar Blackstock, Wando  
Shayla Nelson, Goose Creek  
Lenaejha Evans, Conway  
Olivia Thompson, Lexington  
Alexis Rice, Dorman  
Quin Byrd, Hillcrest  
Maleia Bracone, T.L. Hanna  
Aylesha Wade, Clover  
Ashley Williamson, Spring Valley  
Breanna Robinson, West Ashley

4A Player of the Year: Amari Young, North Augusta

Unique Drake, Westwood  
Meredith Shipman, Travelers Rest  
Megan Jones, Greer  
Mya Burns, North Augusta  
Madisen Smith, Greenville  
Alex Lavore, Wren  
Brandi Rivers, Orangeburg-Wilkinson  
Jordan Strange, A.C. Flora  
Jah'Che Whitefield, Crestwood  
Shaquita Joyner, Hartsville  
Priscilla Delaney, Stall  
Ja'Miya Foy, Stall  
Zaria Woods, Lancaster  
Janell Horton, Myrtle Beach  
Loyal McQueen, Wilson

3A Player of the Year: Danae McNeal, Swansea

Anne-Hamilton Leroy, Seneca  
Quadijah Moore, Emerald  
Jashiya Henderson, Berea  
Rayanna Davis, Newberry  
Tameshia Woodard, Fairfield Central  
Quanajia Drayton, Ridgeland-Hardeeville  
Ikela Green, Loris  
Mahogany Green, Manning  
Ta'quasia Lampkin, Battery Creek  
Tamia Grate, Pendleton  
Kelsey Felks, Newberry  
Mikaela McDaniel, Powdersville  
Cynthena Sullivan, Strom Thurmond  
Jykya Bell, Dillon  
Katie Brooks, Bishop England

2A CO-Player of the Year: Star Ertle, Saluda

CO-Player of the Year: Malaysia Gates, Batesburg-Leesville  
Danielle Ussery, Andrew Jackson  
Janell Sindab, Mullins  
Hannah Fuller, Southside Christian  
Logan Taylor-McDaniel, Keenan  
Makayla Booker, Ninety Six  
Payton Howell, Buford  
Kayla Britt, Marion  
Shadea Kelly, Burke  
Ca'Vashia Johnson, North Charleston  
Janell Brown, Calhoun County  
Lawren Cook, Christ Church  
Robionne Myers, Lee Central  
Kateria Brabham, Bamberg-Ehrhardt  
Dyani Burke, Eau Claire

1A Player of the Year: Tamara Jackson, Green Sea-Floyds

Jordan Brown, McCormick  
Makayla Commander, Timmonsville  
Crystal Preston, Ridge Spring-Monetta  
Shatrya Moree, Cross  
La'Royalta Jones, Palmetto Scholars Academy  
Taniah Wilkins, High Point Academy  
Laquan Coe, Lamar  
Faith Vice, Denmark-Olar  
Talaysia Cooper, East Clarendon  
T'Laysha Creswell, McCormick  
Simone Durant, Lamar  
Kaitlyn Richmond, Blackville-Hilda  
Niriah Walker, Wagener-Salley  
Dikayla Wright, McBee  
Shay Briscoe, Creek Bridge



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Sumter's Isaih Moore (11) puts up a shot as Lakewood's Javontae Jones defends during the Gamecocks' victory over the Gators in December. Both teams are feeling good about their chances when the state playoffs start today.

## PLAYOFFS FROM PAGE B1

"We were mainly a junior varsity (from last season) team at the start of this year," said Jones, whose squad is 16-6 and went 9-1 to win the Region VI crown. "It took a little while for them to figure out exactly what we wanted them to do. But we've gotten better both offensively and defensively and are playing really well right now."

"I feel like our team is playing really good right now," said Brown, whose squad is 16-9 and won the Region VI-4A crown for a second straight season with a 7-1 record.

Goose Creek finished fifth in Region VII and is 12-10 overall. Jones said GC is a well disciplined team, but he likes his squad's chances of moving on to the second

round.

"If we control the game, take care of the basketball and play defense the way we've been playing, we should be in good shape," Jones said.

Brown likes Lakewood's chances against 9-13 Dreher as well.

"Dreher is from the Columbia region (V in which it finished fourth), and they play good basketball," Brown said. "If we go out and do the things we're supposed to do, we should be able to take care of business."

Another region champion — IV-2A winner Lee Central — will also play its first-round game today as well. The 20-3 Stallions will be at home against Region III No. 4 Eau Claire beginning at 7 p.m. The Shamrocks are 11-

12.

The East Clarendon and Scott's Branch girls teams, who both received first-round byes in the 1A state playoffs after winning region titles, will play their first playoff games on Thursday.

Region VI champion EC, which is 15-5, will play host to Cross at 7 p.m. in Turbeville. Cross defeated Military Magnet 56-41 in Monday's first round.

Scott's Branch, the 10-5 Region V champion, will be at home against Hannah-Pamplico, also at 7. H-P edged Baptist Hill 34-33 in the first round.

Manning will play in the second round of the 3A playoffs on Thursday against Dillon. The Lady Monarchs improved to 19-5 with a 52-46 win over May River in Monday's first round.

## BRAVES FROM PAGE B1

Here are some areas to watch for during spring training:

## NEW LOOK

Two veteran starting pitchers, right-hander Brandon McCarthy and left-hander Scott Kazmir, were acquired from the Dodgers along with infielder Charlie Culberson in the Kemp trade. McCarthy will likely land in the middle of the rotation. The Braves see Kazmir, who missed the 2017 season with hip and back problems, as a possible bonus if he can return to good health. Preston Tucker, acquired in a trade

from the Astros, could share time with Lane Adams in left field until Acuna is ready. R.A. Dickey, the most consistent starting pitcher last season, was not re-signed.

## ROOKIES TO WATCH

Riley hit a combined 20 homers at Class A and Double-A last season, and so is probably a year away from taking over at third base. Like Acuna, he could influence that timetable with a strong spring. Two 2015 first-round draft picks, right-hander Mike Soroka and left-hander Kolby

Allard, also will be in their first big-league camp. The rookie with the best shot to make the rotation is hard-throwing left-hander Luiz Gohara, who was more impressive than his statistics in a five-game audition late last season.

## THEY'RE SET

First baseman Freddie Freeman was on track for his best season before missing seven weeks with a fractured left wrist. He says he's now fully recovered. Other strengths are the catching tandem of Tyler Flowers and Kurt Suzuki, the young middle infield combination of Dansby Swanson and Ozzie Albies, and Ender Inciarte, who

won his second straight Gold Glove in center field.

## THEY'RE NOT

It's not a good sign when the team's most established starting pitcher, Julio Teheran, had a 5.86 ERA in 17 starts at new SunTrust Park last season. Overall, Teheran was 11-13 with a 4.49 ERA, almost a run higher than his 3.59 career average. More scary pitching numbers: Mike Foltyniewicz posted an ugly 6.34 ERA after last year's All-Star break. McCarthy, Gohara, Sean Newcomb, Lucas Sims, Max Fried and Kazmir, if healthy, will compete for other spots.

RECRUITING CORNER

# Still plenty of drama on National Signing Day

The 2018 football recruiting season, for the most part, ended with last Wednesday's National Signing Day. Though it lacked the volume of the Dec. 20 Early National Signing Day, there was still plenty of drama across the country and right here in South Carolina.

Clemson pulled the top player from Alabama in wide receiver **Justyn Ross** and highly recruited defensive back **Mario Goodrich** from Missouri. And South Carolina won a head-to-head battle with Georgia for defensive lineman **Rick Sandidge** of North Carolina.

USC still has a couple of spots to fill in its class and one is being held for DB/WR **Bryce Thompson** of Dutch Fork High School in Irmo should he reach the required academic requirements. The other could go to former Rice safety **JT Ibe** (6-foot-0-inches, 200 pounds), who is looking for a graduate student year at another school.

Ibe redshirted as a freshman at Rice and played the last three seasons. He has narrowed his list to USC, Iowa State and Indiana and has visited the other two. USC wants him to visit for a spring practice, which starts on Feb. 28.

"I'm looking to play on a bigger stage and prove myself a little more," Ibe said. "I talked to (USC head) Coach (Will) Muschamp and I talked to (defensive coordinator) Travis Robinson. He (Muschamp) said I'm a player with experience and I can come in, if I'm better than the guys, and come in and play right away. He feels like they are trying to win an SEC (Southeastern Conference) Championship and they need to do that right away."

Ibe is a native of Mansfield, Texas. He also had an offer from Minnesota before choos-



Phil Kornblut

ing Rice where he started 17 games over his three seasons. Last season, he recorded 42 tackles with three passes broken up and was a Conference USA Honor

Roll member the last three seasons.

The national analysts viewed Clemson's class as one of the top 10 in the country and USC's as one in the top half of the SEC. The 247Sports Composite Ranking shows Clemson at No. 6 and USC at No. 19. Rivals ranks Clemson's class at No. 8 and USC at No. 19. And ESPN ranks Clemson's class at No. 5 and USC at No. 18. UGA has the consensus #1 class.

Placekicker **Cole Hanna** of Norcross, Ga., said he will accept a preferred walk-on offer from USC. Running back **DJ Twitty** of Chapman High, who had a walk-on offer from USC, signed with East Tennessee State.

Three in-state prospects who signed with major programs last week were defensive end **Dorian Gerald** of Florence with Arkansas, linebacker **Jaylen Moody** of Conway High with Alabama and WR/DB **Steven Gilmore** of South Pointe High in Rock Hill with Marshall. And former York and Dillon quarterback **Brayden Hawkins** signed with Texas-El Paso.

You can all but pencil in DL **James Middleton** (6-6, 295), who played at Fort Dorchester High in Summerville, for USC's '19 recruiting class. He has not yet officially committed publicly, but Middleton said his plan is to sign in December with USC after spend-

ing this year at Jones County Junior College in Mississippi. He enrolled there in early January.

Middleton suffered a major leg injury in his team's last regular-season game against Summerville. Much of his mission at Jones is to successfully rehabilitate his leg, and he said he is on track to do that. The other is to get his grades up so that he can join USC.

"After I got out of the hospital and started doing rehab and stuff, they came to the school, they talked to me and told me about it, and I went on a visit (Dec. 9) and they sat down and talked to my mom and we all came to an agreement that this would be the best thing for me to do," Middleton said.

Middleton said he's been talking with Muschamp and DL coach **Lance Thompson**, and it was their suggestion he go to Jones early and get the work started on his academics and rehab so he'll only use up one season of eligibility, just as current USC defensive tackle **Javon Kinlaw** did at the same school. Middleton said he's only looking at USC. Last season, Middleton totaled 50 tackles with nine tackles for loss and two QB sacks.

Shrine Bowl WR **Justin Williams** of Fort Dorchester is planning to enroll at Jones JC with an eye toward USC, according to his head coach. Fort Dorchester QB **Dakerreon Joyner** has already enrolled at USC and it's possible Williams could join him down the road. "That's where he wants to go," said head coach **Steve LaPrad**. "He just knows all them. He's been wanting to go to South Carolina the whole time. Clemson was in the other day and said he probably was the best athlete in South Carolina."

LaPrad said USC recruiter **Pat Washington** remains in reg-

ular contact and USC definitely want Williams once he's able to enroll. Last season, Williams caught 47 passes for 866 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Per 247Sports, DE **Savion Jackson** (6-2, 245) of Clayton, N.C., has set an official visit to USC for June 2. He took an unofficial visit to Alabama in late January and has visited Virginia Tech three times. Oklahoma recently offered and some of his other offers are Clemson, Ohio State, Tennessee, Duke, Penn State, North Carolina State and North Carolina.

Clemson offered S **Lewis Cine** (6-2, 170) of Everett, Mass. Some of his other offers are Michigan, PSU, Ohio State, Boston College, Florida, UGA, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, UNC, Tennessee, VT and others.

Florida State offered USC and Clemson QB target Sam Howell of Monroe, N.C. USC offered '20 LB **Devon Betty** (6-0, 190) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Some other offers are Kentucky, Ohio State and Oklahoma.

Oklahoma offered DE **Zach Pickens** of T.L. Hanna High in Anderson.

South Aiken High DB prospect **Tancey Richardson** of Fort Scott JC in Kansas was offered by Tennessee-Martin.

**BASKETBALL**

**TJ Moss**, a 6-4 point guard from Memphis, Tenn., remains highly interested in USC, and through assistant coach **Chuck Martin**, USC has been involved. The next step

in the process is for head coach Frank Martin to see him in action again and he's expected out in Las Vegas to check out Moss next week.

Moss plays for Findlay Prep which is in nearby Henderson, Nev. Moss' father said he's expecting head coach **Frank Martin** to scout his son this week in Las Vegas.

"I don't think Frank has had a chance to see him play outside of the Chick-Fil-A (Classic in Columbia in December) and he wants to see him play and we'll see what happens and set up a visit," Mr. Moss said.

The interest in the Gamecocks remains high at this point. "I like South Carolina," Mr. Moss said. "We're just waiting on Frank to show up. I've been talking to Chuck and they want Frank to see him. They called his coach and had a really good conversation and said TJ is a priority."

Moss also has offers from Memphis, Alabama, Minnesota, Texas A&M and Oregon State, according to his dad. He still has all five official visits available and will take them all if necessary. A decision isn't expected before April. This season, Moss is averaging 10 points, eight assists and six rebounds per game.

**Trey McGowens**, a 6-3 Clemson target from Hargrave Prep in Virginia, was offered by VT and Baylor.

**Malcolm Wilson**, a 6-11 '19 recruit from Ridge View High in Columbia, made an unofficial visit to Virginia Commonwealth on Saturday.



Alex Bowman, right, stands by his car on pit road after he won the pole position during qualifying for the Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday in Daytona Beach, Florida.

**NASCAR** FROM PAGE B1

500 and will end her racing career altogether after returning to IndyCar and competing in the Indianapolis 500 in May.

"I think Danica being out there definitely has planted the seed in a lot of little girls across the country that are now thinking about becoming the next female NASCAR driver," Munter said. "There's going to be a lot more women coming into the sport."

It might take some time. There are no women in the second-tier Xfinity Series this season, and 44-year-old Jennifer Jo Cobb is the only woman racing full time in the Truck Series.

Patrick's legacy might be better measured years from now, long after people stop debating whether she even belonged in the Cup Series.

"There's no doubt that she brought more eyes on NASCAR and continues to bring more eyes on NASCAR from maybe the typical stereotype, which is good," said 2012 Cup Series champion Brad Kesel-

owski, who credited Patrick for "clawing her way" to the top. "But then on the flip side, when you look at it

from just a pure 'Who's the best racer in the world that doesn't have a Cup ride that wants to have a Cup ride,' those are the people that you hope kind of get the empty seats.

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## WINTER OLYMPICS

## US women beat Russia 5-0, showdown with Canada next

BY TERESA M. WALKER

The Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson can't remember ever scoring twice on the same shift. The three-time Olympian looking for her first gold medal is just happy to give the Americans a bit of a boost.

She did it in Olympic record fashion.

Lamoureux-Davidson had the fastest back-to-back goals in Olympic history, scoring 6 seconds apart in the second period as the United States shut out the Russians 5-0 on Tuesday night.

"I don't know if I'll ever come close to that again," Lamoureux-Davidson said. "But we'll see."

Lamoureux-Davidson not only topped Canada's Caroline Oullette, who scored twice in 16 seconds on Feb. 11, 2006, in a 16-0 rout of Italy at Turin, but also the men's mark of 8 seconds apart held by Carl Goran Oberg of Sweden in 1960 at Squaw Valley.

Kacey Bellamy, who scored the first goal of the game off a pass from Lamoureux-Davidson, called the record incredible.

"She works so hard on and off the ice, she deserves it and gave us a really good momentum boost ... obviously in the second period leading into the third," Bellamy said.

With the win, the Americans remained undefeated going into their early Olympic showdown with Canada, which is also 2-0.

The Americans won eight of the



Gigi Marvin, left, reacts after scoring a goal for the United States in its 5-0 victory over Russia on Tuesday in the Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea.

last 10 world championships, including an overtime win over Canada last spring for their fourth straight title. But they are at the Pyeongchang Games trying to end a 20-year gold medal drought. The last time these teams met in the Olympics, Canada rallied from an 0-2 deficit to win its fourth straight gold in overtime in 2014 in Sochi.

No medal will be on the line Thursday, just positioning for the semifinals. That made tuning up the offense a must for the Americans with Canada routing its first two opponents 9-1 after a 4-1 win over Finland earlier

Tuesday.

"I have no doubt we're ready," goalie Nicole Hensley said.

Gigi Marvin and Hannah Brandt each had a goal. Hensley, who started the U.S. win over Canada in the 2017 world championship, made 13 saves in her Olympic debut. U.S. coach Robb Stauber rotated his goalies, putting Hensley in net after playing Madie Rooney in a 3-1 opening win over Finland.

The Americans had played the Russians in the Olympics only once before, and they routed them 13-0 in 2010 at Vancouver setting a single-

game record for the U.S. in the games.

This time, they played athletes from Russia competing under the Olympic flag after the country was banned from the games for revelations of a massive doping operation. The women's hockey team is playing without six players from the world's fourth-ranked team a year ago, though the Russians had a pocket of vocal cheerleaders on hand.

"Obviously, we're aware of what's been going on with Team Russia," Lamoureux-Davidson said. "I think at the end of the day you just have to come out and be focused on us and play the opponent who we're playing regardless of what's going on."

Neither team could generate much offense in the opening minutes. Then Lamoureux-Davidson took the puck deep into the left circle and found Bellamy, who scored on a wrist shot from the top of the right circle, beating Valeria Tarakanova stick-side 8:02 for the 1-0 lead.

Lamoureux-Davidson led a breakout in the second. She tapped in the rebound of a shot from her twin sister, Monique Lamoureux-Morando, at 11:46. Off the ensuing faceoff, the puck wound up in the skates of two Russian players and she poked it away to give herself a breakaway. She dipped her right shoulder and feigned a forehand shot before beating Tarakanova with a backhand.

Marvin's goal off a rebound at 14:38 gave the Americans a 4-0 lead, and Brandt, who had a goal overturned for a hand pass, scored with 1:37 left.

## OBITUARIES

## ROSE A. BRUNSON

MANNING — Rose Anna Brunson Williams, widow of Frank Edward Williams, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018. She

was born March 24, 1944, in Manning, a daughter of the late Ingram Brunson and Nancy McBride Brunson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Williams will be

held at 2 p.m. today at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning. Pastor Rosa W. Fulton, eulogist; the Rev. Terry Johnson, presiding; and Elder Shavon Fulton and Elder Rhonnett Simon assisting. Burial will follow in the Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery, 4829 Alex Harvin Hwy., Manning.

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

## JAMES CANTEY

Mr. James (Jimmy) Cantey, 73, went home to be with his heavenly Father on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018. Born in Sumter County on Sept. 9, 1945, he was the son of the late Mr. Parker Cantey Sr. and Mrs. Nancy Burns Cantey. He is survived by one loving sister, Mrs. Olivia Cantey Johnson of the home.

Mr. Cantey worked as a brick mason assistant for many years until his health declined. He loved sports and playing football and baseball.

Mr. Cantey joined Trinity Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor L.W. Walker Sr. He was preceded in death by five sisters: Mrs. Louise Cantey, Mrs. Wilma Cantey, Mrs. Susie Mae Singleton, Mrs. Ruth Cantey and Ms. Gladys Cantey; and six brothers: Mr. Rayon Cantey, Mr. Parker Cantey Jr., Mr. Marion Cantey, Mr. Ernest Williams, Mr. Daniel Cantey and Mr. William Cantey.

He will be truly missed by his sister, Mrs. Olivia Johnson, a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter.

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

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

## DWIGHT G. WHITE

LYNCHBURG — Dwight Gregory White, 63, died Monday Feb. 12, 2018. Arrangements will be announced by Bacote-Eaddy Funeral Home.

The family is receiving friends at 10385 Nero Circle, Lynchburg.

## MAGGIE L. RAGIN

SUMMERTON — Maggie Lawson Ragin, 80, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018. Born on Jan. 21, 1938, in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of the late Elijah and Sarah Stukes Lawson.

The family will receive friends at the home, 2206 Willie G. Richburg Road, Summerton.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Summerton Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summerton. Phone: (803) 485-3755.

## THELMA E. BLAKE

Thelma E. Blake, 90, wife of Charles Blake and daughter of the late Theophilus and Gertrude McKenney Tomer, was born on March 21, 1927, in New York City, New York. She departed this life on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter.

Public viewing will be held today from 3 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Blake will be placed in the church on Thursday at 10 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Greater St. Paul Non-Denominational Church, 200 Watkins

St., Sumter, with Elder James Johnson, officiating.

Interment will follow in W. T. English Memorial Park.

Family will receive friends at 322 W. Hampton Ave., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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

## LAWRENCE BOATWRIGHT

Lawrence Boatwright, 63, beloved husband of Janette Boatwright, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018. Born on Aug. 16, 1954, in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Ivory and Bertha B. Frank Boatwright.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1901 MW Rickenbaker Road, Manning.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Summerton Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summerton. Phone: (803) 485-3755.

## ALECIA R. LAWRENCE

Alecia Renee Lawrence, 37, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, in Durham, North Carolina.

Born March 1, 1980, in Sumter County, she was the daughter of Issdore and Sarah Roach.

The family is receiving rela-

tives and friends at the home, 4210 Wedgefield Road, Sumter.

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

## JAMES A. HILTON

WORCHESTER, Massachusetts — James Anthony Hilton, 44, husband of Wambui Muthumbi-Hilton, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, in Boston, Massachusetts. He was born June 4, 1973, in Manning, a son of Margaret Felder Hilton and the late Rigby Hilton.

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

## SHIRLEY H. JACKSON

Shirley H. Jackson, the wife of the late Robert Jackson, died on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, at Providence Hospital NE, Columbia. She was born April 1, 1940, in Orangeburg, the daughter of the late Zimmie Banks and Sam Hair.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. from Greater Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, 515 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Marvin Hodge, pastor officiating. The body will lie in repose from noon until the hour of service. Interment will follow in the Bradford Cemetery. Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.



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### Public Hearing

**Public Hearing** This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed SFY 2018-2019 Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disability Program Application being submitted to the South Carolina Department of Transportation no later than February 16, 2018.

Those interested in attending a public hearing on the application should contact Dana Strock, Executive Director in writing on or before February 15, 2018 at 2:00pm.

The contact address is Sumter Senior Services, Inc., Attn: Dana Strock, Post Office Box 832, Sumter, South Carolina 29151 or by email: [dstrock@sumterseniorservices.org](mailto:dstrock@sumterseniorservices.org).

The public hearing will be held on **February 16, 2018 at 2:00pm,** at **Sumter Senior Services, Inc.** located at **119 South Sumter Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150.**

The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disability Program provides capital assistance for transportation options and services for the communities operating in Sumter County, Santee Lynches Region. These services are currently provided through a Purchase of Services contract with the Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority using fifteen passenger ADA equipped vehicles.

The total estimated amount requested for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is as follows:

Project Category: Purchase of Service  
Total Amount: \$50,000  
Minimum Local Match (20%): \$12,500

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This application maybe inspected at Sumter Senior Services, Inc. 119 South Sumter Street, Sumter, South Carolina from February 8, 2018 through February 15, 2018 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

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## His name is Noel

### Woman with life of tragedy has hope for happy ending

BY JENNIFER BERRY HAWES

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SUMMERVILLE — Scars still knit across her chest all these years later, a lace-like testament to what she has endured. And survived. Down her body they stretch, bending her left wrist, knotting fingers, gnarling skin and muscle.

Despite warnings that she might not live, might not work, might not bear children or keep her right mind, Rachel Williams has done all of those things.

She has lost them, too. The biblical Job's suffering lasted for months. But Rachel's has lasted a lifetime. A fire, deaths, abuse.

At 71, the great-grandmother still harbors hope for happier endings, though. It rests in a sacrifice made long ago and in the mystery that has lingered in her heart since.

Somewhere out there, that hope lives in the baby boy she named Noel.

#### IT BEGINS

In many ways, Rachel's story begins on March 16, 1956.

That day, she set out with her niece and a gallon jug to buy kerosene. She was 9 years old and happily wearing a new dress, the first she'd owned that flared out like a blossoming flower when she twirled around.

The store owner was gone when they arrived, so a surly teenage worker filled her jug with kerosene instead. But when the girl finished, she flipped the hose at Rachel, splashing kerosene onto her dress, soaking it down to the flannel slip she wore beneath.

Rachel raced home in tears.

The kerosene soon dried. So did her tears. Rachel went about the rest of her day in Charleston Heights, where she lived with her great-aunt.

That night, when she knelt at their fireplace to say her prayers, her dress flared out around her.

Our Father who art in heaven ...

Fire nipped at her hem. When it reached the kerosene, her new dress alighted. Frantic, Rachel darted to their porch, instinctively trying to get outside. The door was locked. She struggled to get out. Her sister, who was outside, couldn't get in.

By the time her family extinguished the flames, burns seared three-quarters of her body, most of them third-degree. Her left hand was burned to the bone.

Rachel's memories of the year after, spent entirely at Old Roper Hospital, are of pain. She underwent countless surgeries and skin grafts. Doctors attached her wrist to her hip so a critical graft would grow. They sealed her legs in casts.

After a year, she went home for several months, only to be admitted to the Medical University of South Carolina for another year.

Her family lacked health insurance to pay for cosmetic procedures, so when she finally returned to school she was severely scarred and two years behind. Along the way, she overheard her great-aunt confide that a doctor had said Rachel might lose her mind. She might never work much or have children.

Rachel stopped listening then.

She became determined to get her high school diploma and become independent. A good student at Bonds-Wilson High, she found peace sitting on a bench alone to study or watch the sky while listening to the band practice.

However, back at home, new trouble arrived. A male relative by marriage had begun coming around to see her. She was 14. He was 21.

After three years, at 17, she became pregnant by him. When her great-aunt learned of it, she confided in a neighbor who, in turn, alerted the state Department of Social Services.

#### JUST TOLD WHAT TO DO

A DSS caseworker came to their home. So did Rachel's mother, a widow who lived in Orangeburg County with her other six children. She had allowed Rachel's great-aunt to raise her but still saw Rachel once a year.

Although Rachel was about to turn 18, they didn't include her in the discussion. To them, she was young, unmarried, disabled, poor — and couldn't care



For Rachel Williams, 71, of Summerville, tragedy began on March 16, 1956.

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for a baby.

"They just told me what to do," recalled Rachel, whose last name was Howell back then.

She would put the baby up for adoption.

Rachel's mother didn't want the shame of an out-of-wedlock pregnancy to rub off on her other three girls, and a DSS caseworker noted at the time that the family was "anxious for her to leave the community." They sent Rachel to a foster home in the Upstate.

Rachel voiced two requests: She wanted a picture of her baby, and she wanted to hold him.

She gave birth at 8:59 a.m. Dec. 16, 1964, at Spartanburg General Hospital. Her son weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces. Nurses whisked him away before she could see him.

Rachel named him Noel.

When it was time to return home two months later, a DSS worker took her to see Noel, as she'd requested. She held her first-born child and tried desperately to commit to memory the squared shape of his forehead, the precise brown hue of his eyes, how much he looked like her.

Then they gave her a bus ticket home. She never got the picture.

#### A "NERVOUS BREAKDOWN"

Five days shy of a year later, Rachel gave birth to a second son fathered by the same man. He gave her \$10, all she says she ever received before he died.

Rachel would not give up this son, Aaron. Determined to provide for him, she took a job as a housekeeper, though her body and mind hadn't yet healed. She suffered what doctors back then called a "nervous breakdown."

Her family stepped in to help with Aaron while she underwent treatments. She also received vocational rehab training, which equipped her to start a job at the Charleston Naval Base, where she worked for 15 years as a teletypist, sending military communications around the world. She had a third son by another man and earned her diploma in 1972, excited to show her boys the importance of education.

She always figured that after she found success she then would find Noel.

Along the way, she married and had three more sons, then left her job to stay home and raise them.

While driving with her husband one day, they argued. She says he backhanded her across the face so hard that her glasses broke, and she needed seven stitches. She tried to make the marriage work, until he broke her finger while trying to hit her with a pipe.

Rachel, who also served in the ministry at Book of Acts Church on Johns Island, turned to God: "If you don't intervene, I'm going to perish," she prayed.

On the cusp of another breakdown, she turned to the MUSC clinic where she'd received so much outpatient care for her burns. She carried her youngest child, just a baby, and spoke nonsensically to the staff, overwhelmed and terrified as she felt. Aaron was a teenager

and big enough to stand up to her husband — and had begun to do so. She feared what might happen.

A nurse helped her find an apartment. Rachel gathered her boys and told them, "We're not going home."

With some peace in their lives, she soon moved into a little house in North Charleston's Pepperhill subdivision to raise them. Despite the abuse, she worked hard to maintain normalcy for her sons.

"It never changed her outlook on life," Aaron recalled. "She is just a real soft-hearted person. She gave us whatever she had."

Soon, Aaron was grown up and moved out. Her next-oldest, Wesley, lived at home and drove a school bus. Given her baby had just started kindergarten, she went back to work, this time as a clerk at MUSC.

Life moved on — until March 11, 1988, when it stopped again.

#### "MOMMA, I CAN'T FIND THEM"

That morning, Rachel picked up her 6-year-old son David and carried him across a field from their house to his kindergarten. It had rained overnight, leaving the stretch muddy. Her shoes suctioned into the ground with every step.

"My goodness, you've gotten so big!" she said to him.

Looking back, she believes that God gave her the strength to carry her baby boy one last time.

After school, David played outside with his brothers, 11-year-old Jerome and 8-year-old Johnathon, as usual. Rachel laid down for a few minutes to rest before leaving for a night shift at work.

As she dozed off, Jerome joined her, reading a new comic book. When he finished, he went outside to rejoin his brothers. Then he returned.

"Momma, I can't find them," he said.

They searched around the house, around the yard, checked with the neighbors. Dusk settled. Fear nudged. Had her ex-husband come and taken them? They called the police.

The family who lived next door had just moved out that day. Over the winter, they had let their above-ground pool, about 4 feet deep, grow a film of slime that shrouded the water beneath.

Someone noticed that they also left toys in the yard.

Around 10:30 p.m., a police officer noticed a basketball floating on the pool's surface. On the bottom, David and Johnathon lay dead.

Over the years ahead, Rachel often wondered if one boy went for the ball, then the other leaped in to help him.

"I get stuck there," she said. "The guilt goes deeper than you can imagine."

#### MOVING FORWARD

As the years passed, Rachel moved forward. She spent almost 12 years at Joint Base Charleston working in personnel jobs that she loved before retiring.

Now 71, she works as a caregiver for a Summerville couple's disabled

adult son.

Marina Sharts also has known tragedy. Her son, William, suffered a severe head injury when a car hit him while he was riding his bike three decades ago. For 11 years, Rachel has helped care for him.

"She has a bond with William that no one else has," Sharts said. "She is amazing."

But over the years of working and raising her boys, Rachel often wondered: What happened to Noel?

If he's living, he is 53.

If he's like her other sons, he is a good 6 feet tall at least.

She clung to memories of his pretty brown eyes and the forehead squared like hers.

"My imagination just goes away with me all these years later ..." she said.

Rachel always figured that when she had a little extra money she'd hire a private investigator to find him. But she never had a little extra money.

So, several years ago, she contacted DSS.

"I want it to just be possible that whenever I close my eyes, I might know what happened to him," she said. "It would bring me some peace."

She received a letter back from DSS. It began with an apology.

#### THE HURT GREW, BUT A FEW CLUES

Much had changed since 1965, the letter noted. Comments in the old records "reflect the attitudes of the individual and social time period," a DSS official wrote in a cover letter to Noel's adoption records.

Rachel flipped the page and began to read a description of her son. "Noel is a chocolate brown complexion with typical negroid features. His black hair is kinky and soft, and his eyes are black."

The report referred to her "Negro parentage" and noted each family member's skin tone ("very dark skin"), education levels ("fourth grade") and economic condition ("very poor"). It said that her mother was "somewhat slow mentally but was very cooperative with worker." It called her father an alcoholic and noted her parents received public assistance, even though Rachel didn't live with them.

Rachel's hurt grew more when the report said she had agreed to the adoption and that Noel had lingered in foster care for a year after they took him.

His adoptive parents' names and other identifying information were redacted. Yet the pages still contained snippets of clues that could help find him: Someone involved, perhaps his adoptive mother, was named Ida.

His adoptive family might have lived in the Greenwood area.

*And his name — his middle name at least — might still be Noel.*





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<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	2018 Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Alpine Skiing, Skeleton, Speed Skating, Figure skating (pairs); alpine skiing (men's Super-G); skeleton; women's speed skating. (N) (Live)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	2018 Olympics			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)		The Amazing Race "The First Rule of Amazing Race Club" (N)			News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Jodie Foster; Tom Hanks" Actress Jodie Foster; actor Tom Hanks.	
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Walt Disney World Orlando" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs "Girl Talk" (DVS)	Speechless Dylan teams with Lafayette alumni.	Modern Family Claire lands a business opportunity.	(:31) American Housewife "The Couple"	Match Game Colin Quinn; Judy Greer; Caroline Rhea. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Weekends With Yankee Gingerbread cottages.	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Animals With Cameras, A Nature Mini-series (Series Finale) Deep-diving with Chilean devil rays. (N) (DVS)		NOVA "Great Escape at Dunkirk" Ships and planes lost in France. (N) (DVS)		Impossible Builds "Europe in the Desert" A man creates a holiday destination. (N)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News NHK Newsline	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Mr. Spock haunts Sheldon.	The Big Bang Theory	The X-Files "My Struggle III" Mulder and Scully search for their son. (DVS)		9-1-1 "Worst Day Ever" Bobby helps survivors of a plane crash. (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N) TMZ (N)	
WKTC	33	4	22	Last Man Standing "Shadowboxing"	Last Man Standing Vanessa educates Eve.	Relationships Just for Laughs: Top comics talk about relationships.		The Top 14 Greatest Valentine's Day Movies of All Time: The top 14 Valentine's Day movies.		Dateline "The Collector" The murder of a coin collector.	Dateline "The Evil to Come" Police search for a woman's killer.	The Game Malik's reading challenges are revealed.	
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>													
A&E	46	130	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:01) Rooster & Butch "To the Outer Realm" Ghost-detecting device. (N)	(:03) Storage Wars	(:33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars
AMC	48	180	(6:00) **** "Titanic" (1997, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship.							**** "Titanic" (1997, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship.			
ANPL	41	100	Tanked "Party Rockin' Tank"	Tanked	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition The crew builds a tank for two stars. (N)			Tanked	Tanked: Sea				
BET	61	162	(5:20) "True to the Game" (2017)	Madame's Big Happy Family: A dying woman gathers her family.				** "This Christmas" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Delroy Lindo, Idris Elba, Loretta Devine. A reunion at the holidays tests family ties.			Tanked: Sea		
BRAVO	47	181	Vanderpump Rules Intimacy issues for Sandoval and Ariana.	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills The ladies descend upon New York.	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Kenya begins shifting priorities.		Married to Medicine "Island Fever" Eugene gets a major health scare.		Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Kenya begins shifting priorities.			
CNBC	35	84	2018 Winter Olympics U.S. vs Japan.	Shark Tank	Shark Tank		2018 Winter Olympics Finland vs Germany. (N) (Live)						
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	South Park	South Park "Butters' Bottom Bitch" (N)	South Park "Raisins" (N)	South Park "Cartman Finds Love" (N)	South Park "Tweek x Craig" (N)	Corporate "Casual Friday" (N)	South Park	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper	(12:01) The Office "Broke"	
DISN	18	200	"Disney's Descendants 2" (2017, Children's) Sofia Carson. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal.	Dove Cameron, Cameron Boyce, Sofia Carson.	(05) Andi Mack		Raven's Home	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws: Memphis "Cali Clash" (N) (Live)	The Outlaws brawl with other racers.	Street Outlaws (N)		(:01) Garage Rehab: Revisited (N)	(:07) Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws				
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Portland Trail Blazers. (N) (Live)								
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Virginia Tech at Duke. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Kentucky at Auburn. From Auburn Arena in Auburn, Ga. (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)						
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Games				
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night (N)		Tucker Carlson		
FREE	20	131	(5:30) ** "Valentine's Day" (2010) Jessica Alba. Premiere.	grown-ish "Erase Your Social" (N)	(:31) Alone Together (N)	(:02) *** "The Lion King" (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons. Animated. The son of a king battles treachery to claim his destiny.		The 700 Club		* "Big Daddy" (1999)			
FSS	21	47	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Detroit Pistons. From Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Mich. (N)	Hawks Postgame	Driven		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Detroit Pistons.						
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Very, Very Valentine" (2018, Comedy) Danica McKellar.	"My Secret Valentine" (2018, Comedy) Lacey Chabert, Andrew Walker. A young woman takes advice from chalkboard notes.	The Middle "Vacation Days" (N)		The Middle Frankie is arrested.	The Golden Girls "A Piece of Cake"	The Golden Girls "Empty Nests"	The Golden Girls "Old Friends"	The Golden Girls "The Sixth Man"		
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers	Property Brothers "A Different Dream"	Property Brothers (N)		House Hunters (N)		Hunters Int'l		Property Brothers		
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	*** "Apollo 13" (1995) Tom Hanks. Based on the true story of the ill-fated 1970 moon mission.		(03) American Pickers (DVS)		(12:03) Apollo 13				
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Fixed" A motorist strikes a child-murderer.	Law & Order "Mammon" Detectives suspect the victim's wife.	Law & Order "Ain't No Love" Shooting death of a rap legend.		Law & Order "Fluency" Fake flu vaccine.		Law & Order "Obsession" A talk-show host is shot to death.		Law & Order "The Sixth Man"		
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy Derek challenges Richard's authority.	** "The Holiday" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law.	Two women from different countries swap		(:02) Married at First Sight "Move-Ins" The couples must decide where to live.		(12:01) ** "The Holiday"				
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow		
NICK	16	210	Hunter Street (N)	SpongeBob	*** "The LEGO Movie" (2014) Voices of Chris Pratt, Will Ferrell.		Full House		Friends		Friends		
SPIKE	64	153	(5:30) *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright.	Waco (Part 3 of 6)	Waco: Negotiations intensify.		(:01) Channel Zero: Butcher's Block Alice gets a sinister invitation. (N)		(:01) ** "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003, Horror) Ray Wise. A winged creature terrorizes stranded high schoolers.		Full Frontal With Samantha Bee		
SYFY	58	152	** "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003, Horror) Ray Wise, Jonathan Breck, Garikayi Mutumbirwa. A winged creature terrorizes stranded high schoolers.	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	Conan Actor Patton Oswalt; actor Andy Serkis.			
TBS	24	156	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	Conan Actor Patton Oswalt; actor Andy Serkis.				
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Wuthering Heights" (1939, Romance) Merle Oberon.	**** "Gigi" (1958, Musical) Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier, Louis Jourdan. A Gay '90s Parisian finds he wants to marry his would-be mistress. (DVS)	(:15) *** "Little Women" (1933, Drama) Katharine Hepburn, Joan Bennett, Frances Dee. A New Englander raises her daughters during the Civil War. (DVS)		(:08) My 600-Lb. Life "James B.'s Story"		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)				
TLC	43	157	(:05) My 600-Lb. Life (Part 2 of 2)	My 600-Lb. Life "James B.'s Story" James realizes he needs to make changes.	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)				
TNT	23	158	Bones A skull smashes the windshield of a car.	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)				
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Laff Mob Laff	Comedy Knockout	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A teenager admits to a pedophilic urge.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Elliot goes under cover with Olivia.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Munch is forced to ask his ex for help.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Attacks against a lesbian-rights group.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Pregnant rape victim flees the hospital.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
WE	68	166	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup		Love After Lockup		Love After Lockup		Love After Lockup		
WGNA	8	172	Cops "Arizona"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops Sting.	

# 'He Lied About Everything' gives away the story

BY KEVIN MCDONOUGH

The ultimate anti-Valentine's Day treat, the documentary **"He Lied About Everything"** (8 p.m., ID, TV-14) can be enjoyed on so many strange levels. This tale of a suave con man and a woman betrayed is an example of television journalism that goes off the rails when an investigator gets a tad too close to her subject.

Featuring reenactments, copious home movies and other recordings, "He Lied" concerns Benita Alexander, an NBC News producer who first encounters world-renowned surgeon Paolo Macchiarini while preparing a television special about his remarkable procedure that uses artificial elements and human stem cells to create new windpipes for ailing patients.

She shares an instant chemistry with the doctor and soon their relationship morphs from professional to romantic. Her friends and relatives are immediately smitten by Macchiarini, comparing the handsome physician and bearded European scholar to everyone from "the Most Interesting Man in the World" to Mr. Big from "Sex and the City" and even George Clooney.

Macchiarini woos Alexander in ways that make "The Bachelor" seem subtle. Their whole affair has a reality TV vibe to it that only grows more preposterous once he pops the question and promises her a Vatican wedding officiated by the Pope himself!

By now, even her friends are warning Alexander that it all seems a bit too much. And when Macchiarini's patients start dying and other European scholars begin questioning his publications and credentials, Dr. McDreamy's world of compartmentalization and deception begins to unravel.

While entertaining, "He Lied" basically asks, "Who wouldn't be bedazzled by this Prince Charming?" instead of wondering, "How could a professional news producer allow herself to become so bamboozled?" "He Lied" might offer a



Lacey Chabert stars as Chloe and Andrew Walker as Seth in "My Secret Valentine," airing at 8 p.m. today on Hallmark.

greater emotional payoff as a fictional thriller or scripted drama, with the audience following Alexander deeper into Macchiarini's scam with every champagne wish and caviar dream.

Instead, each commercial break arrives with a battering ram of basic-cable foreshadowing. "He Lied About Everything" is a great title. Except for the fact that it gives away the story before it even begins.

• Archaeologists discover ruins of ships involved in the Dunkirk evacuation on "NOVA" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).

**TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

• An heiress' (Kate Winslet) shipboard flight from her

snooty fiance (Billy Zane) to a handsome steerage class striver (Leonardo DiCaprio) is rudely interrupted by an iceberg in the 1997 epic romance "Titanic" (6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., AMC). Jack! Rose!

• Coverage of the 2018 Winter Olympics (8 p.m., NBC) includes figure skating, alpine skiing, men's skeleton and speed skating.

• Mulder and Scully search for their son on "The X-Files" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

• Dogs, bears, devil rays and other "Animals With Cameras" wrap up this three-part "Nature" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings) miniseries.

• A mysterious chalkboard leads a winery owner to "My Secret Valentine" (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).

• Dean Cain hosts a roundup of "The Top 14 Greatest Valentine's Day Movies of All Time" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).

• The Branch Davidians prepare for a long siege on "Waco" (10 p.m., Paramount, CMT, TV-14).

• "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA) flashes back further to the origins of Cunanan's friendship with Naval officer Jeffrey Trail.

**CULT CHOICE**

Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon star in the 1939 adaptation of Emily Bronte's novel "Wuthering Heights" (6 p.m., TCM), part of a roundup of Oscar winners and nominees in the category of best adapted

screenplay. The film received eight Academy Award nominations in a year that has long been considered the peak of Hollywood's Golden Age. It competed with "Gone With the Wind," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Good-bye, Mr. Chips" and "Nicholas" in the writing category alone.

**SERIES NOTES**

**"Big Brother: Celebrity Edition"** (8 p.m., CBS) \* The business faces new challenges on **"The Goldbergs"** (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Comedians reflect on love and dating on **"Relationships Just for Laughs"** (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) \* Speed dating on **"Speechless"** (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Trekking through Bahrain on **"The Amazing Race"** (9 p.m., CBS) \* A plane crash takes an emotional toll on the team on **"9-1-1"** (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) \* Teamwork on **"Modern Family"** (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Double-dating on **"American Housewife"** (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Alec Baldwin hosts **"Match Game"** (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

**LATE NIGHT**

Patton Oswalt, Andy Serkis and Royal Blood appear on **"Conan"** (11 p.m., TBS, r) \* Jodie Foster and Tom Hanks are booked on **"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) \* Michael Pena and O'Shea Jackson Jr. appear on **"The Late Late Show With James Corden"** (12:35 a.m., CBS, r). Copyright 2018 United Feature Syndicate

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## A hearty stew and a trick or 2

BY ELIZABETH KARMEI  
Associated Press

During the recent bomb cyclone snowstorm, I couldn't go to the store for several days as I waited to get plowed out of my driveway. I had plenty of food, but a lot of it was that first of January "diet" food, and I was craving a warm stick-to-your ribs stew.

It became a challenge to see what I had on hand that I could assemble into a dish that would warm my bones and satisfy my appetite. I had a hanger steak in the freezer and carrots, mushrooms, shallots and garlic on hand. I had half a bottle of burgundy (pinot noir) left over from the last supper before the storm, and so a beef burgundy stew immediately came to mind.

Because I had never made a beef burgundy stew before and was short on time, I decided to use my handy electric pressure cooker. I am a new fan of these one-pot meals and amazed at the flavor that you can coax out of a pressure cooker.

I decided to cook the hanger steak whole and still partially frozen and cut it into chunks once it was done. I like the texture of the meat better this way even though almost every stew recipe out there tells you to chunk it up first. If you don't want to use hanger steak, there are other cuts of beef that you can use.

I cleaned and sliced the carrots into round slices, cut the white mushrooms in half so that they would retain their shape during the pressure cooking, peeled the skins from the garlic cloves and the shallots but left them whole so that they would peel apart once they were cooked and add chunkiness to the stew.

To peel the garlic, I tried a new tip that will change your garlic-peeling life. I know it changed mine. A friend who does not cook, but microwaves, told me that you could microwave garlic and the peel will slide off. Like most people, I find peeling the skin off garlic cloves to be tedious.

To that end, I have tried everything including the silicone tube that promises to peel garlic but only works a fraction of the time. Having nothing to lose, I took half a bulb of garlic and placed it in the microwave for 10 seconds. I removed it, and it broke into individual cloves immedi-



### BURGUNDY BEEF STEW

Servings: 6-8

Start to finish: 75 minutes

1 hanger steak brisket or boneless short ribs, 1 1/2 to 2 pounds

1 teaspoon coarse sea salt or kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon fresh-ground white pepper

1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary

1/8 teaspoon dried sage

2 large carrots, cleaned and sliced into rounds

1/2 bulb of garlic, 6-9 individual cloves peeled

6-8 shallots peeled and trimmed

1 package (8-ounces) of white mushrooms, cleaned and cut in half

1 quart (4 cups) beef broth or stock

2 cups red burgundy (pinot noir)

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Set whole hanger steak or other meat on a plate. Mix together the salt, pepper, rosemary and sage. If you like a more "seasoned" stew, double the spice mixture, and save half of it for seasoning at the end. Season the meat with the spice rub, and place in the pressure cooker or a Dutch oven.

Pour the sliced carrots, garlic cloves, shallots and mush-

rooms on top of the meat. Pour the beef broth and wine over the meat and vegetables. Seal your pressure cooker or "Instant Pot" according to manufacturer directions. Set on high pressure for 23 minutes. Once it is cooked, release pressure, and keep it warm.

Remove the meat, and discard any connective tissue. Cut into chunks, and place back into the hot pot and stir. Keep the stew on warm.

In a small skillet over medium heat, melt the butter, and add the flour. Let it cook until brown and thickened. Add a little of the cooking liquid, about 1/2 cup total, and let it cook until thickened, stirring frequently.

Add thickened sauce to the hot liquid, and let simmer uncovered for about 10 minutes. At this point, you can taste the stew and correct any seasonings by adding salt and pepper if needed. You can also season the stew with the spice rub that you seasoned the meat with if you doubled the recipe. Serve the stew at this point, or do as I do and pour the stew into a Dutch oven, and let it sit in the refrigerator overnight.

When ready to serve, remove fat cap, and simmer for 20 minutes or until hot and bubbling.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 364 calories; 139 calories from fat; 16 g fat (7 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 77 mg cholesterol; 42 mg sodium; 17 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 5 g sugar; 25 g protein.

ately. I then rubbed the cloves between my fingers and the peel slipped right off. New year, new kitchen tip!

But back to the stew. Once I made it, I realized that it would be even better the next day, so I poured the stew into a Dutch oven and let it sit in the fridge overnight. Besides let-

ting all the flavors marry, I love doing this because you can skim the fat in one fell swoop by picking the solidified fat off the top. Below is all the flavor but none of the fat. This is an excellent trick for chicken soup and many other one pot soups and stews that start with raw meat.

If you want to eat the stew imme-

diately, you can skim the fat off the top the old-fashioned way, or just eat it. I thickened my stew with an old-fashioned roux of browned butter and flour, but you could also thicken it with corn starch. Serve the stew over egg noodles, mashed potatoes or gnocchi for a very satisfying cold-weather meal.

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