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## AROUND TOWN

### Spartanburg man indicted for threatening president and president-elect

Kipper Ken King, age 30, of Spartanburg, was charged in a two-count indictment with making threats on the lives of the President of the United States and the President-elect. The maximum possible penalty King could receive is a maximum fine of \$250,000.00 and/or imprisonment of 5 years. The case was investigated by agents of the United States Secret Service and the Spartanburg County Detention Center. The case is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Max Cauthen of the Greenville office for prosecution.



### Allen's Automotive comes on board as U-Haul Dealer

U-Haul Company of South Carolina, Inc. is has announced that Allen's Automotive has signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Spartanburg community.

Allen's Automotive at 778 S. Church St. will offer U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment and support rental items.

Hours of operation for U-Haul rentals are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday. After-hours drop-off is available for customer convenience.

Reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location by calling (864) 583-7414 or visiting <https://www.uhaul.com/Locations/Truck-Rentals-near-Spartanburg-SC-29306/089262/>

### South Carolina online business filings system launches

Columbia - Secretary of State Mark Hammond has announced that organizations in South Carolina can now file more than 150 official business forms through a new online service built in partnership with SC.gov. The new online service, available at <https://businessfilings.sc.gov>, will increase efficiency and help improve support for customers by providing a digital method for companies to incorporate, amend, merge, or dissolve a business. It will also allow users to request and receive copies of their documents online.

This web-based application was built and is maintained at no cost to taxpayers through a partnership between the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office and South Carolina Interactive, doing business as SC.gov.

### Trakas completes first novel, 'Messenger from Mystery'

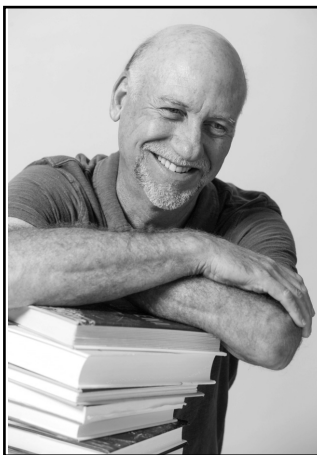
It took Dr. Deno Trakas 30 years to bring his simmering, riveting, thoughtful story of forbidden love and international intrigue to fruition. Now, he's waiting to see what his writer friends and the reading public think of his first novel, "Messenger from Mystery."

The novel launched on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Hub City Bookshop in downtown Spartanburg.

Trakas, the Laura and Winston Hoy Professor of English and director of the Writing Center at Wofford College, has been a writer for decades, artfully filling books with his poetry and fictional short stories along with a memoir, "Because Memory Isn't Eternal: A Story of Greeks in Upstate South Carolina."

This first novel - now he's written a second and is working on a third - had been alive inside Trakas for three decades, itching to get out. "Messenger from Mystery" began as a short story based on his meeting and working with students from the Middle East and Latin America in the late 1970s.

Trakas is slated to be at Park Road Books in Charlotte, N.C., at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 18. Other book signings and appearances will be scheduled.



## A loving reunion 7 years in the making

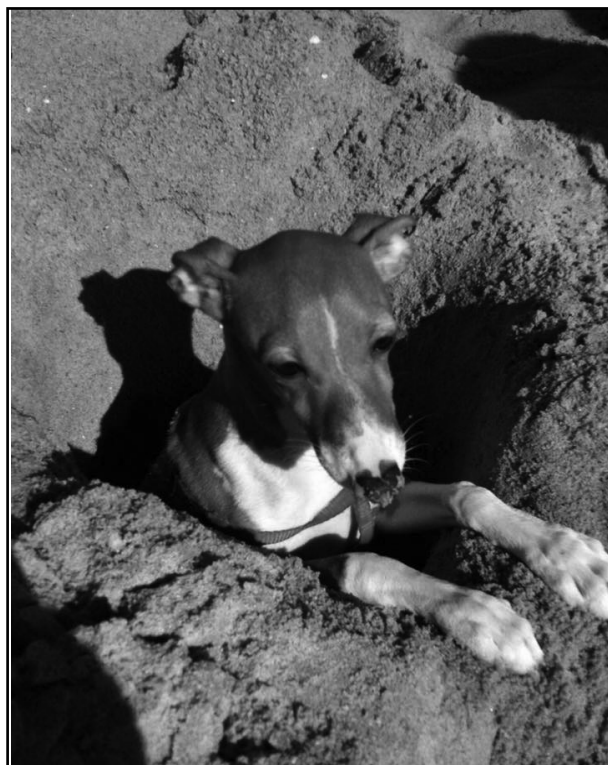
The American Kennel Club (AKC) recently helped facilitate a reunion between pet and owner that was 7 years in the making!

A woman who lived in the Charlotte area lost her Italian Greyhound, Bemis, 7 years ago when she let him outside to use the bathroom and he was stolen. Bemis was micro-chipped and he was found by a woman in Gastonia in December. AKC Reunite normally does not send letters but they were getting no response so they sent a letter that was forwarded to her mother in law and reached her in San Diego and on February 18th, she reunited with her beloved dog at Wilkinson Animal Hospital in Gastonia. AKC Reunite covered all vet bills.

*Owner's Facebook post:* "Because of AKC Reunite my dog, who'd been missing for 7 years, will be joining our family once again!!!"

I have had tears streaming down my face since 3:30 this afternoon. I received a letter in the mail today from a company who tracks down the owners of animals with microchips so that they can be reunited with their families.

Bemis was stolen from us over 7 years ago and my heart never felt the same way since. He was my first baby, and it crushed both Donavon and myself when we didn't find him. We spent countless hours looking, and I admit we had given up hope, that was until today.



**Bemis, an Italian Greyhound, was recently reunited with his owner after 7 years!**

The letter I received today contained a phone number to call so that they could get me in contact with the person who found him. Within 15 minutes I was speaking to the amazing woman who, out of the vast kindness of her heart, had kept him safe and cared for him since December of last year. She was trying to find us all that time, and today we finally spoke.

I fly out on Friday to get my baby back, I cannot control my emotions right now as I anticipate this incredible day that is to come. You know, you hear these miracle stories about people who get their missing pets back after years apart and you think, "That'll never happen to me," but my God, it has!

Tracy is a guardian angel and I will never be able to thank her for everything she has done for me and for our dog.

I will never be able to thank AKC Reunite and the woman who found him enough! I'm flying this afternoon (after work) from San Diego all the way to Gastonia, NC. I started a gofundme to help recover some of the costs of the trip and vet bills.

P.S. The black marks on the top of the paper are ink mixed with tears. I'm still in shock about this and forever grateful. I lost a part of myself and my heart when he was stolen, I didn't think it could be fixed. But this miracle has occurred and now my heart is healed!"

## Council approves new pedestrian crossing connecting The George, Chapman Center with downtown core

The busy four lanes of E St. John Street in downtown Spartanburg can be a pretty intimidating barrier for folks looking to move between the large activity centers on the street's northern side, the Chapman Cultural Center and USC Upstate George Dean Johnson Jr. School of Business and Economics, but after the February 13th City Council meeting, that barrier will soon be easier to overcome.

Council voted 5-0 (Council member Jerome Rice was absent from the meeting) to approve a contract with ALS of North Carolina for \$161,961 to install a traffic light and pedestrian signaling for the intersection of Liberty Street and E St. John Street. The new crossing, situated between the Johnson School of Business and Economic and the Chapman Cultural Center on the northern side of St. John and Hub City Co-Op and Papa's Breakfast Nook on

the southern side, will allow pedestrians to cross more easily between the popular downtown activity centers and allow easier access to the downtown core. Currently, pedestrians on either side must walk to either N Converse Street or N Church Street to cross the busy thoroughfare. The project is expected to take between three and four months to complete.

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The Spartanburg City Podcast is looking for theme music and is looking for the public to help. If you're musically inclined and would like to help, write a song and you could win \$300!

The Spartanburg City podcast is four years old now and through it all, good episodes and less-good episodes, it's never had a real honest-to-goodness theme song. In a city that features the overabun-

dance of musical talent Spartanburg has, this is a tragic oversight.

How? By doing what any community-focused, eminently entertaining, deeply nerdy local podcast would do: crowdsourcing the theme music.

A contest is underway to write the theme song. The rules are simple: the song must be original, must be at least one minute in length, can be any genre, can be instrumental or vocal, and must not contain profanity. The contest is underway, and the eventual winner (who will likely be selected by a distinguished panel of local government bureaucrats) will receive \$300 and a link in the text of every podcast posted as a way of saying thanks for the wonderful music.

Entries must be submitted by March 31, in either MP3 or AAC format, and must be sent by email to [cgeorge@cityofspartanburg.org](mailto:cgeorge@cityofspartanburg.org)

## Retirement can sometimes bring relationship issues

*From the American Counseling Association*

Retirement is something most couples look forward to. It can mean more free time and the chance to do more things you've both been anticipating.

But sometimes retirement can bring changes that add significant stress to a marriage. One reason is that many people fail to realize that retirement means more than simply not working. Retirement usually brings major changes not just to the retiree, but to his or her spouse as well.

One such change is the loss of identity that often comes with leaving a job. Upon retirement, you are suddenly no longer a "teacher," or "department manager," or whatever job description that you probably had for several years. Since our society tends to value work and job titles, when you're no longer working it's not uncommon to feel a sense of diminished self-worth because you are no longer "doing something of value."

The result can sometimes be serious depression, especially for someone who has been dedicated to a job and hasn't developed many friends or interests outside the workplace. Such depression can bring health problems and certainly add stress to a marriage and possibly lead to meaningful relationship issues.

Retirement financial stresses can also be a source of marital stress. For most people, retirement income seldom matches those old work paychecks, yet expenses of travel or medical issues might be significantly higher.

Even the extra time together that retirement makes possible can be a source of stress. Someone newly retired may interrupt the established daily routine of his or her spouse, expecting to be the center of attention now that going to work is behind him or her. In some cases that extra time together may highlight marriage problems that were more easily ignored when work kept the couple separated for much of the day.

Retirement doesn't always bring stress and problems to a marriage. Most couples handle retirement and the changes it brings extremely well. But if there are warning signs that retirement is putting a strain on your relationship, seek help if the problems are serious.

There are professional counselors who specialize in retirement and relationship issues. The ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org) can help you find a professional counselor through the "Find A Counselor" tab at the top. What they have to offer can help make possible a relationship in which the partners are not just retired, but also happy and satisfied.

*Counseling Corner* is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to [ACAcorner@counseling.org](mailto:ACAcorner@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).



# SCDOT accepts 'Build with the Best' award

The Leadership Team at the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) accepted the "Build with the Best Award" presented by the Carolinas AGC (Association of General Contractors) on behalf of the entire SCDOT Team.

The award is given to a non-contractor for contributions to the "betterment of the construction industry and the overall economic welfare of the Carolinas."

SCDOT was honored for

the emergency response and recovery of South Carolina's highway system after the historic, 1,000-year flood struck the state in October of 2015. The award cited the "pre-planning and coordination that effectively managed this major catastrophe."

The award was presented at the SCDOT Commission's monthly meeting on Thursday, February 16, in Columbia.

(Photo by Rob Thompson/SCDOT)



# Spartanburg Regional Foundation welcomes new board members

It takes a strong team to contribute to the healthcare needs of a community. This group includes community members and physicians recently elected to serve on the Spartanburg Regional Foundation board of trustees and advisory boards.

Elected board members are leaders in the Upstate with a passion for health and a commitment to ensuring the quality of care provided by Spartanburg

Regional Healthcare System. Foundation board members meet quarterly to oversee the work of the Foundation and the advisory board members assist with fundraising for the divisions of cancer, heart and hospice.

"The trustees and advisory board members are crucial to the success of the Foundation. They work tirelessly to support the availability and accessibility of the highest quality

health care for all residents. We could not accomplish our work without their leadership and support," said Kristy Caradori, Foundation executive director.

Many members hold volunteer and board positions in other organizations throughout the community.

"It is an honor to work with this distinguished group of people to help aid our community through health initiatives," said

Scott Montgomery, Foundation board chairman. "We strive every day to create a healthier community through the Foundation's donations."

2017 New Trustees and Advisory Board Members and New Members

Trustees  
Officers: Scott Montgomery, Bill Burton, John Harrill, Anne Flynn, Ashley Allen

New Members: Vic

Bailey III, Jamie Fulmer, Betty Warlick

Cancer Division  
Officers: Andy Falatok, Dave Edwards, Chris Cannon, Billy Webster  
New Members: Wallace "Skipper" Brawley, Ann Hunt, Gordon Sherard, John Cash, Lilly Kohler

Heart Division  
Officers: Sidney Fulmer, Sue Rothemich, Kaye McIntyre, Chris Crowley,

Dr. Jason Rousseau  
New Members: Megan Rethmeier, Eliot Stone, Tracie Duncan, Dr. Jeff Berry

Hospice Division  
Officers: Mary Hope Rhodes, Bill Cummings, Debbie Philbeck, Darwin Simpson

New Members: April Falatok, Garrett Snipes, Jeff Berline, Melissa France

# Statepoint offers helpful tips to know before replacing home flooring

(StatePoint) Whether you are building a new house or making upgrades on a current home, there is a lot to consider when it comes to flooring. It's important to keep in mind that the choices available have changed in recent years.

Here are some things to know.

Choose Style  
When people choose flooring products, they may be ruling out a large swath of options because of the associations they have with specific materials. For example, you may not associate vinyl with luxury but new products on the market are redefining vinyl flooring, offering fashion-forward high-quality products in striking

elegant designs.

Ensure Durability  
If you love the look of traditional hardwood floors, consider all of your options. New vinyl technologies are allowing homeowners to get the same elegant style engineered to withstand the wear and tear to which wood is susceptible. For example, Mohawk

SolidTech, a luxury vinyl tile, has a thick, rigid construction and planks that look and feel just like real hardwood, but are designed to resist scratches, scuffs and indentation, and maintain stability under heat and temperature change. The planks also fit together to create an impenetrable lock so that the floors remain waterproof and odor-free.

Consider Maintenance  
Make sure the flooring you opt for is easy to clean and requires very little maintenance. If you have pets, you may want to consider getting extra protection with a special warranty designed for pet owners, such as Mohawk's All Pet Protection and Warranty, which covers all pets and all accidents. More infor-

mation can be found at MohawkFlooring.com.

Before making flooring decisions, get savvy and weigh all your current options. These days, it is possible to find flooring products that combine style, durability and low maintenance

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Ages 8-12  
Enrollment: \$125

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Estate: Martha Lou Waller  
Date of Death: January 27, 2017  
Case Number: 2017ES4200246  
Personal Representative:  
Joe L. Waller, Jr.  
1709 Gum Bridge Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23457  
Atty. Arthur H. McQueen, Jr.  
175 Alabama Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302  
2-23, 3-2, 9

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Estate: Carl Wright, Jr.  
Date of Death: December 7, 2016  
Case Number: 2017ES4200009  
Personal Representative:  
Teresa W. Putman  
Post Office Box 389  
Compens, SC 29330  
2-23, 3-2, 9

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Estate: Sharon May Lawrentz Robbins  
Date of Death: September 21, 2016  
Case Number: 2016ES4201965  
Personal Representative:  
Amanda R. Walters  
235 Blalock Road  
Boiling Springs, SC 29316  
2-23, 3-2, 9

#### LEGAL NOTICE

2016ES4201478

The Will of Evelyn Arnold Jackson, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 7, 2017. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.

PONDA A. CALDWELL  
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.  
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Estate: John G. Cornetta  
Date of Death: November 7, 2016  
Case Number: 2017ES4200166  
Personal Representative:  
Eileen Rall  
8330 Roberts Road  
Elkins Park, PA 19027  
Atty: Terry Guy Chasteen  
217 E. Park Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29601  
3-2, 9, 16

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Estate: Viola Lynn Jackson  
Date of Death: January 20, 2017  
Case Number: 2017ES4200325  
Personal Representative:  
Karetha Murphy  
139 Wildflower Lane  
Irman, SC 29349  
Atty: James Walter Fayssoux Jr.  
Post Office Box 10207  
Greenville, SC 29603  
3-2, 9, 16

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Estate: D. J. Wilson  
Date of Death: November 19, 2016  
Case Number: 2016ES4201928-2  
Personal Representative:  
Pamela W. Rase  
2309 Ridgewood Drive  
Wheelersburg, OH 45694  
3-2, 9, 16

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Estate: Jerry Randall McGraw  
Date of Death: November 18, 2016  
Case Number: 2016ES4201978  
Personal Representative:  
Sheila A. McGraw  
156 Henson Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29307  
3-2, 9, 16

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Estate: Danny Ray Hughes  
Date of Death: December 5, 2016  
Case Number: 2016ES4202010  
Personal Representative:  
Avarilla J. Hughes  
3995 Stone Station Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
3-2, 9, 16

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Estate: Patsy Ann Stephens  
Date of Death: January 7, 2017  
Case Number: 2017ES4200324  
Personal Representative:  
Jeffrey F. Stephens  
854 Ashmont Lane  
Boiling Springs, SC 29316  
Atty: Alan M. Tewkesbury, Jr.  
Post Office Drawer 451  
Spartanburg, SC 29304  
3-2, 9, 16

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Atty: Alan M. Tewkesbury, Jr.  
Post Office Drawer 451  
Spartanburg, SC 29304  
3-2, 9, 16

#### LEGAL NOTICE

2017ES4200276

The Will of Dorothy Gwinn Switzer a/k/a Dot Switzer, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 14, 2017. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.

PONDA A. CALDWELL  
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.  
3-2, 9, 16

#### LEGAL NOTICE

2017ES4200285

The Will of Betty W. Horne, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 16, 2017. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.

PONDA A. CALDWELL  
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.  
3-2, 9, 16

#### LEGAL NOTICE

2016ES4202012

The Will of Lula Mae Jeter, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 17, 2017. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.

PONDA A. CALDWELL  
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.  
3-2, 9, 16

#### LEGAL NOTICE

2016ES4200287

The Will of Kathleen E. Weiss, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 16, 2017. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.

PONDA A. CALDWELL  
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.  
3-2, 9, 16

## A beautiful lawn in a fraction of the time

(StatePoint) For homeowners looking to create a more inviting outdoor living space, it all starts with a beautiful lawn. But without the right routines and tools, achieving and maintaining a top-quality yard can be time consuming.

One of the best ways to save time and get the lawn you want is to invest in better lawn care tools. Now is a great time to take stock of the tools in your garage.

"If you're spending more time than you'd like maintaining your lawn, you might consider some key equipment upgrades," says Jamie Briggs, product manager at Exmark, a

leading manufacturer of mowers and other lawn care equipment.

"Choosing the right mower is more than just an investment to beautify your property," Briggs said. "A newer, faster mower will give you more free time to enjoy the outdoor living space you've worked so hard to create."

With that principle in mind, here are some insights about what to look for when replacing an older mower with a newer, more efficient model.

• **Maneuverability:** The ability to easily maneuver between flowerbeds, trees and other landscape features allows you to mow

closer to these features. As a result, you'll spend less time with a string trimmer.

• **Cut quality:** Some mowers deliver a better quality of cut than others. It's one factor to consider when upgrading your mower, especially with respect to the type of grass of your lawn.

• **Durability:** Look for features with increased durability, such as welded, fabricated cutting decks, commercial engines, hydro drive systems and heavy-duty welded, tubular steel unibody frames.

Briggs recommends homeowners take a look at the equipment used by the

professionals.

"Landscape professionals earn their living efficiently maintaining beautiful properties. It's safe to say the zero-turn riding mower has become their tool of choice," he says.

Zero-turn riding mowers from Exmark, for example, are offered at a variety of

price points and provide solid productivity, performance and durability. For more information, visit Exmark.com.

This season, give yourself more time and energy to enjoy the outdoor living space you've created, with an upgrade to newer, faster tools.



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