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ENVIRONMENT

Renourishment pays dividends for Crab Bank



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During nesting season, March 15 to Oct. 15, Crab Bank is a seabird sanctuary and closed to the public. The 2023 nesting season concluded with "remarkable" results.

Second nesting season a 'remarkable' success, especially for black skimmers, least terns

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The croaks, chirps and trills of approximately 2,600 nesting seabirds and their fledglings were evidence of a successful second nesting season following the 2021 renourishment of Crab Bank.

The 2023 nesting season on Crab Bank ended Oct. 15, and Janet Thibault, a coastal bird biologist at the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, said she's "very jazzed" with the final results.

Species that nested on Crab Bank last year returned this year, and in overall greater numbers.

Gull-billed tern nests were the only ones to decrease, going from 192 in 2022 to 152 this year.

American oystercatchers increased from eight pairs to 14. Least tern nests went from 107 to 212, and black skimmer nests went



PROVIDED

Crab Bank sits at the mouth of Shem Creek in Charleston Harbor. It was restored using dredged materials from the harbor-deepening project.

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SCHOOLS

Mayors make appeal to CCSD

Amid controversies, beg the board to fix 'crisis of confidence'

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The mayors of Charleston County's three largest municipalities pleaded with the county's embattled school board to put politics aside and prioritize students' education, saying they were prepared to ask state lawmakers to de-consolidate the school district if push came to shove.

Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg, Mount Pleasant Mayor Will Haynie and North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey made their appeal at an Oct. 24 news conference inside North Charleston City Hall. State Rep. Joe Bustos, chairman of the local legislative delegation, also voiced his support for the mayors' plea.

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EDUCATION

Clarendon schools didn't misuse funds, report says

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MANNING — The S.C. Office of Inspector General's report into the Clarendon County School District "found no instances of fraud or misapplication of funds" by the district.

The office released its 20-page report Oct. 20 regarding concerns over the district's "potential financial irregularities," words used in Gov. Henry McMaster's April 10 letter calling on the SIG to investigate the district.

He gave Inspector General Brian Lamkin two binders of information and additional documents and electronic records brought in by state Rep. Fawn Pedalino, R-Clarendon.

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POLITICS

In West Ashley, City Council contenders want more from City Hall

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On a hot October morning, Travis Richardson and his 6-year-old brother Nasir were playing basketball at Forest Park Playground, a parcel of courts and fields that first opened in 1970.

Richardson had ideas for sprucing it up. "Better bleachers," he said between shots, pointing to the shallow stands

beneath a hoop. "Give this thing a nice little wash," Richardson continued, eyeing the faded court.

"Plant some flowers," he added, examining the cropped grass. "Get

some color out here." More color could be coming. A \$70 million bond referendum on the Nov. 7 ballot could kickstart improvements to parks across the city of Charleston, including this

one in West Ashley, where residents say they want greater investment in the area — from its parks to parking lots.

Richardson, who recently relocated from North Charleston, had a

wish list of renovations: better sidewalks, a park closer to his house and a local YMCA to take his brother in colder months. He joins a chorus of residents calling for more attention to West Ashley, where the first English colony south of Virginia took root, and some 80,000 people now live.

About 40 to 50 percent of the city's population resides west of

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Isle of Palms voters concerned about the balance between full-time residents and homes used as short-term rentals should vote "yes" on Nov. 7 to limit the number of short-term rental licenses on the island.

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INDUSTRY

Battery storage firm planning \$30M campus

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A South Korean company that provides storage for lithium-ion batteries plans to invest more than \$30 million in a manufacturing site at Camp Hall Commerce Park in Ridgeville.

BSS Global Inc. plans to buy 14.6 acres at the industrial property off Interstate 26 for \$4.23 million. State-owned electric utility Santee Cooper, which is marketing the Camp Hall site, approved the sale during its Oct. 23 board meeting. BSS plans to employ more than 80

workers as part of its expansion into Berkeley County.

The real estate acquisition still needs approval from the S.C. Joint Bond Review Committee before it can be finalized.

The property, known as "Campus 7," is near a site where Nevada-based Redwood Materials plans to recycle lithium-ion batteries for the electric vehicle industry. Redwood's \$3.5 billion investment is the largest industrial announcement in South Carolina.

"It's a pretty nice thing to have out there," Dan Camp, Santee Cooper's vice president of real estate, said of

BSS Global. He said the company won't need any additional infrastructure, such as roads or water and sewer, beyond what the utility already has planned for the Camp Hall property.

A representative for BSS could not be reached for comment.

The company plans to build its factory in the northwest portion of the 4,000-acre Camp Hall property, where about one-third of the land has been set aside for industrial development. The bulk of the property, which is adjacent to the

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Santee Cooper's Camp Hall Commerce Park is located off Interstate 26 in Ridgeville. A South Korean battery-storage firm plans to invest \$30 million and hire 80 workers at a site it plans to buy within the property.

EDUCATION

Forging ahead

American College of Building Arts' blacksmithing program to expand to King Street after \$2M deal



FILE/ROBERT BEHRE/STAFF

The American College of the Building Arts occupies a former trolley barn on Meeting Street in downtown Charleston.

BY JOHN MCDERMOTT
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The American College of the Building Arts has hammered out a \$2 million deal to grow its blacksmithing program.

The school has purchased an existing 6,000-square-foot building on about a third of an acre on upper King Street to accommodate the expansion of the department that teaches students old-fashioned ironworking skills.

The goal is to have the property ready for classes by next August, according to Chad Urban, chief operating officer.

"This program's expansion continues the wonderful tradition of Charleston ironwork," he said in an Oct. 24 written statement. Urban could not be reached for further comment Tuesday.

The acquisition of 1084 King St. was announced by the commercial real estate firm NAI Charleston, which represented the previous owner.

The deal was finalized late last month, according to Charleston County land records. Novell Real Estate Group represented the American College of the Building Arts.

The new space for the blacksmithing program is about half a mile north of the

college's campus, which was relocated in 2016 to a 19th-century city-owned trolley barn at 649 Meeting St. after a \$3.5 million renovation project.

The future King Street outpost is south of Romney Street and across from the John L. Dart Library. It was constructed around 1974 and most recently housed a commercial graphics and printing business that has moved to West Ashley.

The seller was an out-of-state investment group that bought the property about two years ago for \$1.63 million.

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HEALTH CARE

Trident's top exec leaving for new job

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The top executive for one of the Charleston region's biggest medical providers and largest employers is leaving after less than three years to take a job in California.

Christina Oh, president and CEO of Trident Health System, will be joining Sutter Health on Dec. 1, according to an Oct. 24 announcement.



A national search is underway to find her replacement, spokesman Rod Whiting said Tuesday. Her last day is Nov. 30.

Oh

In the new role, Oh will be the market president for the greater San Francisco area for Sutter, a large non-profit based in Sacramento.

"At Trident, she expanded the system's acute and ambulatory footprint, built tertiary services and developed a 'people-first' culture among employees and physicians," according to her hiring announcement.

Oh, who started her career in coastal South Carolina and went to graduate school in Charleston, was a Tenet Healthcare veteran who joined Trident from Arizona in May 2021.

She has led a regional health-care system that operates acute-care hospitals with 445 patient beds — Trident Medical Center and Summerville Medical Center. Trident also has three freestanding emergency care sites, in Moncks Corner, North Charleston and Summerville.

It recently completed a \$30.4 million free-standing psychiatric hospital off U.S. Highway 78 in North Charleston, near the Trident Medical campus. Around the same time, Trident unveiled plans to build a \$278 million, 50-bed full-service hospital on Johns Island.

The system is part of HCA Healthcare, a publicly traded company based in Nashville.

Trident is among the largest employers in the Charleston region, with 2,600 workers and more than 500 physicians who treat about 375,000 patients each year.

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TECHNOLOGY

SC among states suing Meta, says platforms harming kids

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Dozens of states, including South Carolina, are suing Meta Platforms Inc. for harming young people's mental health and contributing to the youth mental health crisis by knowingly and deliberately designing features on Instagram and

Facebook that addict them to its platforms.

The lawsuit was filed by 33 states in U.S. District Court in California. It alleges that Meta routinely collects data on users under 13 without parental consent, in violation of federal law.

In addition, nine attorneys general are filing lawsuits in their respective

states, bringing the total number of states taking action to 41 and Washington, D.C.

"Meta has harnessed powerful and unprecedented technologies to entice, engage, and ultimately ensnare youth and teens. Its motive is profit, and in seeking to maximize its financial gains, Meta has repeatedly misled the public about the substan-

tial dangers of its social media platforms," the complaint says. "It has concealed the ways in which these platforms exploit and manipulate its most vulnerable consumers: teenagers and children."

The suits seek financial damages and restitution and an end to Meta's practices that are in violation of the law.

"Kids and teenagers are suffering from record levels of poor mental health and social media companies like Meta are to blame," said New York Attorney General Letitia James in a statement. "Meta has profited from children's pain by intentionally designing its platforms with

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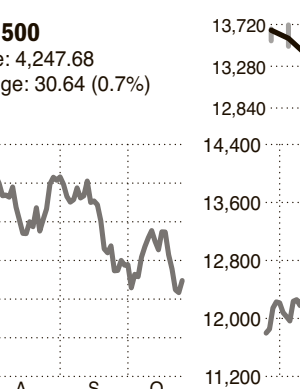
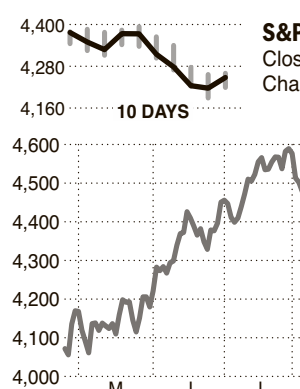
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How to read the stock tables
Here are the top 271 stocks by dollar volume on the NYSE and NASDAQ. The first column changes daily, following this rotation:

TU: Dividend WE: Price-earnings TH: Ticker symbol FR: Year-to-date %chg. SA: Wkly chg.

Boldfaced type indicates 5% or more change and last is at least 5.00. Underline indicates the volume rank is at least 10. **▲** indicates a new high for this stock. **▼** indicates a new low for this stock.

P/E	NAME	LAST	CHG
A-B-C			
29	ASML Hld	600.75	+12.96
...	AT&T Inc	15.53	+5.58
32	AbbottLab	94.81	-9.7
22	AbbVie	146.31	+1.58
27	Accenture	296.09	+1.15
47	AdobeInc	539.56	-8.5
26	AMD	101.67	+1.66
cc	Agilent	▼105.64	-3.70
41	Airbnb A	122.01	+1.62
30	Alphabet C	140.12	+2.22
29	Alphabet A	138.81	+2.31
13	Altria	42.54	+4.1
...	Amazon	128.56	+2.00
...	AmAirlines	11.21	-0.08
15	AmExp	144.42	-1.7
56	AmTower	163.23	+3.94
27	Ametek	140.97	+1.1
23	Amgen	276.12	+3.06
22	AnalogDev	164.93	+1.06
29	Apple Inc s	173.44	+4.4
18	ApidMatt	134.90	+6.7
9	ArchDan	▼69.47	-2.93
...	Arm Hldg n	52.37	+2.16
13	AscentInd	8.00	-2.5
32	AstraZen	64.57	+1.52
19	ATMOS	108.67	+8.8
31	AutoData	240.45	-7.1
27	AutoZone	2416.54	-16.28
5	BP PLC	38.79	-1.1
40	Balchem	121.69	-2.0
7	BkofAm	▼25.47	-1.0
3	BeazerHm	23.20	+2.0
9	BerkH A	5162.50	+375.0
46	BerkH B	338.63	+1.79
17	BlackRock	612.39	-2.34
...	Boeing	182.36	+1.33
28	BookingHl	2835.37	+15.83
89	BostonSc	50.96	+8.3
19	BrMySq	56.12	+1.2
82	Broadcinc	881.11	+18.89
15	CSX	29.88	-4.8
23	CVS Health	68.97	-0.2
73	Cadence	237.41	-2.51
20	Caterpillar	249.55	+2.23
6	CatoCp	7.16	+0.9
14	Centene	69.69	-1.17
14	ChartCom	431.18	+9.1
18	ChespkUtil	91.48	+2.30
10	Chevron	156.65	-4.03
46	Chipotle	1855.09	+35.43
17	ChubbLtd	211.44	+4.92
19	Cisco	53.01	+8.1
6	Citigroup	▼38.93	+0.4
29	CocaCons	646.94	+22.97



Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,659	4,386
Pvs. Volume	3,620	4,466
Advanced	1638	2167
Declined	738	1319
New Highs	6	19
New Lows	163	322

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%YTD
DOW	33,272.19	32,988.43	33,141.38	+204.97	+0.62%	▼	▼	▼	-0.02%
DOW Trans.	14,421.99	14,159.74	14,237.98	-1.65	-0.01%	▼	▼	▼	+6.32%
DOW Util.	822.39	809.49	819.27	+17.29	+2.16%	▼	▼	▼	-15.31%
NYSE Comp.	15,086.10	14,946.01	15,025.76	+79.75	+0.53%	▼	▼	▼	-1.04%
NASDAQ	13,170.39	13,022.85	13,139.88	+121.55	+0.93%	▼	▲	▼	+25.54%
S&P 500	4,259.38	4,219.43	4,247.68	+30.64	+0.73%	▼	▼	▼	+10.63%
S&P 400	2,399.77	2,370.67	2,383.64	+12.97	+0.55%	▼	▼	▼	-1.92%
Wilshire 5000	42,750.57	42,297.49	42,612.13	+314.64	+0.74%	▼	▼	▼	+11.92%
Russell 2000	1,690.41	1,671.27	1,679.50	+13.62	+0.82%	▼	▼	▼	-4.64%

Local Stocks

NAME	TICKER	CLOSE	DIV	P/E	CHG	%CHG	%YTD
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	138.81	...	29	+2.31	+1.7	+57.3
Bank of America	BAC	25.47	0.96	7	-1.0	-0.4	-23.1
Beazer Homes USA	BZH	23.20	...	3	+2.0	+0.9	+81.8
Blackbaud Inc	BLKB	68.00	0.48	...	+0.3	...	+15.5
Boeing Co	BA	182.36	+1.33	+0.7	-4.3
Cummins Inc	CMH	219.20	6.72	12	+2.90	+1.3	-9.5
DR Horton Inc	DHI	101.76	1.00	7	-3.6	-0.4	+14.2
Dominion Energy	D	40.35	2.67	37	+8.2	+2.1	-34.2
DuPont de Nemours	DD	72.80	1.44	6	+5.2	+0.7	+6.1
Duke Energy	DUK	87.76	4.10f	27	+1.43	+1.7	-14.8
Gen Dynamics	GD	233.00	5.28	19	-2.1	-0.1	-6.1
HireQuest Inc	HQI	15.38	0.24	24	+2.0	+1.3	-2.7
Home Depot	HD	283.31	8.36	17	+1.76	-0.6	-10.3
Ingevity Corp	NGVT	39.71	...	8	-9.1	-2.2	-43.6
Lowe's Cos	LOW	186.24	4.40f	18	-1.04	-0.6	-6.5
Nucor Corp	NUE	147.17	2.04	7	+6.68	+4.8	+11.7
PulteGroup Inc	PHM	71.65	0.64	6	+1.08	+1.5	+57.4
ScanSource Inc	SCSC	30.56	...	9	-1.9	-0.6	+4.6
Sonoco Prods	SON	50.57	2.04	10	+4.5	+0.9	-16.7
SouthState Corp	SSB	64.60	2.08f	10	-3.7	-0.6	-15.4
Synovus Fincl	SNV	25.25	1.52f	5	-1.7	-0.7	-32.8
Truist Financial Cp	TFC	27.56	2.08	6	+5.3	+2.0	-36.0
Walmart Strs	WMT	163.25	2.28	38	+2.24	+1.4	+15.1
Wells Fargo & Co	WFC	39.28	1.20f	10	-2.0	-0.5	-4.9

P/E	NAME	LAST	CHG
23	CocaCola	55.64	+1.56
...	Coinbase	82.07	+4.86
37	Comcast	43.46	+5.2
10	ConocoPhil	119.95	-1.39
7	CooperCo	321.51	-8.9
52	Costco	551.84	-4.5
5	Culp Inc	5.57	+1.2

P/E	NAME	LAST	CHG
12	HCA Hldg	230.12	-10.82
15	Halliburtn	40.23	-1.42
6	Haverty	26.98	-0.7
30	Hess	155.22	-6.08
17	HomeDp	283.31	-1.76
25	HonWillIntl	181.46	+9.4
6	HuntBncsh	9.53	-0.4
22	ITW	223.06	+6.1
6	IngliesMk h	77.67	-4.8
18	Intel	34.59	+7.4
70	IBM	137.79	+1.41
8	IntPap	33.26	+8.5
65	Intuit	505.82	+1.79
76	IntSurg	277.39	+4.80

P/E	NAME	LAST	CHG
13	MicronT	68.07	+1.19
34	MicroSoft	330.53	+1.21
...	MicrOSTr	424.87	+47.38
33	Mondelez	65.55	+1.56
41	MonstrBv s	50.05	-2.5
39	Moody's	305.61	-3.44
13	MorgStan	▼71.56	-1.4
17	NXP Semi	183.61	+1.26
41	Netflix	413.73	+6.89
41	NewmontCp	38.45	+0.1
14	NextEraEn	55.12	+3.60
32	NikeB	105.18	+2.37
15	NorfolkSp	196.24	-6.6
15	NorthropG	478.44	-2.16
7	Nucor	147.17	+6.68
cc	Nvidia	436.63	+6.88
7	OcciPet	62.53	-2.9
32	OldDomFrt	385.90	-1.76
19	OnSmcnd	85.09	+1.48
43	Oracle	103.20	-4.6
11	OtterTail	70.53	+2.8
16	OxfordInds	88.57	-8.8

P/E	NAME	LAST	CHG
33	S&P Gbl	347.94	-2.26
19	SEI Inv	54.51	-1.8
43	Salesforce	204.22	+2.22
21	Schlmbg	57.00	-1.84
17	Schwab	49.83	+5.0
cc	ServcNow	554.39	+13.01
26	Shrwin	234.98	-3.66
...	Shopify	52.35	+1.35
26	SkyWest	38.14	+7.1
...	SnapInc A	9.71	+2.2
...	Snowflake	151.12	+2.53
10	SonocoP	▼50.57	+4.5
10	SouthState	64.60	-3.7
...	Spotify	170.63	+16.02
...	Square	45.35	+1.45
39	Stryker	265.06	+1.49
11	SturmRug	53.38	-0.4
25	SupMicC	262.62	+7.73
5	SynovusFn	▼25.25	-1.7
68	T-MobileUS	141.07	+3.33
33	TJX	89.46	+1.13
7	TeckRes g	35.30	-3.56
61	Tesla	216.52	+4.44
18	TextInst	▼146.92	+6.0
19	Textron	75.03	+0.6
31	ThermoFis	▼458.26	-3.55
...	3M Co	90.12	+4.52
9	TorDBk	55.94	-1.43
41	TransUn	▼49.74	-15.11
13	Travelers	▼157.92	-1.27

P/E	NAME	LAST	CHG
6	TruistFn	27.56	+5.3
...	Uber Tch	44.19	+1.15
44	UltraBeauty	379.11	+6.03
18	UnionPac	205.44	-2.32
11	UPS B	149.32	+1.16
9	US Bancrp	31.99	+1.3
23	UtdhlthGp	525.00	+3.43
37	UnivDisp	154.16	+1.31

P/E	NAME	LAST	CHG
23	Danaher	▼196.84	-7.21
cc	DexCom	86.35	+3.3
45	Disney	82.56	-5.4
18	DollarGen	116.54	-1.3
17	DollarTree	108.03	-9.4
...	DraftKin	29.19	+1.04
6	DuPont	72.80	+5.2
27	DukeEngy	87.76	+1.43
31	Eaton	199.64	+4.17
31	EdwLISci	▼70.49	+1.44
18	Elevance	452.59	+8.2
86	EliLilly	592.43	+15.78
34	Enphase	▼94.84	-1.45
14	Evergy	48.94	+6.2
17	Exelon	38.86	+4.6
9	ExxonMbl	108.39	-1.06
58	FairIsaac	862.12	-65.07
15	FedExCp	241.68	+3.71
19	FctzBA	1307.75	+5.27
cc	FstSolar	155.90	+4.58
29	Fiserv	115.45	+5.84
9	ExxonMbl	108.39	-1.06
46	Fluor	33.93	-0.4
16	FordM	11.39	-0.9
19	FprtMCM	34.42	+9.1

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8	JPMorgCh	141.17	+1.7
12	JohnJn	151.23	-1.6
26	JohnContl	48.72	+3.2
19	KLA Cp	470.26	+7.70
...	Kenvue n	19.98	+3.0
25	Kimblck	120.50	-1.31
21	LamResrch	604.02	+4.44
45	Linde	367.26	+1.83
16	LockhdM	440.90	-5.26
18	Lowe's	186.24	-1.04
64	lululemn g	403.37	+9.1

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12	Paccar s	84.83	+3.47
...	Palantir	16.64	+4.4
cc	PaloAlt	252.07	+5.90
5	PayKind	72.44	-5.4
23	PayPal	54.24	+7.9
...	PDD Hld	108.34	+4.15
28	PepsiCo	162.19	+2.11
6	Pfizer	▼30.43	-4.1
16	PhilipMor	90.83	-0.9
9	PioNtrl	244.95	-2.31
24	ProctGam	149.90	+1.75
12	Qualcom	109.39	+7.3
5	RangeRs	34.48	-2.0
44	Rayonier	▼25.31	+1.5

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21	RaythTch	78.38	+5.25
6	RegionsFn	14.17	-0.2
71	RiotBlick	10.67	+1.00
...	RiviaAu A	17.43	+3.6
...	Roku	61.42	+2.4
...	Roblox	32.72	+2.15