

Surgery offers life without 'readers'

Regional eye doctor is 1 of 3 in the state to perform inlay, near-vision procedure

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Want to get rid of those reading glasses? There's a new surgery

that's offered by a regional eye doctor, or ophthalmologist, that restores near vision and reduces the frustrations of using those "readers." Dr. Howard Greene of Caro-

linas Centers for Sight based out of Florence, but who operates one day per week out of Eye Care Specialty Center at 528 Broad St., discussed the advanced surgical procedure

Friday at the Sumter practice. The surgery — called Kamra Inlay — treats a common natural eye condition called Presbyopia, which reduces the ability of the eye to

focus on near objects and causes blurry reading vision. This blurred near vision typically occurs in adults when

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Park your appetite at Untapped

Food truck, beer fest returns March 3

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For anyone who hates delicious, made-to-order food of myriad cuisines and does not like refreshing, locally brewed craft beer, read no further.

For the rest of us, mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3, and prepare your palate for the Untapped: Food Trucks and Craft Beer Festival to roll into the Sumter County Fairgrounds.

"Come with friends, because it's a whole meal," said Lynn Kennedy, events manager for the city of Sumter and chair of Sumter Green, the non-profit that runs the festival as a fundraiser for its beautification projects and other green initiatives.

About 20 food trucks from South Carolina, Savannah, Charlotte and Georgia will park at the fairgrounds and serve up everything from barbecue and nachos to Cuban sandwiches, gyros, seafood, tacos and Asian noodles from noon to 7 p.m.

Tickets to get in are \$5 if bought in advance and \$10 at the gate. That money goes toward Sumter Green, and sales from food go to the individual food trucks.

Kennedy said there will be a DJ and plenty of places to sit. The event, which will be the third such go-around and is sponsored by FTC and Mid Carolina Beverage LLC, is family-friendly.

The first two festivals were held last March and November, and after a lower turnout for the second event was attributed to residents' prioritizing football season, the festi-

val is now an annual spring event, Kennedy said.

"We're hoping 3,500 [people come out]," Kennedy said. "We have a fall feast, but last year this was the biggest [Sumter Green

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Pawley's Front Porch II Mobile Eats served up some of its Five Points menu at the first Untapped festival, including specialty burgers and salads with chicken or mahi.

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Reading interventionist 'fills the gap' in multiple ways



HILTON

Teacher helps students reach grade level

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sometimes with a job change, you can find a perfect fit. Sumter School District teacher Ureka Hilton has found that as a

reading interventionist at Rafting Creek Elementary School in Rembert.

A Sumter native and Morris College graduate, Hilton taught fourth- and fifth-grade English/language arts for 15 years at Pocal-

la Springs Elementary School before making the move to Rafting Creek three years ago.

As a reading interventionist teacher, Hilton said she tries to "fill in the gap" for students to get them up to grade level in reading. She works with 32 students in third through fifth grades at the school who are below their grade level in

reading. That's about 40 percent of all the students in grades 3-5 at the school in the rural northern part of the county.

The job allows her to work more one on one with students and understand their needs in reading and writing, she said. The position

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SCDOT to close 1 lane of I-95 southbound

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Motorists traveling to Florence from Sumter should be aware that South Carolina Department of Transportation will be closing one lane on Interstate 95 southbound at mile marker 147 over Lynches River in Florence County starting Wednesday.

The single-lane closure — necessary for a bridge deck rehabilitation project — will remain in place for 30 days. The expected completion date is March 23 if there are no delays because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Oversize / overweight trucks will be restricted to 11-foot-wide loads.

All vehicles exceeding 11 feet in width must use the posted detour route, I-95 South to Exit 150/S.C. 403 South to Lynches River Road to S.C. 341 North to I-95 South Exit 146.

Motorists traveling along this southbound section of I-95 are advised to use caution in the work zone and expect traffic congestion.

To avoid severe congestion, motorists can use alternate routes or the dedicated detour when traveling in the southbound direction.

Check traffic conditions on I-95 and other major highways in S.C. at www.511sc.org, or download the free 511 Traveler Information System app.

School board's Finance Committee to meet Monday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The advisory Finance Committee of Sumter School District's Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting on Monday at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road.

As is normally the case at committee meetings, district Chief Financial Officer Chris Griner will provide last month's general fund statement, capital projects update and cash flow analysis. Since it's the February committee meeting, those reports will be for the month of January.

Monday's meeting begins at 7:45 a.m. and is open to the public.

CORRECTION

A story in Thursday's edition said Sumter School Board member William Byrd was also chairman of the board's Finance Committee. Byrd is on the committee, but fellow board member Johnny Hilton is chairman of the Finance Committee. Byrd is chairman of the board's Facilities Committee.

Sumter attorney Tommy Bultman elected as family court judge

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Thomas M. "Tommy" Bultman, an attorney at Bryan Law Firm of S.C., LLP, will join more than 50 of the states elected public servants after he was elected to family court by South Carolina General Assembly on Feb. 7.

Bultman is scheduled to start the next path in his law career on March 5.

The managing practitioner at Bryan Law Firm, Bultman will leave behind his duties as a practitioner of law to take the bench.

Bultman, a former Third Judicial Circuit assistant solicitor, has practiced law for nearly 40 years since he was admitted to the S.C. Bar in November 1978.

He decided to run for the judgeship after former Family Court Judge George McFaddin Jr. was appointed to an at-large circuit court judge position in 2017.

A few of Bultman's acquaintances asked if he would be interested in the position, and he submitted his information to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, responsible for screening candidates, after discussing the judgeship with his family.

He was unanimously elected to family

court but knew he would get the position after the two other candidates dropped out of the race.

Bultman said he knew he was set to win the judgeship because he found out he would receive the most votes from the general assembly following the commission's screening process. That was very humbling, he said.



BULTMAN

Anyone running for judgeship in an appellate or general jurisdiction court must be a U.S. citizen, be between 32 and 72 years old, and have at least eight years of experience as a licensed attorney.

Though Bultman will be taking on a new position, he will find familiarity while serving the public in his new capacity.

Throughout his career as an attorney, Bultman has focused on family law and has presented many cases throughout the state that he will soon be presiding over, such as divorces, juvenile criminal charges, Department of Social Services cases and adoptions.

"I have a good working knowledge of family law," he said. "I've handled all of those cases many a time."

The only fun time a family court

judge or lawyer can have is uncontested adoptions, Bultman said. Those are happy days, he said.

During his first two weeks, Bultman will travel to Lexington and Florence counties where he will observe other family court judges and preside over his first cases. Afterward, he will preside over cases in other counties in the state.

Bultman joined Bryan Law Firm as an associate in 1987 and became a partner in 1992.

He is a 1975 graduate of The Citadel, with a bachelor's degree in political science, and a 1978 graduate of University of South Carolina School of Law. He is admitted to practice law before the U.S. District Court of South Carolina; U.S. Tax Court; and Court of Veterans Affairs.

Bultman is also a certified Family Law Mediator and has represented individuals in Social Security and Veterans Affairs disability cases.

He attends St. James Lutheran Church and is also a member of Sumter Rotary Club.

Bultman is married to Marsha S. Bultman and is the father of two daughters and three stepchildren. He has three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.



Expressing gratitude for veterans

Expressing his gratitude to a veteran patient, state Sen. Thomas McElveen (D-Sumter) was on hand to participate in the National Veteran Patients Week recognition week at the Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia on Tuesday.

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Police search for suspect in armed robbery of pizza delivery man

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter Police Department is still looking for a man suspected of robbing a pizza delivery man at gunpoint in the parking lot of Miller Arms Apartments on Feb. 10.

The suspect — a black man with long, dark-colored dreadlocks, according to a surveillance video — took cash and pizzas from the delivery man about 10:30 p.m. The amount of money was not disclosed.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700 or (803)

436-2718.

Information can also be given anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 888-CRIME-SC or by submitting a tip online at www.P3tips.com.

Video of the suspect can be found on Sumter Police Department's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/sumterscpolice/videos/1785522578159536/>.

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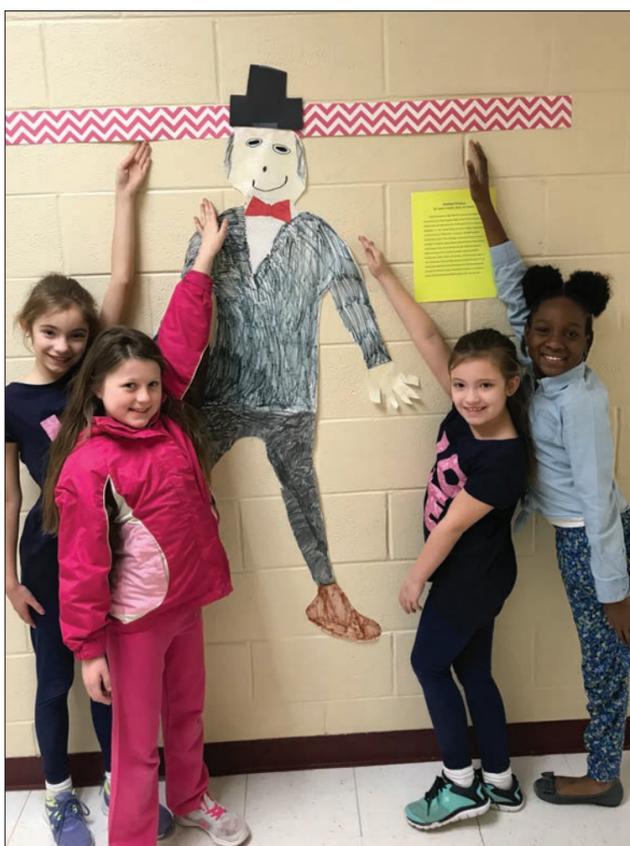
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Bringing research to life



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Students in Katie Huggins' third-grade class at Millwood Elementary School completed a research project on Revolutionary War Soldiers. The groups wrote research papers and created life-size replicas of their soldiers. Students enjoyed working collaboratively to learn about the different war leaders.



We have met the enemy, and he is us — we must stop

BY CLAY SMITH

Special to The Sumter Item

How many more times must this be breaking news? A disgruntled former student, who was identified as a threat, took an AR-15 into his old school, opened fire and killed 17. They went to school that day, never dreaming it would be their last day on Earth.

The wearying debate renews between gun advocates and gun controllers. Facebook fingers point in every direction. We all want to find who to blame. Was it the parents? The school administration? Teachers who failed to make a report about the troubled student?

What if the system didn't break down? What if the problem is the system itself? What if the problem is the culture we are building?

Culture is a strange thing: It is built by what is accepted by the majority. Choice by choice, the majority builds the culture it wants. We may decry a culture of violence, but we still purchase video games that allow us to give virtual opponents a gory death.

Parents try hard not to warp their children and be-

come so hands off they leave the souls of their children blank slates. We push sex and technology onto our children before they have the wisdom to make good decisions. It is easier to be carried by the tide than to fight against it.



Clay Smith

Resisting what is accepted by the majority has always been God's agenda. God said to Noah, "I want you to resist this culture. Build an ark. Be foolish. I'm going to save you." God said to his people in the desert on the way to the Promised Land, "You are not to be like the nations around you. You are to be my people and follow my ways, my teaching." Jesus said, "I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid."

The call to God's people is the same: Resist the darkness. Resist the violence. Dare to parent your children like Jesus would and risk being called the most unpopular parent in the world (you

will survive). Churches, invest in children and students. Their homes are broken, and they need to know God's people love them and accept them.

Jesus followers, stop being entertained by violence. It is not entertaining. It is sending a message. Hollywood says, "We're only making movies people want to see." Let's send a message back, "I don't want to see that."

Do you own a gun? Make sure it's locked so kids can't get to it. Own an AR-15? Ask Jesus if that's something you really need. Even if he says "yes," I'll bet he also says, "Lock it up." You might say, "Nobody's going to get my AR-15 and shoot up a school." That's not the point. The point is you should ask Jesus what he thinks. Or do you trust Jesus only with heavenly matters and tell him to stay away from what you treasure?

I don't know if Jesus followers can stem this tide of violence. I don't know if we can stop children from killing children. But I know this: Jesus followers can live by a different culture, the culture of the Kingdom of God. That's where we're supposed to be.

Years ago, Walt Kelly drew a cartoon of his character Pogo, looking at a trash-filled swamp. He said to his friend, Porcupine, "We have met the enemy, and he is us."

Look at the swamp of this violent culture. Who trashed it? We did. Only Jesus can redeem it. His church is to be his agent of redemption — people who say we will not live by this culture of vi-

olence. We will be different.

For Jesus followers, it's time for the enemy to no longer be us. Stop aiding the cause of the enemy. Let's be citizens of a different kingdom, the kingdom of light, peace, joy and powerful redemption — the Kingdom of God.

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Pray for God to show how to help shooting victims

As Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day this year but also tragically a school shooting in Florida in which 17 people were killed.

It's one of the deadliest school shootings in history. A day that celebrates love will be marred by this unthinkable event. The list of victims isn't reserved for those who died last Wednesday but for their families and friends, for the students and teachers who huddled in terror waiting for the shooting to stop. These and what seems like a pandemic of shootings in recent memory thin our sense of safety, especially for those school-aged and with school-aged loved ones.



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There is no vindication for something like this, no closure that offers any satisfying relief. There is anger, sometimes misplaced, that spills from the very raw wound left in the aftermath. As believers, we should burn with righteous anger. This is not what God intended for his people.

He sees the pain caused by callous killing.

It's easy, in my opinion, for us only lightly affected by such tragedies to preach peace to victims and tell them

not to be angry, which, if you've ever been on the receiving end of such a speech, is the very last thing you want to hear.

We want justice against evil, and few things are as evil as one person needlessly taking the life of another. It's OK to be angry, furious at the loss of life, but we are commanded to cede the anger to the One whose wrath burns hot against those who commit evil.

"Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord." (Romans 12:19, NIV)

It's not enough for believers to offer their "thoughts and prayers" for the victims. Frankly, I'm not sure how to

send a thought to someone. Our prayers for these individuals should be for their comfort and peace but also to seek God's will in how we should react as believers. Pray for peace but also that "justice [would] roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24, NIV).

There is nothing we can say that will take away the pain, the heartache caused by tragedy. We can show others the hope found in our Heavenly Father. I hope you will set aside a time shortly after reading this column to pray and ask God to show you a way to help those victims.

Email Jamie H. Wilson at faithmatterssumter@gmail.com.

An apple's nutrients vital to good health for several reasons

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Well, it's the phytochemicals in the apples, apple juice and applesauce each day that



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keep the doctor away. Also, some of the phytochemicals are known to be anti-allergenic, some are anti-carcinogenic, anti-inflammatory, anti-viral, anti-proliferative. Now you have a reason to say

again, an apple a day keeps the doctor away.

Guess what? Did you know that these apples and apple products offer benefits similar to tea and red wine? Research demonstrates that you can add apple juice to the list of fruits and vegetables which are good for you because they contain a significant amount of important plant components. Also, researchers have discovered that the phytonutrients found in 100 percent apple juice and apples can actually help slow some of the processes in humans that can lead to heart disease. In a few weeks of studies, researchers found that just taking in moderate amount of apple juice and apples, without making any other dietary changes, can reduce some problems for heart disease risk.

In research and studies, it has been explained that LDL particles made up of fat and protein carry cholesterol into the bloodstream. LDL particles that have been oxidized—that is, transformed by exposure to oxygen in the body—are more likely to build up into formations of plaque in arteries, causing atherosclerosis or the hardening and narrowing of arteries. Arteries in the heart are more susceptible to plaque formation and related damage, known as atherosclerosis. The risk of atherosclerosis is reduced if oxidation of LDL cholesterol can be delayed, giving the body more time to eliminate the cholesterol before it can cause arterial damage.

Phytonutrients are newly discovered plant components that are thought to have antioxidant properties that are important for good health. Researchers have found that the apple phytonutrients really can make a difference once consumed. Studies from around the world demonstrate that there are nutrients in apple juice and apples that are vital to good health.

An apple a day provides respectable amount of both insoluble and soluble fiber. One large apple supplies almost 30 percent of the minimum amount of fiber which

experts say should be consumed daily. About 81 percent of the fiber in the apple flesh is soluble, most of it presumed to be a type called pectin. Studies indicate that and other soluble fibers are effective in lowering cholesterol levels.

Fresh apples also have some vitamin C and some potassium.

When apples are processed (into apple juice or applesauce), however, almost all of their vitamin C is lost (though occasionally

APPLE-GO-ROUND

1 firm apple
1/4 cup orange juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon raisins
1 tablespoon celery (diced)
2 tablespoons applesauce
lettuce leaf or spinach

Slice off top of apple; remove core. Prick outside with sharp fork. Place apple in tall narrow bowl. Combine orange and lemon juice; pour over apple. (Add extra water if apple is not covered.) Marinate in refrigerator 4 to 5 hours. Combine raisins,

celery, and applesauce. Allow to mellow at room temperature 2 hours. Chill thoroughly. Drain apple. Cut apple into 8 sections, slicing almost to the bottom. Fill with applesauce mixture. Place on crisp lettuce leaf or spinach.
Yield: 1 serving



with calcium as well).

Apples are of value in the diet for several reasons. They contain small amounts of some important vitamins and minerals as well as provide dietary

fiber which is necessary for normal functioning of the intestinal tract. The raw apple also acts as a detergent food, cleansing your teeth and exercising the gums.

Selecting apples for use:

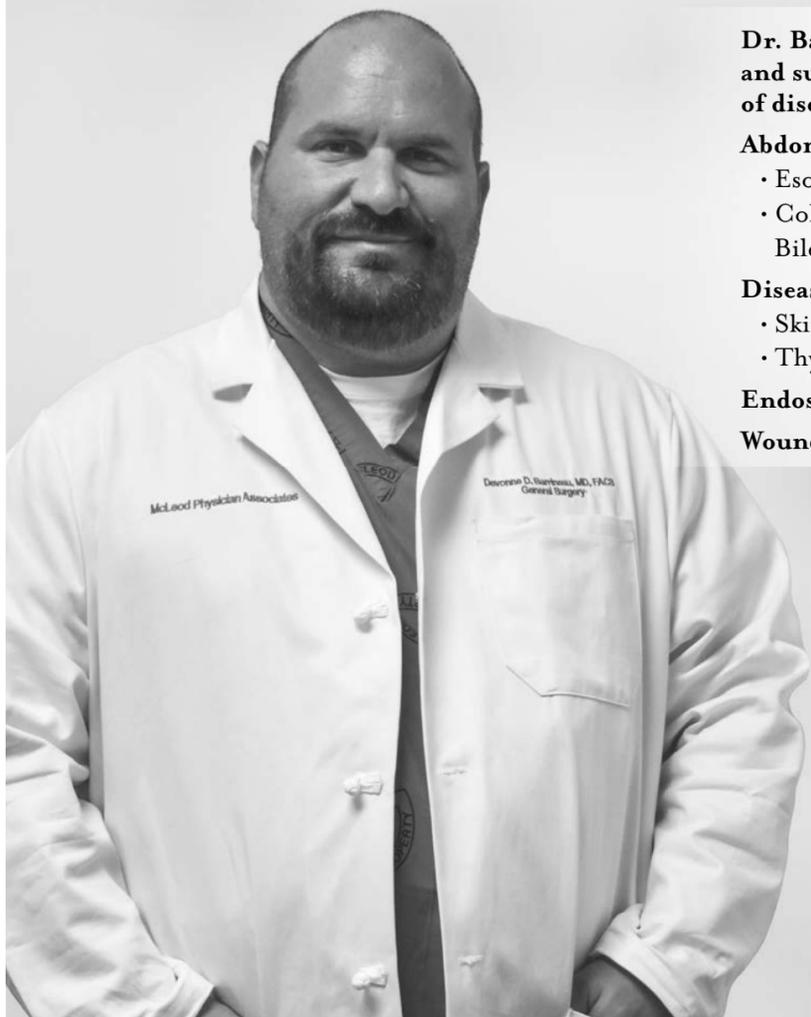
There is a large assortment of apples on the market. Some varieties are especially good for cooking because they retain their shape when cooked (example is Rome Beauty).

The Red Delicious, which is fragrant and sweet, is good served sliced with cheese wedges as an appetizer or snack. It is also an excellent choice for eating out of hand or in salads.

The Jonathan is moderately tart and adds a flavor boost to cooked combination dishes. The Granny Smith has become more familiar in this area in the last few years as an excellent snack, cooking and all-purpose apple. It is green in color, extremely juicy and has a tart, pleasant flavor. The Winesap is crisp, juicy, firm and slightly tart. It, too, is a good snack, cooking and all-purpose apple.

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Backyard Jamboree heralds early spring

Barbecue, music, craft beers support area seniors

BY IVY MOORE

Special to The Sumter Item

The final Saturday of February will offer the perfect antidote for the frigid days of winter with Sumter Senior Services' 13th-annual Backyard Jamboree. And the big party will be presented at the area's prime spot to celebrate the advent of spring — Swan Lake-Iris Gardens.

SSS Executive Director Dana Strock said the family friendly event will boast a variety of foods, with barbecue at its center, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Swan Lake's Heath Pavilion.

"General admission tickets for adults and children will include food, dessert, soft drinks and water," as well as entertainment and a craft beer tasting, she said.

Strock said the Jamboree is one of three fundraising events for the Meals on Wheels program, which provides nutritionally balanced hot and frozen meals to the county's homebound elderly. Sip and Stroll, a wine-tasting event, and Microbrew Festival, both held in downtown Sumter, are the non-profit organization's other major fundraisers.

"Currently our staff deliver about 170 hot meals and 250 frozen meals daily to homebound seniors throughout the Sumter community," Strock said. "We have a waiting list with over 230 seniors waiting to receive meals delivered to them in their homes."

"This is where our fundraisers are so important, as all proceeds from them go to feeding homebound seniors in and around Sumter County."

Backyard Jamboree, Sumter Senior Services' only daytime fundraiser, traditionally attracts a large crowd, Strock said, not just for its menu, although that is a major draw. Attendees enjoy visiting with friends, listening to music and tasting the different craft beers.

Specifically, the menu will include barbecue, beans, hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw and a variety of desserts. Soft beverages included in the general admission fee include Coke, Sprite and



Tickets for the Saturday, Feb. 24, Backyard Jamboree can be purchased online at <http://www.backyardjamboree.org/tickets.html> at Sumter Senior Services, 119 S. Sumter St., by calling (803) 773-5508 or at the gate.

Prices are:

- Ages 21 and up — \$30 for food, 2 beer tickets and craft beer tasting
- 13 and up — \$20 for food and soft beverages
- Seniors 60 and up and military — \$25 for food, 2 beer tickets, craft beer tasting
- Seniors, military — \$15, food and soft beverages only
- Children 4 to 12 years old — \$10 for food and soft beverages
- Children 3 and under — Free

Diet Coke.

Those ages 21 and older can also purchase beers provided by The Yahnis Co.; these will be Miller Lite, Yuengling and White Claw Hard Cider. A craft beer tasting is available with \$30 admission tickets — \$25 for seniors and military. Included are Not Your Father's Root Beer, Peroni, Green Man Porter and Blaze Yellow Blazer Kolsch Style Ale.

"You definitely don't want to miss DJ Lady Diamond, who will be providing a variety of musical entertainment throughout the event," Strock said.

For the children attending with their families and friends, there will be special entertainment, too, she said.

"We will have the Balloon Guy, face painting and cotton candy," Strock said, adding that there will be several corn hole games available on the grounds for children and adults around the Heath Pavilion.

"Also, just for attending the Backyard Jamboree, you can enter to win a barbecue package sponsored by Simpson Ace hardware and Sumter Senior Services."

Backyard Jamboree long-sleeve T-shirts will also be available for \$10 before, during and after the event.

According to USA Today and other sources, Punxsatawney Phil is usually wrong in predicting the date of spring's arrival — he saw his shadow, indicating spring would be late; however, trained, expert meteorologists are calling for a temperate, clear day for Backyard Jamboree — 72 degrees with gentle breezes on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 24.

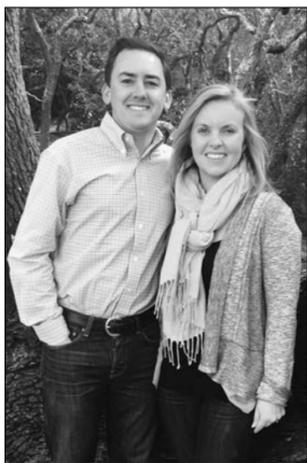
Strock said community-minded businesses and organizations contribute greatly to the success of Backyard Jamboree. The many sponsors that support Sumter Senior Services and its mission "to provide opportunities for physical, mental and emotional wellness which support independence and enrich the quality of life for older adults" include Palmetto Health Tuomey, Covenant Place, FTC, Pilgrim's Pride, Sumter Packaging, Jackson and Sims Architects, Food Lion, Piggly Wiggly, IGA, Ward's B-B-Q, Bar-B-Que Hut, Leo's Wings, The Yahnis Co., Coca-Cola, Swan Lake and *The Sumter Item*.

ENGAGEMENTS

Williams-Green

Dr. and Mrs. Theophilus Darius Williams III of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Montgomery Ford Williams of Nashville, Tennessee, to James Ecton Green Jr. of Nashville, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ecton Green of Lexington, Kentucky.

The wedding is planned for May 12, 2018, at Pawleys Island Chapel, Pawleys Island.



MR. GREEN, MISS WILLIAMS

Cook-Cummings

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lee Cook announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin LeeAnn Cook, to Jeffrey Burgess Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown Cummings III, all of Sumter.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. JoAnn Christian Davis and the late Robert Norwood Davis and Mrs. Betty Munn Cook and the late Jack Brian Cook, all of Sumter. She graduated from Central Carolina Technical College and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business at Columbia College. She is employed by Sumter School District.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown Hair and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown Cummings Jr., all of Sumter. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology and a Minor in Political Science. He is employed by Radio Communication Service.

The wedding is planned for May 19, 2018, at Linran Farm in Sumter.

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The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond, www.bedbathandbeyond.com; Belk, www.belk.com; and



MR. CUMMINGS, COOK

Simpson Hardware and Sports on Wesmark Boulevard in Sumter.

EDUCATION

Wilson Hall

STATE MATH MEET

The high school math team, advised by Mary Anne Erter, placed ninth out of 35 teams in the S.C. Independent School Association State Math Meet held at Sumter County Civic Center on Jan. 31. In individual competition, senior Tod Yang placed third out of the 210 competitors from across the state. In addition to Yang, the following students are members of the team: senior Kirsten Fisher and juniors Mills Herlong, David Kim, Daniel Metzendorf and Ingrid Singleton.

ZILCH NAMED PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Senior Abby Zilch received the Presidential Scholarship from Wingate University in North Carolina. Valued at \$64,000, the scholarship covers over one-half of the tuition. The scholarship is awarded to exceptional incoming freshmen who have a minimum grade-point average of 3.6.

SONNTAG SIGNS NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

Senior Greyson Sonntag signed a National Letter of Intent to further his athletic career in college. Sonntag will play football at Davidson College. Students, coaches and family members attended the ceremony held in the Nash Student Center on Feb. 9. — Sean Hoskins

Sumter School District

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR HAILEY BORDEAUX SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

The Sumter Teacher Forum will host the Hailey Bordeaux Memorial Scholarship dinner at Kingsbury Elementary School on March 15 from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. The turkey tetrazzini dinners are takeout only with drive-through and carry-out service.

The scholarship was created in memory of a 2011 Sumter High School graduate, Hailey Bordeaux, who was attending the University of South Carolina majoring in early childhood education when she lost her life in an accident. She was a daughter of Shawn and Pam Bordeaux and was a South Carolina Teaching Fellow at USC. The Sumter School District Teacher Forum founded the scholarship and named it in her memory.

Tickets are \$7 and are on sale now through March 7. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact a Teacher Forum representative or Kingsbury Elementary at (803) 775-6244 or email Denice Merrick at denice.merrick@sumterschools.net. Checks should be made payable to Sumter School District with "Hailey Bordeaux Scholarship Fund" on the memo line.

No tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Sumter School District Teacher Forum Hailey Bordeaux Memorial Scholarship for Future Educators.

LAKEWOOD TEACHER NAMED WLTX TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Elizabeth Beck, a special education teacher at Lakewood High School, was named the WLTX Teacher of the

Week. WLTX News Anchor Darci Strickland paid a visit to the school to present her with this honor.

A 32-year teaching veteran, Beck knows firsthand how it feels to be a student with special challenges in the classroom. "Because I have a learning disability, I understand where the students are coming from, and I can see their frustration before the point where they shut down. I do not call it a disability; I call it ability," Beck said. "I have been able to watch my students grow up, become adults and have successful careers."

RAFTING CREEK EDUCATOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ureka Hilton, a reading interventionist at Rafting Creek Elementary School, was accepted in the South Carolina Department of Education's Foundations in School Leadership program. This program is designed to provide leadership skills and competencies to teachers serving in leadership positions. FSL also provides foundations in leadership that can assist in the transition to administrative positions.

Hilton also had three projects funded through Donors Choose. The first project, The Best Me I Can Be, extends the school's Character Education Program by including Julia Cook and other books that address mental health and emotional well-being. The second project, Check It Out, creates a weekly library check-out system of books for students and their families to use at home. The last project, Project R.O.A.R. (Removing Obstacles and Analyzing Results), uses a printer, ink and a binding machine to create school-wide communication folders and agendas, personalized class and school newsletters and postcards in an effort to target parent engagement and increase home/school communication.

SUMTER HIGH ORCHESTRA PERFORMS AT PRESTIGIOUS FESTIVAL

The Sumter High School Honors Orchestra was selected to be one of two performing orchestral ensembles to perform at the South Carolina Music Educators Association annual conference in Columbia on Feb. 17. This annual conference serves as professional development for elementary school, middle school, high school and collegiate band, choir and orchestra music educators across South Carolina.

The selection process began two years ago when Erik Hines, Sumter High School honors orchestra director, prepared his ensemble to record selections to submit to the SCMEA selection committee. Participation at the conference depends heavily on the level of difficulty in the selections performed in the submitted recordings, as well as the level of achievements that the orchestra possesses. Since 2010, the Sumter High School orchestra has received superior ratings at concert festival, which is an annual event sponsored by SCMEA Orchestra Division.

Hines noted that preparing for the SCMEA concert has been a community effort. First Baptist Church assisted with a location and professional recording equipment, and students, parents and community members donated and raised funds for black dresses and tuxedos, fees for the clinicians

and music for the 35 musicians.

LOVE THE BUS MONTH

February is Love the Bus, a month-long celebration held by the American School Bus Council. This celebration highlights the important role of the yellow school bus in education, with a particular focus on thanking school bus drivers for safely transporting children to and from school every day.

In Sumter School District, approximately 8,500 students ride the bus each day. Many of our bus drivers also have other roles in the schools. Some are faculty members, paraprofessionals, custodians, cafeteria workers and office staff. In addition, many of the coaches have the necessary licensure to drive buses so that they can transport their teams safely to and from athletic events. Each driver goes through rigorous training and undergoes professional development training annually. Sumter School District is proud of the outstanding job our bus drivers do for our students and the school district.

ADULT ED STUDENT WINS AWARD

Latoya Wells from Sumter Adult Education won the Outstanding Learner of the Year for South Carolina Award. She was recognized at the Adult Education Celebrating Our Success Luncheon. Sumter Adult Education also received a trophy for meeting its Federal Performance Measures and having the highest average of students moving up to Educational Functioning Level. — Shelly Galloway

Central Carolina Technical College

MINIMESTER REGISTRATION BLITZ

Spring Minimester II is approaching with 8-week courses that run from March 8 to May 9. Come visit the registration lab in the round building on Main Campus for one-on-one assistance registering for Minimester II courses. English, math, reading and computer courses are available in person, as well as a wide variety of online elective courses. Counselors are always available for additional questions about financial aid or admissions status. Designated registration blitz days are Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call (803) 778-1961.

South Carolina Technical System's 36th-Annual Welding Skills Competition Central Carolina Technical College is hosting this year's annual Welding Skills Competition on April 19 and 20 on Main Campus in Sumter. Ten South Carolina technical colleges will compete in six welding categories. For more information and sponsorship opportunities for this event, contact Welding Program Manager Axel Reis at (803) 778-7863 or reisah@cctech.edu. — Catherine M. Wood

USC Upstate on the Sumter Campus

USC Upstate on the Sumter Campus sponsors a club for future educators, Teachers Educating All Children, TEACH. This club is an active part of the USC Sumter Campus and participates in activities such as mentoring students, service learning, Club Day at

the Sumter Campus and staff development for education majors. TEACH meets the first and third Wednesday of each month in Room 113 in the Schwartz Building on the USC Sumter Campus.

TEACH engages various speakers on current topics in education. The next meeting is on Wednesday at noon. The speaker is Dr. Norton, principal of High Hills Elementary School. We invite anyone interested in pursuing a degree in Early Childhood or Elementary Education to join us for the TEACH meetings. The USC Upstate Program provides an opportunity for earning an education degree in Sumter. Call (803) 938-3702 or visit our offices in Room 123 and 124 in the Schwartz Building at USC Sumter for more information. — Betty Harrington

Morris College

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Morris College will celebrate Religious Emphasis with service times at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in Neal-Jones Auditorium. The speaker for the week is Dr. Charles Pee.

Pee has been a member of the Morris College faculty since August 1987, the college minister since July 2002 and the assistant professor of religion since 2012. He teaches in the Division of Religion, Humanities and Social Sciences and in the Morris College Ministerial Certificate Extension Center in Horry County. He is a graduate of Francis Marion University with a Bachelor of Science, Duke Divinity School at Duke University, Master of Divinity (1983) and United Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry (2011). He has also completed extensive graduate work at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia.

Pee has pastored Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Conway, South Carolina, since 1983 and is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. He also serves as moderator of the Little Pee Dee Educational and Missionary Baptist Association.

MID-WINTER BANQUET & RALLY

The annual Mid-Winter Banquet & Rally will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. in Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. The speaker for the event will be Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III.

Haynes has served as a visionary and innovative senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, since 1983. He is a graduate of Bishop College, Bachelor of Arts, 1982, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity, 2005. He earned his Doctorate of Ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation.

Haynes, the author of "Healing Our Broken Village," has received numerous awards and honors for his ministry and activism.

BASKETBALL

The Morris College Hornets will take on rival Voorhees College in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center on Monday. The lady and male Hornets will play at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively. — Anika Cobb

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Lee County School District LOWER LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

During December, students at Lower Lee Elementary School discovered some interesting facts. One fact they learned was that Mrs. Rosa Parks was arrested on Dec. 1, 1955, for refusing to move to the back of the bus to give up her seat for a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. The students also learned about Wilt Chamberlain, who was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1978 and elected one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History in 1996. Tiffany Lancaster, media assistant, and the students were amazed at the information they discovered. They also had a successful book fair.

Delphine Thomas, guidance counselor at Lower Lee Elementary School, entered Jean Moore's fourth-grade class in the EVERFI Future Scholar Winner Contest. Congratulations to Odell Toney, who won third place. Odell will receive a 529 College Savings Scholarship prize pack. Additionally, Future Scholar will invite Thomas and Odell to the South Carolina Economics Awards Luncheon on May 18 in Columbia to recognize both for the award.

The 5K students at Lower Lee Elementary School have completed their math unit on addition and subtraction. They used manipulatives such as counters, dice, dominos, cubes, etc. to assist them with these skills. The students are now learning about sorting and graphing.

In science, the students recently finished a unit on colors. They mixed paints to create different colors. Now they are learning all about insects.

In English and Language Arts, the students are making inferences and writing simple sentences.

Veronica Jamison, Tracy Dover and Lateasha Harris had the opportunity to attend an in high demand Professional Learning Opportunity with the South Carolina Department of Education. The meeting was designed to deepen participants' knowledge and understanding of the structure and intent of the K-8 Computer Science Standards that will be implemented starting in

the fall of 2018. The groups that attended were first to be introduced to the standards. They were allowed to give feedback and their expertise on applying the standards within content areas before they are rolled out to the rest of the state. Participants will continue to attend several virtual and face-to-face sessions before other educators in S.C. implement the standards in the fall.

WEST LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

West Lee Elementary School held its awards day ceremony on Feb. 2. Students were recognized for perfect attendance, A/B honor roll and the A honor roll. Congratulations to the award recipients.

National School Counseling week was celebrated Feb. 5-9. The students had a great time participating in activities with their guidance counselor Delphine Thomas.

LEE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lee Central Middle School is recognizing Lee County natives in its Black History Spotlight. Each week, a historian born and raised in Lee County is honored. The historian's accomplishments and successes are shared with the students. On Fridays, the honorees visit with the school to share their journey to success and inspire the students to do the same.

The first spotlight on Feb. 2 was Caroline Mack-Hill, a graduate of Bishopville High School, who won the national title of Miss Black USA on Feb. 23, 1997.

Mack-Hill told the students a story about the little girl from Luckey Road in Wisacky and advised them to set a dream, work hard and achieve it. Mack said if she can, they can.

After a successful session with Meagan Ard from The Alpha Center earlier this year, Lee Central Middle School decided to continue these experiences with weekly sessions for sixth- and seventh-grade students. Students will receive the Botvin Lifeskills Training curriculum, an evidence-based substance abuse prevention program proven to reduce the risks of alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse and violence. This program includes engaging lessons that address misconceptions about tobacco,

alcohol and other drug use along with skills for dealing with peer pressure and personal self-management skills such as goal setting and decision making as well as general social skills.

Congratulations to the Lee Central Middle School Boys basketball team. The team finished the season undefeated with a 15-0 record and are the 2017-18 Upper Pee Dee Conference and Tournament Champions. Congratulations to Coach Damian Days for being named the 2017-18 Upper Pee Dee Middle School Conference Basketball Coach of the Year.

LEE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Three Lee Central High School Seniors signed National Letters of Intent on the first day of National Signing Day. Cullen McCabe signed with Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, and Demetrius Dubose and Deontae Lowery both signed with South Carolina State University in Orangeburg. Lee County School District's Athletic Director James Price held a special ceremony to recognize and honor the student-athletes on Feb. 7. "I am so proud of these young men and all they have been able to accomplish by being stellar student-athletes. I know they will move on to do tremendous things as they represent Lee County and the city of Bishopville," Price said. Special thanks to Superintendent Wanda Andrews, Principal Baron Turner and Head Varsity Football Coach Justin Danner for their continued support and effort to place our students first.

Head Varsity Basketball Coach Laverne Knox picked up his 500th career victory against Central Pageant High School on Jan. 30. T-shirts that read "Coach Knox 500 Wins" were worn by the varsity basketball team. The Lee Central High School Administration Team and the Lee Central Middle School Boys basketball team presented Coach Knox with a framed jersey and a custom basketball. Congratulations Coach Laverne Knox.

The Lee Central High School Administration Team and Athletic Department recognized Coach Dorothy Fortune for 42 years of outstanding

service on Feb. 6. Congratulations Coach Fortune. — *Shawntae McKenzie*

CAMPUS CORNER

Coastal Carolina University

CONWAY — Victoria Ballou, a Biology major from Sumter, has joined the Gamma Mu chapter of Chi Omega at Coastal Carolina University, which was established in fall 2017.

The chapter is not wasting any time in setting a strong philanthropic foundation for the future of the chapter, already organizing a "Wish Week" at CCU culminating in a "Waves of Wishes" fundraising walk in Myrtle Beach to raise money for Make-A-Wish Foundation South Carolina.

University of South Carolina Upstate

SPARTANBURG — To be eligible for the Dean's List, freshmen students must earn a 3.25 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours. The following local students were named to the Dean's List:

- Sumter — Elizabeth Atkinson, Kristina Barbee, Jared Dukes, Joseph Floyd, Allison Harrison, Ashley Hodge, Tatyana Hodge, Wilson McDaniel, Logan Morris, Briana Pierson, Akeila Robertson, Chelsea Roland, Micah Vaughn and Jazmyn Whitfield

- Dalzell — Lauren Coughlin and Mikeya Toney;

- Manning — Sabrina Dingle and Summer Tisdale; and

- Lynchburg — Shaquanda Hicks.

To be eligible for the Chancellor's List, students must earn a 4.0 and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours. The following local students were named to the Chancellor's List:

- Sumter — Noah Bittinger, Scot Bozio, Erin Bradford, Bethany Jones, Alyssa Lennard, Katlyn Loschke, Melinda Menser, Heather Merritt, Augusta Payeur, Da'Masha Ragin, Shelby Reynolds and NeTaysia Zeigler;

- Dalzell — Ashlee Holloman and Dylan Ross; and

- New Zion — Hannah Yarborough.

Students, alumni challenge legacy preference at colleges

BY COLLIN BINKLEY and
JENNIFER McDERMOTT

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Students and alumni at some of the nation's top universities are urging their schools to reconsider admissions policies that give an edge to relatives of alumni.

Campus groups for first-generation and low-income students at 12 elite universities issued a joint letter Wednesday asking their schools to reevaluate the impact of so-called legacy admissions policies through proposed campus panels that would include students and alumni. The coalition also called on their schools to publicize policies and data on the topic.

"This campaign is not about whether or not legacy applicants like our future children deserve their place in their respective universities," the group wrote. "It is about ensuring that all students have equal footing in the admissions process regardless of whether or not their parents attended a certain university."

Officials from the 12 schools did not comment on the letter Wednesday.

Although most colleges closely guard the weight they give to legacy status, data released by some Ivy League universities show that relatives of alumni are admitted at far higher rates than the overall applicant pool.

The letter is signed by student groups at Harvard, Brown, Yale and all other Ivy League schools except Dartmouth College, which does not have a campus group for first-generation students, the coalition says. Others in the group come from prestigious private schools including Amherst College and the University of Chicago.

While students in the coalition acknowledge they could benefit from the practice — and some said they felt conflicted about challenging it — they argue that ending legacy preferences



AP FILE PHOTOS

Students sit on the steps of Columbia University's Low Memorial Library next to Daniel Chester French's sculpture, Alma Mater, on the school's campus in New York in 2015. A new coalition of students and alumni from 11 top U.S. colleges, including Columbia, are asking their schools in 2018 to rethink legacy admissions policies.

Viet Nguyen is seen on the Brown University campus in Providence, Rhode Island, in 2017. Nguyen, who has graduated, helped lead an effort urging Brown and other elite universities to rethink their legacy admissions policies.

would give more low-income and first-generation students a shot at attending prestigious schools.

"No matter how hard you work, you can't make yourself a legacy. No amount of SAT studying could make up for that," said Alfredo Dominguez, a 20-year-old first-generation Columbia student and a member of the coalition. "They do actively try to admit students from diverse backgrounds, but this is another step or barrier to getting to a more equi-

table place."

Students aren't immediately asking schools to ban the practice but say they want to start a conversation. The group opposes legacy policies but recognizes it's a complicated issue that deserves a thorough review, said Viet Nguyen, a Brown alumnus leading the effort.

The coalition is adding pressure to elite admissions offices at a time when they're already under renewed scrutiny. Harvard, for example, is being investigat-

ed by the U.S. Justice Department over the role that race plays in admissions after a group of Asian-American students filed a discrimination lawsuit.

Past studies have found that most highly selective private universities give an advantage to legacy applicants, but most closely guard the policies and their impact.

Among the 12 schools targeted by the coalition, only Princeton University would provide The Associated Press its admission rates for

legacy applicants. There, the rate for children of alumni has hovered at about 30 percent for the past five years, compared with about 7 percent for all applicants.

Cornell University declined to provide acceptance rates but said 16 percent of this year's freshmen have a parent or grandparent who attended. The share at the University of Pennsylvania is 14 percent.

Schools defend the practice by saying it encourages alumni to donate, which adds money for student scholarships. Many say it's used only as a tiebreaker in close decisions.

But some critics say there's evidence suggesting otherwise.

"It provides a substantial benefit to applicants," said Richard Kahlenberg, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation, a New York-based think tank. "At a time when we're racking our brains about how to attack inequality, here's a policy that is designed to provide a preference to some of society's most advantaged students."

Opponents cite research including a 2010 study at Harvard finding that at 30 elite schools, the probability of admission increased 45 percentage points for students with a parent who attended. Some other studies have found no connection between legacy policies and alumni fundraising.

Among the practice's critics are some who have benefited from it. Former President George W. Bush, for example, called for an end to legacy preference even though it helped him get into Yale, which his father and grandfather attended. Instead, Bush said schools should judge applicants simply based on merit.

Students in the coalition say their next step is to organize votes at several schools to gauge support for the goals outlined in their letter. That's planned at schools including Brown, Yale, Princeton and Cornell.



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<p>3085 FOXCROFT CIRCLE \$177,500- cathedral ceiling in great room, tier ceiling in master, 4BD, 2BA with all new flooring, paint new granite in kitchen & B atts, new range & microwave. Call Renee 803-491-8023</p>	<p>Sold</p> <p>644 MATTISON 4BR/3BA home w/LR with fireplace, DR, family room w/fireplace, sunporch, located on huge 1.54 acre lot on Second Mill- \$299,000 Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409</p>	<p>39 S. PURDY ST. Cute colourful house has 2 bed 1 bath, 1300 sqft, close to historic downtown. A must see! \$38,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>Sold</p> <p>3375 CONGRUITY ROAD 3BR/2BA home sitting on 5.36 acres! Hwd floors in living room & formal DR, all appl. Convey, 2 car carport, 3 car detached garage/workshop! \$159,900 Call Gwen 803-460-9154</p>	<p>2695 FOXCROFT CIRCLE \$159,000-3BD/2BA Open split plan w/2car garage, granite, smooth ceilings, maple custom cabinets, patio, new construction, cathedral & more. Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>Under Contract</p> <p>100 NAUTICAL DR. \$329,340-a split floor plan with 5BR/3.5BA and master suite downstairs. Gorgeous two story entry is connected to the formal dining room with coffered ceilings 3 car garage. Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>
<p>2741 POWHATAN DRIVE Great house in great neighborhood! 4BR/2.5BA, LR, DR, Den w/lp, eat-in kitchen solid surface kitchen counters, beautiful yard! Call Mary Alice to see 803-491-5969 \$259,900</p>	<p>Under Contract</p> <p>840 WEEKS STREET Priced to sell AS IS! Investors welcome! Bring all Offers! Needs TLC. Tenant sits apply. \$55,000 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062.</p>	<p>2605 CIRCLEVIEW Great house! 4BR/3BA GR, DR, eat-in kitchen, sewing room, dbl garage, lake lot, backyard overlooking pond access. Call Mary Alice to show you this lovely home 803-491-4969 \$189,900</p>	<p>Sold</p> <p>6700 HIDDEN HAVEN Fabulous 4BR/2.5BA home in Beech Creek. Hdw flooring, granite counter tops, stainless appl., 9'ceilings, sprinkler system \$280,000 Call Gwen 803-460-9154</p>	<p>2389 BROOKGREEN RD. \$128,000-4 BD/2BA 1.864 Soft home. Kitchen tile floors, granite tops, ALL NEW appliances! Remodeled Master Bath, 2 living rooms, formal Dining, Back Patio, call Adriana 803-406-5609</p>	<p>Sold</p> <p>5555 SCHELLIN DR. \$229,000-Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA, sits on almost half acre. Hardwood flooring on 1st floor, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, covered back porch w/hot tub. Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p>
<p>1697 MUSKET TRAIL \$182,000-better than new! 4BD/2.5BA. 2 car garage, fenced backed yard, spacious master bedroom and closets, hardwood floors and granite. Call Pamela 702-266-7450</p>	<p>578 NATIONAL STREET 3BR/1BA all brick home on a huge lot. Garage shed with electricity. House is in Move In condition. All appliances convey. Washer & dryer too! Sold AS IS. \$73,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>Sold</p> <p>3720 VINCA STREET \$190,000-4BR/2BA Brick home with a gas log fireplace, big BR's, bonus room in upper level, fenced back yard, kitchen cosmetic window seat, extra pantry space. Call Pamela 702-266-7450</p>	<p>17994 HIGHWAY 301 5BR/5BA/2 half BA Plantation home with over 6,000sqft, 22 acres with a POND! Upper scale Appointments, 3,000sqft building with 3 car garage & full kitchen & BA. \$785,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p>124 CARVER STREET \$14,000-2BD/1BA Great Investment property! Great Price! All brick Sold As is. Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p>	<p>122 S. MAIN STREET E. MAYESVILLE \$175,000-Make this house your home. Needs TLC. Great Potential! Investors welcome. Sold As Is! Make an offer! Call Jennifer 803-757-8062</p>

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- Rabbit Den Road** - 33 Acres for Sale! Great for hunting and Timber. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 \$99,000
- 900 Andron Drive** - 1.24ac beautiful wooded lot- priced to sell. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409 \$64,900
- 957 Club Lane** - 83 acre lot located in Club Forest Subdivision. Beautiful view of Sunset Country Club Golf Course. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409 \$49,500
- 409 E. Calhoun Street** - .88 acre available for commercial use. Great location. Call Reggie Sumter @312-5961
- 915 Club Lane** - Great buildable lot close to Sunset Country Club. Call Renee Baird @491-8023. \$39,000
- Wedgfield Road** - 11.6 acres. Beautiful wooded tract. Great home site. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409 \$69,500
- 1718 Hubb Kelly Road, Cassatt SC** - 25.5 Acres. All necessary utilities on property. Call Reggie @803-312-5961
- 1105 Summit Drive** - .89 acres located in a Prestigious Gated Community! The Summit offers private executive housing, large lots all on a gated cul-de-sac! \$64,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 1135/1145 Tiger Lane** - 2 Lots available across from Shaw AFB! Good business location near heavy traffic area. Dwelling on property is not livable. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 \$56,000
- 6045 Brookland** - Wooded 2.44 acre lot in Brookland Subdivision, Front of lot is effectively level, back slopes down to stream. Great area to build 1500 SqFt home. No Mobile Homes. Reggie 803-312-5961
- 355 Althamar** - Vacant lot in Patriot Village Subdivision off of Patriot Parkway. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409 \$33,000
- Waterfront lot with permission for a pier** - Lot 14 is owned and deeded outright. lot 14 is 177 acre and is leased from Santee Cooper for less than \$400 per year. \$94,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 6340 Sylvia Rd.** \$6,950. 1 acre lot perfect for a mobile home! Priced to sell quickly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- UNDER CONTRACT: 0 Hwy 521 N.** Beautiful corner wooded lot waiting for you to build your dream home! \$17,500. Call Gwen 803-460-9154
- 1221 Haynesworth Mill Circle.** Beautiful 1 acre Waterfront lot on Fabulous Lake Marion. Ready for your dream home! Call Gwen Lee @ 803-460-9154
- 6780 Camden Hwy.** Large lot available. 1.32 Acres. \$7,950. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961
- 3650 Broad St.** 7.2 acres west of Loring Mill Rd. Priced to sell. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409
- 974 Meadowbrook Rd.** Wooded lot in Green Acres subdivision off of Red Bay - Good home site. \$12,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 956 Meadowbrook Rd.** 3 Acres of land with frontage on Red Bay Rd. Possible Church Site. \$50,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 360 E. Red Bay Rd.** 30 Acres zoned light industrial wholesale. City water and sewer to site. Good location for small industrial use. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- Forest Lakes Area.** 8.47 Acres. Homesites. \$139,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969
- 3625 Furman Road.** 5.29 Acres. Build your dream home or plant your favorite crop. Land is behind 3625 Furman Rd. \$29,995. Call Reggie 803-312-5961.
- 3520 W. Brewington Rd.** Beautiful 3.09 acre wooded lot would make a great spot to start your dream home. \$20,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 0 Damascus Rd.** Build your dream home! Only six, 1 Acre lots remain in beautiful Tiffany Gardens. See listing agent for Covenants and restrictions. \$30,000. Call Reggie Sumter 803-312-5961
- 3920 First Ave. and 3960 First Ave.** - Two lots for sale! Make an offer today! Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062\$3,000 each
- 11 Marshall St.** Vacant lot available in Historic District. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 0 Floodtown Rd & 8945 Hwy 261 S.** Two lots for sale! Excellent deal! Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062 \$10,000 for both
- 3200 Furman Rd.** 1.90 acres available. Mobile home friendly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 \$1,000
- 4095 Fourth Ave Mayesville.** 1 Acre lot. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062 \$6,000
- 523 W. Oakland.** Land for sale. 20 acre corner lot. Sold as is. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062 \$3,500
- 36 Robinson St.** Land for sale! 1.8 acres. Sold AS IS! Make an offer today! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062 \$4,500
- 708 Maney St.** 1.22 acres with city water and sewer. Don't miss out! Make an offer today! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062 \$5,000
- 6 Wen Ln Ct.** 37 Acre lot for sale. City water and sewer. Two storage sheds and located on a cul de sac. Make an offer today. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder 803-757-8062 \$10,000
- 202 N Wise Drive.** Make an offer!! 34 Acre \$18,000. Location! Location! Location! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062
- 1 William Brunson Rd.** 4.68 acres in Summertown suitable for farming! \$29,900. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 130 Maney St.** Lot available. 24 acres. Mobile homes welcome. \$5,500. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 1350 N. Main St.** 40 acre lot for sale! \$14,000 Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 850 Andron-Beautiful** - .84 acre wooded building lot in popular Loringwood Subdivision. City water, sewer, and underground utilities available. \$56,900 Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969
- 1060 Creekside Dr.** \$25,000 3.04 acres available to build your dream home/Manufactured Home, Mobile home welcome. Make offer today! Near White Oak Landing. Call Reggie 803-312-5961
- 118 S. Main Street E. Mayesville** - \$10,000-70 acres Beautiful location on S. Main St. East in Mayesville. Make an offer!! Call Jennifer 803-757-8062
- 5915 Brookland Drive** - 2.95 acres Nice Residential lot in Brookland Plantation. Septic tank permit on file and covenants. Seller has done some site work - \$30,000. Call Renee 803-491-8023
- 1350 N. Main Street** \$14,000 (land)
- 2820 Watermark Dr** - 2.24 acres, fabulous ready to build lot backing to trees/woods! There is some topography here! This isn't your boring lot call Susan Weston 803-464-5900. \$15,000
- 2810 Watermark Dr** - 3.68 acres ready to build lot!! There are beautiful trees, backs to woods! Some topography here & a 2.24 acre lot is also for sale next door. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900 \$33,000
- 689 Kingsbury Dr** - 1 acre wooded lot, perfect to build your dream home on!! Call Reggie 803-312-5961 \$20,000
- 5460 Cannery Rd** - 1.93 acres suitable for Residential, SWMH, DVMH, Grazing or warehouse. Call Reggie 803-312-5961 \$12,900
- 130 Maney St** - 24 lot suitable for Mobile Home. Wooded!! Call Reggie 803-312-5961 \$5,500

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<p>2870 W. BREWINGTON RD 3BR/2BA Brick home on lg lot, landscaped yard shed, storage, close to Shaw AFB, shopping & schools. Motivated Seller. Bring all offers! \$79,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>823 ANTLERS DR. One of a kind Ranch w/2954 sqft. 4BR/3.5BA, granite, wood, wet bar, fireplace, formal & 2 family rooms. \$225,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900.</p>	<p>210 E. BEE STREET Great starter home/investment property! 3BR/1.5BA brick home priced to sell. Won't last long at \$44,995. Fenced yard with shed. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>1756 RUGER DR \$152,161-Mungo built home. 4BR/2.5BA Foyer leads to stairs, 4 bedrooms upstairs along with utility room. 2 car garage opens up Kitchen and Family room, porch in rear. Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>	<p>856 GORDONIA DRIVE spacious 4BR/2BA home in beautiful Sunway Knolls Subdivision. Large lot, convenient to schools, shopping, Shaw AFB. \$139,995 Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>2801 DBAR CIRCLE \$135,000 New all brick construction with 2 car garage, 3BR/2BA, laminate, ceramic tile in bath, carpet in bedrooms, covered back and front porch. \$135,000-call Renee 803-491-8023</p>
<p>520 ADGER LANE \$289,000 Beautiful 2 story brick home on over an acre. Master on 1st floor, 2 car side load, sunroom, firepl, fenced, granite, 9ft smooth, tankless water heater Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>30 S PURDY STREET Nice starter home/investment property available. Home is convenient to everything! Priced to sell quickly. \$20,500 Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>3235 LAUDERDALE LN. \$190,000 3BR/2.5BA, bonus room, dining room. Master Bedroom with tray ceiling. Master bath has a separate shower and garden tub, appliances convey. Close to Shaw call Retta 803-968-9925</p>	<p>135 PLANTERS DR \$149,900- 3BR/2.5BA, 1806 sqft, fireplace in GR, formal DR, granite, tile, deck, fenced, patio, large storage bldg. & more Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>2705 PINTAIL DR. \$219,000 4BR/3BA Remodeled top to bottom!!! All New granite, floors, paint, appliances, cabinets re-done, Beautiful & turn key ready!!! Screen porch privacy fenced, oversized garage, huge rooms!!</p>	<p>711 W. HAMPTON AVE. \$99,900 3BR/2BA home in down town area. Porch on back. This home needs some updating but has good bones. It is priced to sell!!! Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969</p>
<p>4318 WHITE OAK DRIVE Manning SC White Oak II - Nice older home on waterfront w/dock, 4BR/2BA, elec. Heat, window a/c, screened porch, deeded lot \$269,000 Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969</p>	<p>1234 IVEY STREET Cute, very well kept home w/3BR/1.5BA-all appl to convey(recently purchased) and washer/dryer-Beautifully landscaped, workshop/storage bldg. \$89,900 Call Gwen 803-460-9154</p>	<p>134 LITTLE JOHN LN \$109,500 -3BR/2BA Home on huge lot, white picket fence around entire lot, front of home is brick, fireplace, lg. storage shed in backyard. Move-in-Ready. Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p>	<p>3320 LANGSTON ST. DALZELL \$123,900- This is a nice 3BR/2BA home in Dalzell. Single carport, fenced back yard, fireplace, screened porch, o/s storage. Just a doll house! Need an apt to see. Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969</p>	<p>3841 MOSELEY DRIVE 2 story home w/ 4BR/2.5BA and huge loft, open kitchen w/ granite,eating area,lg family room w/ fireplace, master w/ vaulted ceilings. \$191,984 Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>	<p>3849 MOSELEY DRIVE The McDowell A built by Mungo. Two-story 5BR/2.5BA home, guest suite on main floor, Master bedroom connects to master bath with WIC \$181,550 Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>
<p>880 ILLERY ROAD 3BR all brick home avail. ultimate man-cave detached in 24x24 fully wired for cable, internet, heating and air. Quiet living minutes from town, priced to sell! \$89,995 Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>70 KENTWOOD CT. \$148,500 3BR/2BA Cul-de-sac property! Fenced backyard, wooden deck, lg kitchen and fireplace, spacious master BD, private shower/walking closet. MUST SEE! Call Pamela 702-266-7450</p>	<p>2190 WATSONG RUN 5BR/4BA new 2 story brick home in The Cove. FLR, FR, gourmet kitchen with island, granite, surround sound, sunroom, HW floors. Must see! \$372,989 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>14 E. WILLIAMS ST. 4BR/2BA all brick home on corner lot available. Lots of space and priced to sell quickly! \$55,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>1147 BRIAR BEND ST. \$119,500 4BR/2BA 1846 sq ft, heated Florida room with laminate & vinyl. Roof replaced in last 2 years, storage shed 16x32, fenced yard, metal carport., Call Renee 803-491-2023</p>	<p>9 HAILE STREET Heathleywood Sub, 3BR/2BA home in excellent condition, ready to move in! LR/DR/Den/dbl cprt, new roof \$139,900 Call Mary Alice to see 803-491-4969</p>
<p>2615 FOXCROFT CIRCLE \$159,000-3BR/2BA open split plan w/2 car garage, granite, smooth ceilings, cathedral, 2 sinks in master bath, maple cabinets, new construction! Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>2625 FOXCROFT CIRCLE \$173,000-4BR/2BA split plan very open popular floor plan! Cathedral Ceilings in great room, granite, smooth ceilings! MJ Custom features! Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>70 PRESTWICK COURT \$199,000-Beautiful 4BR/2BA, 2161 sqft custom home!! Raised Patio & brick wall surround, fenced, large kitchen, formal dining room. Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>145 NAUTICAL Built by Mungo! The Patterson B, Elite Collection , Huge Master suite downstairs W/sitting room, 2 lg WIC, 6BR/3.5 Baths plus bonus room. Granite, island, ss. \$384,261 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>4205 ZACHERY RD \$15,000- Mobil Home, 2BR/2BA, 1 car carport, storage shed, "Sold AS IS" Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p>	<p>131 NELSON CIRCLE MANNING \$19,995-2BR/1BA Investment property. Sold "As Is" Needs renovating. Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p>
<p>2090 SANS SOUCI Magnificent 2 story, 5BR/3BA custom home in the woods. 9ft smooth ceilings, cathedral, 2 family rooms, 3 car garage. Master dnstairs \$329,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p>702 REYNOLDS ROAD 4BR/2BA Beautiful home in wonderful neighborhood, hwd floors, c/t baths,updated kitch./ appl., custom drapes, back porch, too many extras to list\$225,000 Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969</p>	<p>1775 MUSKET TRAIL \$142,209-The Brunswick built by Mungo, 3BR/2.5BA, 1548 sq ft, 2 car garage, Landscaped, sidewalks. Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>	<p>5023 HWY 301 \$250,000-4BR/2BA Charming home on 2.01 acres backs to pond!! 30x64 shop, 2 car gar, 9ft ceilings, split-plan, porches, huge kitchen, whirlpool in master, bonus room Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>1929 LINWOOD STREET \$224,900-4BR/2BA Custom features throughout, hwd floors in living areas, ceramic tile, vaulted ceilings in GR, open fl plan, lg master bath dual sinks, garden tub. Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>	<p>2580 MAIDENHAIR LANE Cute 3BR/2BA home in Ginkgo Hills- split floor plan, all kitchen appliances convey, new laminate flooring, very close to Shaw! \$141,900 Call Gwen 803-460-9154</p>
<p>19 WACTOR STREET \$155,000-3BR/2BA Renovated! home. Workshop, fenced, 2 additional storage buildings, patio, ft porch, hwd floors and tile, granite and updates. Must see!! Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>16 FRANK CLARK ST. \$215,000- Charming 2720sqft cottage! 3BR,3BA, formal & huge open kitchen/family room. Mud room, office & more. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900</p>	<p>1038 N GUIGNARD DR. UNIT #15 \$78,000-2BR/2BA Condo, community pool, club house, HOA & Regime fee. Call Renee for showing 803-491-8023</p>	<p>3265 POPPY CT. \$339,000-Beautiful home in Timberline w/brick & Vinyl fence, pool, 5BR/3.5BA, 3230 sqft, gas cooking, fireplace, screened porch, 9 & 11 ft smooth ceilings. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900</p>	<p>403 HAYNESWORTH STREET \$185,000 - Beautiful Cape w/ formal living and dining room. Hardwoods and ceramic tile everywhere! 4BR/3BA 2129 sq. ft. Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>2070 SANS SOUCI \$323,000. Custom 5BR/3BA, 3680 sqft, shiplap, granite, hardwood, fireplace, 9ft smooth ceilings, 3 car garage, 1st floor BR/BA, family room. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>
<p>1035 WATERWAY DRIVE Brick home on large lot! 3BR/BA, oversized 2 car garage, FP sunporch. Home is move in ready. Sold "AS IS". \$139,900. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>30 WHITE PINE COURT Beautiful 3BR/2BA patio home close to shopping, restaurants, and schools. Priced to Sell at \$109,900! Call Jennifer 803-757-8062.</p>	<p>215 HIDDEN BAY Great brick home available! 3BR/2BA in established neighborhood, lg backyard, move in ready, priced to sell!! \$139,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>3255 ROYAL COLWOOD LAKEWOOD LINKS \$267,000-Lg 4BR/3.5BA Great view of golf course pond, 2.5 car gar. Flooring is Bamboo, vinyl plank & carpet. This was a custom built home Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969</p>	<p>O LENS-HEAVENS ROAD (Land) Over 2 acres ready for you to make your own. \$35,000 Call Jennifer 803-757-8062</p>	<p>8 BARTON STREET \$29,000-Charming home 3BR/2BA that is Move-in-ready!! Sold as is! Make an offer!! Call Jennifer 803-757-8062</p>

COMMERCIAL LISTINGS

3180 BROAD STREET - Tenants are on a month-to-month rental agreement. Sewer is available and will need to be extended to the property. 24.36 acres at the corner of Broad and Carter Road. Call Mack for more information.\$3,650,000

655 & 657 W. LIBERTY - 1.07 acres of land on busy commercial rd. Ideal location for new commercial dev. Call Mack at 491-5409 for details..... \$115,000

Alice Drive & Hwy 521 - 7.44 ac of commercial property- ideal for development- located near Lowes and Walmart. Call Mack Kolb for details \$1,250,000

1324 Pocalia - SW corner of Hwy 521 South and S. Guignard Parkway. 4.64 acres- Frontage on 3 Roads, signalized intersection; ideal site for convenience store and fast food restaurant. Call Mack \$1,400,000

10 N Washington - 608 acre lot at the Signalized Intersection; Located across the street from Tuomey Hosp; Ideal location for Dr Office. Call Mack \$187,500

Mayfield Drive - 33.14 acres of beautiful soil! 56 preliminary lots already platted with 5 of those lots surveyed & approved! Residential home sites. Call Susan Weston..... \$285,000

4627 Blanche - Burgess Glen Mobile Home Park! 191 total lots, 121 mobile homes! Fabulous rental business. Income production in place & room to grow! Call Susan Weston..... \$1,500,000

Hwy 15 South & Pack Road - Located on Hwy 15 S. next to Bojangles Restaurant. Ideal commercial site, high traffic, total of 450' frontage. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409

70 Swamp Fox Run - 2.22 ac. zoned Light Industrial-great site for building Call Mack Kolb @491-5409 \$94,900

508 E. Calhoun St Ext - 4380 sq ft office and warehouse space on 2.2 acr Ideal for contractor. \$119,000

651 W. Liberty - .65 acres of land zoned general commercial. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409..... \$67,500

3720 Broad Street - 1.58acres near Shaw AFB.Call Mack Kolb @491-5409..... \$69,000

Medical office building - 5,022 sqft- 10 Exam rooms, 4 private offices, large waiting room and secretarial area..... \$450,000

UNDER CONTRACT: 247 Bultman Drive - 5.66 Acre tract, Located on the NE corner of Bultman Drive and Rast St. Zoned as General Commercial. Utilities: City Water, Sewer, Natural Gas. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409..... \$395,000

1050 S. Pike W. - High Traffic location! Facing 378, next to 521, close to Broad St. Former motorcycle/ATV dlrship w/retail, office, shop & fenced areas. Call Susan Miller @ 720-6066 \$695,000

806 Market St. Camden - Commercial Lot available. Approximately .25 acres. Great location in downtown Camden. Selling Agent/Buyer to verify size of lot. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 \$19,500

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6 inseparable friends support each other in school shooting

BY JASON DEAREN
The Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — It was the final period of the day at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, and Jonathan Blank was in history class, learning about the Holocaust. Across campus, five of his friends, pals since grade school, sat in different classrooms watching the clock. In 19 minutes, school would be out, and the buddies had plans this Valentine's Day: a little basketball and boys' time.

Inside classroom 1214, the clock hit 2:21 p.m. Then: POP! POP! POP!

Instinctively, 16-year-old

Jonathan hit the ground, taking cover under his desk. He smelled the chemical stench of gunpowder, noticed sawdust particles floating in the air: pieces of the classroom door that had been splintered by shots. Around the room, his schoolmates covered themselves with textbooks and took shelter behind filing cabinets.

One girl's face was covered in blood. Nearby, a boy wasn't moving. Jonathan realized he was probably dead.

Beyond the pockmarked door, gunfire sounded up and down the hallway, seesawing eerily between shots, then silence, shots, then silence. All that broke through the moments of quiet were horrifying shrieks — along with the groans of Jonathan's wounded classmates.

The teen thought about texting his parents and of course his best friends, but he'd left his phone atop his desk and was too frozen with fear to reach up and grab it. Joey, Noah, John, Sam, Ethan — his band of brothers that had bonded over soccer, basketball and bar mitzvahs — he had no way of knowing if they were OK or if they, too, lay dying somewhere, in yet another deadly rampage inside yet another U.S. school.

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They cheekily called themselves the "Jew Crew," these six friends who met playing sports in elementary school and who, at 13, had planned back-to-back bar mitzvahs so the parties would stretch on for weeks. Along with Jonathan there was Joey Cordover, Noah Kaufman, John Greenberg, Sam Resnick and Ethan Rocha, who wasn't Jewish but became an honorary "crew" member anyway.

The six jelled quickly and had been inseparable ever since, spending hours playing Xbox or just hanging out at Jonathan's "the door-is-always-open" house in affluent Parkland, a suburb of gated developments and strip malls about an hour north of Miami. They'd even begun plotting to go to college together at the University of Florida. As juniors, they had to get through high school first.

As bullets tore through Jonathan's classroom on Wednesday, Joey Cordover was in study hall, on the opposite side of the school. Suddenly, the fire alarm sounded — the second of the day. The students sitting around him looked at each other, confused. At first they shrugged it off as a false alarm. Then Joey and the others looked outside and saw students walking to the designated meeting spot for drills. They

decided to go, too.

Sam and Noah were in history class together. They, too, figured it was a false alarm, but as their class started heading outside someone screamed, "It's a Code Red!" Translation: Shooting on campus. Seconds later, they heard gunfire. The two took off running for the street as heavily armed police darted past them back toward the school.

Joey also managed to make it out, leaving his backpack in a growing pile in the middle of the road, as instructed by police, but holding tight to his cell. At 2:33 p.m., his dad texted to check that he was OK. He said he was, but all around

him kids were talking about students getting killed.

"At least 1 dead," Joey texted his father. "Unreal."

John Greenberg fled from a portable classroom and stood outside among throngs of terrified students. When someone said the

shooter had possibly escaped, he decided to head home. Separately, Ethan Rocha also managed to make it out.

That left just Jonathan. Outside on the street, where Sam and Noah stood together, rumors were spreading. They heard there may have been deaths in a history class, the one focused on the Holocaust. They knew Jonathan had that class during last period. Noah tried Jonathan's number, but the call wouldn't go through. Cell service was too jammed as everyone tried to reach loved ones.

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Back in classroom 1214, in the building where 12 of the 17 victims would be found, armor-clad officers burst in,



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John Greenberg, center, 17, talks with his friends outside his home in Parkland, Florida, on Thursday. Greenberg and his friends are juniors at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where a former student shot and killed more than a dozen people on Wednesday. Greenberg managed to escape uninjured and was coming to terms with the tragedy by talking through it with his close friends.

shouting, "Everyone put your hands up!" Jonathan raised his hands, sat up, looked around, and saw ruin.

After about 10 minutes, the police told the students to get out. Jonathan walked past his fallen classmates. In the hallway, two more bodies lay between him and the exit. He told himself not to look.

Outside, now surrounded by sirens and helicopters and sobbing children and parents, Jonathan texted his mother, who had already rattled off four urgent texts asking if he was OK. "They shot in my class," he responded. "3 people shot in my class." He would later learn it was four.

Then he turned to the group chat he'd set up for his "crew." There was a message waiting from Noah.

"R u ok. Bro. R u ok." "Im traumatized." "Tell me ur ok," Noah pressed.

"Im ok, 3 people shot in my class. Im ok tho." Ethan chimed in next.

Then, within minutes, texts arrived from the other four. The next morning, all six went together to a counseling session for students at the local YMCA. Then, like so many times before, they gathered at Jonathan's place. This time, they hugged each other tight, saying "I love you, man," with no hint of irony or embarrassment.

"We don't know what to do. It's confusing," Sam Resnick said, sitting on a sofa between Jonathan and Ethan.

"When we're older and someone asks us where we went to high school and we say Marjory Stoneman Douglas, they're going to say: 'Hey, that's where the mass shoot-

ing was,'" Noah added. "They'll put us in the same category as Columbine or Sandy Hook. It doesn't feel real, honestly."

Hours later, still together, the crew headed to Pine Trails Park for a community vigil and a chance to begin coming to terms with it all.

Jonathan walked through the crowd, his mother following. His dark eyes were red. He saw his history teacher,

Ivy Schamis, and they spoke briefly. He gave his buddy John a hug, and then he started to sob.

The friends know this was only the first hard day of many to come. Their connection, they said, is their key to finding a way to move on.

"We've created a bond you can't break," Jonathan said. "Going through a situation like this has brought us even closer together."



Students are evacuated Wednesday by police from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, after a shooter opened fire on the campus.

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Court received 1.17M war crimes claims from Afghans

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Since the International Criminal Court began collecting material three months ago for a possible war crimes case involving Afghanistan, it has gotten a staggering 1.17 million statements from Afghans who say they were victims.

The statements include accounts of alleged atrocities not only by groups like the Taliban and the Islamic State, but also involving Afghan Security Forces and government-affiliated warlords, the U.S.-led coalition, and foreign and domestic spy agencies, said Abdul Wadood Pedram of the Human Rights and Eradication of Violence Organization.

Based in part on the many statements, ICC judges in The Hague would then have to decide whether to seek a war crimes investigation. It's uncertain when that decision will be made.

The statements were collected between Nov. 20, 2017, and Jan. 31, 2018, by organizations based in Europe and Afghanistan and sent to the ICC, Pedram said. Because one statement might include multiple victims and one organization might represent thousands of victim statements, the number of Afghans seeking justice from the ICC could be several million.

"It is shocking there are so many," Pedram said, noting that in some instances, whole villages were represented. "It shows how the justice system in Afghanistan is not bringing justice for the victims and their families."

The ICC did not give details about the victims or those providing the information.

"I have the names of the organizations, but because of the security issues, we don't want to name them because they will be targeted," said Pedram, whose group is based in Kabul.

Many of the representations include statements involving multiple victims, which could be the result of suicide bombings, targeted killings or airstrikes, he said.

Among those alleging war crimes is a man who asked The Associated Press to be identified only by his first name, Shoaib, because he fears for his safety.

Shoaib said his father, Naimatullah, was on a bus in Dawalat Yar district in Afghanistan's central Ghor Province in 2014 when a band of gunmen stopped it and two other buses, forced the passengers off and told them to hand over their identity cards. The 14 Shiites among them were separated from the rest and killed, one by one, he said.

The slayings outraged the country. A Taliban commander was soon arrested and brought before the media, but no news about a trial or punishment was ever reported, said Shoaib, who is in his 20s.

Displaying a photo of the man he thinks killed his father, Shoaib said he doesn't go to the authorities for information

about the incident because the commander had connections with the police and the local government administration.

Shoaib is still afraid.

"Please don't say where I live, or show my face," he implored a reporter. "What if they find me? There is no protection in Afghanistan."

"Everybody knows that they have connection in the government," he added. "I think in Afghanistan, if you have money, then you can give it to anyone, anywhere, to do anything."

Several powerful warlords, many of whom came to power after the collapse of the Taliban in 2001 following the U.S.-led intervention, are among those alleged to have carried out war crimes, said Pedram, who also is cautious about releasing any names.

After receiving death threats last year, Pedram fled Kabul briefly and now keeps a lower profile, no longer speaking to local media.

"The warlords are all here. You have to be very careful," he said. "In the morning, I kiss my little son goodbye, I kiss my wife goodbye because I don't know what will happen to me and when, or if I will see them again."

Established in 2002, the ICC is the world's first permanent court set up to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. The ICC can only investigate any crimes in Afghanistan after May 2003, when the country ratified the Rome Statute, the treaty that established the court.

Former President Bill Clinton signed the treaty, but President George W. Bush renounced the signature, citing fears that Americans would be unfairly prosecuted for political reasons.

In November, when ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda sought judicial authorization to begin the investigation, she said the court had been looking into possible war crimes in Afghanistan since 2006.

Bensouda said in November that "there is a reasonable basis to believe" that crimes against humanity and war crimes were committed by the Taliban as well as the Haqqani network. She also said there was evidence that the Afghan National Security Forces, Afghan National Police and its spy agency, known as the NDS, committed war crimes.

Bensouda also said evidence existed of war crimes commit-

ted "by members of the United States armed forces on the territory of Afghanistan, and by members of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in secret detention facilities in Afghanistan," as well as in countries that had signed on to the Rome Statute. The secret detention facilities were operated mostly between 2003 and 2004, she said.

It was the first time that Bensouda has targeted Americans for alleged war crimes. Bensouda said an investigation under the auspices of the international tribunal could break through what she called "near total impunity" in Afghanistan.

The prosecutor's formal application to the court set up a possible showdown with Washington. While the U.S. is not a member state of the ICC, its citizens can be charged with crimes committed in countries that are members.

At the time of Bensouda's announcement, a Pentagon spokesman said the U.S. Defense Department does not accept that such an investigation of U.S. personnel is warranted. The U.S. State Department has said it opposes the court's involvement in Afghanistan.

Another Afghan who went to

the ICC is Hussain Razaee, whose fiancée, Najiba, was among 30 people killed in July when a Taliban suicide attacker rammed a car bomb into a bus carrying employees from the Ministry of Mines.

For months, Razaee said he contemplated suicide. He had spent two years convincing Najiba's parents to allow them to marry, and they had finally agreed. Unlike most Afghan couples, theirs was not to be an arranged marriage.

"I lost the person I loved," he said.

Razaee said he went to the ICC because he wants those responsible to be punished, even if a peace deal with the Taliban is reached.

"I am pursuing this because I want the ICC to record these cases so that if there is a peace agreement, the Taliban leaders will be required to identify the people behind the killings," Razaee said.

"I don't trust the international community to bring any of these warlords or Taliban to justice, but if an international legal body rules according to the law, then the government could be forced to enforce it," he said.

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An attendee receives a Driftwood sample at the unlimited beer tasting in November.

UNTAPPED

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event and fundraiser]. We're fortunate to live in a town that support Sumter Green."

While the food trucks will be parked all day, a major draw to the event in the first two was the beer tasting that will be in the barn from 3 to 6 p.m., where those who buy a special ticket can enjoy unlimited 2-ounce pours of local, regional and national craft brews.

Matthew Morse, webmaster for the city, said breweries will include RJ Rockers Brewing Company from Spartanburg; Local Motive Brewing from Florence; Rogue Ales from Oregon; Boulevard Brewing Co. from Kansas City, Missouri; Catawba Brewing Co. from Morgantown, North Carolina; Highland Brewing Co. from Asheville, North Carolina; Thomas Creek Brewery from Greenville; and Southern Barrel Brewing

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HILTON

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also allows her to interact more with the students' parents.

With her energetic and engaging personality and self-described "passion" for teaching, Hilton recently launched three new educational projects at the school — all without the use of any school or district money.

The first two involved getting new books at the school, covering various aspects of character education for the students and class-specific topics such as grammar.

With the second project — Check It Out — when parents come into the school, Hilton said, they can check out new books from the library on concepts that teachers are actually teaching in the classroom and then review them at home with their kids.

"For example, the books on grammar provide concrete examples that parents can work with their children on at home," Hilton said.

Her creative, outside-the-box method to get all the projects funded was through a national website, *DonorsChoose.org*, where teachers from across the country post educational projects and anyone anywhere can donate toward them.

The first book project on character education for students was completely funded by an individual out of Boston, Massachusetts, Hilton said. For Check It Out, she said she had donors from New York, Illinois, Georgia and South Carolina.

When winter break started, Hilton posted all three projects to *DonorsChoose.org*. In early January, she said her principal, Jennifer Howard, got a phone call from a Donors Choose representative saying all three had been fully funded.

The third project targeted parental engagement with better communication to them by the use of a color printer, postcards and a binding machine at the school. All three projects were about \$500 each, Hilton said.

Hilton said she thinks parental involvement is a critical need at Rafting Creek.

"We need the parents, absolutely we need them," Hilton said.

Hilton was also recently selected for the state Department of Education's Foundations in School Leadership program. The program, which has 90 entrants this year, including four from Sumter School District, provides foundations in leadership that can assist teachers in the transition to administrative positions in the future, according to district staff.

In her 18th year in public education, Hilton said, eventually she would like to move into an administrative position, either at a school or the district level.

SURGERY

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they reach middle age — 40 to 45 years old.

The Kamra Inlay procedure has been done in Europe for about five years now but has only been performed in the U.S. during the last couple years, Greene said. He's one of three eye surgeons in the state who does Kamra Inlay. He performs the actual laser surgery in Florence, out of the Carolinas Centers for Sight facility.

The other two eye surgeons who do the procedure in South Carolina are based out of Bluffton (Beaufort County) and Greenville.

The Kamra Inlay procedure is similar to the common laser eye surgery known as Lasik, Greene said, and can be done at the same time. Lasik provides vision correction so both eyes can see at a distance.

But about half the people who come in for Lasik surgery are middle age and have Presbyopia (blurry near vision) also, Greene said.

"These people are expecting Lasik is going to help them see well at all distances," Greene said. "But the fact is they have trouble seeing at a distance and also up close. And it's disconcerting to them for us to mention, 'If we do the common Lasik procedure, and have both eyes now seeing in the distance for driving, you'll have to wear 'readers' up close.'" These people are typically not interested in that, Greene said.

For a long time, ophthalmologists have looked for ways to help people get out of glasses because people wanted to do so, Greene said.

That's where the Kamra Inlay procedure can now come into play. In the procedure, after a person's dominant eye is aimed for



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Dr. Howard Greene uses a binocular microscope to examine a patient's eye for inflammation Friday at Eye Care Specialty Center, 528 Broad St. Greene is one of three eye surgeons in the state who performs a new procedure called Kamra Inlay.

distance in Lasik surgery, the non-dominant eye is aimed for three to four feet. Then, an inlay mini-ring is put in the cornea of the non-dominant eye that allows someone to see both distance and near.

"Through an expansion 'pinhole effect,' with the inlay, people can see at three or four feet but also up close at about one foot for reading and in the distance for driving," Greene said. "In fact, in-between can be seen well, additionally."

In effect, Kamra Inlay restores near vision while maintaining distance vision without blurry zones, Greene said.

The human brain processes well the use of one eye for near vision and then the dominant eye as the "distance eye," according to Greene.

The near-vision abilities through the new procedure last long-term without aging changes, unless a person's cornea changes or he or she develops cataracts.

With the increased use of computers and mobile phones, the need for up-close vision has only grown in the last decade. But with Presbyopia, when people reach 40 to 45 years old, it can slowly become more and more difficult to use a mobile phone or computer without putting on reading glasses, Greene said.

"So, it's helpful to have an alternative for the people who don't desire to continue with glasses," Greene said.

People can do the Lasik surgery first and then a month later or so do the Kamra Inlay, Greene said, or people can have them both done at the same time. If both are done at the same time, it takes about 30 minutes from start to finish.

Kamra Inlay is also beneficial for plumbers and electricians, who don't want glasses to get in the way while working in tight spots, Greene said.

Costs can get pricey for some people though. According to Greene, almost no insurance covers Lasik and definitely none cover Kamra Inlay.

By itself, Kamra Inlay can cost about \$3,500, Greene said. If someone needs Lasik, plus the Kamra at the same time, it's about \$4,500.

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Loophole in law for the poor spurs gentrification

People of color more likely to be turned down for conventional loans in cities such as Sumter

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PHILADELPHIA — Jonathan Jacobs had almost no savings, a modest income and a credit report marred by a disputed cellphone bill. But he easily bought a newly renovated row house in Point Breeze, a South Philadelphia neighborhood that's historically black.

"It took about 15 minutes" to fill out the paperwork, the career counselor said. "Now I pay less to own a house than I did to rent an apartment. That's the American dream."

Jacobs, who is white, got a special home loan from New Jersey-based TD Bank that is designed to help low-income people and blighted neighborhoods, where banks are required to lend under the landmark Community Reinvestment Act of 1977. The law was designed to correct the damage of redlining, a now-illegal practice in which the government warned banks away from neighborhoods with high concentrations of immigrants and blacks.

But the law didn't anticipate a day when historically black neighborhoods would be sought out by young white homebuyers. So instead of lending to longtime black residents of Point Breeze, most of the loans there are going to white newcomers such as Jacobs.

The Community Reinvestment Act "is based on geography, so it's perfectly possible to comply with CRA and have that pattern," said Patricia McCoy, a law professor at Boston College who oversaw mortgage policy initiatives for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau under President Barack Obama. "That's not the idea, of course, but the law allows it."

The result is nearly all financial institutions nationwide have passed their Community Reinvestment Act inspections since 2009, even though racial disparities in lending remain as pronounced as ever.

Reveal from The Center for Investigative Reporting analyzed 31 million mortgage records made available under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and found 61 metro areas across America where people

of color — blacks, Latinos, Asians and Native Americans — were denied conventional home purchase loans at significantly higher rates than whites. That was true even after controlling for nine economic and social factors, including applicants' income, the size of the loan they sought and the neighborhood where they wanted to buy.

Blacks or Latinos were more likely to be turned away in major metropolitan areas such as Philadelphia, Detroit, Atlanta and Washington and smaller cities such as Iowa City, Iowa; Sumter; Tacoma, Washington; Vallejo, California; and Little Rock, Arkansas.

"We're talking about the same issues in 2017 that we were talking about in the 1940s," said Arlene Wayns-Thomas, president of the Philadelphia chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, which represents black real estate professionals.

In Point Breeze, signs of gentrification abound. White homebuyers stretch at a new yoga studio and brunch at a Zagat-rated bistro where the grilled cheese costs \$11.95 and includes shaved apples and quince membrillo.

Banks meet their Community Reinvestment Act obligations by marketing affordable loan products to the neighborhood's newcomers, who typically are able to get a conventional mortgage with a 3 percent down payment, compared with the industry's gold standard of 20 percent.

Jacobs' bank, TD Bank, goes even further, waiving costly mortgage insurance requirements for low down payment loans. But government data analyzed by Reveal - independently reviewed and confirmed by the Associated Press - shows black and Latino borrowers have a tougher time.

Bank denied a larger percentage of blacks and Latino applicants than any other big U.S. bank in 2015 and 2016. During that time, it turned away 54 percent of blacks trying to buy homes and 45 percent of Latinos — far higher than the industry averages of 16 percent and 13 percent, respectively. In Philadelphia, TD Bank denied twice as many loan applications from blacks as it made to them.

But none of that is mentioned in the bank's most recent Community Reinvestment Act assessment, a 362-page document released by the Treasury Department's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in October 2016. The comptroller called TD Bank's lending performance good in Philadelphia and rated it as high satisfactory for the whole country. In its review, the agency cited the kind of low down payment conventional loan Jacobs got as having a "positive impact" on its rating.

Thomas Curry, who oversaw TD Bank's review as comptroller under Obama, wouldn't comment on any particular bank. But he argued that the Community Reinvestment Act needs to be updated.

The current comptroller, Joseph Otting, declined to be interviewed. His office sent a statement: "The Comptroller is interested in modernizing the administration of CRA to ensure it continues to encourage depository institutions to lend to and meet the credit needs of the communities they serve," it said.

TD Bank declined to discuss its lending. Instead, bank spokeswoman Judith Schmidt sent a statement saying the bank "makes credit decisions based on each customer's credit profile, not on factors such as race and ethnicity." It said an internal review of its lending patterns found that, after taking into account creditworthiness, its black and Latino applicants were no more likely to be denied loans than white applicants.

TD Bank also said it actively works "to provide financial education to a diverse population of consumers." Its denial rate was based on prudent decision making, the company said, which has led to lower delinquency rates among its borrowers.

TD Bank's approach is not unique. Collectively, financial institutions put \$154 million worth of home loans into the hands of white borrowers in Point Breeze between 2012 and 2016, even as they denied nearly twice as many home loans to blacks as they made in the neighborhood. This was true whether a black applicant wanted to buy a house, refinance an existing loan or take out a home equity line of credit.

"They're trying to push us out," said Adrienne Stokes, a 58-year-old black woman, who retired from a career as a bill collector and now works as a home health aide. She's lived in her Point Breeze home for more than 20 years.

Outside Stokes' door, the streets are full of concrete mixers and pickup trucks stacked with lumber for nearby condominium projects. The home two doors down, where a black family lived for three decades, has been demolished and is now a hole in the ground — sold to a local developer who's building a three-story house with a roof deck.

But longtime residents such as Stokes haven't been able to take advantage of the development and rising property values that come with it. Instead, they worry about losing their homes.

Some of Stokes' windows are cracked, and the kitchen linoleum is peeling. In the basement, the sump pump backs up when it rains. The circuit breaker is hanging off the wall.

In 2015, Stokes went to Firsttrust Savings Bank, a local institution with the only branch in the neighborhood, seeking a \$30,000 home improvement loan to fix up her house.

Although she'd been steadily paying off her mortgage for decades and had about \$200,000 in equity in her home at the time, the bank turned her down, citing a low credit score. Like other banks, Firsttrust, which passed its most recent Community Reinvestment Act assessment in 2014, rarely lends to blacks. From 2012 to 2016, it denied more conventional mortgage loans to black borrowers in Philadelphia than it made.

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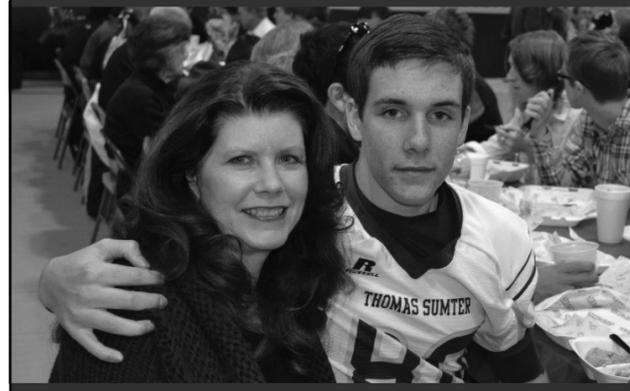
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COMMENTARY

Mayor: Citizens have role in public safety

At a recent City Council meeting, Police Chief Russell Roark reviewed the most recent crime statistics for our city. Under his leadership of an outstanding group of men and women, crime has come down almost 25 percent over the last seven years. However, crime increased overall by a small amount in 2017 (2.63 percent).

Murders were up by two, from three to five. One, a killing during the armed robbery of a Manning Avenue store, was a random act of violence. The other four resulted from criminal activity, including domestic violence. Even the best analysis and police work can rarely prevent crimes such as these.

On the other hand, crimes such as breaking and entering a vehicle and theft of a vehicle can be prevented. These property crimes are the real reason we had the increase in crime.

Auto break-ins increased 12.71 percent and auto theft 12.9 percent.

About 90 percent of vehicle break-ins and a high percentage of auto thefts occur when a car is left unlocked.

These vehicle-related crimes can contribute to more violent crimes — in Sumter and beyond — because so many weapons are stolen from unlocked cars. So, if we citizens want to help Sumter Police Department reduce our crime rate, lock your car when you leave it and do not leave valuables in your car in plain sight (or your keys!). Remember: “Lock It Before You Leave It!” You will be hearing this a lot from Sumter Police Department.

The crime report (<http://www.sumterpd.com/forms/ar17.pdf>) also validates the tremendous efforts at all levels of Sumter Police Department to continue building relationships in the

communities it serves, improve living and working conditions in our city and address issues that could hamper our progress as a community. Officers in our city go beyond what is considered traditional policing. They mentor young people inside and outside of local schools, assist elderly and disenfranchised populations and generally establish themselves as a caring part of our city. Our officers see themselves as citizens of Sumter, just like the rest of us; they just bear a badge.

That badge represents honor, duty, service and protection. Our officers strive to live up to those standards every day. Sumter City Council knows that the most basic obligation of a city is to provide for the safety of its citizens. Without public safety, all the amenities are useless. What good is a park if you are not safe there? Sumter Police Department is charged with providing public safety, and its officers are fulfilling that commitment.

Sumter citizens are very supportive of our local department. However, as our officers do their best to protect and improve our community and establish relationships, we as citizens should help them when we can. Information from the public can not only help solve crimes, but it can also help prevent them.

One big way we can help that requires little effort is to remember something we should do anyway: “Lock it when you leave it.” If you do, our crime statistics will in all likelihood go down this year.

Never miss an opportunity to tell members of our Sumter Police Department how much you appreciate their service. They risk their lives daily so that we can have a good quality of life in Sumter.



Mayor Joseph McElveen



COMMENTARY

Appreciating our 18th president

This Presidents' Day, I've been reading Ron Chernow's excellent new book on Ulysses S. Grant.

Grant is an interesting choice for Chernow, who is best known for biographies of figures like George Washington and Alexander Hamilton, legendary leaders whose place in the pantheon of American greatness is undisputed.

Our 18th president, in contrast, is often overlooked or underrated by history. Chernow makes a convincing case that we should pay more attention to Grant, both as a leader and as a man.

Part of the reason we don't pay much attention to Grant may be that he was not one to trumpet his own abilities and accomplishments. In war, says Chernow, Grant was “bashful and self-effacing” and “went about his grim business without any self-aggrandizement.” He was generous in victory and shunned triumphant displays; a defeated Confederate captain described him as a “modest, amiable, kind-hearted but resolute man.”

It's no wonder that some of Grant's contemporaries found him “forgettable” — one fellow soldier described him, on first meeting, as “a very ordinary sort of man” — but Grant's characteristic modesty and unassuming demeanor masked a steely determination, an ability to rise to challenges, a coolness in crisis and a healthy sense of his own capacities. His son described him as a “sensitive and retiring man, but be-

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hind his modesty was a fair estimate of his own worth.”

Grant was honest to the bone — “scrupulously truthful,” in the words of one of his cabinet secretaries — even about his own weaknesses. He “never hesitated to admit human fears,” was deeply self-conscious about his struggles with alcohol and was sometimes too trusting of others.

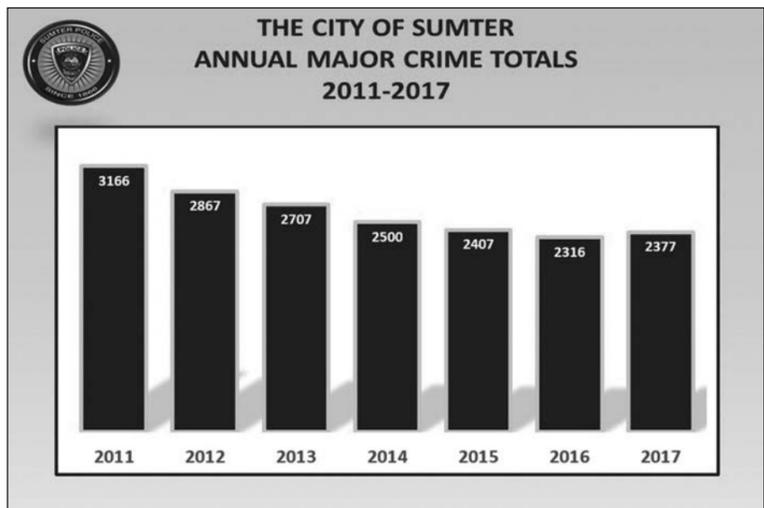
But it was precisely Grant's ordinariness — including his fears, doubts and failings — that so impressed many of his contemporaries. The great American poet Walt Whitman said of Grant: “[H]e proves how an average western farmer, mechanic, boatman, carried ... into a position of incredible military or civil responsibilities ... may steer his way fitly and steadily through them all ...”

This Presidents' Day, it's worth reflecting on the man Whitman called “nothing heroic ... and yet the greatest hero.” Grant was reluctant to sing his own praises. Maybe we should sing them on his behalf.

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Damien Picariello



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IDIOCY MUST STOP IF WE WANT A STRONG AMERICA

Recently, a letter to the editor on a Fox network segment criticized the Democratic Party for its foolishness on DACA, immigration reform and many other segments related to immigration. They (the Dems) are more interested in “illegals” than in our many veterans who need much more help. It's quite evident where their allegiance lies. Veterans have made up their minds on how to vote, whereas illegals will have a D stamped on their driver license and EBT cards showing how and for whom they should vote. This is so very wrong, and we can't fix it, or can we, by electing politicians who work for us and not simply a party, and the reality of “term limits.”

We have politicians who no longer seem to care for us, just their party leaders, and will follow them like lemmings going over a cliff, i.e. Clyburn, and I suspect Graham and

most of the other politicians. We “punished” our former governor by electing him to an office in Washington where he can continue his bad behavior. This idiocy must stop if we are to have a strong America and have a strong country for our children and grandchildren to grow up in so they have a legacy they can be proud of. I fear for the future of our country, when our politicians seem more intent on immigration than the USA. I'm a dreamer and an American. My dream is to see respect for the flag, standing for the National Anthem and doing things for Americans first and others at the opportune time. Don't put our safety on hold for the sake of others.

God bless America.
PAUL KORZEC
Manning

ALL LIVES MATTER, NO MATTER OUR COLOR

We are living in a world today, in my opinion, is a very dangerous world!

Why in the name of all that is holy can't we get along with each other and never look at skin color? We were all made in the image of God.

Each one of us when we bleed it comes out red. God gave us our color, he chose it. So when you look at white or black people, remember that was not man's doing but God's.

We all need to get rid of this I am better than you syndrome. But that is a part of our human condition. Collectively, it appears as triumphalism has stained the church for many centuries. Let us humbly admit it. We are right and you are wrong complex that has caused so much alienation. We need to do away with the ghetto mentality.

Belonging to God's chosen does not mean that we are necessarily better than people who follow their own conscience.

Seek God in a different way. When I hear someone say “black lives matter,” what must the rest of us think? My opinion all lives matter, no matter

the color or nationality.

Just observe what is right and do what is just. After all, none of us knows what color God is! All lives matter.

LILLI J. KALIE
Sumter

WHO IS TO BLAME FOR LOCAL FUNDING PROBLEM?

The left and right hands of the government are not working together on the local government fund, “Sumter County councilman bothered by funding comment.”

Someone is to blame, and it needs to get resolved in a public forum. Either County Council is not submitting what is required to get the funding needed or the state is simply not providing it because as Mr. Smith said, “In the grand scheme of things, it is not fiscally possible to provide the local government fund based on the current formula because the state must also provide federally mandated services for its residents, Smith said.”

According to the article “the funding has not been provided in full for about 10 years.” If that is because of the state's actions then I want to know why the county has not sought legal action? Increasing millage on local residents is not a solution and not why these people were elected!

So simply I want to know who is ultimately to blame. It is clear council could have and should have addressed the problem before letting a decade go by. But if the state Ways and Means Committee is to blame then I, as a Sumter county taxpayer, want to know what legal actions the county can take to make the state pay its fair share. If the state has issues with the federal government then the House Ways and Means Committee needs to do its job and seek that funding from the feds not Sumter County taxpayers.

Raising taxes and passing the buck is not the answer.

JOHN GAYDOS
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- Taxi / Limousine Service _____
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BUSINESS

- Accounting / Tax Prep _____
- Air & Heating Service _____
- Apartment Complex _____
- Appliance Store _____
- Antiques _____
- Architect _____
- Art Gallery _____
- Assisted Living Community _____
- Auction Company _____
- Audio Video Solutions _____
- Bail Bond Company _____
- Banquet Facilities _____
- Barber Shop _____
- Beer/Wine & Liquor Store _____
- Bookkeeper _____
- Bookstore _____
- Boutique _____
- Bridal Shop _____
- Cable/Satellite Company _____
- Car Wash _____
- Carpet / Flooring Store _____
- Carpet Cleaning _____
- Catering _____
- Cell Phone Repair _____
- Child Care Center _____
- Children's Clothing Store _____
- Children's Fitness _____
- Cigar Shop _____
- Cleaning Company (Residential) _____
- Commercial Real Estate Company _____
- Computer Store _____
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- Countertops Company _____
- Credit Union _____
- Custom Framing _____
- Dance Studio _____
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- Department Store _____
- Document Shredding & Disposal _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
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- Event Venue _____
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- Financial Advisor _____
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- Fitness Retail Store _____
- Flea Market _____
- Floral Arrangements _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture Store _____
- Garage Doors _____
- Gas Station _____
- Glass & Mirror _____
- Golf Course _____
- Gourmet Gift Shop _____
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- Grocery Store _____
- Guns & Firearms Dealer _____
- Gutter Maintenance _____
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- Health & Beauty _____
- Health Care Insurance _____
- Hearing Aid Company _____
- Hobby Shop _____
- Home Accents Company _____
- Home Security _____
- Hotel _____
- Insurance Company _____
- Interior Decorating Company _____
- Investment Company _____
- Irrigation Company _____
- Jewelry Store _____
- Junk Removal Service _____
- Landscaping _____
- Lighting & Fan Store _____
- Live Theatre _____
- Local Cellular Company _____
- Local Produce Farm _____
- Lumber Yard _____
- Manufacturing Plant _____
- Manufactured House Dealer _____
- Martial Arts _____
- Massage _____
- Mattress Store _____
- Men's Clothing Store _____
- Mortgage Lender _____
- Moving Company _____
- Music Store _____
- Nail Salon _____
- Nightclub _____
- Nursery _____
- Nursing Home _____
- Paint Store _____
- Painters _____
- Party Rentals _____
- Party Supply Store _____
- Paving Company _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pest Control _____
- Pet Daycare Center _____
- Pet Hospital _____
- Pet Store _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Pilates / Yoga Studio _____
- Pool Company _____
- Pressure Washing Company _____
- Printing & Graphics Company _____
- Property Management Company _____
- Real Estate Company _____
- Retail Wine Shop _____
- Roofing Company _____
- Security Company _____
- Self Storage Facility _____

COMMUNITY

- Charity Event _____
- Church _____
- Civic Club _____
- Community Event _____
- Library _____
- Networking Group _____
- Non-Profit Organization _____
- Park _____
- Place for Kids to Have Fun _____
- Place to Volunteer _____
- Sports Leagues _____
- Summer Camp _____

EDUCATION

- Preschool _____
- Elementary School _____
- Middle School _____
- High School _____
- Private School _____
- School Teacher _____
- School Administrator _____
- Technical College _____
- College/University _____

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- American _____
- Asian _____
- Bar _____
- Barbeque _____
- Breakfast _____
- Brunch _____
- Buffet _____
- Burger _____
- Cake & Desserts _____
- Coffee Shop _____
- Country Cooking _____
- Deli _____
- Family Restaurant _____
- Fast Food _____
- Frozen Yogurt _____
- Happy Hour _____
- Health Food _____
- Hot Dog _____
- Ice Cream Store _____
- Italian _____
- Mexican _____
- Pizza Delivery _____
- Gourmet Pizza _____
- Romantic Restaurant _____

- Senior Care _____
- Septic Tanks _____
- Shoe Store _____
- Shopping Mall _____
- Sporting Goods _____
- Tanning Salon _____
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- Temp Agency _____
- Tire Store _____
- Tool/Equipment Rental Store _____
- Travel Agency _____
- Tree Service _____
- Tutoring Center _____
- Tuxedo Rental _____
- Vape Store _____
- Web Design Company _____
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- Window Company _____
- Women's Clothing Store _____
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MEDICAL

- Audiologist _____
- Cardiologist _____
- Children's Dentist _____
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- Cosmetic Surgeon _____
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- Ear, Nose, and Throat _____
- Endodontics _____
- Family Practice _____
- Hearing Aid Center _____
- Home Health _____
- Hospice Care _____
- Hospital _____
- In-Home Health _____
- Imaging Services _____
- Internal Medicine _____
- Laser / Skin Care _____
- Lasik Surgery _____
- Medical Center _____
- Obstetrics & Gynecology _____
- Occupational Therapist _____
- Optometrist _____
- Oral Surgeon _____
- Orthodontics _____
- Orthopedist _____
- Outpatient Surgery _____
- Pediatrics _____
- Periodontics _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Podiatrist _____
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- Vein Specialists _____

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The Civil Air Patrol Sumter Composite Squadron meets from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday at the Sumter Airport. Contact Jared Buniel at (803) 481-7915 or JaredLotR@juno.com. Visit the Web site at www.scwg.cap.gov/sumter/.

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CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m., district office

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Question whatever doesn't sit

your thoughts instead of letting someone annoy you. Assessing your emotions will help you determine what you are going to do about a difficult domestic situation. Don't fear change — embrace it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Consider what you have done and what you have left undone. Now is a good time to tie up loose ends. Bring light back into your life by showing love and compassion to those who are struggling. Your input will make a difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't fuel the fire when you should be calming whatever situation you face with honesty and simple solutions. How you handle change will play a big role in the way others accept your plans. Aim to stabilize, not disrupt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Express your feelings and you'll shed light on a situation that has caused confusion and uncertainty. Sharing with someone you have history with will be enlightening and encourage you to get back to the people and things you enjoy most.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Own what you do. Let your creative imagination lead the way, and doors will open. Focus on what you do best and you will set a high standard that encourages you to go above and beyond expectations. Trust in yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your emotions tucked away in a safe place. Don't give anyone the chance to take advantage of you. Aim to get ahead personally, financially and emotionally by doing what's best for you. Stimulate your bank account, not someone else's.

WEATHER

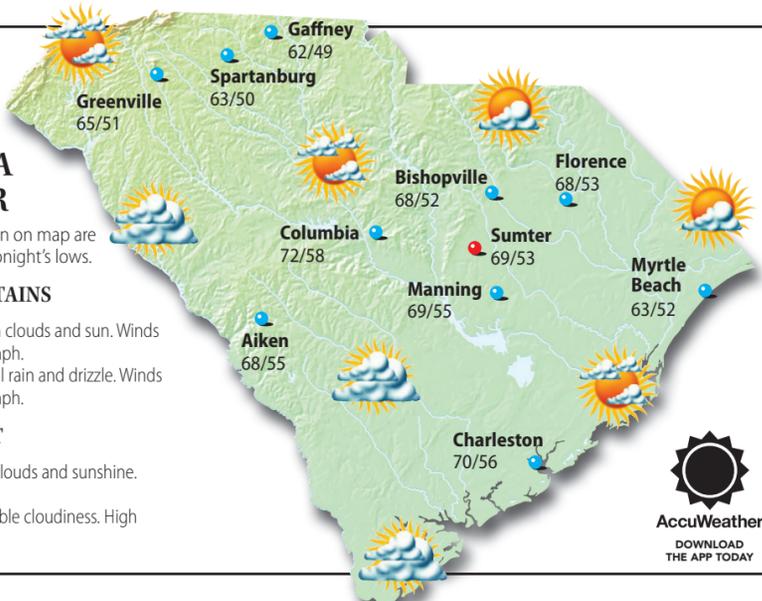
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TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
69°	53°	76° / 59°	81° / 65°	84° / 65°	84° / 58°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%
ENE 7-14 mph	ESE 4-8 mph	SSE 4-8 mph	S 6-12 mph	SSW 7-14 mph	SW 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Warmer with clouds and sun. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.
Monday: Occasional rain and drizzle. Winds east-northeast 3-6 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 63 to 71.
Monday: Considerable cloudiness. High 69 to 78.

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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature

High	68°
Low	61°
Normal high	59°
Normal low	35°
Record high	82° in 1989
Record low	11° in 1958

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.60"
Normal month to date	2.04"
Year to date	2.64"
Last year to date	5.58"
Normal year to date	5.98"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.95	+0.11
Marion	76.8	75.19	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	74.24	none
Wateree	100	97.15	+0.06

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.34	-0.15
Congaree River	19	5.60	+0.40
Lynches River	14	8.50	-0.55
Saluda River	14	5.54	-1.53
Up. Santee River	80	79.99	-0.38
Wateree River	24	15.09	-0.03

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:04 a.m.	Sunset	6:08 p.m.
Moonrise	8:47 a.m.	Moonset	8:57 p.m.

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

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

Time	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:36 a.m.	3.0	5:00 a.m.	-0.2
	10:43 p.m.	2.9	5:27 p.m.	-0.2
Mon.	11:11 a.m.	2.9	5:41 a.m.	-0.1
	11:23 p.m.	2.9	6:06 p.m.	-0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	65/57/c	74/62/pc
Chicago	45/39/s	57/50/r
Dallas	65/62/c	76/66/t
Detroit	40/34/s	53/52/r
Houston	76/64/c	78/66/c
Los Angeles	67/48/pc	58/42/pc
New Orleans	77/66/c	80/68/s
New York	48/36/s	50/48/r
Orlando	84/63/pc	85/66/pc
Philadelphia	48/34/s	52/49/c
Phoenix	71/55/pc	63/41/pc
San Francisco	56/43/c	55/39/s
Wash., DC	51/37/s	55/52/c

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	60/46/pc	61/55/pc	Florence	68/53/pc	76/60/sh
Athens	69/56/c	73/59/r	Gastonia	63/51/pc	63/56/pc
Augusta	73/58/c	79/59/pc	Goldsboro	65/42/s	71/59/pc
Beaufort	71/56/c	78/60/c	Goose Creek	69/58/pc	79/59/sh
Cape Hatteras	52/46/s	65/59/pc	Greensboro	58/42/pc	57/53/r
Charleston	70/56/c	79/59/sh	Greenville	65/51/pc	63/55/pc
Charlotte	64/49/pc	65/58/pc	Hickory	59/45/pc	59/52/pc
Clemson	65/53/c	64/56/pc	Hilton Head	67/58/c	75/60/c
Columbia	72/58/pc	78/62/pc	Jacksonville, FL	77/56/pc	80/61/pc
Darlington	66/52/pc	72/59/sh	La Grange	68/60/r	77/60/pc
Elizabeth City	56/39/s	66/58/pc	Macon	70/57/c	77/60/pc
Elizabethtown	64/49/pc	71/60/pc	Marietta	65/56/c	71/57/pc
Fayetteville	66/47/pc	72/61/pc			

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

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

PRESIDENTIAL UNIQVES: In classes by themselves
By S.N.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Suze of personal finance
 - 6 Small band
 - 10 Meet the Press host
 - 14 Show surprise, perhaps
 - 19 Rile
 - 20 Rope fiber
 - 21 Venerable fraternal grp.
 - 22 Knight clothes
 - 23 JFK: The only one to
 - 27 Hardwood tree
 - 28 Table salt, symbolically
 - 29 Amadeus villain
 - 30 Valhalla VIP
 - 31 Clunky car
 - 33 Pointer's pronoun
 - 35 Cake Boss ailer
 - 36 Analyzed minutely
 - 38 Run in
 - 40 Big Apple's Ar-
- thru** ___ Stadium
- DOWN**
- 42 Prophetic sign
 - 44 Have a go at
 - 45 Garfield: The only one who could
 - 52 One in a clique
 - 53 Adjusts, as cuffs
 - 54 Lent support to
 - 58 Triangular turnover of India
 - 59 In a face-down manner
 - 61 Shakespearean title
 - 62 Bollywood costume
 - 64 Safflower product
 - 65 Tic Tac alternatives
 - 66 FDR: The only one with ___
 - 72 101 Dalmatians villain
 - 73 "That's what you think!"
 - 74 University of Alaska campus
 - 75 Half an activi-

- 76 Pokes
 - 78 Sleep disturbers
 - 84 Part of ICBM
 - 85 Elbow roughly
 - 86 Twinkly at night
 - 87 Cleveland: The only one who
 - 91 Tire edge
 - 94 Gear parts
 - 95 Star Wars series mentor
 - 96 Young' ___ (kids)
 - 97 Israeli novelist
 - 99 One-stripe GI
 - 102 Ranch structures
 - 104 Ark passenger
 - 107 Exclamation of elation
 - 108 Some hours ago
 - 112 Antioxidant berry
 - 114 Ft. Myers locale
 - 115 Coolidge: The only one ___
 - 119 Revise
 - 120 Substantive
- DOWN**
- 1 Media mogul from Mississippi
 - 2 Oscar actress Witherspoon
 - 3 Device
 - 4 Urban rd.
 - 5 Rhineland refusal
 - 6 Committee head
 - 7 Pragmatic person
 - 8 Little scamp
 - 9 Major work
 - 10 Short-term govt. security
 - 11 Of eyesight
 - 12 Drop off for a while
 - 13 Forest forager
 - 14 Grammy category
 - 15 Oversight, say
 - 16 Surrounded by
 - 17 Comparatively snug
 - 18 In vogue
 - 24 Large tank
 - 25 Back muscle, for short
 - 26 Become harvestable
 - 32 Lounging area
 - 34 "Button it"
 - 37 Slow tempo
 - 39 Things with springs
 - 41 Iberian river
 - 42 "Good heavens!"
 - 43 Graduate degs.
 - 45 The Badger St.
 - 46 "Messenger" molecule
 - 47 Sneaky sorts
 - 48 Port authority
 - 49 "... sugar-plums danced in ___ heads"

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- 50 Person from Athens
- 51 Decline to publicize
- 55 Part of DIY
- 56 Stamps out
- 57 Prefix like mal-
- 59 Science Friday producer
- 60 Tops in calories
- 61 Firm, as fusilli
- 63 Director DuVer-
- 65 Set one's sights
- 66 Huge-screen TV suffix
- 67 French octet
- 68 Sign up for more
- 69 Prado VIP
- 70 Solid ground
- 71 Nine-symbol message
- 72 Cinematic effects, for short
- 76 Gets into
- 77 Damp at dawn
- 79 Aloha Stadium locale
- 80 Hotel room amenities
- 81 Questionable cash cache
- 82 ___ for Evi-
- 83 Fr. holy woman
- 85 Energetic Dublin dance
- 86 Stops the flow of
- 88 Gross fraction
- 89 Brief plane trip
- 90 Conceptualizes
- 91 Certain seafood establishment
- 92 Returnee's declaration
- 93 Tied up at a pier
- 98 Young fellow
- 99 Hearing things
- 100 Bourbon bot-
- 101 Big shot seen in annual reports
- 103 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 105 Kemper who's Kimmy Schmidt
- 106 Mexican progenitor
- 109 Anytime cash sources
- 110 Ostrich relative
- 111 Novelist Rendell
- 113 Should that happen
- 116 Poetic homage
- 117 Frat letter
- 118 Morning workout for many
- The Elks, or BPOE (21 Across) was founded

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

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5	6	8	4	2	3	7	9	1
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To become successful, the musicians would — BAND TOGETHER

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Generals advance in 2A playoffs with 37-16 victory

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The Thomas Sumter Academy varsity girls basketball team only scored 12 points in the second half of their first-round game of the SCISA 2A state playoffs against Christian Academy on Friday at Wilson Hall's Nash Student Center.

That really wasn't a problem though. The Lady Saints scored just eight points – in each half – and TSA had a 25-point first half. That led to a 37-16 victory that allowed the defending state champions to advance to the second round.



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"Defense is what won this game for us tonight," said Lady Generals head coach B.J. Reed, whose team picked up his 20th victory of the season in 27 games with a ferocious man-to-man defense. "We knew No. 5 (Shakeisha Jones) was averaging around 16 points a game and was a good outside shooter, so we made a point of defending her hard.

"And Taja (Hunley) did a great job on No. 21 (Jaelyn Grandison), who was averaging 10 points a contest."

Jones was limited to just four points, while Grandison was held scoreless.

Thomas Sumter, a No. 2 seed, will play one of the four No. 1 seeds, Spartanburg Day, on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Sumter County Civic Center. Spartanburg Day defeated Colleton Prep 67-37 in its first-round game on Friday.

TSA found enough offense in the first half to take control of the game and never lose it. Out to a 6-2 lead midway through the first quarter, the Lady Generals drained three straight 3-point baskets in a 2-minute span.

Josie Reed buried a trey from the top of the key and Aubrey Stoddard followed with another from the right side about a minute later. Reed got loose from another 3 with 1:21 remaining in the quarter to go up 15-2.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Big first quarter carries Lady Barons past OP

BY PATRICK ENZOR
Special to The Sumter Item

It would have been tough for Glen Rector and his Lady Barons of Wilson Hall to draw up a better first quarter against Orangeburg Prep on Friday – leading by 21-2 at one point.

The next 20 minutes or so of the SCISA 3A varsity girls first-round state playoff game? It wasn't quite the same.

Still, the Lady Barons turned up the defense and forced six straight turnovers to go on a 12-0 run in the fourth quarter to put the Lady Indians away and advance with a 72-41 victory.

"We had a really strong start," said Rector. "We were playing really good defense and finishing on offense. They played well together as a team and worked hard. They took advantage of scoring opportunities."



RECTOR

The reward is facing No. 1 seed Cardinal Newman on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Sumter County Civic Center. Wilson Hall moved to 19-7 on the year.

Wilson Hall scored the first 11 points of the game and quickly built a 19-point lead in the opening stanza thanks to nine OP turnovers. However, the Lady Indians kept fighting and cut the lead to 12 by halftime. It was

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PREP BASKETBALL



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Spartanburg Day's Zion Williamson, one of the top prep basketball players in the country, shows off one of his array of dunks during Griffin's 82-35 victory over St. Andrew's in the first round of the SCISA 2A state tournament on Saturday at Sumter County Civic Center.

Williamson scores 32 as Spartanburg Day destroys St. Andrew's 82-35 in first round

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The opening game of the SCISA 2A boys basketball state tournament for Spartanburg Day School on Saturday went the way everyone expected: with the Griffins winning big

and All-American Zion Williamson having a dominating performance.

Spartanburg Day, which is going for its third straight state title, hammered St. Andrew's of Savannah, Ga., 82-35 at Sumter County Civic Center, with Williamson scoring 32 points.

The game was played in front of a

near sellout as fans came to watch Williamson, rated the No. 2 player in the senior class in the country. Williamson, who has been said to be a one-and-done college player, recently signed with Duke.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Crestwood girls pummel NMB 50-27

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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The victories keep getting bigger as the Crestwood High School varsity girls basketball team advances in the 4A state playoffs.

The Lady Knights put away North Myrtle Beach on Friday, winning 50-27 to advance to a third-round matchup against Wilson at 7 p.m. Monday at The Castle.

Crestwood is now 20-3 on the season. North Myrtle Beach ended its season with a 20-6 record.

Senior guard Destiny Jamison led all scorers in the contest with 20 points. Brittany Epps and Monijah Lewis

added 10 apiece and senior guard Jah'Che Whitfield grabbed five rebounds and dished nine assists to go with her five points.

Jordan Berger led the Lady Chiefs with six points.

"They started focusing what we wanted them to do," said Crestwood head coach Larry Crosby of his team's 11-0 run that blew open a 28-21 game midway through the third period and seemed to take the life out of the Chiefs.

"We came out a little sluggish, and it seemed like they were playing the way we wanted them to, and North Myrtle

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TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood's Jah'Che Whitfield dribbles past a North Myrtle Beach defender during the Lady Knights' 50-27 victory over on Friday in the second round of the 4A state playoffs at The Castle. Crestwood, now 20-3 on the season, advances to a third-round home matchup on Monday against Wilson.

PREP BASKETBALL

Laurence Manning boys knock off Northwood 71-53

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Holding just a 27-22 lead at half-time, Laurence Manning Academy head coach Will Epps made the decision to move his star player, 6-foot-8-inch Jerrel Kelly, into the low post.

The move worked as Kelly scored the first two baskets of the second half down low, and his presence opened it up for the rest of the Swampcats as they went on to a 71-53 victory over Northwood Academy in the first round of the SCISA 3A boys basketball state tournament Sumter County Civic

Center on Saturday.

Kelly had a monster game, scoring 23 points while pulling down 20 rebounds, blocking six shots and coming up with three steals.

"We were playing Jerrel up top to ease off their pressure," said Laurence Manning head coach Will Epps, whose team improved to 21-6 on the season.

"We made the decision to put him down low, and Jerrel did a good job. Their big man (Emmanuel Johnson) was in foul trouble and he took advantage of that.



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"His presence down there opened it up for some of our other shooters to get some good looks."

After Kelly's layup and putback to start the third quarter, point guard Taylor Lee came up with a steal and a layup for two of his 21 points as the Swampcats went out to a 33-22 lead with 6:22 remaining.

The Chargers, who finished the year 2-19, trailed only 35-26 when Chase Lee got loose for consecutive 3-point baskets to make it 41-26. Kelly later added a trey as LMA took a 50-36 advantage into the final stanza.

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USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

South Carolina holds on to upset No. 10 Auburn 84-75

BY PETE IACOBELLI
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA — Frank Booker scored 19 points, and South Carolina built a 26-point lead before holding on to defeat No. 10 Auburn 84-75 on Saturday, ending the Gamecocks' six-game losing streak.

The Tigers (23-4, 11-3 Southeastern Conference) had won seven of their past eight and were heavy favorites to keep that going at South Carolina (14-13, 5-9). Instead, the Gamecocks used a 21-1 run in the first half on the way to a 37-11 lead.

Auburn played most of the game without starting forward Anfernee McLemore, who dislocated his left ankle in a gruesome-looking injury at the end of the first half. Still, the Tigers rallied to within 64-59 on Bryce Brown's free throws with 6:58 to go.

But South Carolina scored the next seven points to restore the double-digit lead, and Auburn could get no closer than six points the rest of the way.

South Carolina beat a top-10 program for the third straight season and defeated its first top-10 team at home since tak-



South Carolina guard Hassani Gravett (2) drives to the basket against Auburn forward Desean Murray (13) during the first half of the Gamecocks' 84-75 upset victory on Saturday in Columbia.

ing out No. 1 Kentucky in January 2010.

Chris Silva had 14 points and 11 rebounds for South Carolina, his sixth double-double of the season.

Mustapha Heron led Auburn with 16 points, just four of those coming in the second half. Brown, the Tigers' lead-

ing scorer this season, was held to 10 points (six fewer than his average) on 3-of-16 shooting.

Auburn has been the surprise of the SEC season so far. Things may get harder with McLemore out.

McLemore came down hard late in the first half while on

defense. He immediately began shouting and medical personnel quickly surrounded him underneath the basket. Auburn coach Bruce Pearl and South Carolina coach Frank Martin came out to check on the 6-foot-7 sophomore, who was diagnosed with a dislocated left ankle

and taken off the court on a stretcher before being transported to a hospital for X-rays.

Before leaving, McLemore sat up and waved at the cheering crowd.

BIG PICTURE

Auburn: The Tigers' run to an SEC crown and beyond could take a dent with McLemore sidelined. The Tigers' tallest players among those in the regular rotation are 6-8 forwards Horace Spencer and Chuma Okeke. Spencer had started six games this season while Okeke has come off the bench all season.

South Carolina: It's hard to know what's going on with the Gamecocks. They've beaten three top-25 opponents in No. 18 Kentucky, No. 20 Florida and now, the 10th-ranked Tigers. They've also lost by double digits this month against Texas A&M and Arkansas. South Carolina will need to channel the effort against Auburn if it hopes to make some noise down the stretch.

UP NEXT

Auburn returns home to play state rival Alabama on Wednesday night.

South Carolina ends a two-game homestand on Wednesday night against Georgia.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Stuttgart v s. Augsburg (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
9:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: ABN Amro World Tennis Tournament Championship Match (TENNIS).
11 a.m. — International Soccer: FA Cup Fifth-Round Match — Tottenham vs. Rochdale (FOX SPORTS 1).
11:50 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Borussia Dortmund vs. Borussia Monchengladbach (FOX SPORTS 2).
Noon — NHL Hockey: Philadelphia at New York Rangers (WIS 10).
Noon — Women's College Basketball: South Florida at Central Florida (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — Women's College Basketball: Wake Forest at North Carolina State (ESPN).
12:30 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Miami at Virginia (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Duke at Clemson (WKTC 63, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Ohio State at Michigan (WLTX 19).
1 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Purdue at Ohio State (ESPN2).
1 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: DePaul at Seton Hall (FOX SPORTS 1).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: Genesis Open Final Round from Pacific Palisades, Calif. (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Vanderbilt at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
1 p.m. — College Baseball: Virginia Military Institute at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Temple at Connecticut (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Tennessee at Missouri (ESPN).
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Daytona 500 from Daytona Beach, Fla. (WACH 57, WEGX-FM 92.9).
2:30 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Louisville at North Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Genesis Open Final Round from Pacific Palisades, Calif. (WLTX 19).
3 p.m. — College Basketball: Connecticut at East Carolina (ESPNEWS).
3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Tulane at Memphis (ESPN2).
3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Villanova at DePaul (FOX SPORTS 1).
3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Georgetown at Marquette (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
3 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Chubb Classic Final Round from Naples, Fla. (GOLF).
3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Kentucky at South Carolina (SEC NETWORK, WNKT-FM 107.5).
3 p.m. — College Baseball: William & Mary at Clemson (WJMZ-FM 93.1).
3 p.m. — Professional Tennis: New York Open Championship Match (TENNIS).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Houston at Temple (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Wichita State at Cincinnati (ESPN).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Drake at Missouri State (ESPN).
5 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Texas A&M at Mississippi State (ESPN2).
5 p.m. — NHL Hockey: New Jersey at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
5 p.m. — Track and Field: U.S. Indoor Championships from Albuquerque (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Auburn at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Pittsburgh at Florida State (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Swimming and Diving: Southeastern Conference Men's Championships from College Station, Texas (SEC NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Stanford at California (ESPN).
8:20 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA All-Star Game from Los Angeles (TBS, TNT).

MONDAY

2:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Leipzig vs. Eintracht Frankfurt (FOX SPORTS 2).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: FA Cup Fifth-Round Match — Manchester City vs. Wigan Athletic (FOX SPORTS 1).
2:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Rio Open Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Florida State at Duke (ESPN2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Miami at Notre Dame (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Howard at North Carolina Central (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Maryland at Northwestern (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Syracuse at Pittsburgh (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Georgia at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
8 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Baylor at Texas (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Oklahoma at Kansas (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Alcorn State at Alabama State (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Minnesota at Wisconsin (FOX SPORTS 1).
10 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: UCLA at Oregon (ESPN2).

WINTER OLYMPICS ON TV

5 a.m.
NBCSN — Women's Curling: Canada vs. Switzerland
OLY CHANNEL — Medal Ceremonies (LIVE)
7 a.m.
USA — Men's Ice Hockey: Canada vs. South Korea (LIVE)
7:10 a.m.
NBCSN — Men's Hockey: Sweden vs. Finland (LIVE);
 Two-Man Bobsled: Competition
10:15 a.m.

NBCSN — Freestyle Skiing: Men's Aerials Gold Medal Final; Speed Skating: Women's 500m Gold Medal Final, Men's Team Pursuit Competition; Biathlon: Men's 15km Mass Start Gold Medal Final
1 p.m.
NBCSN — Cross Country: Men's 4x10km Relay Gold Medal Final; Hockey Game of the Day (replay)
3 p.m.
NBC — Freestyle Skiing: Men's Aerials Gold Medal Final; Speed Skating: Men's Team Pursuit Competition; Biathlon: Men's 15km Mass Start Gold Medal Final
4 p.m.
CNBC — Men's Curling: United States vs. Norway
7 p.m.
NBC — Figure Skating: Ice Dancing Short Dance (LIVE); Freestyle Skiing: Women's Halfpipe Competition (LIVE); Speed Skating: Women's 500m Gold Medal Final; Two-Man Bobsled: Competition; Cross-Country Skiing: Men's 4x10km Relay Gold Medal Final
NBCSN — Olympic Ice; Figure Skating: Ice Dancing Short Dance (LIVE)
10:15 p.m.
NBCSN — Freestyle Skiing: Men's Aerials Gold Medal Final; Women's Hockey: Semifinal (LIVE)
 12:35 a.m. (Monday)
NBC — Snowboarding: Women's Big Air Competition
 1:30 a.m. (Monday)
NBCSN — Women's Curling: United States vs. Denmark
 4:30 a.m. (Monday)
NBCSN — Men's Curling: United States vs. Canada

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

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

Southeast Division

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

Central Division

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

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

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

Northwest Division

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

Pacific Division

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

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Team World 155, Team USA 124

SUNDAY'S GAMES

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

THURSDAY'S GAMES

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

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

SATURDAY
 1. Virginia (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
 2. Michigan State (26-3) beat Northwestern 65-60. Next: vs. Illinois, Tuesday.
 3. Villanova (23-3) at No. 4 Xavier. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
 4. Xavier (24-3) vs. No. 3 Villanova. Next: at Georgetown, Wednesday.
 5. Cincinnati (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Wichita State, Sunday.
 6. Purdue (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Sunday.
 7. Texas Tech (22-4) at Baylor. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
 8. Ohio State (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Michigan, Sunday.
 9. Gonzaga (24-4) vs. Pepperdine. Next: at San Diego, Thursday.
 10. Auburn (23-3) at South Carolina. Next: vs. Alabama, Wednesday.
11. Clemson (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Duke, Sunday.
 12. Duke (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Clemson, Sunday.
 13. Kansas (20-6) vs. No. 20 West Virginia. Next: vs. No.

23 Oklahoma, Monday.
 14. North Carolina (20-7) at Louisville. Next: at Syracuse, Wednesday.
 15. Saint Mary's (24-4) at Portland. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
 16. Rhode Island (21-4) did not play. Next: at La Salle, Tuesday.
 17. Arizona (21-6) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.
 18. Tennessee (19-6) at Georgia. Next: vs. Florida, Wednesday.
 19. Wichita State (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Cincinnati, Sunday.
 20. West Virginia (19-7) at No. 13 Kansas. Next: at Baylor, Tuesday.
 21. Texas A&M (17-9) at Arkansas. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Tuesday.
 22. Michigan (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Ohio State, Sunday.
 23. Oklahoma (16-10) lost to Texas 77-66. Next: at No. 13 Kansas, Monday.
 24. Nevada (22-5) at Utah State. Next: vs. San Jose State, Wednesday.
 25. Arizona State (19-7) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.

WOMEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

SATURDAY
 1. UConn (25-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
 2. Mississippi State (27-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Texas A&M, Sunday.
 3. Baylor (25-1) beat Kansas 88-51. Next: at No. 6 Texas, Monday.
 4. Louisville (26-2) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.
 5. Notre Dame (24-2) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Sunday.
 6. Texas (22-4) beat No. 21 Oklahoma State 77-62. Next: vs. No. 3 Baylor, Monday.
 7. UCLA (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Oregon, Monday.
8. South Carolina (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Sunday.
 9. Oregon (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 UCLA, Monday.
 10. Maryland (22-4) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
 11. Tennessee (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Missouri, Sunday.
 12. Florida State (22-4) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Duke, Monday.
 13. Missouri (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Tennessee, Sunday.
 14. Stanford (19-8) at California. Next: at Washington, Friday.
 15. Oregon State (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Sunday.
 16. Ohio State (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Sunday.
 17. Duke (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Florida State, Monday.
 18. Texas A&M (20-7) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Mississippi State, Sunday.
 19. Green Bay (23-3) beat Youngstown State 67-42. Next: at UIC, Monday.
 20. Georgia (21-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Monday.
 21. Oklahoma State (18-8) lost to No. 6 Texas 77-62. Next: at Kansas, Wednesday.
 22. South Florida (21-5) did not play. Next: at UCF, Sunday.
 23. Michigan (20-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Maryland, Thursday.
 24. Belmont (26-3) beat Morehead State 80-56. Next: at Jacksonville State, Wednesday.
 25. N.C. State (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	58	39	16	3	81	208	155
Boston	55	35	12	8	78	185	133
Toronto	59	35	19	5	75	198	165
Florida	54	25	23	6	56	158	175
Detroit	56	23	24	9	55	150	170
Montreal	57	22	27	7	51	146	179
Ottawa	54	21	27	9	51	156	199
Buffalo	59	17	31	11	45	141	195

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	57	33	17	7	73	181	167
Pittsburgh	59	33	22	4	70	185	175
Philadelphia	58	29	19	10	68	171	168
New Jersey	57	29	20	8	66	173	176
N.Y. Islanders	59	25	26	6	64	200	214
Columbus	58	29	24	5	63	155	164
Carolina	59	27	23	9	63	160	177
N.Y. Rangers	59	27	27	5	59	169	184

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	56	34	13	9	77	176	147
Winnipeg	58	34	15	9	77	189	155
Dallas	58	34	20	4	72	177	152
St. Louis	60	34	22	4	72	171	153
Minnesota	58	31	20	7	69	172	166
Colorado	57	31	22	4	66	177	169
Chicago	58	24	26	8	56	162	169

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	57	38	15	4	80	196	155
San Jose	58	31	19	8	70	170	159
Anaheim	60	29	20	11	69	167	170
Calgary	58	30	20	8	68	165	167
Los Angeles	58	31	22	5	67	167	145
Edmonton	56	23	29	4	50	158	188
Vancouver	58	22	30	6	50	151	188
Arizona	58	16	32	10	42	142	197

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.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia 2, Columbus 1, OT
 N.Y. Islanders 3, Carolina 0
 Winnipeg 6, Colorado 1
 Dallas 2, St. Louis 1

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Los Angeles 4, Buffalo 2
 Anaheim 3, Minnesota 2, SO
 Ottawa 6, N.Y. Rangers 3
 Edmonton at Arizona, 4 p.m.
 New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at Vegas, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Florida at Calgary, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 12 p.m.
 Edmonton at Colorado, 3 p.m.
 New Jersey at Carolina, 5 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at San Jose, 8 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
 Boston at Calgary, 4 p.m.
 Ottawa at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Anaheim at Vegas, 10 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Columbus at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Boston at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

PGA SCORES</



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Spartanburg Day's Zion Williamson dribbles up the court during the Griffins' 82-35 victory over St. Andrew's in the first round of the SCISA 2A state playoffs on Saturday at Sumter County Civic Center.

ZION FROM PAGE B1

Spartanburg Day will play in the quarterfinals on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the civic center against The King's

Academy of Florence. TKA defeated Northside Christian on Saturday.

If the Griffins win on Tues-

day, they will play in the semifinals on Thursday, against at 6:30 p.m. at the civic center.

The 2A boys championship game is scheduled for a 12:30 p.m. start on Saturday at the civic center.

LMA FROM PAGE B1

NA refused to go away, trailing just 57-45 midway through the fourth quarter. However, a Taylor Lee layup, two free throws from Kelly and a 3-point play from Grayson Dennis made it 64-45 with 2:24 left.

"We did a good job offensively in the second half," said Epps, whose team scored 44 points. One reason we were so successful is we shot free throws really well, hitting 21 of 26 – and Jerrel was 9-for-10."

Laurence Manning trailed 15-11 after the first quarter before finally finding some rhythm in the second quarter.

"We've struggled coming out of the gate the last few games," Epps said. "We've got to find out why and stop it. If we let that happen on Wednesday we could find ourselves in some trouble."

Laurence Manning will take on First Baptist at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the civic center. The Hurricanes had a first-round bye and are a No. 2 seed, while LMA is a No. 3 seed.

The teams played on Jan. 9 in Charleston with First Baptist winning 56-49.

Chase Lee added 12 points for LMA and Dennis had eight.

Rick Newman led Northwood with 15, Cyrus Birch had 11 and Caleb Houston had 10.

CRESTWOOD FROM PAGE B1

Beach was trying to take away some of what we wanted to do," he said. "After they made their little run, we got focused."

Crosby said he wanted to attack the gaps in the Lady Chiefs' 1-3-1 zone defense with Jamison and Whitfield, and I think they put a little bit of a wrinkle in their defense. We got a little more

patient in the second half."

Crestwood started quick thanks to 13 first-quarter points from Epps and Lewis that helped the Lady Knights to a 17-9 advantage. The teams played even in the second, and Crestwood led 25-16 at the half.

Crosby said his team is remaining calm and business-like as it progresses through

the playoffs.

"One game at a time," Crosby said. "As we move forward, the games are going to get a lot tougher and the opponents a lot harder."

The Lady Knights' next opponent, No. 2-seed Wilson, held top-seeded Lower Richland scoreless in the fourth quarter of their game enroute to a 47-32 victory and a date with the Lady Knights on Monday.

HALL FROM PAGE B1

single digits in the third quarter.

"In the second quarter, we got a little sloppy," said Rector. "Very lackadaisical, very nonchalant. We weren't in the passing lanes on defense and there opportunities to score.

"Orangeburg Prep always plays really hard, so they battled back," he added. "They made it a game."

However, the Lady Barons turned to their bread-and-butter for years under Rector: sound, smothering defense. The Lady Barons pushed a 47-34 lead out to 59-34 in the span of 90 seconds in the fourth quarter thanks to six straight steals and easy baskets on the opposite end.

Backup guard Haley Boone McCaffrey got it started with the first two steals and four points off of layups.

"Haley Boone has been playing incredible for us the last three weeks," said Rector. "She has been a defensive spark for this team. She is playing really well, but the team as a whole is playing really well."

The Lady Barons had three players in double figures. Liza Segars led with 15, Susanna Hutson had 13 thanks to three 3-point baskets and Natalie Jackson added 12.

OP's Marlee Robinson led all scorers with 12. So, about that game on Tuesday with a spot in the state semifinals on the line?

"You have the the No. 1 team in SCISA; they have two really good guards and they have a post player that's young, but really good," Rector said of Cardinal Newman. "They are going to be a really tough challenge for us, but we've played in tough challenges before. We'll work really hard on Monday (in practice) and try to come up with a good game plan for them."

TSA FROM PAGE B1

A Carmen Silvester layup made it 17-2 entering the second quarter. Thomas Sumter led 25-8 at halftime and pushed the lead out to 29-8 on two Josie Reed free throws and a Silvester basket.

Josie Reed led TSA in scor-

ing with 10 points, the first time she's been in double figures this season, according to her head coach and mother, B.J. Reed.

Silvester, Stoddard and Sydney Daniel each finished with eight points.

"We got the offense that we needed," said Coach Reed. "When you get to this point, it's a 1-game season. Whether it's thrive or survive, you just want to win and advance. That's what we did."

Christian Academy, which finished with a 9-6 record, was led in scoring by Ashton Rumley with five points.

NBA ALL STAR GAME

All-Stars collide in LA with teams picked by LeBron, Steph Curry

BY GREG BEACHAM
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The NBA All-Star Game added spice to its 67th edition by allowing the captains to pick their teams. Team LeBron vs. Team Steph has replaced the traditional East-West format, shuffling allegiances and turning antagonists into uneasy teammates.

But with the world's best basketball players all converging on Los Angeles,



JAMES



CURRY

the hungry fans of the hometown Lakers are eager to pick their own dream team as well.

For instance, a gathering of a few hundred fans at media day in the Los Angeles Convention Center on Saturday caught sight of Paul George, Oklahoma City's All-Star scorer and a Southern California native.

The pro-Lakers crowd immediately launched into a chant of "We want Paul! We want Paul!" at the smiling George, who can be a free agent this summer.

From his podium elsewhere in the room, Russell Westbrook — the Thunder's other All-Star and LA native — snarled with sarcastic anger: "That's out! He ain't going nowhere!"

The game is never really the thing at the NBA's All-Star weekend, and that's particularly true while the show is in Hollywood for the record sixth time.

Aside from the new team format in the Sunday showcase, many of the NBA's biggest stars are returning home, since they already make their summer homes in L.A. Lakers fans are most interested in the potential 2018 free agents who could immediately resurrect the 16-time champion franchise, which is currently stumbling toward its unprecedented fifth consecutive non-playoff season.

Lakers fans want George, but they also want LeBron James — and they'll let both stars know it at Staples Center.

James dismissed free agency questions Saturday, just as he has done all season, but his palatial house in Los Angeles is among the reasons Lakers fans be-

lieve they've got a chance to create their own All-Star team in a few months.

But before that, James and Stephen Curry will lead two talent-laden teams at Staples Center for the annual showcase of the NBA's best.

Both captains are cautiously optimistic that this tweaked format will pay off with better play than in other All-Star games, which often turn into pick-up games with a fraction of the entertainment value of even the Drew League, the famed pro-am circuit in which many stars participate every summer in South Central L.A.

"It should be a little bit more competitive, a little bit more intense on the court," said Curry, the Golden State Warriors' shooting star. "It means a little more when it's Team LeBron and Team Steph."

The team selection process wasn't made public, but the results will be very visible. The decision to keep the draft private disappointed fans — and even a few All-Stars.

"I thought it was going to be televised," Team LeBron center Andre Drummond said. "I thought it would be a cool spinoff: Live, LeBron and Curry picking guys. But hopefully next year they do it."

Curry picked his Golden State teammates Klay Thompson and Draymond Green, but lost Kevin Durant to James. LeBron also tantalizingly picked Kyrie Irving, the Boston guard who campaigned to leave James' side in Cleveland last summer.

Irving said it was "pretty awesome" to be James' teammate again: "It's normal. Sorry, I know that sounds like not a lot, but it's just normal."

And everybody will be curious about what happens when Westbrook reteams with Durant, who ditched him in Oklahoma City in 2016 to win a championship in Oakland last year.

James' original roster has been dramatically altered by injuries to DeMarcus Cousins, John Wall, Kristaps Porzingis and Kevin Love, who all won't play.

But LeBron and Toronto coach Dwane Casey could still roll out a nightmarish lineup featuring, for instance, New Orleans' Anthony Davis and James alongside Durant, Westbrook and George.

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SPORTS ITEMS

Hillcrest's Allen among finalists for basketball Hall of Fame

LOS ANGELES — Former Hillcrest High School standout and NBA great Ray Allen is one of 13 finalists for the next Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame class announced on Saturday.

Standout out point guards Jason Kidd and two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash were likely the two biggest names on the list. Other notables on the finalist list are Grant Hill, Maurice Cheeks and Chris Webber, but the two standout point guards are all but locks to headline the class, which will be unveiled during the NCAA Final Four in San Antonio.

Kidd ranks second in NBA history with 12,091 assists, and Nash is third with 10,335 assists.

Nash won back-to-back MVP awards in 2005 and 2006 with the Phoenix Suns. He made the All-NBA first team three times during his 18-year career with the Suns, Dallas Mavericks and Los Angeles Lakers and helped kickstart the development of the sport in Canada with his freewheeling style. Nash was also a two-time WCC player of the year in 1995-96 at Santa Clara and engineered a memorable upset of second-seeded Arizona in the NCAA Tournament.

Kidd was the 1994-95 NBA rookie of the year, setting the stage for a 19-year career in which he made the All-NBA first team five times and All-Defensive first team four times. Kidd won an NBA title with the Dallas Mavericks in 2011 and is second all-time with 2,684 steals. He also was named Pac-10 freshman of the year in 1993 and Pac-10 player of the year in 1994 during his two seasons at California, and won gold medals with the U.S. in Sydney Olympics in 2000 and Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Allen's 2,973 three-pointers made are the most in NBA history. He won NBA titles with the Boston Celtics in 2008 and Miami Heat in 2013, memorably sending Game 6 to overtime on a tying 3-pointer with 5.2 seconds left in regulation.

Hill was a two-time national champion and two-time All-American at Duke, but injuries kept him from reaching the same heights in the NBA during his 19-year career.

Charles "Lefty" Driesell, Rudy Tomjanovich and Baylor's Kim Mulkey made the final ballot as coaches. Katie Smith, Tina Thompson and



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Patrick Cantlay drives on the 12th tee in the second round of the Genesis Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles on Friday.

longtime NBA official Hugh Evans are also finalists.

Driesell took four different schools to the NCAA Tournament and won two ACC Tournament titles at Maryland. Tomjanovich led the Houston Rockets to consecutive NBA titles in 1994-95. Mulkey won an NCAA title as a player at Louisiana Tech and two more as the coach of the Bears.

The 1953-58 Wayland Baptist University teams that won 131 consecutive games and four AAU national championships is the lone team finalist.

Finalists must receive 18 votes from the 24-member honors committee to be enshrined.

The entire class will be unveiled during the NCAA Final Four in San Antonio.

USC 7 VMI 2

COLUMBIA — The University of South Carolina bounced back from its season-opening 7-5 loss on Friday with a 7-2 victory over Virginia Military Institute on Saturday at Founders Park.

Madison Stokes hit two home runs fro the Gamecocks. Hunter Taylor hit the other homer for Carolina, which jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

Cody Morris picked up the victory for the Gamecocks. He worked 5 2/3 innings, strik-

ing out six batters while allowing only two earned runs.

Former Sumter High School standout Jordan Holladay made his first appearance for South Carolina. The true freshman started at first base and went 0-for-3 with a walk.

The teams play the rubber game today beginning at 1 p.m.

MCDOWELL, CANTLAY SHARE RIVIERA LEAD; WOODS MAKES EARLY EXIT

LOS ANGELES — Graeme McDowell and Patrick Cantlay share the lead going into a weekend at Riviera that doesn't include Tiger Woods.

The second round of the Genesis Open was not completed until Saturday morning because of darkness. Sam Saunders was tied for the lead until he made bogey on his final hole for a 69. He was one shot behind, along with Ryan Moore.

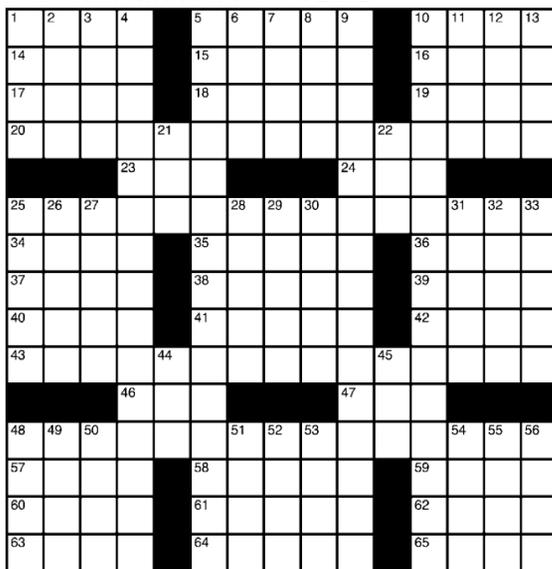
The cut was at 2-over 144. Woods wasn't really close. He finished Friday with three straight bogeys early on his back nine and shot 76. Woods, whose TGR Foundation now runs the tournament, had not played at Riviera since 2006.

Cantlay was the No. 1 amateur in the world when he played at UCLA. McDowell has some California history, too. He won the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach.

From wire reports

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Bruce Venzke

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AREA ROUNDUP

Sumter girls fall in 5A playoffs, 51-42, to Fort Dorchester

NORTH CHARLESTON — The Sumter High School varsity girls basketball team saw its season come to an end with a 51-42 loss to Fort Dorchester in the second round of the 5A state playoffs on Friday at the FD gymnasium.

The Lady Gamecocks, who finished 16-7, were led by Layken Cox and Nina Edlow with 10 points apiece. Tamerah Brown added eight.

Taylor Smith led the Lady Patriots with 14. Patricia Mallory, Janyya Burton and Aujea Bowman each had nine.

SUMTER
Wells 4, Jackson 6, Brown 8, Edlow 10, Jones 4, Cox 10.

FORT DORCHESTER
Mallory 9, Leshore 6, Burton 9, Smith 14, Ferrell 4, Bowman 9.

SCOTT'S BRANCH 64 HANNAH-PAMPLICO 38

SUMMERTON — Scott's Branch High School defeated Hannah-Pamplico 64-38 in the second round of the 1A state playoffs on Thursday at the SB gymnasium.

The Lady Eagles, who improved to 11-5, will play host to defending state champion Green Sea-Floyds on Monday at 6 p.m.

GSF defeated Charleston Math & Science 64-28 on Thursday.

Teja Madison led Scott's Branch in scoring with 16 points.

EAST CLARENDON 65 CROSS 34

TURBEVILLE — East Clarendon High School defeated Cross 65-34 in the second round of the 1A state playoffs on Thursday at the EC gymnasium.

The Lady Wolverines, 16-5, will travel to North Charleston on Monday to face Palmetto Scholars in a third-round game at 7 p.m. Palmetto Scholars edged C.E. Murray 71-69 on Thursday.

Tylasia Cooper led East Clarendon in scoring with 21 points. Britni Anderson had a double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Gracen Watts had 13 and Caitlin Timmons 10.

PEE DEE 61 ROBERT E. LEE 37

Robert E. Lee Academy saw its season come to an end with a 61-37 loss to Pee Dee Academy in the first round of the SCISA 2A state playoffs at Sumter County Civic Center.

The Lady Cavaliers, who finished 5-14, were led by Caileigh Barrett. She had a double-double of 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Rebecca Dinkins added 11 points.

BOYS

VARSITY BASKETBALL

LORIS 77 MANNING 57

LORIS — Manning High School saw its season come to an end with a 77-57 loss to Loris in the second round of the 3A state playoffs on Friday at the LHS gymnasium.

The Monarchs finish with a 17-7 record.

C.E. MURRAY 51 EAST CLARENDON 47

GREELEYVILLE — East Clarendon High School saw its season come to an end with a 51-47 loss to C.E. Murray on Friday in the second round of the 1A state playoffs at the CEM gymnasium.

The 10-12 Wolverines were led in scoring by Tyjhai Calvin with 21 points. Jalen Bryant added 10.

From staff reports

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

AUTO RACING



Darrell Wallace Jr., left, shoots a selfie with fans during practice for the Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, on Saturday.

Wallace tops Daytona 500 speed chart in final practice

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The first black driver to start the Daytona 500 since 1969 continues to blaze a trail at Speedweeks.

Darrell Wallace Jr. turned heads again Saturday at Daytona International Speedway and topped the speed chart in the final practice for NASCAR's season opener.

"A lot of stories, a lot of headlines being talked about," Wallace said.

Wallace sparked plenty of his own.

He went 196.954 mph in the No. 43 Chevrolet for Richard Petty Motorsports, one more astounding moment in a week where he finished third in a Daytona 500 qualifying race and earned a seventh-place start on Sunday.

There's only one box left to check on his list.

"To win something is good," Wallace said.

He'll have 39 other drivers to beat to the checkered flag on Sunday, including the favorite, 2012 Cup champion Brad Keselowski. Keselowski, Joey Logano and Ryan Blaney give Team Penske a potent 1-2-3 punch to win NASCAR's marquee race. Blaney finished first and Logano second this week in a qualifying race used to set the field. Penske was mum on how he'd tell his drivers to race in the Daytona 500.

And if the three of them are competing hard on the final lap for a victory?

"If they end up all three wrecked in a ball because they were racing for the win, then they end up wrecked in a ball racing for a win," Penske

DAYTONA 500 LINEUP

By The Associated Press
After Thursday's Duel races; race Sunday
at Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

- (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota
- (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford
- (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet
- (22) Joey Logano, Ford
- (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford
- (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet
- (20) Erik Jones, Toyota
- (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford
- (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford
- (41) Kurt Busch, Ford
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota
- (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet
- (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet
- (38) David Ragan, Ford
- (21) Paul Menard, Ford
- (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota

- (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford
- (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet
- (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet
- (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet
- (34) Michael McDowell, Ford
- (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet
- (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota
- (62) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet
- (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet
- (00) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet
- (7) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet
- (51) Justin Marks, Chevrolet
- (30) DJ Kennington, Toyota
- (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford
- (72) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet
- (24) William Byron Chevrolet
- (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet
- (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford
- (10) Aric Almirola, Ford
- (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet
- (92) David Gilliland, Ford
- (66) Mark Thompson, Ford

said.

Keselowski already won an all-star race that opened Speedweeks.

Wallace and 20-year-old Hendrick Motorsports rookie prospect William Byron are Daytona 500 first-timers and headline a crop of blossoming young talent NASCAR is banking on to lead the sport into the next decade. Three drivers under age 25 will start in the first two rows and there are six drivers under age 30 in the first eight spots.

Pole sitter Alex Bowman, who was often confused for a rookie in Daytona because of his one-year sabbatical, sits on the pole in the No. 88 Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports. He played it safe Saturday behind the wheel long held by the retired Dale Earnhardt Jr. and hit 191.160 in the fastest of his three laps.

While NASCAR is undergoing a youth movement, Danica

Patrick is on her way out. Patrick was ninth-fastest in the final practice headed into her last NASCAR race. She will race the Daytona 500 and the Indianapolis 500 as part of a retirement tour she dubbed the "Danica Double."

Patrick starts 28th on Sunday. Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers watched his new girlfriend race this week from the top of her pit box and will attend Sunday's race.

Rodgers might run into a familiar face among the QB fraternity at the track — retired great Peyton Manning will drive the honorary pace car.

Also racing in the Daytona 500 is 66-year-old Vietnam veteran Mark Thompson.

Chase Elliott won a qualifying race to give team owner Rick Hendrick a win at Speedweeks and the pole for the Daytona 500. Both are firsts for Chevrolet's new Cup effort, the Camaro.

PRO BASEBALL

Hungry for more: Correa, Astros talking dynasty

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Soon as George Springer and his World Series MVP trophy arrived at Houston Astros camp, the All-Star leadoff hitter began knocking balls over the fence in batting practice.

Carlos Correa and Alex Bregman picked up right where they left off, too, silky smooth fielding grounders on the left side of the infield.

"Brings back some pretty good memories," Bregman said.

Bet it sure does.

Coming off a championship and with all that young talent in place, no wonder this tight-knit "family" is talking openly about the D-word.

"We don't want to be just a team that people are going to remember for one year," Correa said. "We want to be able to build a dynasty here, to win two, three years in a row if we can do that. We have the team to do it, it's just upon us to put in the work."

For several of Houston's twenty-something stars, their work together started again on Friday. And as far as they're concerned, there's no reason it can't be fun.

After reporting to spring training three days before the first scheduled full-squad workout, Springer jumped in the cage and quickly drove one a long way out.

So much for needing a few swings to warm up.

"I don't know. It's Day One. You don't think you're going to square one up out there and I did," he said later. "I might as well have stopped for the day. You want to end on a high note."

So as teammates hooted and hollered, the 28-year-old outfielder feigned being all finished.

Show over.

"We mess around all the time," Correa said. "Today I guess we were picking on

Springer."

Last fall, Springer picked on Los Angeles Dodgers pitching, batting .379 with five homers, three doubles and seven RBIs as Houston won a back-and-forth World Series in seven exhilarating games.

This spring, his MVP trophy will take up residence at the club's 2-year-old training complex, along with all the photos from the 2017 title run hanging on the walls.

"Yeah, it's special. I think it's more special because of what our team was able to do," Springer said. "You can't win that without the team having to win something first. So I'm happy about it, I'm proud of it, but I'm more happy about the world champion stuff that's up around here now."

Springer was hardly the only Astros player making everything look easy Friday.

The 23-year-old Correa, who batted .315 with 24 homers and 84 RBIs in just 109 games last season, smiled as he took grounders at shortstop and snapped off accurate throws from his back foot.

To his right was Bregman, the confident third baseman who compiled an .827 OPS in his first full major league season. He turns 24 next month.

"They're all so talented," veteran catcher Brian McCann said. "The sky's the limit for all of 'em because they're going to continue to learn. ... It's a scary thought."

Not to mention second baseman Jose Altuve, a three-time batting champion and the reigning AL MVP at age 27.

"We're as strong as it gets top to bottom," McCann said. "A lot of these guys came up together and it is — it's a big reason for our success. Everyone's pulling in the same direction and everyone knows how special this group is and we want to make the most of it."



Houston pitcher Gerrit Cole (45) talks with manager A.J. Hinch and catcher Brian McCann, left, after throwing a bullpen session during spring training on Thursday in West Palm Beach, Florida.

OBITUARIES

LAWRENCE BOATWRIGHT

Lawrence Boatwright, 63, beloved husband of Janette Boatwright, died on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018.



BOATWRIGHT

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Laurel Hill AME Church, 2032 M W Rickenbacker Road, Manning, where the Rev. Marie Harvin serves as pastor.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summertown Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summertown, phone (803) 485-3755.

BERNICE MCFADDEN

Funeral services for Bernice McFadden will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 14 Brand St., Sumter, SC 29150 with the Rev. Larry Barnes officiating. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery, Sumter.

The public may view from 1

to 7 p.m. on Monday at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter.

Bernice McFadden, 85, widow of Maxie McFadden Sr., transitioned on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at her residence. Born on Jan. 11, 1933, in Kingstree, she was a daughter of the late Willie Brockington and Alma Garrett. She was a member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, where she sang with the choir. While in Sumter, she was employed at the Bar-B-Que Hut and worked for many families. In her spare time, she enjoyed working in the yard, paying special attention to her flowers. Ms. McFadden found pleasure in traveling, shopping and cooking.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Maxie McFadden Jr. Survivors include a daughter,



MCFADDEN

ter, Diane McFadden of Sumter; three sons, Larry McFadden, Jimmy McFadden and Curtis McFadden, all of Sumter; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Condolences may be made on her tribute page found at www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com.

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

KATHERINE P. SHIRER

Katherine "Katie" Price Shirer, 95, passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at Covenant Place of Sumter.



SHIRER

Born in Arcadia, Florida, she was a daughter of the late Dayton C. and Willie Belle Todd Price. Katie was a member of McLeod Chapel United Methodist Church of Rembert until 2007 when she moved to Wesley Commons in Greenwood and became a member of Main Street United Methodist Church. Katie served with the Wom-

en's Army Auxiliary Corps during World War II. She graduated Cum Laude from Scarritt College with a degree in social science. Katie spent some time as a secretary for Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter. Katie was an active member in her church and McLeod Chapel UMW. She loved square dancing, gardening and volunteering at Kershaw County Medical Center. Katie spent many years teaching for Sumter School District 2 and working with the literacy programs of Sumter County.

Katie was a loving mother and grandmother. Her life's treasures were her family whom she loved spending time with.

Katie is survived by two children, daughter, Julie Shirer Pollard and husband, Daniel, of Myrtle Beach and son, Donnie P. Shirer and wife, Renee, of Rembert; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Georgia Price of Cumming, Georgia; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Samuel W. Shirer;

and brother, Thomas C. Price.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday at Bethesda Methodist Church, S.C. 261, Rembert, with Pastor Marcus Johnston officiating. A "Celebration of Life" reception will be held at McLeod Chapel United Methodist Church in Rembert following the graveside service.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Moore, Tommy Dennis, Robert Robinson, James Dennis and Jamie Kendall.

Memorials may be made to Bethesda Cemetery Association, 6310 Catchall Road, Daltzell, SC 29040.

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

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



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BARBARA R. POWELL

COLUMBIA — Barbara R. Powell, 60, died on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at her home.

Born on Dec. 8, 1957, in Champagne, Illinois, she was a daughter of the late Alfonso and Lena Mae Sullivan Powell. Ms. Powell worked with Richland Memorial Hospital for several years and retired from Moncrief Army Hospital at Fort Jackson after 20 years of service. She also volunteered with the Rape Crisis Center in Columbia.

She is survived by one brother, John A. Powell (Gloria) of Hope Mills, North Carolina; one sister, Colleen P. Stevens (Wayne) of Sumter; two nieces, Alexis Powell and Ashley Campbell; one nephew, Joseph Powell; and five great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Powell; and a brother, Marvin S. Powell.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel.

The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

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

VINCENT VAUGHN

Mr. Vincent Vaughn was born Feb. 6, 1955, in Sumter, to the late Alberta and Mamie Ford Vaughn, and was the husband of Diane Harriott Vaughn. Vincent departed this life on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, in Sumter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Bailey, and two brothers, Buster Vaughn and Larry Vaughn.

Vincent leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Diane Vaughn; two daughters, Felisha (Joslyn) McCray and Latisa (Rishard) McCray; two sons, Eddie Harriott and Cortez Vaughn; two sisters, Gladys (Warren) Barnabas and Bertie (Larry) Budden; an adopted sister, Peggy (Bryant) Laws; five grandchildren, Tykwon Coleman, Malazia (Jamari) Tyler, Jashoun McCray, Jayla McCray and Nasir McCray; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. from Church of God by Faith, 609 Atlantic Ave., Sumter, with Elder Mack Wilson, Pastor and Elder David Laws, Officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park. A public viewing will be held on Monday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the mortuary.

Online messages of hope can be left at www.whitesmortuary.net.

The family is receiving friends at 209 Cedar Ave., Sumter.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary, LLC.

ERICA H. CLARK

Erica Shawn Harris Clark, 54, departed this earthly life on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Born Nov. 7, 1963, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Alfred Harris Sr. and the late Patricia Harris.

She received her formal education from the John Bartram High School graduating with the Class of 1981. After high school, she joined the U.S. Air Force, where she served as an OB nurse technician for 11 years. Following her Honorable Discharge from the Air Force, she furthered her education at Central Carolina Technical College.

She later began her work with the community action network through Wateree Community Actions, Inc., as an LIHEAP Worker, and afterwards joined the Head Start family as a nurse. She was employed with Wateree Com-

munity Actions, Inc., for 24 years. She continued as a nurse with Migrant Head Start where she worked more than 10 years. She later transitioned to a Family Services Worker with Head Start and was employed there until her passing.

Erica had a deep abiding faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and was a member of Goodwill Presbyterian Church USA, where she was a Youth Advisor and served on the Trustee Board, Witness Division and Building Fund Committee.

Erica leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Naima Clark; one son, Charles (Ebony) Clark III; two granddaughters; one grandson; one brother, Alfred Harris Jr.; two sisters, Donna (Ed) Congo and Karla (Brian) Wiggins; and a host of other relatives and special friends.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

Visit us on the Web — www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

LLOYD C. MERRITT JR.

Lloyd Charles Merritt Jr., 77, of Charleston, husband of Barbara Byrd Merritt, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018.

His private funeral service will be held graveside in Magnolia Cemetery.

Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Downtown Chapel.

Lloyd was born on June 16, 1940, in Sumter, a son of the late Lloyd Charles Merritt, DVM and Jennie Smith Merritt. He was a graduate of Wofford College and a member of SAE Fraternity. Lloyd was the owner / CEO of Merritt Veterinary Supplies Inc. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Sumter, Lions Club of Sumter, the Daniel Island Country Club, Highlands Falls Country Club and served on the board of the Sumter YMCA. Lloyd was a member of St. Philip's Church of Charleston and a former member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Sumter.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Barbara of Charleston; daughters, Julie M. Mims (Bobby) of Columbia, Kathy M. Richardson (Don) of Columbia and Jennie M. Richardson (Selby) of Charleston; seven grandchildren, William, Merritt, Edward, Charlie, Mary Caroline, Margaret and Elizabeth; and mother-in-law, Margie Lawrence of Sumter.

Lloyd was predeceased by his half-sister, Polly Banta.

Memorials may be made to the Merritt Family Endowed Scholarship, c/o Wofford College, 429 N. Church St., Spartanburg, SC 29303 or Water Missions International, 2049 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407.

A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jhenrystuhr.com.

SHIRLEY NELSON

Shirley Nelson, 58, wife of Donald Cousar, departed this life on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist in Columbia.

She was born on June 28, 1959, a daughter of Almeta G. Nelson and the late Furman Nelson.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 1116 Poca Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

LEONA DOW

SUMMERTON — Leona Dow, 83, died on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at Lexington Medical Center, Columbia.

She was born on March 4, 1934, in Summerton, a daughter of the late Leon and Sally Frierson Dow.

Funeral services for Mrs. Dow will be held at noon on Tuesday at New Light Missionary Baptist Church, 4390 Moses Dingle Road, Davis Station, with the Rev. Johnny Lawson, pastor. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends from 2 to 8 p.m. daily at her residence, 3904 Moses Dingle Road, Summerton.

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

ALMA GIBSON

ALCOLU — Alma Gibson, 78, husband of Triphenia Sumpter Gibson, died on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on March 28, 1939, in Alcolu, a son of the late Hezekiah Gibson Sr. and Kate Hilton Gibson.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 13018 Plowden Mill Road, Alcolu.

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

AL NEWMAN

Al Newman aka William Allen Newman, 64, received his reward in heaven on Feb. 15, 2018, after a brief illness. He was the loving husband for 43 years of Lucia Woodward Newman.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1953, in Sumter, and was a son of the late Lonnie Cullen Newman Sr. and Frances Polard Newman. Al attended Bethesda Church of God, where he was the bass player for the praise team. He also played in the band known as "Chief Complaint."

Al was the administrator of Northwoods Senior Living, which is a ministry for people with chronic or similar illnesses. He spent his life in ministry serving others. He graduated from Southern Methodist College with a degree in Christian ministries. He graduated from Wilson Hall in 1971. He spent his life working with the visually handicapped, mentally challenged and the underprivileged, trying to make a difference in their lives. He also worked on the ETV show "Making It Grow" for more than 20 years.

Other than his wife, he is survived by a son, Matthew Newman (Lisa); a daughter, Lorianna Preston (Thomas); five grandchildren, Lauren Newman, Olivia Newman and Luke Newman, Elise Preston and Adelynn Preston; mother-in-law, Rhidona Woodward; a brother-in-law, Earle Woodward (Sherril), all of Sumter; a sister-in-law, Mary Newman; and two nieces, Pam Pierce (Dan) and Heather Kuhl (Daniel).

He was preceded in death by his brother, Lonnie Cullen Newman Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Bethesda Church of God with the Rev. Al Sims officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. today prior to the service at Bethesda Church of God.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of "Chief Complaint" band.

Memorials may be made to Northwoods Senior Living, 1267 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29153, Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad Street, Sumter, SC 29150 or to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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

**TIMOTHY W. MOYLAN**

Timothy William Moylan, 78, died on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Feb. 25, 1939, in Iowa City, Iowa, he was a son of the late Bernard and Mary Sammon Moylan. Mr. Moylan retired from the *Des Moines Register*, where he served as circulation manager and later worked with the Gannett Newspapers in Little Rock, Arkansas, Detroit and Nashville.

Survivors include eight children, Timothy Moylan (Ann) of Grimes, Iowa, Teresa Shaw (Morrie) of Birmingham, Iowa, Thomas Moylan, Ted Moylan and Tamara Arnold (Eddie), all of Dalzell, Tracy Larkins (Glenn) of Sumter, Todd Moylan of Las Vegas and Scott Moylan of Ohio; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three additional great-grandchildren are expected.

He was preceded in death

by his former wife, Ada Mae Brunson Moylan.

Memorials may be made to a hospice care organization of your choice.

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

JEFFREY W. POOLE

Jeffrey W. Poole, 49, died on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, at Regency Hospital in Florence.

Born on July 4, 1968, in Sumter, he was a son of Evelyn DuBose Poole and the late Joseph Wilder Poole. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church and was formerly employed by Poole Farms.

Survivors include his mother; a brother, Gregory Michael "Mike" Poole of Sumter; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Edward Joseph "Eddie" Poole.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Southside Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Holley officiating. Burial will be in the Poole Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Craig DuBose, Mark DuBose, Dale DuBose, Will DuBose, Vic Boykin and Dwight Mixon.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Southside Baptist Church Men's Sunday School Class.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at Southside Baptist Church and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church, 1116 Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

DOROTHY KINSLEY

Dorothy Helen Whitehead Kinsley, age 81, beloved wife of the late Roy Kinsley, died on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at Covenant Place.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**CATHY SAWYER**

Cathy Sawyer, 59, wife of James Sawyer, passed away Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter, who is in charge of the arrangements.

JOHNNIE S. LIVINGSTON

Johnnie S. Livingston, wife of Carlisle Livingston, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at her home.

Funeral services will be announced by the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory, 221 Broad St. 803-775-9386.

**KATHRYN G. WESTBURY**

Kathryn Gentry Westbury, wife of Thomas James "Jimmy" Westbury Jr., died Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at Covenant Place.

Funeral services will be announced by the Elmore Hill

McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory, 221 Broad St. 803-775-9386.

**WILLIAM A. HILL**

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

Funeral services will be announced by the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory, 221 Broad St. 803-775-9386.

**EDWIN CAMPBELL**

Edwin Campbell, 87, husband of the late Catherine B. Campbell, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on May 9, 1930, in Dillon, the son of the late John Campbell and the late Kathleen Shooter Campbell. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was active in the Triune Sunday School Class. He was a graduate of Clemson University and a huge Clemson fan. Mr. Campbell retired from Gold Kist and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include a daughter, Paige Ferguson (Scott) of Pawleys Island; three grandchildren, Trey Hill (Marjie), Ryan Ferguson and Katie McCleary Ferguson; two great-grandchildren, Luca Hill and Elliott Hill; a brother, Ben Campbell (Gloria) of Monroe, North Carolina; and a sister, Helen Prevatt of Surfside Beach.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Height.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob Calvert officiating.

The family will receive friends at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home following the memorial service.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 107 E. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

MAGGIE LUE SLATER

BISHOPVILLE -- Ms. Maggie Lue Slater, 80, passed at her residence on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, in Bishopville.

Born in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Isaac and Gladys Bradley Mickens.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 411 Gum St., Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville, S.C.

STEPHEN W. STAMPS

Stephen Wayne Stamps, 69, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services will be announced by the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory, 221 Broad St. 803-775-9386.



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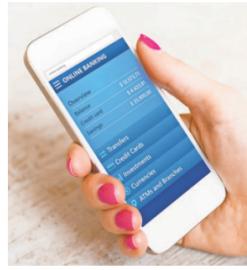
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THIS WEEK

- **Millennials** have on average 3.6 financial apps on their smartphones.
- **Gen Xers** have 2.3 apps.
- **Baby Boomers** have 1.4 apps.
- **63% of adults** with a smartphone have at least one financial app, the most common being full-service banking apps, followed by peer-to-peer payment apps.

SOURCE Bankrate.com

ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

FACEBOOK

The social media company reportedly is losing young users under 25, to Snap's Snapchat. Facebook is expected to lose 2 million users while Snapshot adds 1.9 million.



SNAP

The Snapchat developer wants to lure celebrities back from Instagram and give information about how often people view their stories.



UNDER ARMOUR

The athletic-wear company reported a solid fourth quarter. It also helped dispel concerns over slowdowns in the industry.



AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS

The movie theater chain operator saw record reservations for *Black Panther* by a "significant margin" over other Marvel Studios titles.



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35% of divorced people expect to be very secure financially in retirement vs.

52% of married people.

SOURCE TD Ameritrade survey of 2,019 adults 37 and older
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Debt settlement can make bad money situation worse

Bankruptcy, management plans may be better options

Amrita Jayakumar
NerdWallet

It's a spiral no one wants to experience, but many have: You lose a job or suffer a costly illness. The bills pile up. By the time your finances stabilize, calls from collectors are pouring in.

In this situation, debt settlement — where creditors agree to settle your debts for less than you owe — may seem like the only fix.

But this strategy carries risks, including a long-term hit to your credit score and no guarantee of resolving your debts. Your finances may seem beyond repair, but debt settlement could make things worse.

There are only a couple scenarios where settlement makes sense, says Michael Bovee, president of Consumer Recovery Network, a debt settlement company.

■ You had one temporary setback: If you've fallen behind on one credit card but otherwise stayed on track with bills, you may be a candidate for settlement, Bovee says. Your debt should be at the collections stage, sig-

nalizing hardship to the creditor. **■ You've tried everything else:** You struggle to make monthly payments toward your debt and don't qualify for bankruptcy, Bovee says.

If you decide to settle, negotiate yourself instead of paying a debt settlement company to negotiate for you, says Elaina Johannessen, program director at Minnesota non-profit credit counselor LSS Financial Counseling. Negotiating on your own requires persistence and patience, but you'll typically reach settlement faster.

You also need to have some cash on hand to make debt settlement work. Debt settlement plans require you to pay the creditor a lump sum or agree to a payment plan.

Throughout the process and until you settle, your credit score will drop. The settlement stays on your credit report for seven years, showing that you paid less than what you owed.

Settlement is not a solution for over-

whelming debt — the kind that keeps you up at night.

For many people, Chapter 7 or 13 bankruptcy can be a faster and less scarring way to deal with debt, although it carries a stigma.

"Most people think bankruptcy is the option of last resort, when it's actually the option of first resort" for people buried in debt, Bovee says.

A debt management plan from a non-profit credit counselor can also give you relief. To make debt management plans work, you must have steady income, says Tasha Bishop, director of operations and development at Ohio-based Apprisesen, a non-profit credit counseling agency. That's because debt management plans usually require fixed monthly payments to creditors for three to five years.

Both bankruptcy and debt management plans not only give you a fresh start, but you may also learn to better manage your money through required education.

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Social Security healthier than you may think

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Some common American worries are gaining weight, getting wrinkles and wondering whether Social Security will go bankrupt.

According to a 2017 Nationwide Retirement Institute survey, 78% of pre-retirees report being worried "about the Social Security program running out of funding in my lifetime."

If you're among those wondering how safe Social Security is, you'll be happy to learn that the program is healthier than you might think.

Before looking at how safe Social Security is, let's review how it works. Social Security is funded by taxes taken from Americans' earnings. Workers get 6.2% of their wages withheld as a Social Security tax. Employers add a corresponding 6.2%, for a total 12.4% tax on earnings.

Ever since Social Security was cre-

Social Security can be strengthened, and there's a reasonable chance that changes will be made.

ated, there have been more Social Security-tax-paying workers than beneficiaries, and that has kept the system flush with funds. But as people have been having fewer children and living longer, the contributing-workers-to-beneficiaries ratio has been falling. In 1950, the ratio was 16.5, with about 48 million workers supporting close to 3 million beneficiaries. As of 2013, it was just 2.8 — and it's expected to hit 2.1 by 2035.

Fortunately, Social Security can be strengthened, if some changes are made to it, and there's a reasonable chance that changes will be made. For example, a 2016 Voice of the People sur-

vey found that 76% of respondents favorably viewed the idea of reducing benefits for those in the top 25% of earners. Another possibility: It has been estimated that 77% of the trust fund's shortfall could be eliminated by increasing the Social Security tax rate for employers and employees from its current 6.2% to 7.2% in 2022 and 8.2% in 2052.

Yet another possibility is taxing all of each worker's income, instead of just the first \$128,400 of it. Eliminating the earnings cap over a 10-year period, so that all of us are taxed on all our income, is estimated to be able to wipe out 71% of the trust fund shortfall.

Since Social Security is vital to so many Americans, it's smart to know more about it and to keep up with developments regarding it. Know, too, that there are ways people can increase their Social Security benefits.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

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PETE THE PLANNER

How you can stomp out your financial fears

Good planning usually a good way to prevent chaos



Peter Dunn
Columnist
USA TODAY

The fear index — yes there's something colloquially called the fear index — spiked last week. I think that means we're supposed to be scared, or people are scared, or your broker is supposed to tell you to not be scared by violent stock market swings.

It's certainly never fun to watch your account values adjust (a rose-colored word for plummet), but I wasn't scared. Personally, a rough 168 hours in the market, or 8,736 hours for that matter, isn't enough to have me fearing for the validity of my long-term investment strategy.

We're constantly reminded, and appropriately so in my estimation, that we shouldn't let the stock market spook us.

While from a planning perspective you're not supposed to fear the stock market, you're culturally allowed to. That's because the market is thought to be out of your direct control. The assumption is that you will fear the market.

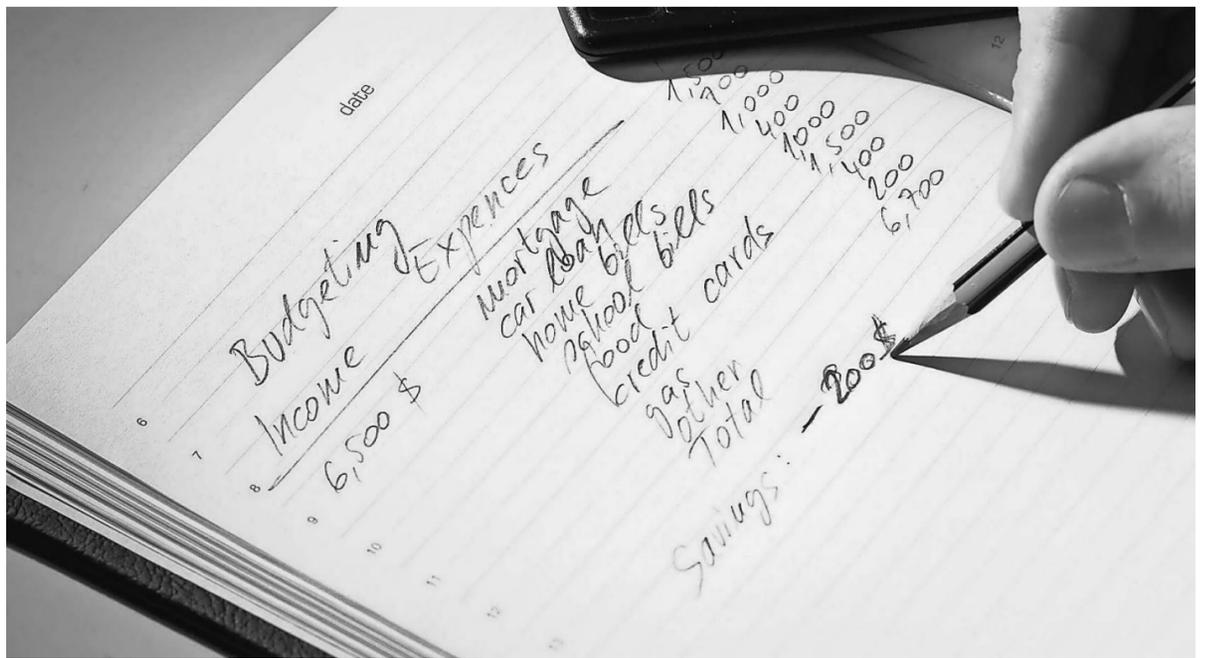
This is precisely why there's an entire movement within the financial industry that is meant to dissuade you from that which feels so natural — out-and-out worry. It makes sense, right? Fearing what is out of our control is in a way prudent. There's logic present here.

Don't mistake this advice for repressing all financial fears. I want you to fear parts of your finances.

Fear will lead to action

Instead of fearing and reacting to processes out of your control, start fearing and reacting to processes within your control. Fearing what you control will lead to action. Well, at least it should.

Here's to hoping I don't fill your head with things to worry about, but here are the most common financial fears I see



Job loss and not having enough money for major homeowner expenses are common financial fears. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Make a list of your fears, and then write down what you are doing to lessen that fear from becoming a reality.

on a regular basis, outside of stock market fears: job loss, major homeowner expenses, not having enough money for college, not having enough money for retirement and not having enough money for assisted-living expenses.

Most, if not all, of these fears could be classified into a category we'll call fear of failure (FOF). And don't forget about the very real and slightly ridiculous type of fear that falls short of fear of failure, but is no less worrisome and often times more influential — fear of missing out (FOMO).

Are you more influenced by your financial fears or your fear of missing out on simple pleasures? Anecdotally — and, by the way, nearly every financial

stability statistic supports this observation — people tend to be more influenced by FOMO.

Try, if you can, to suspend FOMO right now. In other words, don't worry about the things or experiences you don't have. Instead, let's dive deeper into some fear of failure.

What do you fear in your financial life? Do you fear a financial emergency happening before you secure a healthy emergency fund? Do you fear losing your job?

If so, what are you doing to make sure that fear is never substantiated with the harsh realities of sudden unemployment without a contingency plan?

Good planning not only helps you accomplish a bevy of financial goals, but it also can prevent you from the chaos that unchecked fears can manifest.

Detail your money fears

Make a list of your real financial fears, and then next to each fear, write down what you are doing to lessen the

impact of the fear becoming a reality.

Here's an example — I'm terrified of being 52 years old. Because when I turn 52, I'll have two children in college, I'll be closer to the end of my career than the beginning, I'll likely have significantly higher health care costs than I do now, and all of these things add up to having the most significant need for money I've ever had.

To ensure my very real fear doesn't become a very real problem, I invest aggressively to fund my kids' college education and have structured my mortgage to be paid off by age 52.

Fear what you can control, then take action to alleviate the fear.

Do you fear dying and leaving your family in a lurch? Buy life insurance. Do you fear your 12-year-old car breaking down? Start saving for a new car. Your fear will lead you to the financial "promised land."

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DIGITAL DOLLARS



Google has not explained why its software fix has been delayed. PAUL SAKUMA/AP

Ads that hijack browsers can be difficult to stop

Rob Pegoraro
Special to USA TODAY

Trying to read a story on the Web can send your browser on a one-way detour to scamville — such as a bogus offer of a free iTunes gift card or a phony warning of malware infection on your machine — that you can only escape by closing the current browser tab or quitting the entire browser.

The technical term for this page hijacking is a "forced redirect," but your description may run longer and involve multiple expletives. Think something like "this (bleep) ad just popped in front of what I was reading, and now the (bleep) back button doesn't get me away from it!"

The experience can be sufficiently invasive enough to make you think your computer or phone fell victim to some treacherous new hack.

But forced-redirect ads only exploit standard Web scripting code to do their work. The con artists behind them only take advantage of advertising networks that can't or won't police which companies buy up ad spots, much to the irritation of Web publishers who never wanted this garbage next to stories on their sites.

Curing the Web of ad fraud remains a tall order, but Google has a software fix for forced-redirect ads. In November, it

touted a feature in the upcoming Chrome 64 release of its browser that "will keep the user on the page they were reading and prevent those surprising redirects."

But when Chrome 64 shipped in late January, the defense that had showed up in its beta release was not switched on. A bug-tracking thread reveals that activating this feature got bumped once to Chrome 65, due in early March, and then a second time to Chrome 66, now projected for mid-April.

Google did not answer questions asking about reasons for this holdup.

Unfortunately, the other major browsers — Apple's Safari, Microsoft's Edge and Mozilla Firefox — have yet to implement their own defenses against forced redirects, even though Safari and Firefox already surpass competitors in protecting online privacy.

Apple did not answer a question about plans to add any redirect blocking, while Microsoft provided a generic assurance that it "will continue to deliver improvements and innovations" to Edge. Mozilla Foundation product vice president Nick Nguyen said in a forwarded statement that activating that browser's "Tracking Protection" feature would block some redirecting ads.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



Janet Yellen is being replaced after four years as Fed chair by Jerome Powell, who took the helm this month. CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Does Fed really expect faster interest rate hikes?

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

The two culprits underlying recent stock market volatility have been a spike in wage growth and expectations that the Federal Reserve may raise interest rates more rapidly than anticipated this year as those pay increases spur stronger inflation.

This week's release of minutes from the Fed's Jan. 30-31 meeting could shed more light on Fed policymakers' outlook. Also on tap is the latest reading of existing home sales.

The statement Fed officials released after their late-January meeting was largely interpreted by economists as somewhat "hawkish," meaning it reflected the view that the economy has strengthened and more rate hikes may be warranted. The statement described job growth, household spending and business investment all as "solid," an upgrade from the previous appraisal.

While noting that annual inflation remains below its 2% target, the Fed said inflation "is expected to move up this year." It also said it expects "further gradual increases" in its benchmark short-term interest rate.

Fed policymakers have forecast

three rate increases this year, but Barclays Chief U.S. Economist Michael Gapen said the addition of the word "further" opens the door to four hikes and likely closes the door on two."

While Gapen's assessment was widely shared among economists, the meeting summary, out Wednesday, could clarify policymakers' thinking. The account, however, won't weigh in on the recent market turmoil, which began two days after the meeting. The gathering was the last for Fed Chair Janet Yellen. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell took the helm early this month.

Existing home sales trended higher last year, marking their best performance since 2006, but they were volatile and fell 3.6% in December. Low housing inventories have curtailed choices and pushed up prices, making units less affordable, especially for middle-income buyers.

Cold weather in early January also likely chilled sales, Nomura economist Lewis Alexander says, but he notes warmer temperatures returned toward the end of the month. All told, economists expect the National Association of Realtors to announce that existing home sales edged up 0.5% in January to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.6 million.

Be wise with retirement savings shortcuts

Investors often are blind to heuristic mistakes



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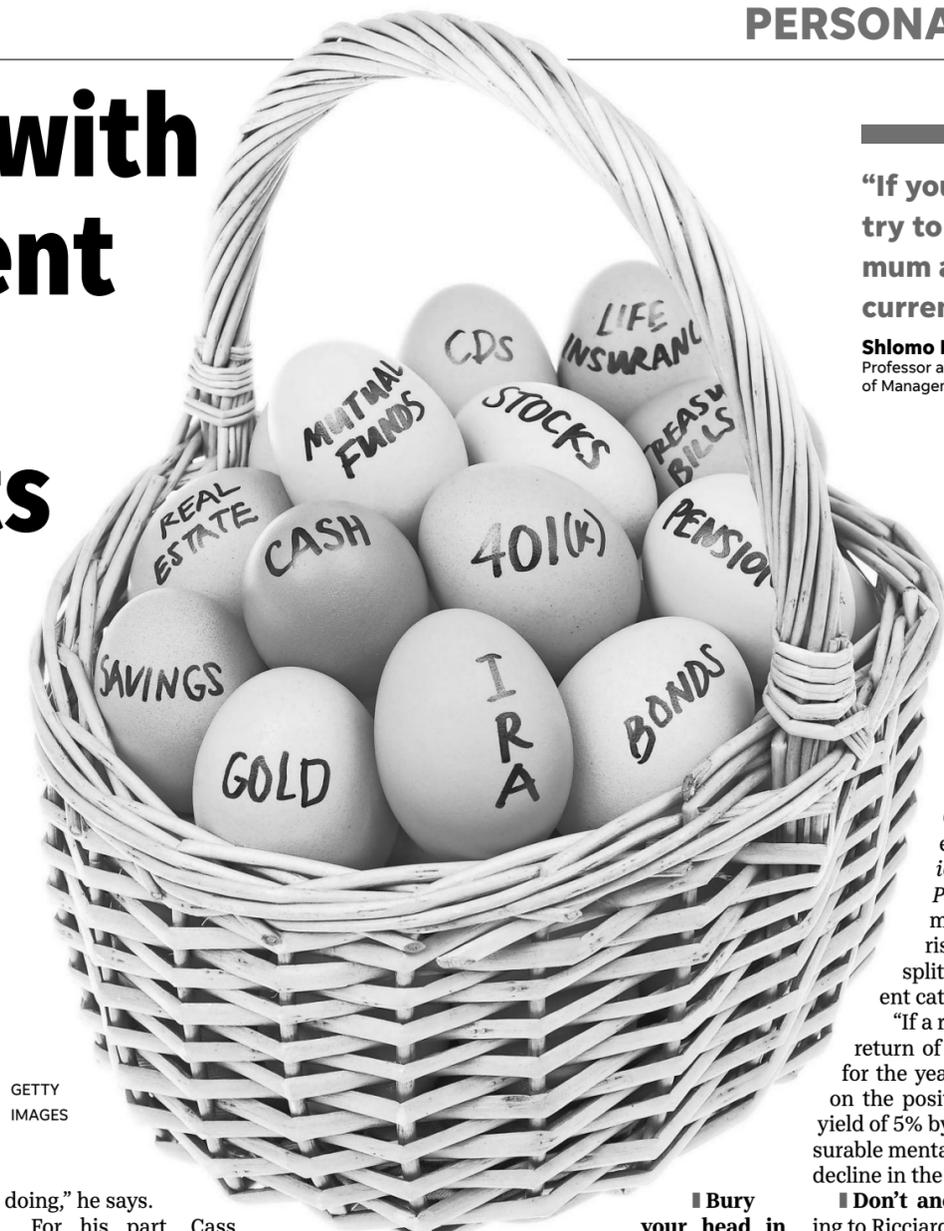
Investors often use rules of thumb or cognitive shortcuts that simplify decisions. In the world of behavioral economics, these rules or shortcuts are known as heuristics. But investors are sometimes blind to the mistakes they might be making when they use rules of thumb and shortcuts.

So, what are some heuristics investors should use and which ones should they avoid?

■ **Pay no attention to sunk costs.** Honoring sunk costs — or committing the sunk-cost fallacy — is paying attention to costs that are beyond recovery at the time when the decision is made, according to Erik Angner, author of *A Course in Behavioral Economics*.

■ **Here's the mistake to avoid.** “You look at your portfolio and see that some investments have gone up and some have gone down,” Angner says. “For the well-performing ones, you say to yourself: ‘I did good with those ones!’ For the low-performing ones, you say ‘I lost money on those!’ And then you go: ‘I better sell-off the ones that are costing me money and buy more of the ones that are making me money!’”

This kind of thinking, Angner says, has a certain immediate psychological appeal. “But if you do this, you may well find yourself systematically selling cheap and buying dear — which is the exact opposite of what you should be



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doing,” he says.

For his part, Cass Sunstein, a professor at Harvard Law School, calls selling low myopic loss aversion, which is something you want to avoid. “Investors often react intensely to short-term losses,” Sunstein says. “Fear is not a good adviser.”

So, what's the solution? “Pay less attention to what you paid for your investments back when and try to focus on the future — the medium- to long-run depending on what your time horizon is,” Angner says.

The trend is not your friend. Others also say investors should avoid the heuristic that leads them to buy high and sell low. “It's obviously not a very wise investment strategy,” says Shlomo Benartzi, a professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

■ **Bury your head in the sand.** Likewise, pay

no attention to the ups and downs in the markets. “Practice ostrichism,” says George Loewenstein, a professor of economics and psychology at Carnegie Mellon University and co-director of the Center for Behavioral Decision Research. “Don't monitor your investments' ups and downs.”

■ **Don't put all your eggs in one basket.** Use the diversified portfolio heuristic. “Have a good mix of equities, bonds, cash; err on the conservative side if it brings you peace of mind; and use index funds,” Sunstein says.

For his part, Loewenstein also recommends picking an investment strategy — a target-date mutual fund is a good option — and then adhering to it mind-

“If you can afford it, try to save the maximum allowed under current tax law.”

Shlomo Benartzi
Professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management

lessly. ■ **Avoid mental accounting.** According to Victor Ricciardi, a finance professor at Goucher College and co-editor of *Financial Behavior: Players, Services, Products, and Markets*, mental accounting is a heuristic in which an investor splits their assets into different categories or compartments.

“If a retiree has a negative total return of 10% on a common stock for the year, this individual focuses on the positive return of a dividend yield of 5% by separating it into a pleasurable mental account and ignores the decline in the stock price,” he says.

■ **Don't anchor.** Anchoring, according to Ricciardi, is the inclination to apply a past experience or judgment as a reference point for making future decisions.

According to Ricciardi, making decisions based on your overall investment portfolio by focusing on the big picture is the best way to overcome mental accounting and anchoring.

■ **Save as much as possible.** “If you can afford it, try to save the maximum allowed under current tax law,” Benartzi says. “It's an easy rule that can reduce your current tax burden and ensure you're saving enough for your future retirement.”

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Furnish your home for less with Presidents Day sales

There are deals on small items, too, like bedding

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Combine a long winter cooped up inside with a few binge-watched seasons of *Fixer Upper*, and you could have a recipe for shopping.

“By the time you get to mid-February, you've been sitting indoors a lot — staring at your family, your pets and your furniture — and figuring out all of the inadequacies of what you currently own,” says Art Markman, a professor of marketing and psychology at the University of Texas-Austin and author of *Brain Briefs*.

“I think it's no surprise that historically, Presidents Day weekend sales often focus around things in the home,” Markman adds.

Retailers want your attention

Retailers are filling the holiday weekend leading up to Feb. 19 with mark-downs on sofas, rugs, bedroom sets, appliances and mattresses, all of which make redecorating a little bit cheaper.

Last year, stores enticed shoppers with Presidents Day deals that included a combination of coupon codes and percent-off sales. Ashley HomeStore, for instance, offered 25% off qualifying online purchases of \$3,000 or more. Joss & Main gave out a coupon code for an additional 20% off home categories.

Furniture is a big-ticket category that historically has been discounted over Presidents Day, but sales often extend to smaller products such as bedding, decor and even clothing as well.



Through Feb. 19, get a free LP50 adjustable base when you spend \$500 on any mattress at Mattress Firm. But be sure to know your upper budget limit (and hold yourself to it) to avoid the temptation of overspending. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES



Mattresses and furniture are big-ticket items targeted for sale on Presidents Day weekend. GETTY IMAGES

Last year, Presidents Day weekend deals were better than the deals leading up to Valentine's Day, according to data from Honey, a browser extension that automatically finds coupon codes. Honey shoppers saved an average of 18.1% on their entire purchase over Presidents Day weekend (Feb. 17-20) compared with 16.9% the previous weekend (Feb. 10-13).

Holiday weekends typically translate to an opportunity for consumption, according to Markman. To avoid overcon-

sumption, the best strategy is to walk into a Presidents Day sale with a potential purchase already in mind.

“It's very easy when you go shopping without a goal to have the items in the store create goals for you,” he says. “I think that's, generally speaking, a way to accumulate stuff and potentially to accumulate debt.”

Stores offer a suite of discounts

If you need something for your home, here are some of the 2018 Presidents Day sales you can benefit from. Check with each retailer for full details.

■ **AllModern:** Through Feb. 20, take an extra 15% off with code LIBERTY.

■ **Casper:** Through Feb. 20, save up to \$200 with code PREZ200.

■ **Houzz:** Through Feb. 25, save up to 80% on kitchen, dining room, bedroom, bathroom and living room furniture and decor.

■ **Joss & Main:** Through Feb. 21, take an extra 20% off with code SCORE.

■ **Kmart:** Feb. 18 through Feb. 24, all Serta mattresses are on sale.

■ **Lowes:** Feb. 17 through Feb. 23, get up to 35% off select appliances.

■ **Mattress Firm:** Through Feb. 19, get

a free LP50 adjustable base when you spend \$500 on any mattress.

■ **Overstock:** Shop thousands of deals, including savings of up to 70%.

■ **Sears:** Save up to 40% on home appliances.

■ **Wayfair:** Through Feb. 21, TV stands and cookware are up to 70% off. Bedroom furniture and lighting are up to 65% off.

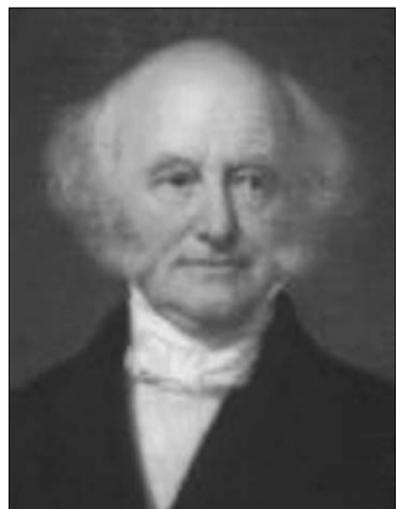
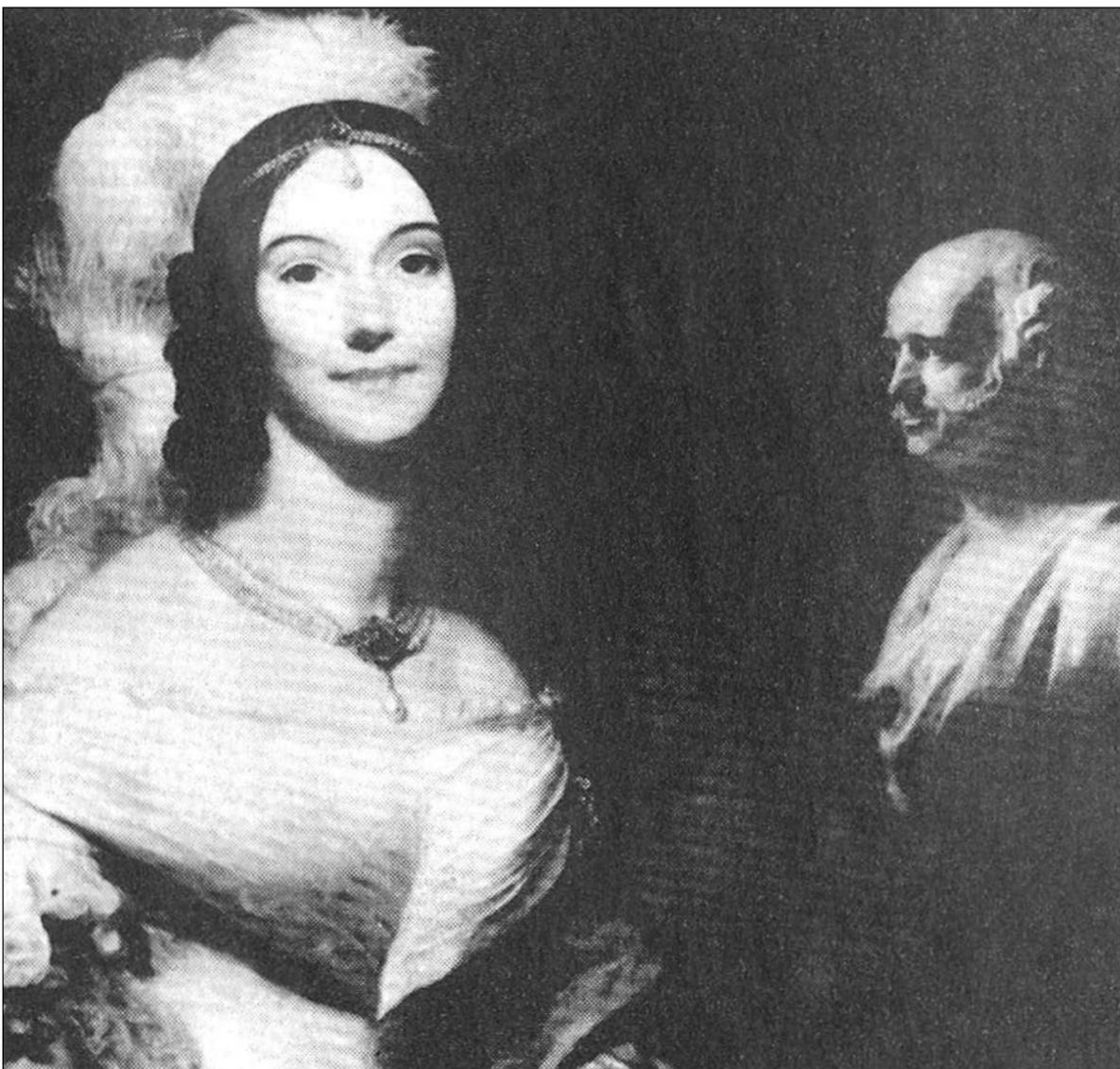
Much like after test-driving a car, it's easy to fall in love with a piece of furniture after seeing it in the store, Markman says.

Know your upper budget limit (and hold yourself to it) to avoid the temptation of a more expensive style.

Once you know what you want and where you want to buy it, make sure you're not overpaying. If a price lowers after you shop, you may be able to recoup the difference, says Eric Glyman, CEO of price-tracking app Paribus. Apps such as Paribus and Earny contact retailers to request post-purchase price drops to request refunds for you.

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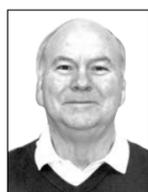
Sara Van Buren served as "first lady" of the United States after she married President Martin Van Buren's son, Abraham Van Buren. The widowed president asked her to fill in for the role. The bust in the right of her portrait is of President Martin Van Buren.

ABOVE RIGHT: A man surveys Col. Richard Singleton's grave marker in the Singleton cemetery. Singleton's daughter was married to President Martin Van Buren's son.

Wedgefield woman married president Van Buren's son

Reflections celebrates President's Day with the story of "the lovely" Sara Angelica Singleton. The daughter of Col. Richard Singleton, Sara married Abraham Van Buren, son of President Martin Van Buren.

This marriage elevated a young girl from Wedgefield to the position of "first lady" of the United States, a position which President Van



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Buren, a widower, asked her to fill. This event brought many of the political royalty to the home of Col. Singleton and gave recognition to this part of the country and its inhabitants. The information used to prepare this article comes from Dr.

Anne King Gregorie's History of Sumter County, writings from Cassie Nicholes, articles and photos from *The Item* archives and Wikipedia.

"In the White House hangs a striking portrait of a polished young lady from the Sumter District. She is dressed in an elegant style of the seventeenth century and stands with a bust of Martin Van Buren in the background. In a televised tour of the White House, Jacqueline Kennedy called this portrait 'the most beautiful one here.' The portrait was done by Henry Alston in 1842, and Angelica remains as the only White House hostess from South Carolina."



The inside of Melrose, where Matthew Singleton's family lived, is seen.

Gregorie notes in History of Sumter County that the wedding took place at the "Home plantation in November 1833, where Angelica married Abraham Van Buren, son and secretary of the President of the United States. On their honeymoon, the young couple went abroad and were received in London in the style of visiting royalty by Queen Victoria and at Saint Cloud by King Louis Philippe while in France. They returned in time for Angelica to function as 'first lady' at the New Year's reception at the White House where she became the official hostess for the widower president."

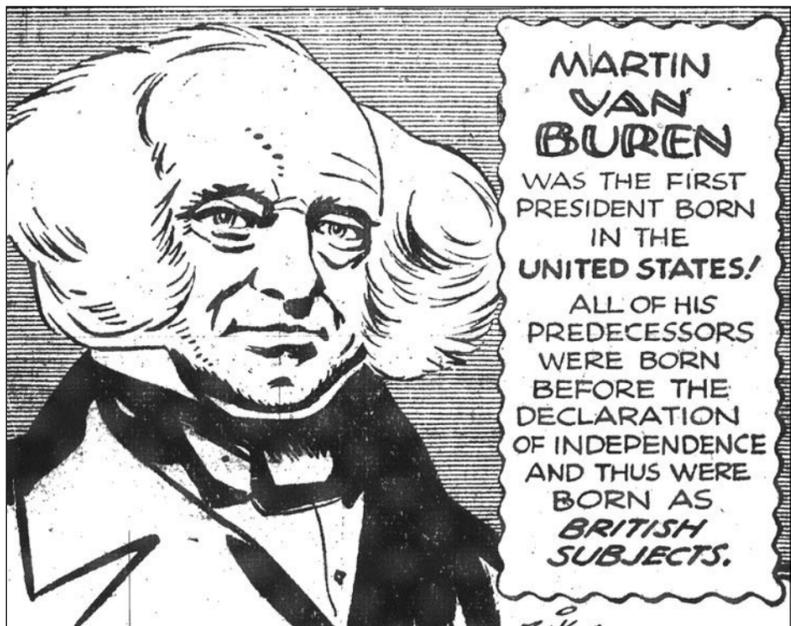
Only a brief formal notice of this wedding appeared in the Charleston newspapers, and there was no mention anywhere that the president had attended as his son's best man. But Martin Van Buren did visit Col. Singleton for several weeks in 1842 according to Gregorie.

Angelica had a distinguished family tree that included Col. Matthew Singleton, Capt. John Singleton and Col. Richard Singleton. Angelica received an excellent education from her private tutors and later attended Mme. Grelaud's French School in Philadelphia. When she was 21, Angelica was invited to visit her famous friend, Dolly Madison. Angelica grew into a beautiful young lady and captivated Mrs. Madison's circle of friends including Abraham Van Buren, a West Point graduate.

Angelica was born the day before Valentine's Day, Feb. 13, 1816, and resided in New York with her husband, while wintering at her family home in Wedgefield. They had four children; however, one died in infancy. She died on Dec. 29, 1878, and is buried in New York.



Melrose was located on 300 acres, and Angelica's great-grandfather Matthew Singleton (one of the first of the "Singleton Dynasty" according to Anne King Gregorie) may have inherited some of his holdings from his father-in-law.



Part of a Kwiz Korner newspaper section for children from 1943 focused on Martin Van Buren.



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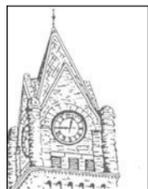
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Officials urge city to clean up before festival; coach seeks 400th win

75 YEARS AGO — 1943

Sept. 11 — Sept. 17

• Lt. H. N. Stelle, 23, whose wife is the former Miss Virginia Yates of Sumter, was killed Thursday afternoon in the crash of a plane at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Florida. *The Item* was informed. Mrs. Stelle, Mrs. Otis Kirby and Mr. J. B. Davis left for Arlington, Virginia, where the funeral services will be held. Lt. Stelle had been an instructor at the Florida Field. He had taken his basic cadet training at Shaw Field and graduated at Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia. He and Miss Yates were married in February of



Yesteryear in Sumter

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this year. Surviving in addition to his wife is his mother, Mrs. Annette Stelle of Arlington.

• The spirit of appreciation in the real American was beautifully portrayed by one hundred and more ladies as they assembled at the Center and motored out to Shaw Field to entertain the black troops on this historic Labor Day. Joy and laughter were the keynotes, and their melody echoed throughout the evening. The recreational personnel sponsored this entertainment. The refreshment and decoration committees were headed by Susie Richardson and Bessie Sampson, who also served as hostesses for this enjoyable occasion.

• Sumter High School's football squad has only four more practice days in which to prepare for the opening game here next Friday night against Lake View, but it will be the middle of next week before Coach Johnnie McMillian will have any idea of how he will line the boys up against the strong visiting team. Tackles, ends and an extra blocking back are providing the Gamecock mentor with most of his worries. There are some 20 sophomores out for practice, and it is hoped these will remain out for some must be called on as reserves. This squad tapered down the rough work the past week and worked on precision tackling and blocking.

• One hundred and 42 stations of the Blue Network will carry the coast-to-coast broadcast of Tony Pastor and his famous orchestra from Shaw Field on Thursday evening. A. T. Health Jr., of the Carolina Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Sumter, said today that Tony Pastor will salute the men and women of Shaw Field with a three-hour program of dance music, 25 minutes of which will be broadcast throughout the nation. Tony Pastor and his orchestra are being sent to Shaw Field for a personal appearance by "The Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands," heard six nights a week from Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine Bases and from war production areas.

• One of the largest crowds ever to gather at the Cadet Club turned out for the chicken barbecue supper Saturday night, Mrs. R. C. Williams, club hostess, said today. Six hundred cadets, their wives or friends were on hand for the meal which was served in the garden in back of the clubhouse. The barbecue had been prepared at the cadet mess. The supper was the second event in the new series planned for Shaw Field aviation cadets. The winter entertainment program opened with a formal dance Sept. 4, and dances will be held each fortnight, the second one scheduled for this coming Saturday night. On alternate weekends, informal parties will be held.

• R. M. Cooper, general manager of the South Carolina Public Service (Santee-



1968 — Shown in their summer attire are Mrs. Tippy Mixon and Mrs. Tony Bradley, members of Sumter Police Department. The new uniforms are lightweight blue-and-white seersucker trimmed with silver buttons. Completing the uniforms are blue-and-white Milan straw hats.

Cooper) Authority announced that the Board of Directors at a recent meeting had approved the immediate purchase by the authority of \$200,000 worth of war bonds in the "Back the Attack" campaign now under way. Funds from the contingency fund will be used for the purchase of these bonds which will be equally credited against the quotas of each of the 16 counties of the state.

• The University of South Carolina Gamecock football squad speeded workouts today in preparation for a scrimmage under the lights with the 59th Signal Battalion 11. Acting Athletic Director Furman Cannon said the small staff of volunteer coaches, drawn from university personnel, felt the Bird squad was "rounding into shape and learning their plays." The scrimmage game was slated as the 59th's final heavy workout before the meeting Saturday night with the Newberry Indians, who continued their hourly afternoon workouts under Coach Billy Laval at Newberry in preparation for the contest, their opener.

• C. B. Dailey, traveling agent of the Atlantic Greyhound Lines, and R. M. Twyman, traveling passenger agent and auditor of the Queen City Coach Co., were in the city today making final plans for the opening of the new bus station at the Claremont Hotel. Oct. 6 was the date now set for the opening; due to the scarcity of materials, the opening has been delayed. E. S. Dunn will be manager of the bus station.

• The state highway commission said today it would award a contract for sheet asphalt surfacing of five miles of road near Shaw Field in Sumter County. The commission said a bid of \$79,821 by E. D. Sloan of Greenville was lowest of five submitted.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

May 13 — 18

• Work progresses steadily on Interstate 95, due for completion to the outskirts of Manning by the summer of 1970. The new highway completely bypasses Manning. It crosses Highway 301 four miles south of Manning on Summerton Highway. Citizens of Manning, planning now to offset problems caused by the sudden end to tourist traffic flowing through the town when the new highway officially opens, are pleased over the construction of three mo-

tels at the intersection of I-95 and Highway 301.

• The public is reminded that night services provided by the adult services department, Sumter County Library, are limited chiefly to public use of the library for reading and browsing, self-study and to circulation of books and other materials. After 6 p.m., the department's reference desk is closed, and generally, direct reference and readers' advisory services are not available. Library personnel stationed at the charge desk will, when possible, offer such reference and readers' advisory services as time and circumstances permit.

• Billy Baker evened things up for the Fords at Sumter Speedway on Saturday night. Baker grabbed the pole position of the 40-lap late model main event, led the whole race and roared to victory in his 1956 Ford. The New Zion native's triumph made it two wins for the Fords and two for the Chevrolets at the Sumter track thus far this season.

• The annual banquet to honor all athletic teams of Mayewood High School will be held in the Mayewood gymnasium. Speaker for the affair will be Billy Tiller, assistant football coach at Presbyterian College. Awards and letters will be presented to the members of the Rebel football, basketball (boys and girls), baseball and track teams. Handling the event will be J. Harold Wilson, outgoing president of the Mayewood Booster Club. A.O. Smith will take over as president for next year.

• City Council learned yesterday morning that the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration had approved a \$102,530 federal grant for a sewage project in western Sumter. Sen. Ernest F. Hollings and Rep. Thom S. Gettys had informed Mayor Robert E. Graham that the project received final approval in Washington, D.C. The \$315,700 project, to be funded 70 percent locally, will include laying of sewage collection lines along Second Mill, installation of a lift station near Liberty Street and doubling the capacity of the existing treatment plant at Green Swamp.

• Four Shaw personnel were among the students honored last week at graduation ceremonies for Class 68-3 of the Tactical Air Command NCO Academy. Master Sgt. Leonard J. Klemas of the 363rd Field Maintenance Squadron

received the Speech Award, and Master Sgt. William B. Lancaster, also from the 363rd FMS, graduated in the top 10 percent of the class. Other graduates from Shaw were Master Sgt. David M. Shuler of the 363rd Supply Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Charles H. Lee of the 363 Combat Support Group.

• The South Carolina Indian Museum was officially opened Feb. 17 on Highway 301 about 16 miles south of Manning on Summerton Highway. The attractively modern building is located on a site actually occupied at one time by the Santee Indians. The site adjoins Cantey Bay, a portion of Lake Marion, and has picnicking facilities provided along the shoreline. Historic Fort Watson is nearby.

• Sumterites were urged to undertake a vigorous clean-up and beautification campaign prior to the Iris Festival, scheduled for the last week in May and expected to attract thousands of out-of-town visitors, during a meeting of community leaders. The clean-up plea came on the heels of a report by G.B. (Mac) McEwen, chairman of the Iris Festival, stressing that emphasis on this year's event would be placed on the natural beauty of the iris and gardens rather than on commercialization.

• Harry E. Wilkinson Jr., president of The National Bank of South Carolina, announced the extension of the "First Bank Card Plan" to the Sumter, Manning and Bishopville markets. "First Bank Card" is the successor to "Southern Charge Plan," which was recently merged with a major North Carolina credit card plan. The merger brought together over 5,000 participating merchants in North Carolina and South Carolina, and "First Bank Card" now offers its convenient retail services to 400,000 card holders in the two states.

• Sumter City Manager Wade S. Kolb officially named Leslie Griffin, 39, as Sumter City police chief at a supper meeting attended by members of the city police force. Griffin, a 15-year Sumter Police Department veteran, has been acting chief since the resignation of former Chief Clarence N. Kirkland. Hired as a patrolman on the force in 1950, he was promoted to detective a year later. In July 1959, he was promoted to shift lieutenant in charge of an eight-man shift and in 1965 was appointed assistant chief.

• Just when his team needed him most, Hillcrest's Ray Allen showed why he is the top high school player in South Carolina. With Spring Valley defenders literally hanging on his uniform, the 6-5 senior blew through the Viking defense for 11 third-quarter points to stretch his team's slim four-point advantage to an 11-point bulge. The rest of the Wildcats did the bulk of the work in the fourth quarter en route to a 62-54 victory that clinched at least a tie for the Region IV-4A title.

• Covenant Place of Sumter has reached 82 percent of its goal to raise donations and pledges in order to begin construction of the nonprofit senior living community, according to a report presented to the board of directors by Glen Sharp, president and chairman. Sharp pointed out even though \$1,380,000 has already been secured through donations and pledges, about \$290,000 must be raised before groundbreaking can occur at the site, which is at the intersection of Carter and Terry roads.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

Feb. 12 — 18

• At the urging of a local minister, Sumter School District 17 trustees will hold a public hearing before giving final consideration to a policy that would ban prayer at school-sponsored events. The decision came after trustees

unanimously gave preliminary approval to the policy. District policies must be approved on two readings. District 17 board Chairwoman Dr. Laura Ayers said she hopes the hearing can be held before next month's board meeting.

• ShawFest '93, Shaw Air Force Base's annual open house, has been cancelled. The event was scheduled for May 8. Some of the money, people and resources normally earmarked for ShawFest, however, will be directed to supporting Sumter's Iris Festival, scheduled for May 29-31. Extensive repairs to the ramp system on the base's flight line, scheduled for the spring, would make it impossible to accommodate the display aircraft that normally fill the ramp area during the event. Another factor was the unavailability of the aerial demonstration team, the Air Force's Thunderbirds.

• As Ronnie Burgess prepares for his seventh season as a Sumter High School football coach, he finds that he has come full circle. Gamecock head coach Tom Lewis announced that Burgess, who had been in charge of the junior varsity program, will take over as varsity wide receivers coach. Burgess replaced David Waldkirch, who resigned. Burgess began his football career as a quarterback at Sumter High before moving on to Wake Forest University followed by two seasons with the Green Bay Packers of the NFL before returning to Sumter High.

• Manning coach John Thames will go after his 400th career win as his Lady Monarchs play at home against Kingstree. The veteran mentor amassed his 399th at home against North Charleston as his team defeated the Lady Cougars 52-40. That improved the 1992-93 version of the Lady Monarchs to 18-4 overall and 8-2 in Region VII-3A competition. That victory put Manning in a first-place tie with North Charleston and Holly Hill in the fight for the region title.

• The Sumter County Legislative Delegation has asked state senators to kill a bill that would combine the county's election commission and voter registration board. Disagreements between the delegation and Sumter County Council about the bill and how it came about prompted the move, state Rep. E.B. "Mac" McLeod Jr., D-Pine-wood, said. The bill, which was introduced by McLeod and given initial approval in the state House, is expected to be tabled in the Senate, which would kill the measure.

• The prices of corn, soybeans and wheat are set here for the entire free world. The value of soybean contracts alone traded each day surpasses the value of all stocks traded daily on the New York Stock Exchange. It is, in itself, one of the most fascinating places one can visit to view open free trade at its best. Twenty-one farmers and agribusiness people from the Sumter County Marketing Club visited the Chicago Board of Trade several weeks ago for the purpose of increasing their knowledge of the agriculture futures market. The club sponsored the trip along with assistance from Farm Credit Service and National Bank of South Carolina.

• Call them the "Twin Towers" of Dalzell. Thomas Sumter Academy's Lacey Griffin, 6'2", and Rebecca Huggins, 5'8", seem like two tall towers to their PAC opponents. They are also two reasons the Lady Generals are 13-8 this season. But they don't see it that way. "Together!" said Huggins. "That's what we shout during the game. We say that after a huddle and everything. Together is not something we came up with this year. We do everything as a team, and that's why it works."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- **Brandon Stefan Hunter and Nitia Yvette Isaac of Gable**
- **Micheal Antonio White and Brittani Carol Eullillian Lane**
- **Kenneth Duane Pritchard and Tina Lynn Kirby**
- **Christopher Lord Billups of Darlington and Starlett Charmel Smith of Honolulu, Hawaii**
- **Joshua Andrew Lockett and Wookong Kang**
- **Timothy Shawn Haines and Tamara Shenice Hicks**
- **Charles Thomas Hughes III and Amanda Leigh Burke**, both of Dalzell
- **Cameron Scott Gaddy and Sarah Leona Altman of Gallivants Ferry**
- **Maleek Rashawn Hicks and Jenetta Lashawn Jones**
- **Kevin Wendell Shepherd and Natasha Nicole Dwight**
- **Eddie Carroll Durant Jr. and Annette Scott Ridgill**, both of Wedgefield
- **Michael Charles Chibucos of Ellore and Irene Perrone**
- **James Thomas Bradley and Candy Jhoe Boney.**
- **David J. Dury and Lisa J. Finn.**
- **Andrew Scott McDuffie and Emily Catherine Tanner.**
- **Nagi Mohammed Al-Hatabani of Hamtramck**, Michigan, and Ghader Fadhl Hasan of Bennettsville
- **George W. Matthiessen and Wendy Carol Fail**, both of Hopkins
- **Joseph Allen Brogdon of Alcolu and Lily Ann Holmes of Lancaster**
- **Donnie Neal Walzer Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Shealy**
- **Dargan Ellerbe of Dalzell and Beverly Grant**
- **Kenton Bailey Wheeler and Cassandra Nicole Stewart**
- **Alexander Carlton Keck-Leedy and Jade Lenay Mengge**
- **Christopher Michael Salyers and Sydney Hannah Bright**, both of Dalzell
- **Edward John Smith III and Alexys Lee Gay**, both of Shaw Air Force Base
- **Keniselia A. Fetuao of Orangeburg and Alice Marie Lewis of Lavonia**, Georgia
- **Deron Corelle Brown and Sharon Ranea Temoney**
- **William Brooks Dasilva and Katherine Lewis Smith**, both of Charlotte, North Carolina
- **Xavier John Platt and Bryanna Alexis Williams**
- **Demetris Atlas Frierson of Manning and Sherri Juanita Pringle**
- **David Scott Wisecarver of Elgin and Kindra Nicole Hunt**
- **Mary Anthony Nelson Jr. and Christa Styles Kinsley**
- **Kenneth Patrick Mason of Summerville and Joyanne Elizabeth Tesei of Columbia**
- **Milton Levern Wilder Jr. and Kimberley R. Dingle**
- **James Addison Gamble of Manning and Carnethia Nicole Abrams**
- **Richard Tomas McKellips of Dalzell and Barbara Ann Delles of Wedgefield**
- **Martin Glenn Alessandro and Becky Giuth H. Contreras**
- **Glenn Michael Ray and Catherine Campbell McLaughlin**, both of Dalzell
- **Timothy Eugene Johnson and Joy Lily-Anne Burton**, both of Shaw Air Force Base
- **Jamieson Hunter Moore of Shaw Air Force Base and Kelsey Ruth Jeanette Moore of Charleston**
- **Keyarah Shunise Jerrette Sims and Leon-dria Aquayla Williams**
- **Michael Lee Thomas and Miriam Jimenez**
- **Harry Lee Montgomery and Linderann McRay Butler**, both of Rembert
- **Kevin Allan Thomas and Allison Ann Frady**
- **Alsamad Alim El and Gwendolyn Denise Garland**
- **Christopher Candelaria and Samantha Roschelle Coil**
- **Carl Russell Fowlkes and Dejhia Deonia Smothers**
- **Ryan Robert Huber and Melinda Louise Gross of Biggs**, California
- **Nicholas John Farland and Staci Nicole Scoggins**
- **Howard Dylan White and Payton Lea Nester Wooten**
- **Christopher William Travis Hayes and Shannon Rae Vincent**
- **Cedrickus Londell Billie and Danielle Erica Henderson**
- **Alexander Mark Weinert of Fort Walton**, Florida, and Nicole Marie Martir
- **Frederick William Basty III and Michelle Felisha Husbands**, both of Shaw Air Force Base
- **David Latrell McWilliams and Latoya Lavon Brown**
- **Brock Osteen Pack and Leah Marie Walker**
- **Paul A. Smith and Tina H. Westberry**, both of Dalzell
- **John Drafus Daugherty Jr. and Elizabeth Welch Daugherty**
- **Christopher Kyle Edwards of Blythewood and Elizabeth Renee Harris of Tampa**, Florida
- **Alonzo Antoine Graves and Melanie Wanda Grant**
- **Zachary Alan Piccot and Samantha Rose Hatfield**
- **Affrica T. Spain and Lakein S. Fulwood**
- **Jacob Aaron Taylor and Sierra Cristina Ruiz**
- **Robert Peter Howard and Deborah Jean Cole**
- **David Gregory Prescott and Courtney Erin Barr**

BUILDING PERMITS

- **Michael D. and Susan L. Colvin**, owners, Malon L. Snider dba Palmetto Exteriors, contractor, 415 Katydid St., \$2,950 (vinyl siding, residential).

- **Tyler and Shannon Roecker**, owners, Steel Buildings and Structures Inc., contractor, 810 Santa Fe Trail, \$7,267.50 (detached metal garage — enclosed, residential).
- **CBT Enterprises LLC**, owner, JW Demolition, contractor, 602 E. Fulton St., \$350,000 (commercial demolition of manufacture/warehouse, commercial).
- **Susan E. McCool**, owner, Danny Marshall, contractor, 2253 Gingko Drive, \$3,900 (install vinyl ceiling / aluminum post and rescreen existing porch, residential).
- **John W. and Crystal P. Ridgeway**, owners, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 1954 Bishop Drive, 336 unheated square feet, \$6,215 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).
- **Talona Y. Smith**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 3631 Red Lane Road, Dalzell, \$5,549.85 (reroof, residential).
- **Gunnar Palm Jr.**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 2025 Horatio-Hagood Road (2045), Rembert, \$15,570 (reroof, residential).
- **Deela R. Cave**, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 3020 Tuckaway Drive, \$5,040 (reroof, residential).
- **B. Kendall Bell**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 413 Church St., 420 unheated square feet, \$1,700 (detached carport, residential); **B. Kendall Bell**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 411 Church St., 420 unheated square feet, \$1,700 (detached carport, residential).
- **SAEF Properties LLC**, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 60 Doctors Court, Dalzell, \$6,475 (install new shingles, residential).
- **Matthew P. Duffy**, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 1051 Wellington Road, \$4,255 (install new shingles, residential).
- **Rosa Lee Richards**, owner, Bryant Industrial Contractors Inc., contractor, 3940 Horsetrail Lane, \$25,000 (add / replace antennas, RTU's, raycaps and fiberlines, commercial).
- **William and Earnestine Singleton**, owners, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Building, contractor, 110 Laurel St., \$3,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Rodney McKnight**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 3310 Avin Road (mobile home, residential).
- **McLeod Regional Medical Center**, owner, SNB Construction of Dillon LLC, contractor, 540 Physicians Lane, \$159,985 (alterations — office space into x-ray room, commercial).
- **Willie Singleton Jr. and Emma R. Singleton**, owners, Precision Fire Solutions LLC, contractor, 201 E. Calhoun St. (police), \$33,390 (install fire alarm system, commercial).
- **City of Sumter**, owner, Precision Fire Solutions LLC, contractor, 201 E. Calhoun St. (fire), \$26,250 (install fire alarm system, commercial).
- **Carolyn A. Young**, owner and contractor, 126 W. Red Bay Road, \$7,500 (enclosing existing porch, residential).
- **John C. Scales and Susan Woodberry**, owners, Henry E. Floyd Builders, contractor, 115 Anne Park, \$7,500 (reroofing, residential).
- **Jason D. and Bertha M. McCall**, owners, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 5605 Pear Tree Road, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).
- **Michael A. Varner**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 2320 Whipporwill Drive (mobile home, residential).
- **Allison K. and Erik E. Hines**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 5 Killarney Lane, \$29,640 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Susan S. Deholl**, owner, Michael Gardner dba Terminix Service Inc., contractor, 2270 Beulah Cuttino Road, \$1,500 (replace six feet of double sill and four floor joist, residential).
- **Cephus Gregg Jr. and Quentina W. Gregg**, owners, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 514 W. Oakland Ave., \$3,000 (renovations / replace rotten studs and plywood, residential).
- **National Bank of South Carolina**, owner, The Fittz Co., contractor, 481 Pinewood Road, \$15,471.23 (freestanding sign — Synovus, commercial).
- **Nancy O. Gregory**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 3965 McCrays Mill Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Michael C. Parnell**, owner, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 230 N. Wise Drive, \$10,120 (replace shingle roof, residential).
- **Penny Marie Sima (trustee)**, owner, Blue Raven Solar LLC, contractor, 2885 Foxcroft Circle, \$13,101 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Ervin Harwood Weatherly Jr.**, owner, Ram Jack of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 5790 Gettysburg Lane, Dalzell, \$4,325 (foundation repair, residential).
- **Anthony Craig and Mary C. Simmons**, owners, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 2824 Porcher Drive, \$18,000 (remove / replace shingles and felt, residential).
- **Freda B. McKoy**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 6500 Camden Highway, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Ernest D. Arrington**, owner, Sheila Kelley, contractor, 4540 Queen Chapel Road, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).
- **Veronica E. and David E. Moore**, owners, Home Depot USA Inc., contractor, 28 Folsom St., \$11,500 (replace 18 windows — size for size, residential).
- **Yusha A. Ali**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 875 Orlando Circle, \$9,980 (reroof, residential).
- **Dennis L. and Shelly L. Campbell**, owners, Waterworks LLC, contractor, 2954 Sylvan Way, \$25,576.42 (swimming pool, residential).
- **James Aaron Dyson Construction**, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 3770 Queen Chapel Road, 1,703 heated square feet and 591 unheated square feet, \$105,000

(new dwelling, residential).

- **Latasha Jenkins**, owner, Carolina Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 602 Mystic Court, Dalzell, 1,500 heated square feet and 693 unheated square feet, \$101,553 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Samuel E. and Terri A. Spann**, owners, Schumacher Homes of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 1130 Spann St., 2,366 heated square feet and 28 unheated square feet, \$238,600 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Ronald P. and Tonya R. Alexander**, owners, Jason Josey dba Josey Builders, contractor, 2072 Charleston Ave., \$5,500 (reroof, residential).
- **Patrice Martino**, owner, Sears Home Improvement Products Inc., contractor, 1636 Pinewood Road, \$14,005.61 (roofing — new shingles, residential).
- **Matilda* and Annie Lee Singleton**, owners, Sharon D. Tindal dba Tindal Construction, contractor, 2100 Pinewood Road, \$7,487 (shingle mold, roof, exterior doors and paint, residential).
- **Roy E. Belser**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 4185 Pond Loop Road, \$2,920 (replace eight pieces of plywood / replace felt and shingles, residential).
- **Jackie McLeod**, owner, The Red Shirt Guys Roofing LLC, contractor, 425 Dogwood Drive, \$5,088.75 (remove and reshingle, residential).
- **Dorotha and Herbert Davis**, owners, James F. Harris dba JAMG and Co. LLC, contractor, 692 Kingsbury Drive, 352 heated square feet, \$28,000 (16x22 addition to existing home — bedroom, residential).
- **Cristal Leviner**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 3435 Nazarene Church Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Robert R. Colclough**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Building, contractor, 509 Red & White St., \$5,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Jeffery C. and Brittany B. Link**, owners, Jeffery Wayne Link, contractor, 1363 Shoreland Drive, \$6,054.67 (reroof, residential).
- **Jason D. and Bertha M. McCall**, owners, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 5605 Pear Tree Road, Wedgefield, \$5,000 (brick underpinning for mobile home, residential).
- **Austin Homes LLC**, owner, William Austin James, contractor, 2210 Watersong Run, 3,000 heated square feet and 1,000 unheated square feet, \$230,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Ralph S. and Lois G. Beardsley**, owners, C&S Construction, contractor, 65 Gloria Drive, Wedgefield, 520 unheated square feet, \$24,000 (add screen porch to rear of home, residential).
- **Donald R. Craft (trustee)**, owner, Aycock Construction LLC, contractor, 90 Mill-run Drive, 500 unheated square feet, \$33,000 (detached enclosed garage, residential).
- **Branch Banking & Trust Co. of S**, owner, Mashburn Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 216 N. Main St., \$150,000 (interior renovation to second floor / partitions / finishes, commercial).
- **Premier Homes of Sumter LLC**, owner, Renato C. Delbeni dba Premier Homes, contractor, 2640 Stirrup Lane, Dalzell, 1,668 heated square feet and 400 unheated square feet, \$109,700 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Nathan A. Purcell**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 932 W. Liberty St., 160 unheated square feet, \$3,000 (detached enclosed storage shed, residential).
- **Gainey Construction Co. LLC**, owner and contractor, 4745 Moses Lane, 1,640 heated square feet and 510 unheated square feet, \$105,830 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Charles McDuffie**, owner, Christopher Nelums dba Nell Tech LLC, contractor, 1025 W. Sherwood Drive, \$7,100 (reroof / fix floors / exterior door, residential).
- **Mary Alice Spann Walters (lifetime estate)**, owner, Dee & Gee Builders LLC, contractor, 1126 Florence Highway, 216 heated square feet, \$9,500 (den addition, residential).
- **Harmony Baptist Church**, owner, Atkins Roofing & Maintenance LLC, contractor, 1021 Sterling St., \$93,645 (remove / replace roofing system on gym, commercial).
- **Chick-til-A Inc.**, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 1170 Broad St., \$8,995 (steel frame sign — Chick-til-A, commercial).
- **City of Sumter**, owner, Palmetto Automatic Sprinkler Co. Inc., contractor, 201 E. Calhoun St., \$197,690 (install sprinkler fire protection — fire department, commercial).
- **Jimmie L. and Dianne W. Shuping**, owners, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 6 Conyers St., \$7,695.40 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Dorothy K. Reynolds Estate**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 407 Alice Court, \$5,255 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Douglas M. and Juanita G. Britton**, owners, Joseph Carter Barksdale, contractor, 7535 Pisgah Road, Rembert, \$41,737.05 (ground mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Annie Ruth McGill**, owner, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 12420 Lynches River Road, Olanta, \$2,000 (residential demo of mobile home, residential).
- **Rosa Prince**, owner, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 10 Rolling Creek Drive, \$2,000 (residential demo of mobile home, residential).
- **Booth Farms LLC et al**, owner, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 595 Grange Road, \$20,000 (drywall / flooring / roofing / soffit / insulation / carpentry, residential).
- **Rosa Prince / SLS Co. Ltd.**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 10 Rolling Creek Drive (mobile home, residential).
- **Willie Daney / SLS Co. Ltd.**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 861 Weeks St. (mobile home, residential).
- **Annie Ruth McGill**, owner, Jacob Ran-

dall, contractor, 12420 Lynches River Road, Olanta (mobile home, residential).

- **Felix and Hannah L. Daney**, owners, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 861 Weeks St., \$2,000 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).
- **Ryan C. Kiernan**, owner and contractor, 3131 Longleaf Drive, \$3,000 (replace seven windows / two doors / roof, residential).
- **Wendy Elaine Rogers Smith**, owner, Hoover Buildings of Lexington, contractor, 1205 Pinewood Road, 576 unheated square feet, \$15,500 (detached enclosed storage shed, residential).
- **George A. Tschorn**, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 1240 Ivey St., \$2,025 (reroof back porch and back roof, residential).
- **Deirdre Cullum**, owner, Global Construction and Development Group LLC, contractor, 2451 Tindal Road, \$6,500 (replace roof and vinyl in kitchen and bathroom and paint interior, residential).
- **Vestco**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 2335 U.S. 15 South, \$2,580 (replace six windows, replace 20 sheets T-111 wood siding, residential).
- **Patricia A. Bradford**, owner, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 1300 N. Main St., \$4,000 (four feet aluminum fence, residential).
- **Cindy L. Hawes**, owner, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 114 Bon View Drive, \$4,000 (six feet vinyl fence, residential).
- **Johnny Burgess**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 5 Herbert Circle, \$5,349 (reroof only, residential).
- **Vestco**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 190 Plowden Mill Road, \$3,760 (replace seven pieces sheeting on roof / felt and 25 square shingles, residential).
- **Donnie L. McLeod**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 720 Baldwin Drive, 780 unheated square feet, \$6,671.16 (detached carport, residential).
- **Sheila N. Griffin**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 102 Gertrude Drive, \$4,344.75 (reroof, residential).
- **James W. and Nancy R. Griffin**, owners, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 425 Lakewood Drive, \$10,600 (install metal roof, residential).
- **Sumter City Housing & Economic**, owner, Southern Roofing Services, contractor, 303 E. Liberty St., \$125,000 (reroof building, commercial).
- **Victoria Shaw**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 205 Willow St., Mayesville, \$2,740.50 (reroof shingles, residential).
- **Johnnie Mae Baxley**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 1775 N. Pike East, 275 unheated square feet, \$8,500 (add covered porches, residential).
- **Jose A. and Earline D. Maccou**, owners, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 5425 Colclough Plantation Road, \$36,000 (existing slab and roof / replace existing walls with glass patio walls, residential).
- **Linda Avallone**, owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 60 Executive Circle, Dalzell, \$16,790 (remove / replace two doors and nine windows — no change to structure, residential).
- **Dexter Lee Properties LLC**, owner, R. Belton Consulting LP, contractor, 10 Carrol Drive, \$2,600 (install drywall and insulation, residential).
- **Sam Tomlin Jr. — Joyce S. Tomlin**, owners, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 420 Planters Drive, 651 unheated square feet, \$8,780 (detached metal carport with slab, residential).
- **Earlene Dawson Swann**, owner, C&S Construction, contractor, 4400 Dawson Road, Rembert, \$10,000 (repair interior due to water / storm damage, residential).
- **Mack L. and Nancy I. Quick**, owners, Knepp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 2331 Springvalley Drive, \$5,700 (roof replacement, residential).
- **Christopher L. Crawford**, owner, Christopher L. Crawford, contractor, 5045 Rooster Circle, Pinewood, \$2,000 (residential demolition of 18x30 metal carport, residential).
- **Shirley J. Field**, owner, William Hansen dba Hansen's Construction, contractor, 9 Cecil Road, \$3,000 (new roof, residential).
- **David H. and Lisa M. Cannon**, owners, Jason Josey dba Josey Builders, contractor, 3400 Wedgefield Road, \$7,500 (new roof, residential).
- **Johnny M. Walton Sr.**, owner, Frank Sims dba Frank's Roofing, contractor, 970 Jesamine Trail, \$3,500 (reroof, residential).
- **Elizabeth M. Burke**, owner, Burke Industrial Inc., contractor, 6520 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, 1,100 heated square feet and 96 unheated square feet, \$96,000 (sunroom addition and enclosed porch, residential).
- **Sidney H. Rice**, owner and contractor, 4288 Amelia Drive, \$2,000 (close in existing back porch — no electricity, residential).
- **Eugene Montgomery**, owner, SLS Co. Ltd., contractor, 885 David Austin Road (875-915), Wedgefield, \$21,850 (repairs / drywall / carpentry / flooring / roofing / insulation, residential).
- **Matthew R. Nicholson and Guitier**, owners, James W. Ross, contractor, 2461 Derwent Drive, \$3,800 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Paul Ricks Jr.**, owner, Terry Wayne Sanford, contractor, 40 Bear St., \$2,576 (replace seven windows, residential).
- **Christopher L. / Gina P. Crawford**, owners, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 5045 Rooster Circle, Pinewood, 1,200 unheated square feet, \$13,120 (detached storage building, residential).
- **Clarence Rainey Jr.**, owner, Marino Valentine dba Valentine Enterprises, contractor, 7355 Odell Lane, Rembert, 2,841 heated square feet and 591 unheated square feet, \$250,000 (new dwelling, residential).

Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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Not everyone is a hunter

There was a soft knocking on the front door. I sat up, bleary eyed and groggy. Buster leapt from the couch and was barking his disapproval at this afternoon intrusion. We can usually sneak in a short nap before



Dan Geddings

Ginger gets home but not today. Buster is Ginger's dog, but when she isn't home, he thinks he's my dog. I stumbled to the front door with Buster at my heels, backing me up with his non-stop barking. It didn't do any good to tell him to shut up. He has a mind of his own. I fumbled with the locks and got the door open. Then the bright sunlight hit me in the face.

Squinting, I could see that it was my father-in-law, L.E. Martin.

"Did I wake you up?" he asked.

"No, I was just resting my eyes," was my feeble answer.

"I got something to show you," he said.

He had his game camera viewer in his hand.

We got L.E. a game camera a couple of years ago for his birthday. Ginger was trying to think of something different to get him, and I suggested the game camera. He had talked about seeing a deer at the edge of the woods behind his house. We thought he might like to get some wildlife pictures.

L.E. isn't a hunter nowadays. He grew up on a small farm in Horry County in the '40s and did some squirrel and rabbit hunting when he was a youngster.

Work eventually brought him to Sumter County. He bought this land when it was a corn field and plowed a road through the field and beyond the few houses that lined the short dirt road. Ginger and I built a house here. Then her sister Rhonda and her husband, Johnny, built next door. Our nearest neighbors were a thousand feet back down the road. L.E. and Linda built next to Rhonda and Johnny. The field out front was a cow pasture.

Cain Savannah Creek runs through the bottomland behind L.E.'s house. Its origin is in Manchester State Forest to the west. Burns Branch comes in from across McCrays Mill Road to the north. These creeks and associated

woodlands harbor a variety of wildlife and critters, such as deer, turkey, raccoons, birds and coyotes. We are far enough out to feel like we're in the country but close enough to feel like a part of the town, as subdivisions stretch out on the western side of Sumter.

The road out front is paved now, and we have neighbors right next door. We can see the McMasons advancing across the field out front, and the country feel is shrinking, but the wildlife is still here.

L.E. put the camera on a live oak tree behind his house and spread some corn on the ground nearby. He started getting pictures right away but didn't have a computer or digital camera to view what was on the camera card. His grandson John Martin McLeod has downloaded the pictures occasionally, and we've been amazed at the images. Birds, raccoons and deer are seen, including a huge eight-point buck.

L.E. bought another game camera and put it in a different area, but he still didn't have a convenient way to look at the pictures his cameras were capturing. Then one day Ginger mentioned that she wished her Dad had a better way to access and



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L.E. Martin adjusts one of his game cameras in his back yard.

view his game camera photos. I knew just the thing. I had seen a game camera viewer at Simpson Hardware.

I bought one of the viewers, brought it home, unpackaged it and read the instructions. I tried it out with one of my cameras and told Ginger, "I got to get me one of these." It was just what L.E. needed. It has a large screen and is easy to use. It can be carried in a pocket. I think I'll need one too.

L.E. brought the viewer over that afternoon to show

me some of the pictures his camera has captured, just a few paces from his back door. Night time pictures of deer and raccoons. One or two, then three or four deer, now groups of five or six. It was amazing, and he was absolutely delighted.

Ginger drove up while we were standing on the porch looking at the pictures. She came over and joined us with a big smile on her face.

The outdoors can add so much to our lives, and you don't have to be a hunter to love what it has to offer.

Soaking up some warmth



A copper-banded water snake is seen on a stump and later in the water at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on Sunday afternoon. According to the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory of the University of Georgia, these snakes are common in this region and through southern portions of North Carolina, Georgia and into Florida. These nonvenomous snakes primarily eat fish and amphibians and can be found in many freshwater habitats, including marshes, ponds, rivers and swamps.

MELANIE SMITH / THE SUMTER ITEM



'Farm=Life' for dedicated Sumter County Young Farmers and Ranchers

S.C. FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

GREENVILLE — A record number of attendees met recently for the annual South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference. Sumter County young farmers Spencer McCown, Chris Sumter and Ashlee Hutto were among the more than 300 young farmers and ranchers from across the state who traveled to Greenville to network, become better leaders in their communities and learn how to overcome challenges within the agriculture industry.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to listen to a wide variety of speakers on topics addressing all aspects of agriculture — everything from technology and labor to animal agriculture, food safety, honeybees and conservation.

Case Chumley was elected as the 2018 SCFB Young Farmers and Ranchers chairperson. Chumley takes on this role following the leadership of last year's chair Davis Peeler of Anderson County.

"Davis has shown great leadership during his tenure as Young Farmer and Rancher chair," SCFB President Harry Ott said. "He has been a true leader. Davis is a great decision maker, he's trustworthy, fully committed to the task and has selflessly sacrificed for the work of this organization during his term as chair. We are thankful for his efforts and look forward to the guidance and knowledge of our newly elected chair, Case Chumley."

Zack Snipes, of Charleston County, won the 2018 Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award. The competition consists of a written application and an



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oral presentation in front of a panel of judges. Snipes won a brand-new ATV, helmet and gloves, courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. He will also receive an expenses-paid trip to the 2018 American Farm Bureau Federation FUSION conference in Reno, Nevada, and an expenses-paid trip to compete at the 2019 AFBF annual meeting in New Orleans.

The Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who do not derive the majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation but who actively contribute and grow through their involvement in agriculture, their leadership ability and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations.

Davis Peeler, of Anderson County, won the 2017 Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award. Peeler was awarded \$1,000 and a new Ford truck — both courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co.

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

**We want to share your outdoor photos with our readers.
Email your photo submissions to pressrelease@theitem.com.
Please include name of person in the photo, where the catch or kill took place and any other pertinent information.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Ads



The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina crowned, Dora Pressley, Queen of the Year on 02-13-18.

Congrats Dora "Sue" Pressley!
First-Place, Charbrenna Davis
Second-Place, Lisa Pack

Mega thanks to each one of you that supported in this effort for improving the quality of life for the blind and sight impaired.

Debra Canty, President
 Lee & Laura James, Chairperson of the King or Queen Contest

Announcements

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Card of Thanks

Jarvis Omar Rush



8/22/83-1/13/18

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, flowers, calls, condolences during our time of bereavement. A special thanks to the Sumter Sheriffs Dept. *The Rush & White Family*

In Memory



In Loving Memory of James Dexter Grant
 11/13/86-02/17/17

There's not a day that goes by that we don't think of you with many nights of tears. They say children are a gift from God, You're the gift we miss so dearly. *We love & Miss you! Love, Your Family*

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Sumter School District is accepting applications for a HVAC Technician, Electrician and Carpenter. You may send resume to Sumter School District Maintenance Department, 1345 Wilson Hall Rd. Sumter, S.C. 29151-2039 or apply online at www.sumterschools.net. Call 803-469-6900, ext. 600 for any questions.

Hotel front desk position open at Super 8 in Manning. Evening shift. Hotel front desk experience required. Call for appt. 803-447-9614

Camp Bob Cooper (Clemson University Youth Learning Institute), Summertown, SC is now hiring for Part-Time Food Service Workers, no more than 28 hours per week, shifts vary, some weekends. Must have a valid ID, reliable transportation, and be able to pass a background check. Please Call: 803-478-2105. Clemson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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

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Clinical Counselor Vacancy for outpatient substance abuse facility. Requires Master's Degree in one of the behavioral/social sciences and completion of certification through SCAADAC. LPC license preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Submit resume to HR department, P.O. Box 430, Manning, SC 29102 by February 19, 2018.

TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE OF SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Sumter City - County Planning Commission will hold its regular scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.** in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina). This is a public meeting.

If there are any questions, please call George McGregor or Donna McCullum at (803) 774-1660.

LEGAL NOTICE

The State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee is beginning its screening process for Seats 2, 4, and 6 of the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee will be accepting applications for Seats 2, 4, and 6 beginning **Thursday, February 22, 2018, until 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2018.** The Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to investor-owned electric and gas utilities, water and wastewater companies, telecommunications companies, carriers of household goods and hazardous waste for disposal, taxicabs, and other motor vehicle passenger carriers. A commissioner must have at least a baccalaureate degree. It is preferred that a commissioner have a background of substantial duration in one of the following areas: (a) energy; (b) telecommunications; (c) consumer protection and advocacy; (d) water and wastewater; (e) finance, economics, and statistics; (f) accounting; (g) engineering; or (h) law.

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

Each candidate is required to submit a completed application form no later than the March 5th deadline. Applications will not be accepted after noon on March 5, 2018. Following the March 5th filing deadline, the Review Committee will begin its background investigation of candidates. Candidates and potential candidates are subject to certain restrictions with respect to contacting members of the General Assembly.

Application forms may be obtained from the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee, 102 Gressette Building, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, by contacting Heather Anderson, (803) 212-6208 or heatheranderson@scsenate.gov, or by contacting Michelle McGee, (803) 212-6634 or michellemcgee@scsenate.gov. For further information, contact Ms. Anderson or Ms. McGee, or visit the Public Utilities Review Committee's website at: www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2018PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php.

BID NOTICE
 Bethel Baptist Church is currently accepting bids for Lawn Maintenance. You may stop by the church office at 2401 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, and pick up in application. Deadline for bids is March 2, 2017.

Notice Of Application
 Notice is hereby given that **Adolfina Toledo DBA Tienda Mexican Y Taquera Cecilia's** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale ON premises consumption of Beer at **207 Commerce St. Manning, SC 29102.** To object to the issuance of this permit/ license, written protest must be

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postmarked no later than **February 19th, 2018.** For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

Notice of Application
 Notice is hereby given that **Palmer Ballard & Boats** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale ON premises consumption of Beer, Wine & Liquor at **310 Palmetto St Sumter, SC 29150.** To object to the issuance of this permit/ license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **March 5th 2018.** For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ATTN: ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO: 2017-CP-43-01491 DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Navy Federal Credit Union, PLAINTIFF,
 vs.
Larry Dove Gainey, Jr.; Laura Lynn Gainey; SC Housing Corp.; L&M Properties, Limited Partnership DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINORS UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity in/for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, on August 10, 2017.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Hutchens Law Firm, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm, represents the Plaintiff in this action and does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice.

You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice. **IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOU R M O R T G A G E COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION.** If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO.: 2013-CP-43-153

MOTION TO RESTORE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

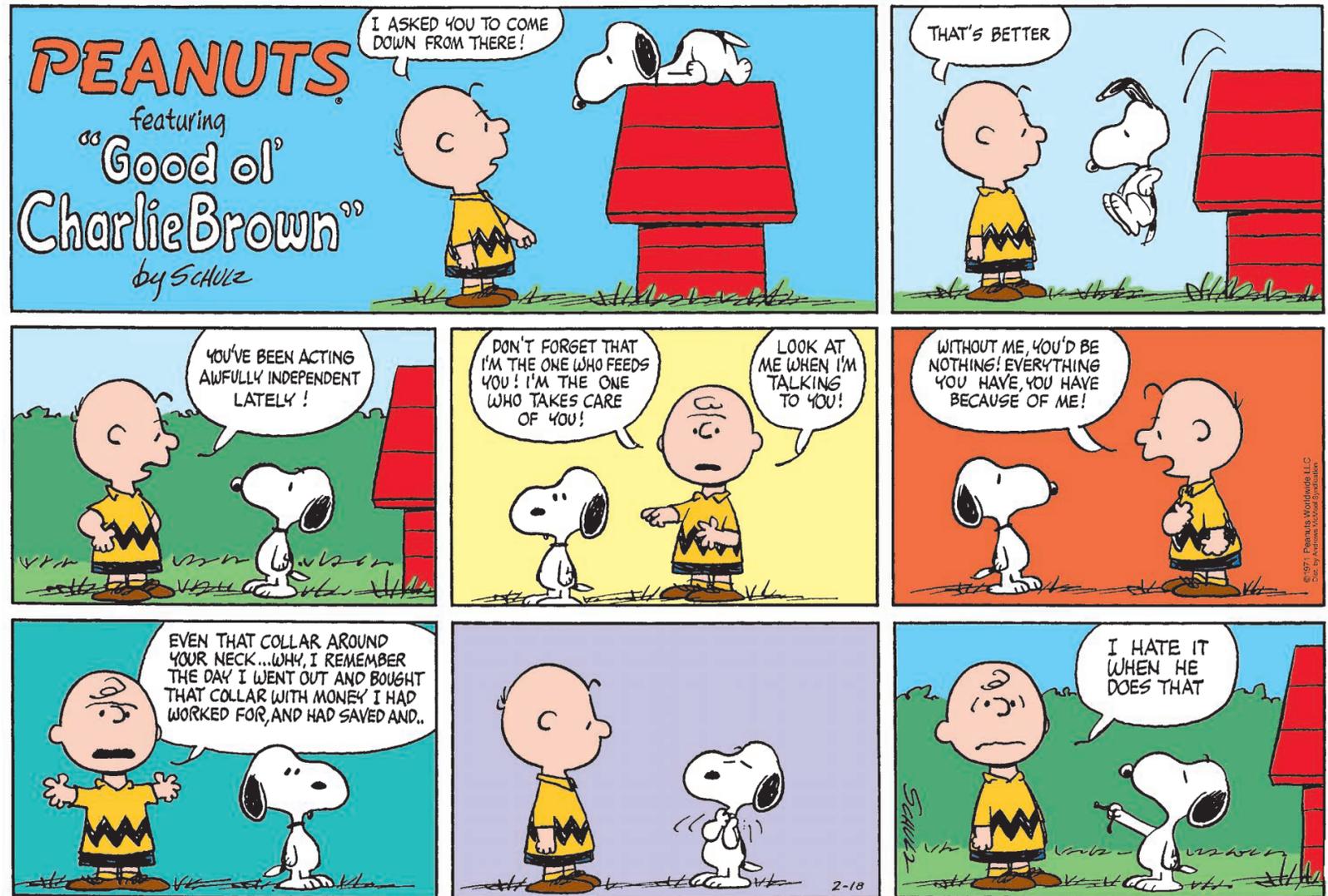
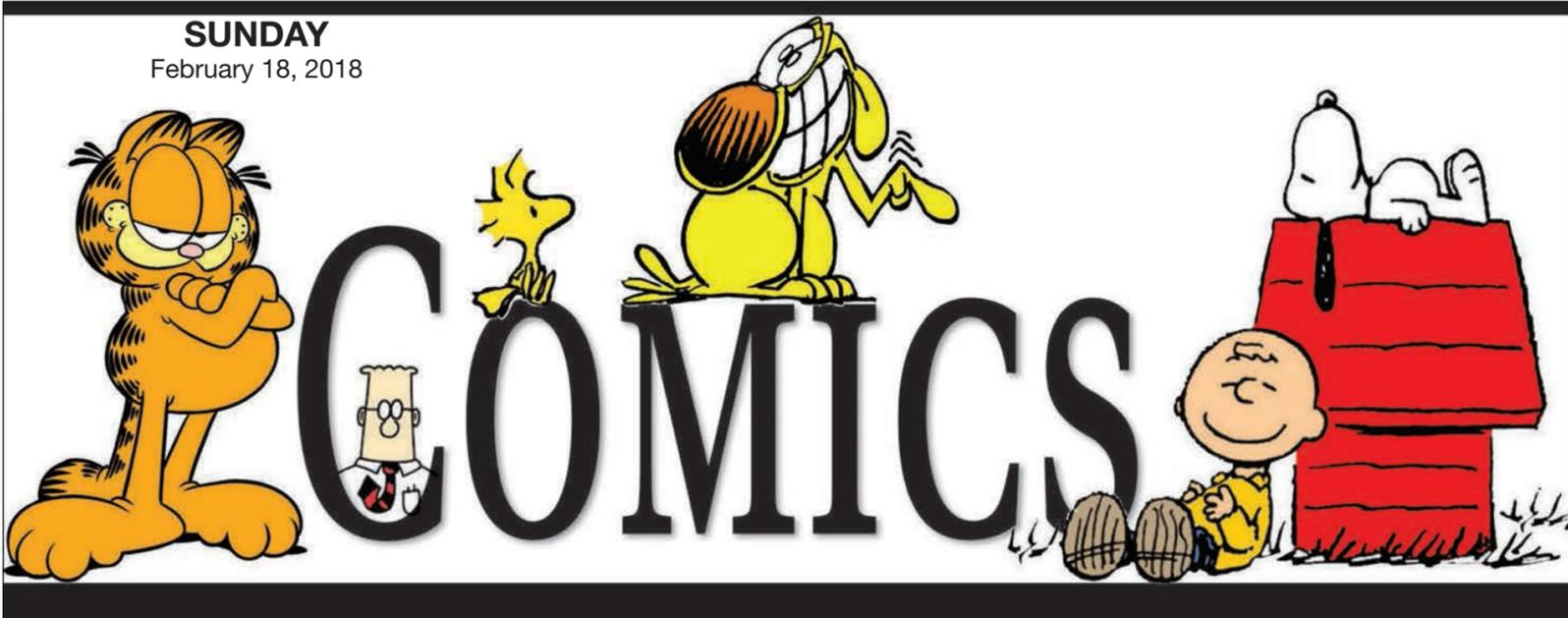
Donna Erickson, Plaintiff,
 vs.
Felicia Ruff, Defendants.

The undersigned attorney for Coffey & McKenzie, P.A., Attorneys for the Plaintiff, has before this Court to restore the above-captioned case. Based upon the record in this case, I make the following findings of salient fact and conclusion of law:

1. In the above-captioned action, at the request of the Plaintiff, the case was stricken from the roster due to the Defendant, Felicia Ruff, filing under Chapter 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
2. An Order was filed on March 4, 2014 dismissing the case from Chapter 13 Bankruptcy due to not making the required payments under the plan (a copy attached hereto as Exhibit "A").
3. The Plaintiff has not received any payments since April 1, 2016 and now comes before this Court to restore the above referenced case.
4. In the interest of judicial economy, justice and equity and for good cause shown this case shall be restored.
5. This case has been referred to Thomas E. Player, Jr as Special Referee, for final disposition, and a final hearing shall be held as such date and time as may hereinafter be set.

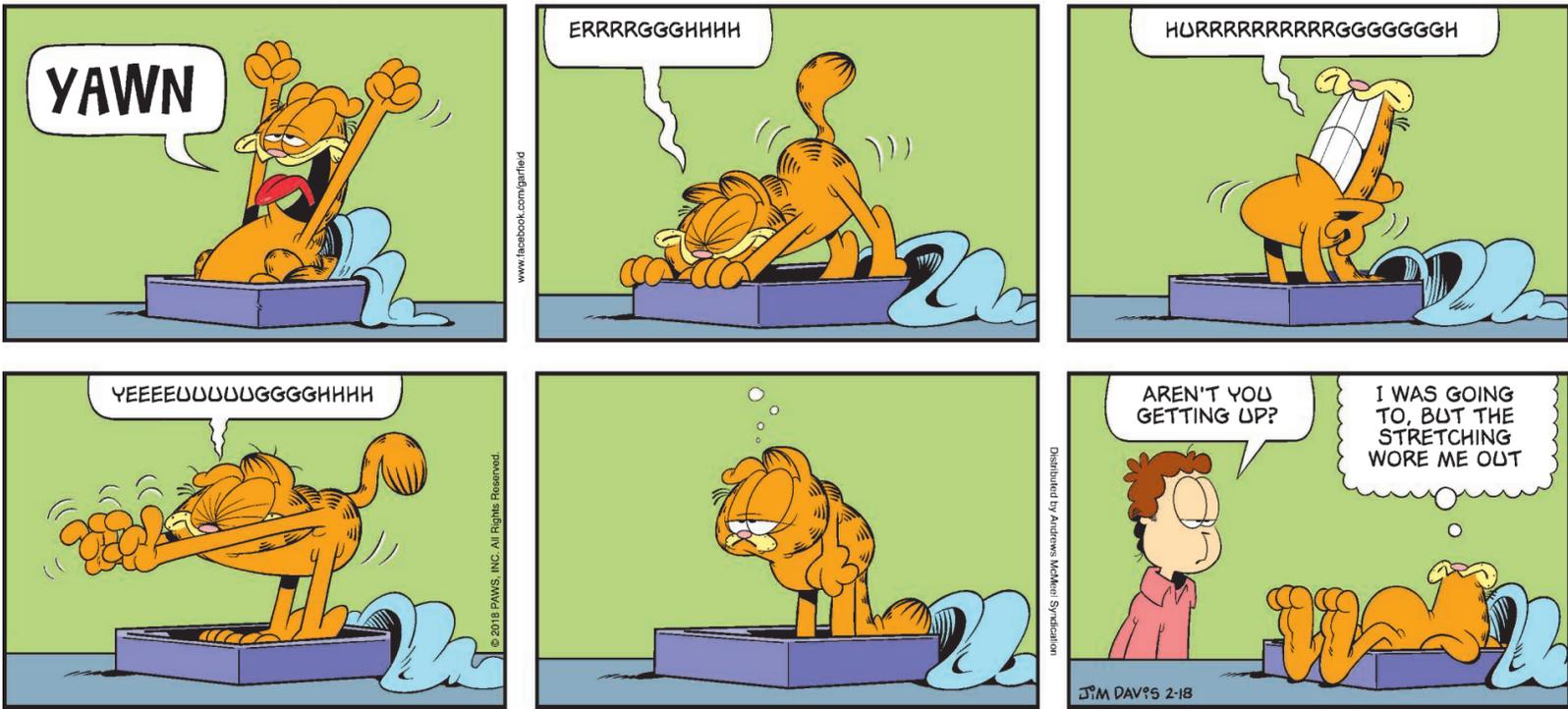
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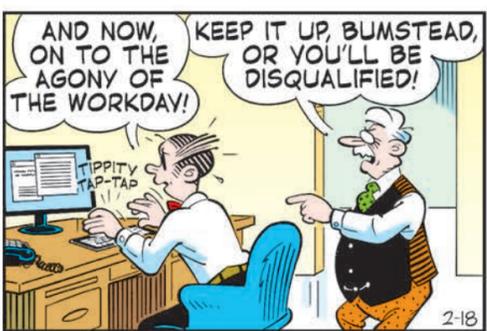
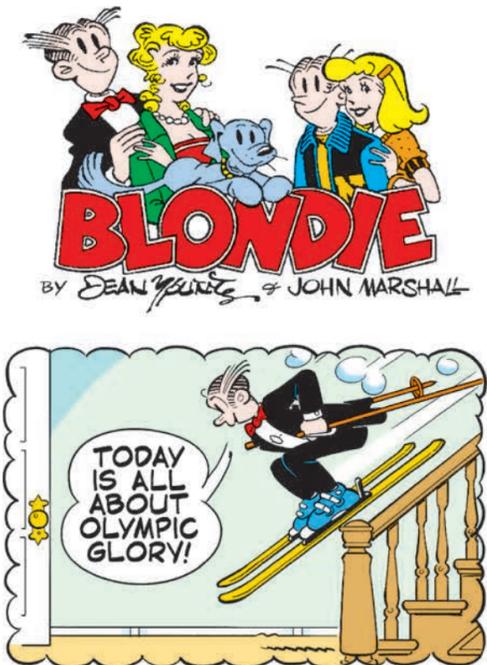
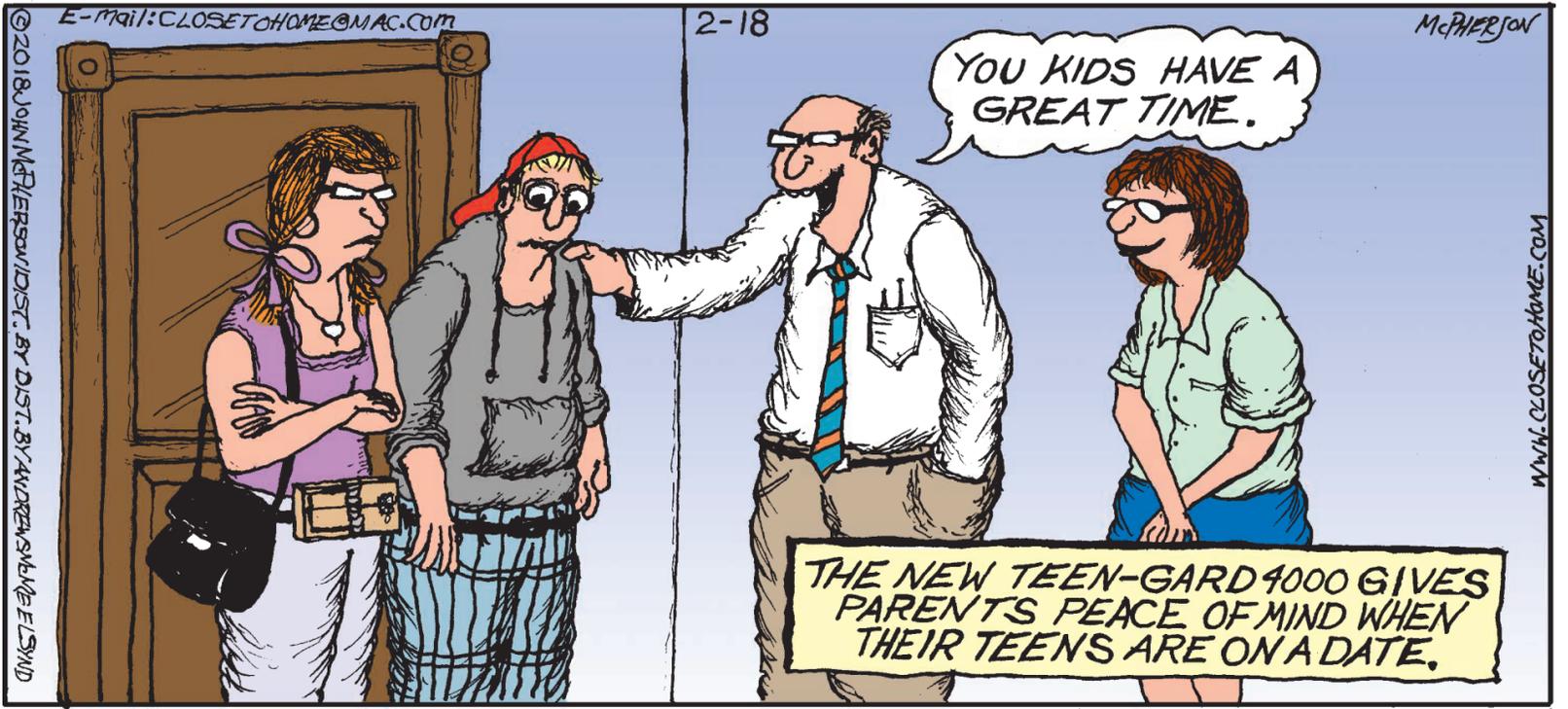
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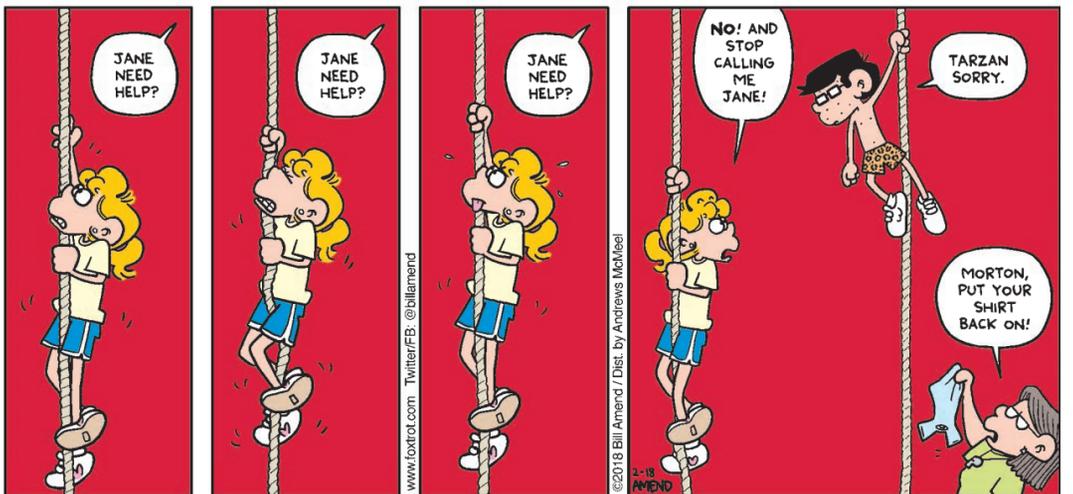
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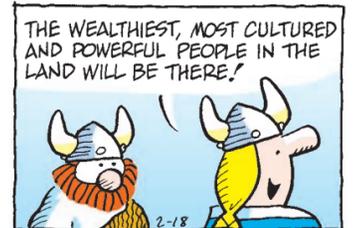
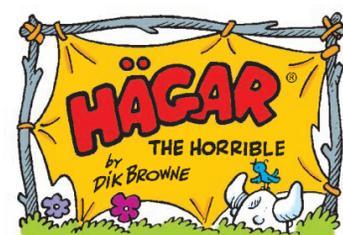
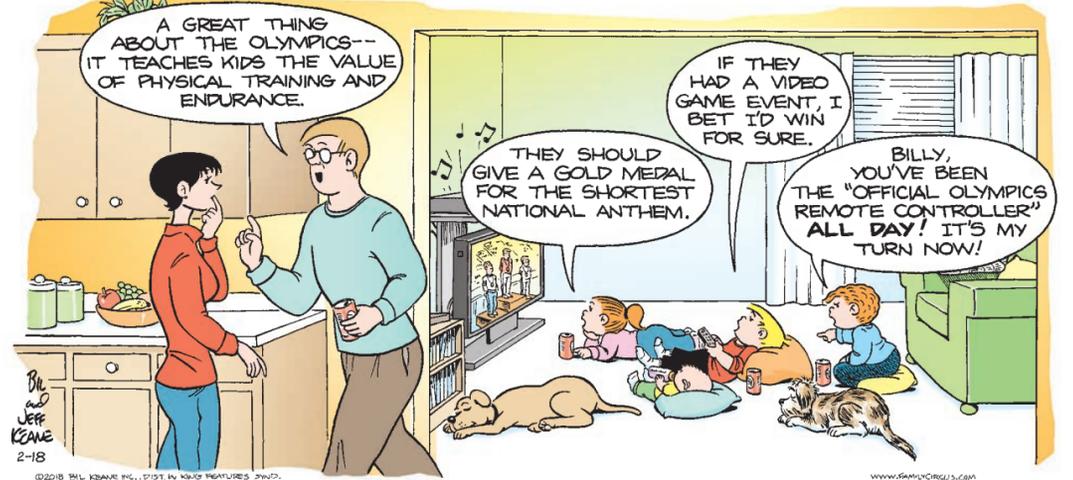
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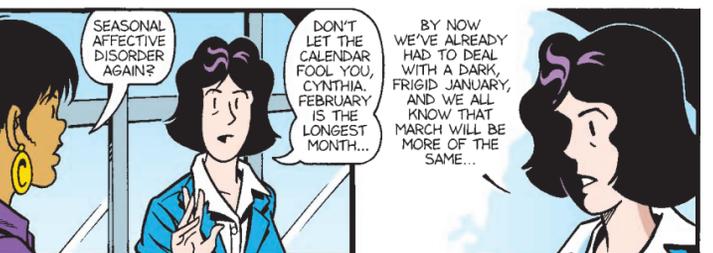
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IF WE SHOULDN'T EAT AT NIGHT, WHY DO THEY PUT LIGHTS IN REFRIGERATORS?

DRAW!! DRAW A PRESIDENT!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHY DID THE CHICKEN SAY MEOW, OINK, BOWWOW?
A. IT WAS STUDYING FOREIGN LANGUAGES.
Shannon Miller, Baltimore, MD

Q. WHAT DID THE HORSE SAY WHEN IT TRIPPED?
A. I'VE FALLEN AND I CAN'T GIDDYAP!
Mason Green, Columbia, MO

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Ladder rung is missing. 3. Boy is taller. 4. Fence is shorter. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Angle of roof is different.

FRANK AND ERNEST

LOTS OF PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT CLASSES ARE GOING ON DOWN THERE. THE WHITE BLOOD CELLS ARE TEACHING A SELF-DEFENSE CLASS.

AND A PROTON AND CORNEA CELL HAVE TEAMED UP TO TEACH A CLASS ON STAYING FOCUSED AND POSITIVE!

THE NEURON IS INSTRUCTING OTHERS ABOUT IMPROVING COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

IS THE HELIUM ATOM PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THIS?
NO, HE THINKS HE'S ABOVE IT ALL.

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THE BORN LOSER



IS THAT A NOVEL FROM THE BEST-SELLER LIST THAT I MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN?

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM BY MIKE PETERS

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST LET HIM COME ALONG

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NO, NO—IT'S AN OBSCURE NON-FICTION BOOK, I'M A BIG HISTORY BUFF...

I DOUBT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A BOOK ON THIS TOPIC,

TRY ME—YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED! WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT?

UH... SURE—I THINK I SAW THEM ONCE ON DAVID LETTERMAN!

WIZARD OF ID by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

GOOD MORNING, SPIRIT

IT WAS...

BLOART!

ZAP

BLOOM

BAM

YOU KNOW, GUYS MAKE BIG MONEY ON YOUTUBE DOIN' THIS STUFF

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GET FUZZY BY DARBY CONLEY

YO, ROBBO! TRY ONE OF MY FAMOUS FUN BALLS!

YEAH, THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN.

I MADE THEM MEATLESS SO YOU COULD JOIN IN THE FUN!

THE LAST TIME YOU TOLD ME THAT, YOU WERE OF THE BELIEF THAT INSECTS WERE VEGETABLES.

COME ON! YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING I DON'T CONTRIBUTE TO THE HOUSEHOLD! WELL HERE I AM... CONTRIBUTING!

I THINK MY EXACT WORDS ARE "WHY MUST YOU INSIST ON DESTROYING ALL THAT IS GOOD?"

WHATEVER, THESE ARE GOOD.

YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT NO ANIMALS WERE HURT TO MAKE THOSE FUN BALLS?

THAT'S CORRECT.

A-HEM!

WELL... I SMACKED SATCHEL WITH THE COOKIE TRAY, BUT... WHATEVER.

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SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY

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I WILL NOW READ YOUR UNCLE'S WILL.

OKAY.

I, HERBERT SHOEMAKER, BEING OF SOUND MIND, LEAVE MY ENTIRE FORTUNE AND ESTATE TO ...

POLE DANCER AMBER, SHE OF SOUND BODY.

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

TABLETS

BY WHAT MARK DO YOU SIGNIFY THE MEASURE OF PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLES? — PETER

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By Lynn Johnston

WOOF?

WOOF?

WOOF? WOOF!!!

SCRATCH SCRATCH

SCRATCH SCRATCH

WOOF WOOF BARF BARF!

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DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

MY DAD SAYS WHEN COUPLES ARE MARRIED A LONG TIME...

...THEY START TO LOOK ALIKE.

REALLY?

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A BUNCH OF MALARKEY!

WELL, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN...

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DO YOU EVER HANG OUT WITH PLATO? NOT MUCH

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT, PLATO? SO MANY THINGS...LIKE WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?

HOW BIG IS THE UNIVERSE? IS THERE LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS? WHERE IS GOD?

WHY DO WE PRONOUNCE "YACHT" "YOT"? CAN THERE BE "NOTHING" WITHOUT "SOMETHING"?

HOW MANY ANGELS CAN SIT ON THE HEAD OF A PIN? WHY DO WE HAVE AN APPENDIX?

WHY IS EVERY SNOWFLAKE DIFFERENT? WHY? HOW? WHAT?

DID YOU EVER GO OUT WITH PLATO? NAH! HE'S BORING. HE JUST KEEPS ASKING QUESTIONS

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