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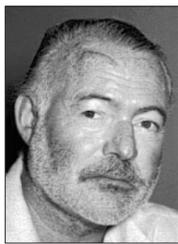
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COMING UP

TODAY



READING AND LECTURE: Dr. Peter Mailoux leads a discussion focusing on "The Sun Also Rises," by Ernest Hemingway (left). 2:30 p.m. Main Library, 68 Calhoun St. 805-6801.

TUESDAY

DOCUMENTARY: Showing of "Anytown, USA." 7 p.m. Main Library, 68 Calhoun St. 805-6930.

SWEETGRASS BASKET LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING: The Charleston Museum welcomes basketmaker and historian Joyce V. Coakley. 6:30 p.m. Free. 360 Meeting St. 722-2996.

STRESS-RELIEF PROGRAM: Pat Kinnamon, the director of Well-Springs, introduces a program that uses classical music, movement, meditation, the arts and bodywork to relieve stress. 7 p.m. Summerville Public Library. www.well-springs.org.

RECITAL: William Gudger performs a celebration of Mozart's 250th birthday. 12:15 p.m. St. Luke's Chapel, Ashley Avenue and Bee Street. Free. Part of the St. Luke's Recital Series.

WEDNESDAY



John James Audubon's print of the Bachman's warbler

CHARLESTON AUDUBON LECTURE: Eva Hernandez from the Dogwood Alliance leads a discussion on the Sustainable Forestry Management in the Southeast. 6:30 p.m. Main Library, 68 Calhoun St. Free.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP: Featuring "The Overcoat," by Nicolai Gorgol. 7 p.m. Main Library, 68 Calhoun St. 805-6804.

THURSDAY

LECTURE: Center for Women Brown Bag lecture "Relationships: Romance After 50," by Katherine Chaddock. Noon. 531 Savannah Hwy. Free. 763-7333.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the Miami Herald Leonard Pitts Jr. makes a keynote address. 6:30 p.m. Mark Clark Hall Auditorium, The Citadel. Free. 953-5096 or 953-2037.

FRIDAY

POETRY READING: The Poetry Society gathering features readings by poet Dan Albergotti. 7 p.m. Second Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 342 Meeting St. Reception follows. Free. 849-1855.

SATURDAY

ARTIST RECEPTION: Opening reception for Bette Mueller-Roemer's Raku vessels called "Earth and Fire." 4-7 p.m. Charleston Art & Portraits, 10 N. Atlantic Wharf. Free. 724-3424.



GULLAH HERITAGE PROGRAM: Alada "Muima" Shinault-Small (above) tells African tales and NIA Productions performs African drumming and dance at the Charles Pinckney National historic site. 2 p.m. Free. 881-5516.

FABRIC AND YARN DRIVE: Newborns in Need is holding a fabric and yarn drive and requesting clean fabric and baby yarn, which will be sewn, knit and crocheted into clothing and blankets for Charleston area newborn babies. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1150 Montague Ave., North Charleston. 971-6979.

THE ACADEMY WINDS CONCERT: United States Air Force Academy presents The Academy Winds from Colorado. 7 p.m. Lightsey Chapel, CSU campus. Free.

SUNDAY

BIRDS OF PREY: Live bird program from the International Center for Birds of Prey. 2 p.m. Sewee Visitor Center, 5821 Highway 17 N, Awendaw. Free. 928-3368.

GAGE HALL COFFEEHOUSE: Singer/songwriter Cosy Sheridan performs in a benefit concert to support after-school programs in Charleston area elementary schools. 8 p.m. Gage Hall, 4 Archdale St. \$10 adults, \$5 students. Coffee donated by Earth Fare, sodas, home-baked desserts. 224-4472.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN ORGAN CONCERT: Free organ concert of music by African-American composers featuring "New Orleans Suite." 4 p.m. First Scots Presbyterian Church, Meeting and Tradd streets. Free.

Is intelligent design near?

S.C. senator supports it, awaits board's decision on applying it to teaching

BY CHRIS DIXON
The Post and Courier

Sen. Mike Fair said he is not seeking a back door for getting intelligent design in the science curriculum of South Carolina, but that students need to look critically at what he characterized as the shortcomings of evolutionary theory.

Fair made these comments in response to what he said was an unfair charac-

terization of his intentions in a Jan. 31 Post and Courier article on Gov. Mark Sanford's public support of intelligent design.

Fair filed a bill in June that would require schools to expose students to a variety of theories on controversial issues like evolution. He said the bill wouldn't prevent teachers from discussing evolution, but would require them to present other theories, like intelligent design, to students.

But many scientists maintain that Fair's proposals are less about science and more about bringing God into the science classroom, and, increasingly, they fear this battle will end up in a federal



Fair changes to its 2005 guidelines for state biology teachers.

Every five years, the EOC updates South Carolina's teaching standards. To that end, Fair and an EOC subcommittee want to modify four of seven biology teaching points. In their current form, the indica-

courtroom.

To Fair, a veteran legislator, insurance agency owner and member of the state Education Oversight Committee, the jury is still out on evolution and that's why the EOC is wrangling with proposed

tors have helped South Carolina garner an "A" rating for its science curriculum from the Fordham Foundation, an educational oversight organization generally highly regarded among conservatives. An EOC subcommittee is expected to vote on specific changes, or a compromise, sometime before the full EOC convenes Feb. 13 to vote on adoption of the state's updated teaching standards.

"We're going to win this vote," Fair said, "It's going to interject language or instruction to critically analyze something that's being offered as settled science."

"Settled science" is a term many

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GRACE BEAHM/STAFF

Donna Clair uses a click of the pen to erase math problems on the interactive board for her fourth grade class at Newington Elementary in Summerville.

District going high(er) tech

Dorchester 2 in process of modernizing teaching tools

BY MINDY B. HAGEN
The Post and Courier

SUMMERVILLE — The old-fashioned chalkboard in Donna Clair's fourth-grade classroom isn't receiving much attention nowadays.

The Newington Elementary teacher has sacrificed chalk in favor of state-of-the-art technology, and her enthusiastic students aren't complaining. Clair's classroom features a rotating Promethean board, best described as an interactive white screen linked to a laptop computer.

Students can watch video clips streamed from the Internet, view pictures of animals, analyze maps and even practice their multiplication tables on the giant screen.



GRACE BEAHM/STAFF

Newington Elementary media specialist Adele Terry uses the pen as a mouse with the toolbar menu.

In the coming months, a similar interactive board and laptop computer system will be installed in every classroom in the

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"What you can do with technology like this is endless. This is the way that today's child learns. They love anything electronic, so they need technology like this in the schools if they are going to want to pay attention and further their education."

Newington Elementary media specialist Adele Terry

Architects turn new home inside out



Robert Behre
ARCHITECTURE

DANIEL ISLAND — The new house just finished here at 639 Island Park Drive is on one of the island's most beautiful — and complicated — sites, and that's partly why it's so unique.

The property is the last in a row of six new, imposing homes on the street, which separates the neighborhood from a scenic section of the island's golf course.

This property is also complicated because the 19,000-square-foot lot actually is fronted by streets, including Island Park, Rattray Lane and Cattle Ranch Street, on three of its sides.

Architects Sandy Byers and Luke Jarrett of the Byers Design Group responded by turning the normal suburban formula inside out.

Instead of a single home in the middle of a lot, surrounded by front, back and side yards, this house's shape resembles more of a square with the yard, or courtyard, in the middle.

"We wanted to do something a little different," Byers says. "We wanted to reinterpret the typical Charleston vernacular you see here on Daniel Island."



ROBERT BEHRE/STAFF

Charleston architects Sandy Byers and Luke Jarrett designed this Daniel Island house so it wraps around the lot and creates a courtyard. The design includes two towers. This view is from the front tower to the rear.

The solution is clever because it maximizes the size and privacy of the home's yard, while also maximizing the views from the house beyond.

There are small front and side yards, but they are as small as possible and serve mostly to make the house blend in with its neighbors.

"We pushed it as close to the edge of the lot as we could," Jarrett says.

Because of its inside-out inspiration, there are some surprises inside the 6,000-square-foot home. As Byers and Jarrett walk through the front door,

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Housing project on track

Groundbreaking set for mid-month

BY WARREN WISE
The Post and Courier

After a couple of setbacks and falling a year behind schedule, ground will be broken in mid-February on a \$71 million housing project in North Charleston.

"This time it will start," North Charleston Housing Authority Director George Saldana said of the 484-unit Horizon Villages at Noiset Creek mixed housing complex.

The new development will rise between Spruill and Rivers avenues on the barren site of what was once the barbed wire-enclosed North Park Village, the largest subsidized housing project in the state.

The 68-acre redevelopment project will be a mix of public housing and privately owned residences. It will include 130 owner-occupied houses along a marshy finger of Noiset Creek, 250 family rental units and a high-rise complex for senior citizens along Spruill Avenue, said David LaRoe, assistant development manager for TCG Development Services, the Silver Spring, Md.-based company hired to rebuild the community.

Eighty of the owner-occupied homes will be sold to low-income families on government subsidies, while 50 others will sell at market rates to qualified buyers, allowing home ownership to boost the city's tax base.

"We are a year behind schedule on the closing," LaRoe said.

He cited "financing difficulties" as the reason for the delay. The North Charleston Housing Authority, the project overseer, selected a financing method designed to save money that includes bonds, loans and tax credits.

"That's what's taking all the time," LaRoe said. "The FHA has never done a deal this complicated before. The advantage is low interest, and it's at a fixed rate for 40 years."

He also allayed concerns that the project was in jeopardy of losing a \$30 million grant, part of which is targeted for several smaller housing projects. That grant expires in October if the work is not done. The Horizon Villages project is expected to take 18-20 months to complete.

"HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) has said it will not issue a default letter," LaRoe said. "They know it has not been anybody's fault. Getting the money is not easy, and when you throw in a mixed finance closing, it's a whole new ball game and you work on HUD's timetable."

HUD officials said the delay will not jeopardize the project.

"The development at this point is about to break ground, and they are not in danger of losing the money," said Larry Knightner, public housing director for HUD's Columbia field office. "The office is in full support of continuing to fund this development."

He declined to say whether HUD had made that commitment in writing.

"As far as we are concerned, everything is in check," said William Dudley Gregorie, HUD's Columbia field office director. "We are very comfortable where the Housing Authority is (on the project)."

HUD also required local officials to conduct a noise study of the traffic on Spruill Avenue to see if it would affect the proposed four-story senior housing complex, further delaying the project,

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