

Deputy chief of police arrested

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Sumter Police Department's deputy chief has been placed on administrative leave after he was arrested in Aiken County on Thursday for allegedly attempting to contact a person he



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was advised by another law enforcement officer not to contact. According to a warrant issued by South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Deputy Chief Alvin Asa Holston, 49, is accused of "the crime of unlawful communication by use of telephone to contact [the victim] repeatedly after being advised by an Aiken Department of Public Safety patrol officer to have no further contact with the victim on Sept. 7, 2017."

Holston was arrested by SLED on Thursday and charged with unlawful

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Local nonprofits benefit from Midlands Gives

24-hour fundraiser brings in \$1.7M for 372 groups

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Five Sumter County nonprofits raised almost \$10,000 in a 24-hour online fundraiser that supported 372 organizations throughout the Midlands on Tuesday.

Sumter County Museum, Sumter Habitat for Humanity, SC Run for the Fallen, Freedom Rings Rescue and #WeBall4Destin Foundation all received donations during Central Carolina Community Foundation's fifth-annual Midlands Gives social media and online fundraiser marathon, which raised a record initial count of \$1,756,332 through 14,665 individual donations.

"Once again, our foundation has been overwhelmed by the tremendous generosity of the folks in the Midlands, everyday philanthropists who demonstrated how much they care about the

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Widow of Emanuel 9 pastor shares message of grace, unity



'He will never leave you nor forsake you. You can always count on God.'

PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Jennifer Pinckney speaks at Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

BY BRUCE MILLS
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"A lady of grace, humility and integrity" could be the best words to describe Jennifer Pinckney.

Pinckney spoke Thursday at the Sumter Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held at Alice Drive Baptist Church. The annual event in the city is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer observance, which is the



first Thursday of May.

This year's theme for the national observance was unity and racial reconciliation, and perhaps no person in America models and lives out those qualities like Pinckney, the widow of slain state Sen. and the Rev. Clementa Pinckney.

Her husband's life was taken, along with eight others, in a mass shooting at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston nearly three years ago by a 21-year-old admitted white supremacist, Dylann Roof, who now sits on death row in federal prison.

Pinckney started her keynote address at a lectern on the church's stage by taking a deep breath, thanking Sumter for the gracious invitation to speak and praying that everyone in attendance would come together in unity.

She told everyone

she's not a great speaker like her late husband, Clementa, and that she actually has a fear of public speaking, but she would speak from the heart.

Pinckney addressed the estimated 426 community members in attendance as "brothers and sisters" in Christ, shared a message of forgiveness learned from Jesus' life and death and called on everyone to work together as one.

That unity across race and other factors "shouldn't just be one day of the year, but be incorporated every day," Pinckney said.

She also emphasized people should turn to the Lord and praise Him each day — in the good times and bad times.

"Do we praise Him for waking us up each morning and starting us on our way?" Pinckney said. "Do we praise Him for the roof we have over our heads? See, God is a good God. A just God. God will be with you when no one else will, and He will never leave you nor forsake you. You can always count on God."

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Hamm: Raising achievement, teacher talent were district's budget goals

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Increasing student achievement, attracting and retaining teachers, and building a more positive culture in the district were key aspects that administration tried to address in building Sumter School District's budget for next fiscal year.

Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm emphasized Monday at the district's Board of Trustees' budget planning session that those were the three main, overarching goals in the budget process.

After Hamm made her comments, district Chief Financial Officer Chris Griner detailed all the ins and outs included in the administration's balanced

\$131,609,396 general fund budget that doesn't include a 5.48-mill increase that the district also likely plans to ask Sumter County Council for at the end of this month.

The \$131.6 million budget proposal includes about a \$200,000 overall decrease in state funding since the school district's enrollment is down about 300 students this school year. According to Griner, if student enrollment last year and this year were the same, then the district would have had about a \$800,000 increase in state funding.

As far as investments in

faculty and staff to attract and retain talent, the district's proposed budget includes a locally funded step increase for all teachers (valued at \$702,422) and all non-teachers (valued at \$660,000). The district hasn't provided a step increase for non-teachers in at least four to five years, Griner said.

Other locally funded additional investments include increases in employer contribution for health insurance, salary schedule adjustments (valued at \$800,000), and the addition of four nurses and one social worker to the district's staff.

As far as investments in student instruction, the district's proposal includes the implementation of an elementary alternative

school program (valued at \$200,000). Most of the implementation of new magnet school programming such as Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Leader in Me and Core Knowledge will involve additional federal funding and not use the general fund, Griner said.

From the closing of two schools (F.J. DeLaine Elementary and Mayewood Middle) at the end of this budget year, the district projects personnel savings of about \$498,000 next fiscal year through employee attrition. The district still owns and must maintain the two properties, he said, but projects operational savings of \$120,000 through decreased utility costs.

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Forum gives 4 students educators scholarships

Sumter School District's Teacher Forum awarded four high school seniors who desire to be future educators with college scholarship awards at its Celebration of Excellence event on Monday night at Crestwood High School.

Lakewood High School's Kaleigh Geddings took home the top honor by receiving the Hailey Bordeaux Scholarship for Future Educators in the amount of \$3,000.

Fellow Lakewood seniors Angela Gipson and Rachell Harglerode and Crestwood High School's Ari'Elle Scott each received \$1,000 scholarships from the district's Teacher Forum. All four plan to major in education in college.

Through money raised at various fundraisers this school year, the forum was able to offer all the scholarships, according to a spokesperson.

Upstate educator named State Teacher of the Year

Anderson School District Three teacher Jeffrey Maxey was named the 2019 South Carolina Teacher of the Year on Wednesday night.

Sumter School District's Zachariah Lowe was a top-five finalist for the award and attended Wednesday's gala ceremony at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

The announcement was made by State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman.

Maxey is a special education resource teacher at Starr Elementary School in Anderson School District Three.

The other three Teacher of the Year finalists included:

- Nicholas Snyder, Berkeley County School District;
- Robert Harris, Richland County School District One; and
- Susan Snyder, York School District Three.

Senate mulling ban on nearly all abortions

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Senate debated Thursday whether to ban nearly all abortions in the state, a surprise move suggested by a Democrat who has long fought abortion restrictions.

Sen. Brad Hutto told Republicans if the bill passed he was going to give them what they wanted — the most direct way to challenge the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned state bans on abortions. No other state would have such a broad abortion ban.

"I've heard all along that y'all want a challenge to Roe v. Wade. This is a straight up challenge," the Orangeburg Democrat said.

But there may have been more local political considerations too. The ban was placed on a bill that originally made illegal just a rare procedure called dismemberment abortion. And senators on Thursday narrowly failed to force a vote on the new proposal.

Program helps with more than addiction

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Anyone who is struggling with an addiction and is ready to make a change for the better can find support by attending weekly meetings with Celebrate Recovery.

Celebrate Recovery is a faith-based, 12-step program that applies the teachings of Jesus Christ to each step, said ministry leader John Sellar.

Following the 12 steps is a good way to live regardless of whether you are living with an addiction or other issue, he said.

Also, Sumter is in need of a supportive recovery group with the rise of opioid use, he said.

And the recovery group is so much more than a place for people dealing with alcohol and drug addictions, Sellar said. This is for people recovering from a variety of issues including chemical addictions, sexual addictions, relationship issues and a gamut of other things, he said.

In fact, he said, many people attend the meetings each week for family issues. There are plenty of people who can relate, Sellar said.

"It did nothing less than save my life," he said.

He said Celebrate Recovery sometimes hosts celebrity guest speakers throughout the year such as Jim Sonefeld, drummer

for Hootie and the Blowfish, who has spoken multiple times.

Seeing that even famous people struggle lets people know that they are not alone, he said.

Sellar said the pastors at Salt and Light Church also attend the meetings and are very supportive.

"It's a safe place to not be OK," said Christine Courson, a member of the Celebrate Recovery leadership team. This is a space for anyone who is willing to admit he or she has a problem, she said.

There are so many places where a person can feel not wanted because the person is not as put together as everyone else, she said.

No one at Celebrate Re-

covery is replacing a pastor or counselor, Courson said, and the other people who attend the meetings are there to give encouragement, not try to fix each other.

Courson, who is eight years into recovering from codependency, will be speaking at tonight's meeting about how she deals with expectations compared to the past.

Reflection is a really important part of growing and changing, she said.

Celebrate Recovery meets from 7 to 8 p.m. every Friday at Salt and Light Church, 360 Miller Road. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. — a \$5 donation is encouraged — but guests are not required to eat.



U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN MEGAN FLOYD

Sumter High School junior ROTC cadets practice their Fancy Platoon Unarmed drill and ceremony event during the annual Top Gun Drill Meet at McEntire Joint National Guard Base on April 28. High School junior ROTC cadets from across the state competed in drill and ceremony events sponsored by the South Carolina Air National Guard.

Sumter High JROTC wins state drill meet

BY LT. COL. JIM ST. CLAIR
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

McENTIRE JOINT NATIONAL GUARD BASE — Sumter High School took home the top prize at a statewide JROTC drill meet, and another high school represented Sumter well by coming in second.

The sound of cadence calls and marching filled the air Saturday as more than 500 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets from across the state converged on McEntire Joint National Guard Base to compete in the 2018 "Top Gun" Drill Meet.

The annual match, hosted by the South Carolina Air National Guard, drew in 18 high schools from the Midlands, Upstate and the Lowcountry to participate in a dozen drill and ceremony competition events.

"The SCANG [South Carolina Air National Guard] is always happy to support our community and offer opportunities for South Carolina youth to learn and showcase their talents," said Master Sgt. Steve David, the event coordinator and SCANG recruiting superintendent.

Months of planning and practice went

OVERALL WINNERS FOR THE 2018 TOP GUN DRILL MEET

- 1st place — Sumter High School
- 2nd place — Lakewood High School
- 3rd place — Camden Military Academy
- 4th place — Irmo High School

into making the day a success. In addition to giving the cadets a chance to compete for honors against the best of the best from across the state, the competition also served a secondary purpose of providing the students with exposure to possible military service and career opportunities after graduation.

"We are very proud to be able to host the Top Gun Drill Meet. There are a variety of events, and there's an incredible amount of talent and innovation in the way they're doing things. It's pretty neat to see what these young men and women are capable of, and it reflects greatly on what the future of our country has going for it," said Col. Akshai "Abu" Gandhi, 169th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The 12 drill and ceremony categories included platoon, squad, duet and indi-

vidual level competitions which featured precision marching, color guard as well as armed and unarmed routines. All the routines were held next to the base flight line with McEntire's F-16 fighter jets serving as a backdrop. Inside specially designated and cordoned-off drill pads, JROTC programs representing the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps literally put their best foot forward to prove they were No. 1.

SCANG airmen as well as airmen from Shaw Air Force Base served as judges for the competition. Just watching the cadets perform, one could easily sense the pride and enthusiasm the students had while they represented their school and service sponsor.

"This is a big deal for them. They have poured in hours and hours of blood, sweat and tears to put their team together. They are fired up, motivated and thrilled to be here," Gandhi said.

"Somewhere out here on this drill pad are our future leaders whether it be in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps or out in the civilian sector in one way, shape or form. Our future leaders are represented right here and right now."



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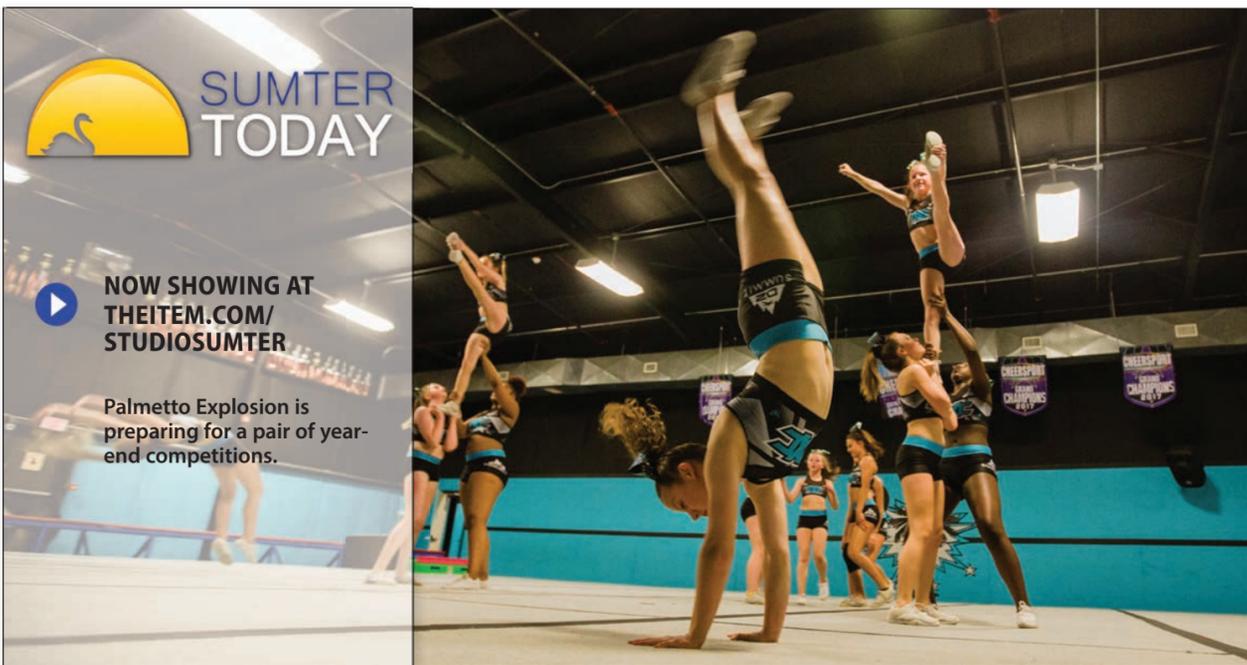
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Last Friday, The Tuomey Foundation held its annual Tuomey Fellows graduation at Neverdun Farms. Since 2001, the Tuomey Fellows program has given business and volunteer leaders from the community a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on at our hospital and in health care in general. Participants attend health care-oriented class sessions, focusing on everything from surgical services and cardiac procedures to administration of a community nonprofit hospital. In addition, they tour the hospital and observe its intricate workings, from surgeries to the emergency room. By the time they graduate, they are knowledgeable in the daily operations of Palmetto Health Tuomey and are ambassadors for their community's hospital. From left: top row, Palmetto Health Tuomey's Les Thompson along with Chuck Wilson, Tim Garrity, Cobern Epting, Jake Cline, Charlie Fletcher, Jim Shrift, Brian Rauschenbach and The Tuomey Foundation's Jeff Faw; and bottom row, Missy Corrigan, Rebecca Monroe-Hardy, Nancy Branham and Larsen Cline. Thompson and Faw are not graduates.

Law would allow adoptees to see sealed birth records

COLUMBIA (AP) — A South Carolina bill passed by a group of senators would allow adoptees who meet certain criteria to see their sealed birth certificate. Members of a Senate subcommittee approved a bill Thursday allowing adoptees age 21 and older access to their birth certificate kept on file by the Department of Health and Environmental Control if either biological parent agrees. Democratic Sen. Brad Hutto of Orangeburg

says the legislation should also allow a limited release of information pertaining to medical records if it helps diagnose or treat an illness. DHEC says the agency doesn't keep family medical history information of birth parents. Current law seals the identity of biological parents. The bill introduced in the House last year would go into effect one year after it's signed by the governor.

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Check your reference points, avoid a crash

When I was in college, I got a hankering to learn to fly. The cost was not out of reach back then. I would sneak away from campus, down to the Bessemer Airport and get an hour of instruction for \$35.

Good pilots know how to focus. I can still hear the voice of my flight instructor Tom telling me on final approach, "Airspeed! Outside! Airspeed! Outside!" He was trying to drill into my head that when you land, keep looking at your airspeed and keep looking at your target — the runway. You need reference points.

I was not a good pilot. I don't have ADHD on the ground, but I did in the air. There were too many interesting things to see: houses, farms, other planes, roads, birds, sky — it was all so amazing. I would be looking around at amazing sights while Tom was shouting, "Airspeed! Outside!"

Beginning pilots are VFR: Visual Flight Rules. This means you fly only when you have space to see between the clouds and ground. You can get an IFR rating: Instrument Flight Rules. When you have this rating, you can fly into clouds, through fog; but you rely on your instruments to tell you where you are.

Tom explained in vivid detail what would happen if a beginning pilot like me flew into a cloud: You would get disoriented. Unless you relied on your instruments, you would begin to think up was down and down was up. I thought Tom was making this up, but he told me we rely more on visual references than we think.

I think all flight instructors have a book of horror stories to tell their students. Tom proceeded to tell me about a doctor who only had a VFR rating but was over-confident. He took off under marginal VFR conditions, traveling cross country. Conditions worsened. He got disoriented. He flew his Bonanza straight into the ground, killing him.

When you have 10 hours of flight time under your belt, that kind of story

makes a point. During the few years I flew, I avoided marginal conditions at all costs. Tom's voice rang in my memory, "In the burned wreckage, they found him with the yoke pushed all the way in. The only explanation: He thought he was headed up, when he was really headed down."

Jesus gives us the same warning. The most dangerous sin of all, the unforgivable sin, he said, was to believe that evil was good and good was evil. When you are spiritually disoriented, you fly your life into destruction.

Even Christians accept this line of reasoning too often. We believe an explosion of our temper will solve our problems. We believe we can steal and cheat and never get caught. We believe we can control our spouses or our children. We believe our way is better than God's. We wind up flying our lives right into the ground.

The only way to stop this is to check your reference points. "Airspeed! Outside!" can be changed to "Worship! Bible! Prayer!" Jesus followers believe worship matters because it is a reminder of true reality, God's reality, God's Kingdom. That's why being in church to worship matters. Bible knowledge is not just so you can win Bible Trivia; it is so you have a guide to ultimate truth. Prayer is daily conversation with God so you can stay in touch with His reality. What are your reference points?

When do you cross the line to the unforgivable sin? When you no longer check your reference points. When your heart is so disoriented you believe what is evil is good for you and what is good for you is evil. This is what happened to Pharaoh in the Book of Exodus. He got disoriented. Despite overwhelming evidence, despite the advice of his own cabinet, he would not see things God's way. He flew his army, his nation and his own life right into the ground.

Knowing reality, knowing up from down, knowing good from evil — it's the most important skill of life.

Are you flying up? Or down?
Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter.



Clay Smith

Ancient artifacts seized from Hobby Lobby returned to Iraq

BY TIM TALLEY
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Thousands of ancient clay tablets, seals and other Iraqi archaeological objects that were smuggled into the U.S. and shipped to the head of arts and crafts chain Hobby Lobby were returned to the Iraqi government on Wednesday.

The Oklahoma City-based private company, whose devout Christian owners won a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court ruling exempting them from providing certain contraceptive coverage for employees, agreed to pay a \$3 million fine last year to settle a lawsuit over the company's role in the smuggling of the artifacts, which authorities say were looted from the war-torn country.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials in Washington handed over the artifacts Wednesday to Iraq's ambassador to the U.S., Fareed Yasseen.

HOW DID HOBBY LOBBY ACQUIRE THE ARTIFACTS?

Prosecutors say Steve Green, the president of the \$4 billion company, agreed to buy more than 5,500 artifacts in 2010 for \$1.6 million in a scheme that involved a number of middlemen and the use of phony or misleading invoices, shipping labels and other paperwork to slip the artifacts past U.S. customs agents.

Ancient cuneiform tablets were labeled "ceramic tiles," and items carried paperwork that said they came from Turkey or Israel. Prosecutors said artifacts were also deliberately undervalued with one shipping label listing 300 clay tiles valued at \$1 each when they were actually clay bullae with a combined value of \$84,120.

Artifacts were also shipped in small batches to multiple addresses in Oklahoma City to avoid drawing the attention of customs agents, prosecutors said. A dealer based in the United Arab Emirates shipped packages containing artifacts to three different corporate addresses in Oklahoma City.

Green financed the \$500 million Museum of the Bible that opened in Washington in November. The museum includes pieces from the family's collection from the Dead Sea Scrolls and bronze gates inscribed



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Ancient cuneiform tablets from Iraq that are being returned by Immigration and Customs Enforcement are seen during a ceremony at the Residence of the Iraqi Ambassador to the United States in Washington on Wednesday. The artifacts were smuggled into the United States in violation of federal law and shipped to Hobby Lobby stores, a nationwide arts-and-crafts retailer.

with text from the Gutenberg Bible, but museum officials have said none of the artifacts involved in the case were ever part of its collection.

WHAT IS BEING RETURNED?

The items include cuneiform tablets, cuneiform bricks and clay bullae, which are clay balls imprinted with a seal. Cuneiform is the wedge-shaped writing used thousands of years ago in Mesopotamia, the "Cradle of Civilization" between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in what is now Iraq.

Authorities say many of the tablets come from the ancient city of Irisagrig, a Sumerian city whose exact location is uncertain, and date from between 2100 B.C. and 1600 B.C. The tablets, some from the Old Babylonian period, are mostly legal and administrative documents but also include an important collection of Early Dynastic incantations and a bilingual religious text from the Neo-Babylonian period.

Two clay cones are inscribed with royal inscriptions from the mid-third millennium B.C., and clay bullae include artifacts thought to be about 2,000 years old.

WHAT WAS HOBBY LOBBY'S EXPLANATION?

Prosecutors say Hobby Lobby was warned by its own expert that acquiring antiquities from Iraq carried "considerable risk" because so many of the artifacts in circulation are stolen.

But Green, who had been collecting ancient artifacts

since 2009, pleaded naïveté in doing business with dealers in the Middle East.

"Early on, we were always trying to find the best experts we could to help us as we were acquiring antiquities," Green said in an October 2017 interview with The Associated Press. "And so as mistakes are made, we learn from those mistakes and put processes and procedures in place to try to improve on that. ... There's a lot of complexities in areas that I'm still a novice at. But we are engaging the best experts we can to advise and help us in that process."

Bob Murowchick, an assistant professor in archaeology and anthropology at Boston University, said that while the Hobby Lobby executive may have simply blundered, "sometimes it's a deliberate smuggling attempt."

"Most antiquities are not legally moved," Murowchick said. "This stuff does not miraculously appear. In many, many cases it's illegally exported."

The selling of antiquities has become a major source of revenue for terrorist organizations, including Islamic State, and it is vital that collectors ask the right questions to avoid financing terrorism, Murowchick said.

"It's a very formal business in some areas," Murowchick said. "You collect things because you love them. Sometimes you don't ask the things that need to be asked."

Hobby Lobby did not immediately reply to an email seeking further comment Wednesday.

CHURCH NEWS

Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, Columbia, announces:

* Monday-Thursday, May 7-10 — The 141st annual session of the Baptist E&M Convention of South Carolina will convene at Morris College. Speakers will include: Dr. Jerry Young, Dr. Calvin Robinson, Dr. Ralph Canty, the Rev. George Windley Jr., and more. Dr. James Blessingame, convention president, will speak at 2 p.m. on Thursday. For more information, call (803) 931-8811, (864) 221-2359 or (803) 840-1029 or visit www.bemsc.org.

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, 774 Douglas Ave., announces:

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* Saturday, May 26 — Health fair at 8 a.m.

Cross Road Christian Fellowship / St. Peter BC, 845 Webb St., announces:

* Thursday-Sunday, May 17-20 — The 2018 Women of Faith Conference will be held as follows: 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. Sunday. Speakers include: Pastor Shalwonder Scott-Sabb, of King-

stree Apostolic Faith Church; Pastor Maria Powell, of Fresh Start Upstate-FSU; Minister Linda Gallishaw; Pastor Bernice Mullins, Minister Stacey Champagne and Pastor-elect Samantha White-Francis. Theme: "Letting Go To Walk Into My Kingdom Assignment."

Faith Missionary Baptist Church No. 1, 115 Laurel St., announces:

* Sunday — Communion will be observed at 10:30 a.m.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 182 S. Pike East, announces:

* Sunday — The Gospel Melody-Aires 38th anniversary celebration will be held at 4 p.m.

Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 5405 Black River Road, Rembert, announces:

* Saturday, May 19 — Church anniversary fish fry 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

* Sunday, May 20 — The 155th church anniversary will be celebrated during the 10 a.m. worship service.

High Hills Missionary Baptist Church, 6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday — Holy communion will follow 10:15 a.m. worship service.

* Sunday, May 13 — Mother's Day observance during 10:15 a.m. worship service.

* Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20 — The 150th church anniversary celebration will be held as follows: 5 p.m. Saturday, Pastor Keith Mayer Sr., of High Hill AME Church, will speak; and 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Pastor Richard Addison and the Hopewell Church family will speak.

House of Judah Worship Center, 3890 White Oak Drive, Manning, announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, May 9-11 — Revival at 7 nightly. Apostle Cravon Smith, of New Dimension Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina, will speak.

Kingdom M-Pact Worship Center, 950 Miller Road, announces:

* Today-Sunday — The fifth anniversary of the church will be celebrated. On the program: Pastor Tracy Fleming and Power for Living Worship Center, Rep. J. David Weeks, Pastor Marion H. Newton and Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church.

Knitting Hearts Ministry, meets at Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad St., announces:

* Saturday, May 12 — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. until noon. All ladies, all ages, are invited for a morning of worship, testimonies and special music. A love offering will be received. Visit knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com.

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Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 Fulton St., announces:

* Sunday — Minister Henry Felder will speak at 6 p.m.

* Sunday, May 20 — YWA ministry's anniversary will be celebrated at 10:45 a.m.

Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Mulberry Church Road, announces:

* Sunday — The unity choir's seventh anniversary will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Participating choirs: Reeseville, Galilee and St. Matthew.

* Sunday, May 20 — YWA anniversary celebration at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Larry Blanding will speak.

Pine Grove AME Church, 41 Pine Grove Road, Rembert, announces:

* Saturday — Annual Mayfest fun, food and fellowship beginning at 10 a.m. with a parade to Craftman Field.

* Friday, May 11 — The B.O.L.D. Ladies Society will host a royal spa soiree from 7 to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

* Saturday, May 12 — The B.O.L.D. Ladies Society will sponsor a "Mommy and Me" luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Rev. Fredra D. Harrington-Boyd will speak.

* Sunday, May 13 — Mother's Day worship service at 11

a.m., sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society. Minister Quantae Duncan will speak.

* Sunday, May 20 — Annual trustee worship service at 11 a.m.

Reid Chapel AME Church, 1008 Dibert St., announces:

* Sunday, May 20 — The church anniversary will be celebrated at 3 p.m. The Rev. Davie Brown, of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will speak.

Sheppard Ministries announces:

* Saturday, May 26 — Southern Heritage Gospel Association's Soloist Singing from 1 to 9 p.m. at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., Manning. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Contact Chris Sheppard at (803) 464-3357 or the box office at (803) 433-7469. On the program: Doug Hudson, DJ Woodie, Jimmy Poston, Cynthia Vickery and many more.

St. James AME Church, 180 W. Fulton Manning Road, Pine-wood, announces:

* Saturday — Free diabetes, prostate, BMI/BF and blood pressure community health screenings 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call (803) 773-9900 or (803) 774-2273 to sign up. Food available for purchase will include hot dogs, sausage dogs, fried chicken sandwich, chips and drinks.

Wheelchair athlete named 'most accident prone' in yearbook

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — An Illinois high school is reprinting yearbooks that mocked a partially paralyzed senior who is a wheelchair athlete as "most accident prone."

Chauncey Wulf, who was partially paralyzed in a car accident at age 4, is set to sign a letter of intent next week to play wheelchair basketball for Southwest Minnesota State University.

Wulf said he wasn't aware of the designation, voted for by students, until the yearbook was printed and wasn't asked if it was OK. Then the teasing started, he said, and didn't stop, even after he said he didn't like the listing.

"Then I started seeing posts on Snapchat, people laughing and taking pictures of the yearbook," he told the (Decatur) Herald and Review. His mother, Crystal

Wulf, spoke with Eisenhower High School administrators and says she doesn't see "how this would ever have seemed OK."

"There are any number of things they could have picked him for," she said. "That's what really bothers me. He's made a lot of good news for the school district, especially this year. They could have acknowledged him for many things instead of mocking him."

School district officials say they will collect yearbooks that already have been printed and have ordered new ones to be reprinted.

"These common categories voted by students are a way to represent memories and personalities of the graduating class and have been included the past several years," the district said in a statement.

Transport plane that crashed in Georgia was on final trip

PORT WENTWORTH, Ga. (AP) — An aging C-130 Hercules that rescued and resupplied U.S. citizens after last year's hurricanes crashed onto a Georgia highway during what was supposed to be its final flight, killing all nine Puerto Ricans on board.

The huge plane was being flown into retirement in Arizona, reducing Puerto Rico's National Guard fleet to five similar planes, two of which need maintenance and aren't being used, Adjutant Gen. Isabelo Rivera said. He said the aircraft was more than 60 years old.

"The planes that we have in Puerto Rico — it's not news today that they are the oldest planes on inventory" among all National Guard planes nationwide, and they often face delays in getting spare parts shipped to the island, he said.

However, Col. Pete Boone, vice-commander of the Savannah-based 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard, said at a Thursday news conference that the plane's age was closer to 40 years. He said it had been in Savannah for "routine maintenance" and

crashed after taking off for Arizona.

Boone also said the U.S. military has launched its investigation into the crash and said investigators will "use every resource at our disposal to identify a cause."

Boone said he didn't know if the flight crew made a distress call to air traffic control before the crash. He said a military mortuary assistance team arrived overnight, but he didn't know if all the bodies had been recovered.

The pilot was identified as Maj. Jose Rafael Roman, who hailed from the coastal town of Manati along Puerto Rico's north coast. The mayor of that town, Jose Sanchez, told The Associated Press that Roman had two sons and his wife is five months pregnant with a girl.

"The town is in mourning," Sanchez said. "My condolences to all Puerto Rican families."

Carlos Narvaez, a newspaper sports editor who was Roman's close childhood friend, told the AP that Roman was nicknamed "Rotor" because he loved all things with a motor that go fast. He said Roman was president

of his high school class and worked at a company that manufactured aluminum windows before joining the National Guard in the mid-2000s.

In December, Narvaez said Roman raised concerns about the age of the planes they were using.

"He told me, 'Jose, we're using the oldest planes of the entire United States of America,'" Narvaez recalled.

The plane dropped out of the sky onto Georgia's Highway 21 moments after taking off from Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. Rivera said the plane last received maintenance at the military base in Savannah in April.

All nine crew members had helped with hurricane recovery efforts as part of the 198th Fighter Squadron, nicknamed the Bucaneros, which flies out of Base Muniz in the northern coastal city of Carolina, Rivera said. The squadron used the plane to rescue Americans from the British Virgin Islands after Hurricane Irma, and later supplied food and water to Puerto Ricans desperate for help after Hurricane Maria.

Church Directory

Adventist

Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist
103 N Pike West 775-4455
Pastor Phil Roberts
Sat. Sch: 9:15 am, Worship: 11:00 am
Tues Bible Study 7 pm
www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org

Assembly of God

First Assembly of God
1151 Alice Drive * 773-3817
www.sumterfirstag.org
Jason Banar, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

African Methodist Episcopal

Union Station AME Church
945 South Main Street, Sumter
unionstationame@gmail.com
(803) 775-8200
Rev. Dr. Phil Flowers announces:
Sun. Church School 9:00 am
Sun. Church Service 10:00 am
Tues. Bible Study 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

Baptist - Missionary

Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
803 S Harvin St. * 775-4032
Marion H Newton, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:15 am
Sunday Youth Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Salem Missionary Baptist Church

320 West Fulton Street
803-775-8054
Reverend Dr. Cartrell Woods, Jr. Pastor
Sun. School 9:00 am
Praise Worship 9:55 am
Worship 10:00 am

Baptist - Southern

Grace Baptist Church
219 W Calhoun St * 778-6417
Dr. Stephen Williams
drstepw@fbc-l.net
S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:30 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Hickory Road Baptist Church

1245 Cherryvale Dr
803-494-8281
Dr. Ron Taylor Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 10:55 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Shaw Heights Baptist Church

2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997
Rev. Robert White, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm
Bible School June 20th - 25th
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Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Weekend Masses
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Confession: Sat. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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www.sjrcsumter.org
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Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 6:00 pm
Sun. 9:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm (in Spanish)
Confession: Sat. 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Church of Christ

Plaza Church of Christ
1402 Camden Hwy. • 905-3163
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm
Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm

Interdenominational

Spiritual Life Christian Center
4710 Broad Street * 968-5771
Randolph & Minerva Paige, Pastors
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Victory Full Gospel

Interdenominational Church
601 Pitts Rd • 481-7003
Joann P. Murrell, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm

Lutheran - ELCA

St James Lutheran Church
1137 Alice Dr, Sumter
773-2260 / www.sjamessumter.org
Pastor Keith Getz
Sunday School: 9:00 am
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Thur. Bible Study 10:30 am
Wednesday Holy Communion: 12:00 pm

Methodist - United

Bethel United Methodist Church
5575 Lodebar Rd • 469-2452
Rev. Jeremy Howell
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School: 10 am
www.yourbethel.org
BMethodist@fbc-l.net

Trinity United Methodist Church

226 W Liberty St • 773-9393
Rev. Joseph James, Jr.
Blended Worship 8:45 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Traditional Service 11:00 am
office@trinityumsumter.org

Non-Denominational

Calvary Bible Church
770 N. Wise Dr., Sumter
803-774-2341
Pastor Richard Harris
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 PM

Christ Community Church (CCC)

320 Loring Mill Rd., Sumter
www.cccsumter.com
803-905-7850
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:45 am

First Church of God

1835 Camden Rd • 905-5234
www.sumterfcg.org
Ron Bower, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Greater St. Paul Church

200 Watkins Street • 803-778-1355
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Sunday School - 10:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am
Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

The Rock Church of Sumter

365 N. Saint Paul Church Rd
803-494-7625 (ROCK)
Pastor Gwendolyn Credle
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sumter Bible Church

420 South Pike West, Sumter
803-773-8339 • Pastor Ron Davis
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am & 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

Pentecostal

First United Pentecostal Church

14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493
Pastor Theron Smith
Sunday Service: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church

2609 McCrays Mill Rd • 481-8887
S. Paul Howell, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am & 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study/Youth Group: 7:00 pm

Presbyterian - ARP

Lemira Presbyterian Church
514 Boulevard Rd • 473-5024
Pastor Dan Rowland
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

Presbyterian PCA

Westminster Presbyterian Church

230 Alice Dr., Sumter • 803-773-7235
Pastor Stuart Mizelle
Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship Service 10:30 am

Presbyterian USA

First Presbyterian Church of Sumter

9 W Calhoun St (at Main St.)
(803) 773-3814 • info@fpcsumter.org
Rev. Nick Cheek
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Daily Devotional Reading

Jeremiah 32:16-44	Jeremiah 33:1-26	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-31	John 15:1-17	John 15:18-16:15	John 16:16-33
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MIDLANDS FROM PAGE A1

communities they call home and the nonprofits who make home a better place to live," said JoAnn Turnquist, president and CEO of CCCF.

Sumter County Museum will use its money that was donated to enhance the Martha Brice Gardens at the museum. The museum held an event on the day of the fundraiser and was matched dollar for dollar up to \$1,000.

#WeBall4Destin Foundation will use money raised to expand the Destin Wise Scholarship, an education- and volunteer-based award focused on academics and volunteerism that is offered to a high school senior going to college.

Freedom Rings Rescue will use its money on resources needed to save more animals from kill shelters and on the organization's spay and neuter assistance program.

Money donated to SC Run for the Fallen will help the group plan and hold its annual event.

All of the donations given to Sumter Habitat for Humanity will go toward the

WHAT WE RAISED IN SUMTER

- Sumter County Museum: \$3,753
- #WeBall4Destin Foundation: \$2,384
- Freedom Rings Rescue: \$2,224
- SC Run For The Fallen: \$694
- Sumter Habitat for Humanity Inc.: \$456

construction of affordable housing in Sumter.

The event was headquartered at the South Carolina State Museum, where nonprofits and their friends and fans could gather to cheer and appear on radio, TV and online media programming.

"The mood at Midlands Gives HQ at the South Carolina State Museum was electric," Turnquist said. "The nonprofit organizations supported one another and worked together to increase giving. Our media partners gave voice to the nonprofits, telling their stories and sharing the impact that these organizations have on people's lives."

HOLSTON FROM PAGE A1

communication after he attempted to contact the victim via phone calls, text messages and Facebook messages approximately 15 times, according to the warrant.

Holston also allegedly told investigators he used a phone "spoofing application" on his cellphone to contact the victim at least once.

Neither the warrant from SLED nor a news release from Sumter Police Department mention the context of the incident.

Holston, who has been with the police department since 1991, was booked at Aiken County Detention

Center and later released on a personal recognizance bond of \$1,087.50, according to Aiken County Second Judicial Circuit Public Index.

Sumter city and police officials were made aware of the investigation on Thursday, according to a release from Sumter Police Department.

Aiken Department of Public Safety requested that SLED investigate the case.

According to Tonya McGirt, public information officer for Sumter Police Department, the department will have no further comment while the investigation is underway.

PRAYER FROM PAGE A1

In her 39-minute speech, Pinckney did not address the horrific day when her husband's life was taken on June 17, 2015, until nearly halfway.

She said she draws her strength from God and her two daughters, Eliana, 13, and Malana, 9, whom she now raises as a single parent in the Columbia area.

She described that on the morning after her husband's death, she told the oldest, Eliana, — "who was Daddy's girl!" — she could go to her scheduled dance class or just stay at home and cry.

"Eliana, sitting in bed, looked at me and said, 'Mama, I do want to go to dance,'" Pinckney recalled. "Mama, I don't have to cry because I know my daddy is with me right now."

Pinckney described Charleston's and the state's

peaceful rallies and walks in the days and weeks after the mass shooting as unified, holy and set apart to God.

But since then, she questioned if we all have a tendency to forget the tragedy and turn a blind eye when we see acts of racial injustice.

"The shock has worn off for many," Pinckney said. "But with all that's happening in the world today, we don't have time to let the shock wear off and turn a blind's eye and forget."

She said when people turn their heads and pretend the issues are gone, it just gives someone a big window to make a sporadic decision to do something drastic, and then the cycle starts all over again.

"We don't need to let the cycle restart," Pinckney said.

She called on people to pray fervently and come together in unity.

"Brothers and sisters, God will be with you," Pinckney said. "Be bound together in unity. Work together and don't allow yourselves to be divided. Remember, you are the most important factor in unity and Godliness."

After Pinckney finished, she received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Following the breakfast, Pinckney says she only speaks a handful of times a year because she wants to spend the majority of her time raising her daughters.

She said she still has a fear of public speaking, but she said she learned from the best in her late husband.

"My whole purpose is that if my story can help one person," she said, "then it's worth it for me."

DISTRICT FROM PAGE A1

MILLAGE REQUEST

According to Griner, the district is eligible to ask county council for 5.48 mills this year after about two mills were left on the table last year, when council denied a millage increase request. The district was entitled to ask for 2.03 mills last year under state law based on the county's growth rate, but county council turned down then-Superintendent Frank Baker in May as the district was trying to get its financial house in order after overspending in fiscal year 2016.

The 5.48-mill increase translates to \$1,057,121 in additional revenue for the district from county taxpayers and could fund various district priorities, such as adding six teaching positions as part of a process to

inch down student-teacher ratios (valued at \$480,000) and making a \$500,000 contribution to the district's fund balance in an effort to get the district closer to having one month's operational expenses on hand.

The district projects student-teacher ratios in next year's budget at 25-1 for elementary schools, 30-1 for middle schools, and 31-1 for high schools.

Since single-family homes are exempt from having to pay for operational millage through Act 388 under state law, county commercial businesses and industries would pay for the majority of the millage increase.

In other news from Monday's meeting, board member and Finance Committee Chairman Johnny Hilton said the board's advisory Finance Committee will hold its monthly meeting on May 23.

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Manning student honored for her volunteer efforts

Olympic gold medalist pays tribute to students

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — South Carolina's top two youth volunteers of 2018, Alyssa Gottheiner, 15, of Manning and Gracey Chafin, 11, of Graniteville, were honored in the nation's capital recently for their outstanding volunteer service during the 23rd-annual presentation of The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Alyssa and Gracey — along with 100 other top youth volunteers from across the country — each received \$1,000 awards and personal congratulations from Olympic gold medalist and World Cup champion Lindsey Vonn at an award ceremony and gala dinner reception held at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, named Alyssa and Gracey South Carolina's top high school and middle-level youth volunteers in February. In addition to their cash awards, they each received an engraved silver medallion and an all-expenses-paid trip with a parent to Washington, D.C., for four days of recognition events.

Alyssa, a sophomore at Laurence Manning Academy, organized a student essay contest and a "Community Day" to help improve relations between law enforcement agencies and the residents of her county. Alyssa's parents are retired police officers and often talk about the challenges of law enforcement, she said. "I wanted to make a change in my community," Alyssa said. "The goal was to provide positive interactions for the benefit of law enforcement and the community." She did that through a program she calls "Clarendon County Hometown Heroes."

After winning support from her local sheriff, Alyssa began promoting an essay contest en-

couraging students to nominate a first responder who deserves recognition. She announced the contest by distributing 3,000 fliers to more than 10 schools and by spreading the word through a local newspaper, social media and her church. The essay winners get to have breakfast with a police officer and ride to school in a police car, while the officer featured in the winning essay is presented with a plaque by Alyssa at a county staff meeting. For her Community Day event, Alyssa attracted more than 50 sponsors and more than 30 volunteers to help provide free food, games, bounce houses and police cars and fire trucks for kids to play in. "First responders work so hard dedicating their lives to our community. I want them to know how much we appreciate what they do and the sacrifices they make for us," said Alyssa.

Gracey, a sixth-grader at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School, collected enough donations during the past five years to provide more than 100 Radio Flyer wagons and more than 10,000 toys, books, games and other items to kids being treated at a local children's hospital. When she was 6, Gracey donated seven inches of her hair to support a school friend who had been diagnosed with leukemia. Then she happened to learn that a local children's hospital was soliciting donations and "thought I hadn't done enough." So Gracey decided to collect money and toys for pediatric patients at Children's Hospital of Georgia.

She started by selling cinnamon rolls and coffee at her neighborhood yard sale and then organized an annual two-week donation drive at her school, where classmates bring in toys and other items that could brighten the days of hospitalized children. Gracey also collects money from family members, friends, businesses and church members to purchase red Radio Flyer wagons, which are used to transport both toys and young patients in the hospital.

Olympic gold medalist and World Cup Champion Lindsey Vonn speaks to Alyssa Gottheiner, 15, of Manning, and Gracey Chafin, 11, of Graniteville, who were honored recently for their outstanding volunteer service during the 23rd-annual presentation of The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.



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Since 1982, more than 1,500 children with cancer and their families have enjoyed Camp Happy Days, which gives young cancer patients a chance to be away from hospitals for a week.

Donate to help children with cancer enjoy a week at camp

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

SUMMERTON — Seeing a smile or hearing the laughter of a child suffering from cancer makes all the work that goes into Camp Happy Days well worth the effort.

"It is definitely rewarding," said Bill Ellis of Manning, who has been volunteering with Camp Happy Days for more than 20 years. "It makes you a better person. I feel selfish sometimes about how good helping out at Camp Happy Days makes me feel."

Ellis said that most of the children who attend Camp Happy Days spend most of their time in the hospital or doctor's office, going through chemo or radiation treatments, getting shots, taking medicine and often times not feeling well enough to venture outdoors.

"Having a week where they can do nothing but have fun is terrific for them," he said. "Just knowing that I played a small part in helping that happen is very rewarding."

Ellis said he started working with Camp Happy Days when he and a few co-workers at SCANA SCE&G would take one day off from work and cook boiled peanuts for the children.

"Since then I've involved into more of a fundraiser, collecting donations for the camp," he added. "It's gotten bigger and bigger every year, and it runs solely on donations. The donations are tax deductible."

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fited from Camp Happy Days. Children with cancer from across South Carolina have spent a week in Clarendon County without any charge.

At Camp Happy Days, children can be children again. What cancer takes away, Camp Happy Days helps give back.

Camp Happy Days is a week teeming full of amazing experiences. Not only will the children be able to realize their dreams, but the camp also helps them overcome adversity and aids them in emerging stronger and more self-assured.

During the week-long camp, children will enjoy thematic dances, fireworks on the Fourth of July, tubing, fishing, painting and last, but not least, the camp's fabulous talent show.

Camp Happy Days offers the week of fun to the children with cancer and their families at no cost to the families. In order to grow and offer its services to more children across the

DONATE TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP

If you'd like to make a donation, please make the check payable to Camp Happy Days and mail it to Bill Ellis, 1358 Sportsman Drive, Manning SC 29102 or call Ellis at (803) 460-7666.

Donations can be made online at <https://www.camphappydays.org/donations>.

state, Camp Happy Days relies on the generosity of folks throughout the state to keep its efforts growing.

Last year, more than 300 children and their families were able to enjoy summer camp and 12 year-round programs offered through the camp at no cost to the families.

This year, Camp Happy Days kicks off on July 1 at the R.M. Cooper 4-H Leadership Center, perhaps better known as Camp Bob Cooper, and ends July 7. The camp is expecting more than 300 children and their families to attend this year's event.

Hospital honors its volunteers

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The very special volunteers who donate their time and talents to make a difference at McLeod Health Clarendon were celebrated Friday, April 20, during a luncheon at the hospital in honor of National Volunteer Week.

In 2017, these dedicated volunteers together contributed 5,459 hours of their time to McLeod Health Clarendon. The Volunteer Services Department consists of more than 19 men and women who work in almost every facet of the organization including the information desk, transportation, outpatient rehab, surgical waiting areas, radiology, clerical duties, conducting daily patient rounds and much more.



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McLeod Health Clarendon recently held a luncheon at the hospital in honor of National Volunteer Week. Below, Hattie Benjamin and Lynda "Jane" Carroll were named Volunteers of the Year.

Mayor Julia Nelson spoke to those in attendance about the importance of volunteering and serving others. "We are very fortunate to have so many caring individuals from Manning and the surrounding areas who give so much back to the community through their volunteer efforts. I personally thank you for all they do," said Mayor Julia Nelson.

Volunteers have always played an important role in

helping McLeod Health Clarendon deliver quality care to its patients. "There is something very special and unique about each and every one of our volunteers. For all the various big jobs and small tasks they do with their warm smiles and open hearts, we thank them," said Stacy Mosier, Volunteer Services coordinator.

McLeod Health Clarendon honors its volunteers annually by presenting service

awards to recognize their special efforts and years of service. Volunteers recognized included: 25 years, Barbara Ardis; 23 years, Mary Queen; 18 years, Mary Alice Ipock; 17 years, Betty Strange; 16 years, Pat Kerl; 14 years, Pat Mackenzie; 11 years, Ursula Horn and Barbara Patterson; nine years, Mary Dubose and Louise Mozhdzhi; and five years, Johnny Junious.



Hattie Benjamin and Lynda "Jane" Carroll were named Volunteers of the Year.

Pets of the week

DeeDee is a 2-year-old female brindle Dachshund mix. She is a very loving girl who loves to have her belly rubbed. She is current on her shots, has been spayed and tested negative for heartworms. She is patiently waiting for the right family to come and give her a home. If you think this is the girl for you, go to www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com and fill out an adoption application to get preapproved. A Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway (U.S. 301), is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com.

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Emmy is a female brown tabby domestic shorthair cat who is 2 years old. She is shy at times, and all she needs is the right home with one-on-one attention. She is current on all of her shots, has been spayed and tested negative for feline leukemia and aids. Stop by the shelter Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to see this beautiful sweet girl along with all of our other pets.



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The Manning High School JAG Chapter recently attended Jobs for America's Graduates — South Carolina 2018 Career Development Conference.

Manning High School JAG compete, win at conference

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On April 19, students from Manning High School attended the annual Jobs for America's Graduates – South Carolina 2018 Career Development Conference. Joined by more than 586 students from across the state, this annual event provides opportunities for JAG-SC students to hear speakers discuss career development, compete in academic and life-skills competitions and be recognized in an awards luncheon.

Manning High School is proud of the strides its JAG-SC students have made this academic year. At the state JAG Career Development Conference, Renee Elidieu received the Executive Director of Employment Workforce Award; April Williams won first place and Ronald Register received honorable mention for poster contest entries; Jaz'myn Ragin, April Williams and Xavier Gibson finished second overall in the Team Challenge; and the Manning High JAG Chapter received the third-place Chapter Display Award.

“Over the course of this year, the students have mastered 81 competencies identified by businesses as essential to successful employment,” said Ernest Cooper, Manning High School JAG-SC administrator. “We want to launch them from here ready for more education or ready for employment. Either way they will be prepared to take the next step in life with confidence and eager to make a positive contribution to the community and society.”

Additionally, the group has participated in the National Student Leadership Conference, visited the White House, assisted with Kids Day, donated clothing to fire and flood victims, held a can and pet food drive, and held fundraisers for Leukemia and Lymphoma awareness, Gambling Awareness and Voter Registration Drive.

JAG is a dropout prevention program that in parts focuses on academic success and career-readiness skills. JAG-SC is administered by the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

LMA students inducted into Junior Honor Society



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The following seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-grade students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Laurence Manning Academy: Jordan Baker, Karley Brown, Mary Grace Carraway, Cadence Coker, Savannah Coursey, Porter Davis, Madison Degasse, Kaitlin Driggers, Anna Kate Dubose, Henry DuRant, Eva Eaddy, Harper Epperson, Piper Ferris, Brianna Finney, Trystan Foht, Grace Ford, Hannah Fraser, Elliott Harris, Jayden Hunt, Emily Isgett, Meri Ellen Johnson, Ethan Lee, Hailey Lynch, Charlie McGraw, Tylor Mikula, Hannah Nave, Chandler Newman, Nathan Phan, Madison Phillips, Bella Plews, Emily Porter, Campbell Proctor, Brandt Reynolds, Cassandra Schuessler, Brody Secosky, Emily Stanley, Noah Tanner, Parker Tisdale, Ansley Welch, Ariyelle Wells and Joe Wilson. Students were selected based on qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character.

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thereon 127.52, and 121.6 feet, respectively, and on the West by Cole Street and measuring thereon 195.44 feet.

For a more particular description reference is hereby made to Plat by H.F. Oliver & Associates dated February 17, 1976 and recorded on Clarendon County Plat Book 27 at page 155.

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The dangerous case of Trump derangement syndrome

Isaac Newton's third law of motion states that for every action in nature, there is an equal and opposite reaction. It can operate in politics, too. For example, Harvard law professor Jack Goldsmith recently wrote, "It is part of Trump's evil genius that he elevates himself by inducing his critics to behave like him."

Call it Trump derangement syndrome and recognize it for what it is: something that could end up snatching defeat from the jaws of victory for the Democratic Party once again in 2018 and 2020.

Signs of that possibility are apparent in the polls. President Donald Trump's job approval has remained low, by historical standards, but it has also remained pretty steady — and has been rising, just a bit, in recent weeks.

The standard pattern has

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been for presidents to start off their term with high honeymoon ratings and then sag somewhat in their second year unless buoyed (as both Bushes were) by perceived foreign policy successes.

What we saw in the midterm elections of 1994, 1998, 2006, 2010 and 2014 was the opposition party's winning majorities in both houses of Congress, except for the Senate in 2010.

Trump's trajectory has been different. After his controversial campaign, his barbed tweets and the revelation of the Hillary Clinton campaign-financed Steele dossier, he was never in honeymoon territory. His average job approval rating in the RealClearPolitics average never topped 46 percent — the same percentage he won in the popular vote against Clinton.

In succeeding months, his numbers oscillated within a narrow range and often with no discernible (to the press, anyway) connection with events. As in the 2016 cam-

paign, stories that would have hurt other politicians (Stormy Daniels, anyone?) seemed to have been priced in on attitudes toward Trump. You loved him or hated him — and kept on doing so.

His recent upswing has his approval at 43.5 percent — well below 50 percent but far higher than the 35 percent George W. Bush had before the Republicans' thumping in 2006.

Perhaps this reflects the economic upswing since the Republican tax bill passed in December. Perhaps it reflects presidential initiatives on Korea, Iran and China or the respect shown to him by the leaders of France, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Germany and others. He may be uncouth, some may think, but he's getting results.

And perhaps it reflects the Democrats' Trump derangement syndrome.

You had the spectacle of Bernie Sanders and 41 Democrats, including every Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on the Senate floor opposing Trump's nominee for

secretary of state — a nominee, Mike Pompeo, whose confirmation as CIA director some of them had voted for and who had been getting good marks at Langley.

That's as unprecedented as Trump's insulting tweets — and less fact-based than many. Some Democrats complained about Pompeo's stances on gay issues. But they're the party that blocked for seven months the nomination of a gay ambassador to Germany, Ric Grenell.

Another spectacle of Trump derangement syndrome was last Saturday's White House Correspondents' Association dinner, where a comedian's vitriolic monologue and mean-spirited attacks on Trump's press secretary validated his decisions this year and last not to attend. The event only further undermined the credibility of the anti-Trump press.

Its credibility may be further reduced if, as seems likely, special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation ends with no finding of collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign. Much of the press, notably

CNN, has treated the collusion story as a second Watergate, and many Democrats amuse their friends with little quips assuming Trump administration policy is set in Moscow. Not very funny anymore.

The collusion that seems more likely to have occurred is between Obama administration intelligence and law enforcement personnel and the news media to push the Russian collusion story largely or solely on the evidence of the Steele dossier. Looking ahead, it's possible that Republicans in 2018 and Donald Trump in 2020 could win based on solid achievements. But their chances will be aided if Democrats can't shake off their bad case of Trump derangement syndrome.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU TO ROBERT JONES FOR TREATING CUSTOMERS LIKE FAMILY

On Tuesday, May 1, my almost 70-year-old sister with two young grandchildren in her car ran over the sharp edge of a curb and got a flat tire. She pulled into a parking lot off Pinewood Road and called me in a panic for help. I was in Savannah on business which left me few options. She bought the car new from Robert Jones at Jones Chevrolet four years ago, and although it was after 5 p.m., I called Robert's office for advice and direction.

I explained to Robert the situation, and he assured me his was a family business and he would take care of it. Robert then told me to call my sister and tell her the cavalry was on the way. I assured him my goal was to get a number for someone to call, since the day of the corner gas station that once took care of these type issues was long gone, I needed an 800 number; isn't that what we do now? Robert simply said we got this covered. I did as requested and called my sister and told her and the girls to be calm; help was on the way.

What I later found out was that it was Robert himself, with tire tool, jack and spare from the trunk, who left his office and went and changed the flat tire. I was shocked but not surprised when about 30 minutes after my call to Robert he called to say she was on the road again.

Breathing a bit harder than before, it was easy to surmise from Robert's call that he had been the one who changed the tire.

I thanked him profusely and then had a good memory. Around 1990 when Robert was in our R.A. group on Wednesday evenings at First Baptist, we knew then he was a godly teen. Now a godly young man. Where did that time go ... My sister then called in tears, thanking me for the help. I told her Robert was the one who came to the rescue and she needed to thank him. Today she is at Jones getting new tires.

Funny how life goes full circle. When I was in the 11th grade at Sumter High, working at Price's Exxon after school, a man pulled in one afternoon with a nail in his tire. He was in a hurry and asked if I could change his tire. I did and he paid the fee (\$1), and the kind man was on his way. It was Mr. John Jones, owner of Jones Chevrolet. I had seen his picture many times for positive community and business events. I think Mr. Jones would be very proud today to know that his grandson is carrying on the family business built on his reputation.

For 30 minutes and a tire wrench, I owe Robert Jones much more than \$1. I sure wish we had more businesses that treated folks like family, sure wish we still had an old gas station to change flat tires and really wish my sister would drive around those curbs. Thanks Robert.

DARRYL DAVIDS
Florence

"G!★! YOU'RE NUKING MY NARRATIVE!"

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Wolf served up raw sewage at press dinner

Saturday's White House Correspondents' Association dinner, billed as a celebration of the First Amendment and a tribute to journalists who "speak truth to power," has to be the worst advertisement in memory for our national press corps.

Comedian Michelle Wolf, the guest speaker, recited one filthy joke after another at the expense of President

Trump and his people, using words that would have gotten her kicked out of school not so long ago.

Media critic Howard Kurtz said he had "never seen a performance like that," adding that Wolf "was not only nasty but dropping F-bombs on live television." Some of her stuff was grungier than that.

The anti-Trump media at the black-tie dinner laughed and whooped it up and occasionally "oohed" as Wolf went too far even for them, lending confirmation to Trump's depiction of who and what they are.

While the journalistic elite at the black-tie dinner was reveling in the raw sewage served up by Wolf, Trump had just wrapped up a rally in Michigan.

The contrast between the two assemblies could not have been more stark. We are truly two Americas now.

"Why would I want to be stuck in a room with a bunch of fake-news liberals who hate me?" said Trump in an email to supporters, adding that he would much rather "spend the evening with my favorite deplorables who love our movement and love America."

Her objective in arranging this

year's dinner, said WHCA president Margaret Talev, was "in unifying the country," but "we may have fallen a little bit short on that goal." The lady has a gift for understatement.

With revulsion at Wolf's performance coming in strong on Sunday, journalists began to call for a halt to inviting comedians, with some urging an end to the annual dinner that Trump has twice boycotted.

These dinners are becoming "close to suicidal for the press' credibility," writes Margaret Sullivan in *The Washington Post*.

How did the White House Correspondents' Association descend to this depth?

In 1962, along with friends at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, this writer hung out outside the dinner as we talked to legendary Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter Clark Mollenhoff.

A memorable evening and though most of the press there had probably been JFK voters in 1960, these journalists would never have sat still for Saturday night's festival of contempt.

Nor has the older Gridiron dinner descended to this depth.

A white-tie affair at the Statler Hilton, it is put on by the Gridiron Club, one of whose rules is, "Women are always present." Nothing is to be said from the podium that might affront a lady. And the jokes from the rival party speakers are to "sing but not burn."

What happened to the WHCA dinner? The evening has become less a celebration of the First Amendment than a celebration of the press themselves, how wonderful they are and how indispensable they are to our democracy.

Yet in the eyes of tens of millions of their countrymen, they are seen not as "speaking truth to power" but as using their immense power over

American communications to punish their enemies, advance their own agendas and, today, bring down a president.

The press denounces Trump for calling the media "the enemy of the people." But is there any doubt that the mainstream media are, by and large, enemies of Trump and looking to Robert Mueller to solve their problem?

Saturday's White House Correspondents' dinner recalls to mind T.S. Eliot's insight that, "Things reveal themselves passing away."

It was saturated with detestation of Trump, his people and what they represent.

How did we get here?

Like our cultural elite in Hollywood and the arts, and our academic elite in the Ivy League, our media elite is a different breed than we knew in the Eisenhower-Kennedy era. Our institutions passed through the great cultural, social and moral revolution of the late 20th century, and they have emerged different on the other side.

Most of the Washington press corps at that dinner have next to nothing in common with the folks who voted for Trump and cheered him in Michigan. Perhaps, rather than seeking to create a synthetic unity, those who so deeply and viscerally disagree — on politics, morality, culture and even good and evil — ought peacefully to go their separate ways.

We both live in the USA, but we inhabit different countries.

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

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Willow Drive students raise money for Relay for Life

Willow Drive Elementary School scholars and staff taped Principal Trevor Ivey to the flagpole in return for raising \$500 for Relay for Life. So far, Willow Drive has raised \$4,200 for the event on May 18. Ivey stayed on the flagpole long enough for all 700 students to come out after recess and view the end result.

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Robot fast-food chefs: Hype or a sign of industry change?

BY MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

BOSTON — Robots can't yet bake a souffle or fold a burrito, but they can cook up vegetables and grains and spout them into a bowl — and are doing just that at a new fast-casual restaurant in Boston.

Seven autonomously swirling cooking pots — what the restaurant calls a “never-before-seen robotic kitchen” — hum behind the counter at Spycy, which opened Thursday in the city's downtown.

Push a touch-screen menu to purchase a \$7.50 meal called “Hearth.” A blend of Brussels sprouts, quinoa, kale and sweet potatoes tumbles from hoppers and into one of the pots. The pot heats the food using magnetic induction, then tips to dunk the cooked meal into a bowl. Water jets up to rinse it off before a new order begins.

Is this a robot chef or just another high-tech novelty machine? Experts differ, but more such automation is likely headed for the fast-food sector in coming years.

A report last year by the McKinsey Global Institute said



A worker lifts a lunch bowl off the production line at Spycy, a restaurant which uses a robotic cooking process, in Boston on Thursday.

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that food preparation jobs are highly vulnerable to automation because workers spend so much time on predictable physical tasks.

Currently, there's one big thing holding back the chefs: “The human labor also tends to be lower-paid,” said McKinsey partner Michael Chui, making it less economical to automate those jobs. But that could change as businesses develop cheaper and more efficient robot chefs.

Spycy has those, and automated order-taking kiosks to boot, although it still employs plenty of humans. Founded by four former MIT classmates who partnered with Michelin-starred chef Daniel Boulud,

the restaurant has hired people to do the trickier prep work — parboiling rice, rinsing and chopping vegetables, cutting meat and reducing sauces in an off-site commissary kitchen. It also employs a handful of people for customer service and to garnish the robot-cooked blends with fresh toppings.

But the mesmerizing machinery, equipped with dozens of motors, sensors and moving parts, is the real draw.

“The openness of the design was something we knew we wanted from the beginning,” said Brady Knight, a co-founder and engineer. “It is kind of a show. It's fun to see what's going on behind the scenes. We

didn't want to hide anything because we think what we made is pretty cool.”

Automation in the food industry isn't exactly new, though it's often unseen by customers. Think of the chocolate factory conveyor belt that led to comedic mishaps in a famous “I Love Lucy” episode in the 1950s or machines that wash dishes and brew coffee. There was also the early 20th century fad of waiterless “automat” cafeterias that served hot food when customers fed a coin to open a glass door.

But while food processing machines are prized for their speed and hygiene — “our robot doesn't get sick,” Knight said — they have a harder time handling the complexities of

fresh food.

In Mountain View, California, the founders of Zume Pizza spent years tinkering with a robotic kitchen that can form pizza dough, apply tomato sauce and transfer the pizza in and out of the oven. Other jobs that require more dexterity and judgment — such as layering on toppings — are left to humans, and the robot only performs tasks it can do dramatically better, CEO Alex Garden said.

Garden said his philosophy is that “automation exists to improve the quality of human life,” so he invests savings from the increased productivity in higher wages for employees and higher-quality ingredients for customers.

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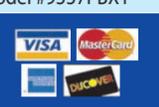
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AROUND TOWN

Rembert Area Community Coalition will hold summer camp for ages 3 1/2 to 12 years old from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 11-July 20, at the Rembert Youth Center (behind Rembert Car Wash), 20 Horatio-Hagood Road, Rembert. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. each day and lunch will be served at noon each day. Reduced rate for multiple children. First 35 students signed up by May 15 will get a free week. Apply online at www.raccinc.org

St. Peters Masonic Lodge will hold a pancake supper fundraiser beginning at 5 p.m. today at 232 Boyce St., Manning. Plates are \$6 each and include pancakes, sausage and coffee or tea.

The Ninth Annual St. Anne and St. Jude Gala will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at the O'Donnell House. Event will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, a cash bar and a silent auction. Rafe, master of ceremonies from J.R. Dixon Auctions, will also conduct a live auction. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance or \$35 at the door. Call (803) 775-3632 or drop by the office at 11 S. Magnolia St., to purchase tickets or get more information.

The Campbell Soup friends lunch group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, at Golden Corral.

The Lincoln High School Class of 1964 will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 7, at the Historical Lincoln Center, 22 Council St. Call (803) 773-3804 or (803) 775-9088.

The Sumter Benedict Alumni Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at the North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Call Shirley M. Blassingame at (803) 506-4019.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind

of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Loretta Green, president of the Upper Dorchester Chapter of the NFB of South Carolina and transition consultant for Career Boost of South Carolina, will speak. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The WWW (Wise Wonderful Women and men) will sponsor a Mother's Day celebration beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, at 130 Epper-son St., Pinewood. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 and under. Proceeds will benefit the senior lunch. This will be a day of family fun with a luncheon, musical groups and motivational speakers. Call Queen Winslow at (803) 452-7016.

Lake Marion VFW Post 11078, Summerton, will meet on Tuesday, May 15, at 1 Duke St., Summerton (behind First Citizens Bank). The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner. Call Carl A. Foley, post commander, at (803) 460-8910.

A Friends of the NRA event will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, at 31 Artillery Drive. Continue the legacy of fighting for the future of the Second Amendment while enjoying a night of auctions, drawings, firearms and fun. Friends of NRA is a grassroots fundraising program that fosters community involvement, raises money and gives 100 percent of the net proceeds to qualified local, state and national programs. Ticket prices are \$20 for children, \$45 for singles, \$80 for couples and \$320 for a table. Call Debbie Brown at (803) 340-0025. Visit www.friends-of-nra.org.

The last word in astrology

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be careful how you handle others.

EUGENIA LAST
Conversations can quickly turn into disagreements if you aren't willing to back down. Don't let anger take over when reason is what's needed. Give everyone the opportunity to have his or her own opinion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Business trips or visiting relatives will give you greater insight into what's ahead. Dealing with supervisors, parents or individuals looking for your assistance will put you in a good position to ask for something you want in return.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take care of personal affairs. Medical issues should be a priority, and dealing with institutions will help you sum up what you should be doing to counter any problems you face. Listen to the voice of reason.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An emotional situation left unresolved will create stress. Talk to someone you trust or an expert who can help shed light on a situation that needs to be dealt with before it has the chance to grow into something unmanageable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't share too much information with your colleagues or those trying to gather personal information. Caution will help you avoid being taken advantage of or slotted into a position that doesn't suit you. Change can be good if it's your choice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are in control. It's time to move forward and bring about the changes that will lead to a better life. Open up about your dreams with those you want to be a part of your future

plans.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll face opposition. Problems at home will mount, and arguments are likely to take over if you try to do something that isn't favored by family or someone in a position of authority. Don't make an untimely move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Learn all you can, and rely on your ability to ferret out hidden information that can help you make important decisions. Look at your relationships and make choices that will benefit the ones you love. Trust your instincts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone from your past will reach out. Before you open up, find out why the sudden interest. It's in your best interest to proceed with caution. A lot of hype and empty promises will eventually turn into chaos and disappointment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Secret conversations will be misinterpreted. It is best to have someone you trust along with you to take notes or be your backup if someone tries to accuse you or put you in a compromising position regarding what transpires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let anyone take advantage of you or what you have to offer. If someone tries to coerce you into taking on responsibilities or getting involved in something that is too costly, take a pass and work alone. Focus on home and family.

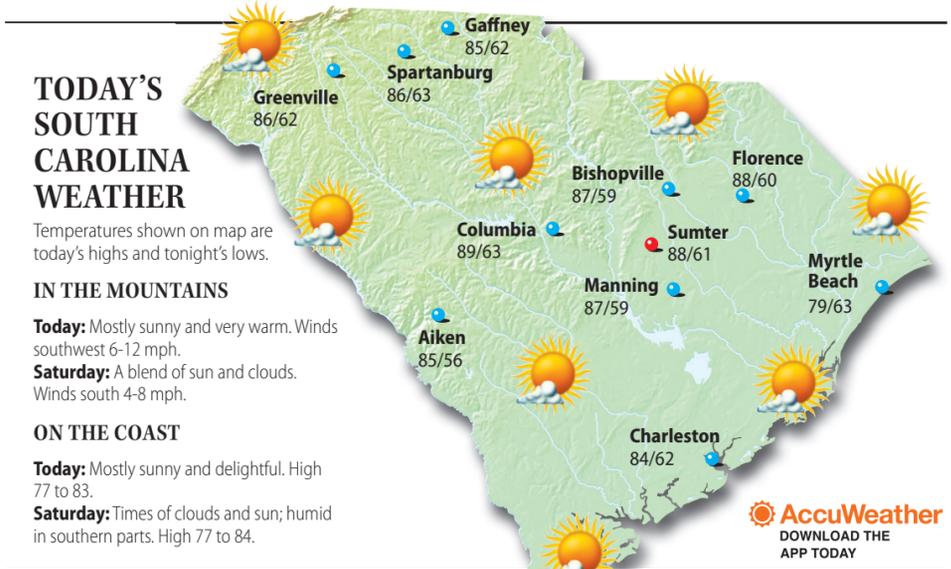
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Choose your associates based on what they have to offer and how beneficial it will be to you. Don't put up with anyone trying to manipulate you emotionally. Know what you want, and be relentless in your pursuit.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny and warm	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny and warm	Mostly cloudy	Clouds and sun with a t-storm	Beautiful with some sun
88°	61°	86° / 64°	89° / 62°	85° / 56°	79° / 58°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 15%
SW 6-12 mph	S 4-8 mph	S 6-12 mph	WSW 4-8 mph	NE 8-16 mph	NE 8-16 mph



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature

High	80°
Low	58°
Normal high	79°
Normal low	53°
Record high	93° in 1959
Record low	41° in 1996

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.29"
Year to date	9.47"
Last year to date	14.50"
Normal year to date	14.64"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.03	+0.01
Marion	76.8	76.24	-0.09
Moutrie	75.5	74.89	+0.07
Wateree	100	97.92	-0.12

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	9.33	+0.01
Congaree River	19	4.17	-1.15
Lynches River	14	9.18	+0.86
Saluda River	14	3.98	+0.71
Up. Santee River	80	79.88	-0.54
Wateree River	24	14.76	-3.49

SUN AND MOON

	6:30 a.m.	Sunset	8:08 p.m.
Sunrise	6:30 a.m.		8:08 p.m.
Moonrise	none	Moonset	9:59 a.m.

Last: May 7 New: May 15 First: May 21 Full: May 29

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:36 a.m.	3.2	7:38 a.m.	0.3
	12:50 p.m.	2.6	7:26 p.m.	0.6
Sat.	1:18 a.m.	3.0	8:21 a.m.	0.5
	1:34 p.m.	2.5	8:08 p.m.	0.8

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/66/s	83/64/pc
Chicago	72/55/c	78/54/s
Dallas	71/57/sh	84/60/pc
Detroit	76/53/sh	76/54/s
Houston	83/66/c	81/62/c
Los Angeles	83/61/s	86/62/pc
New Orleans	85/68/pc	84/67/c
New York	89/63/pc	73/61/pc
Orlando	88/64/pc	86/69/sh
Philadelphia	90/62/pc	73/60/sh
Phoenix	94/70/s	102/76/s
San Francisco	66/52/pc	65/52/c
Wash., DC	90/65/pc	73/61/sh

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	85/61/pc	78/60/pc	Florence	88/60/s	87/65/pc
Athens	87/60/s	85/61/pc	Gainesville	89/59/s	89/65/pc
Augusta	88/58/s	88/61/pc	Gastonia	86/63/s	81/62/pc
Beaufort	83/61/s	84/67/pc	Goldsboro	88/62/s	87/65/pc
Cape Hatteras	78/67/s	79/67/pc	Goose Creek	84/61/s	83/67/pc
Charleston	84/62/s	84/68/pc	Greensboro	86/63/s	80/63/pc
Charlotte	87/64/s	83/64/pc	Greenville	86/62/s	83/62/c
Clemson	86/63/s	82/62/pc	Hickory	85/62/s	79/63/t
Columbia	89/63/s	89/66/pc	Hilton Head	80/63/s	80/68/pc
Darlington	87/60/s	87/63/pc	Jacksonville, FL	84/60/s	84/64/pc
Elizabeth City	85/63/s	83/65/pc	La Grange	87/62/s	85/62/pc
Elizabethtown	87/60/s	85/64/pc	Macon	88/59/s	89/62/pc
Fayetteville	88/60/s	88/65/pc	Marietta	86/62/s	82/61/pc
			Marion	85/61/pc	77/59/t
			Mt. Pleasant	81/62/s	81/68/pc
			Myrtle Beach	79/63/s	79/66/pc
			Orangeburg	86/56/s	85/61/pc
			Port Royal	80/62/s	81/67/pc
			Raleigh	87/61/s	84/64/pc
			Rock Hill	85/62/s	82/62/pc
			Rockingham	88/60/s	85/62/pc
			Savannah	85/59/s	86/66/pc
			Spartanburg	86/63/s	81/62/pc
			Summerville	85/59/s	84/66/pc
			Wilmington	83/63/s	81/66/pc
			Winston-Salem	86/63/s	79/62/t

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When Burr challenged Hamilton to a battle using pistols, it was — "DUEL-Y" NOTED

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK

Piddles, right, is a housebroken 1-year-old dalmatian mix. She is a happy and playful girl, who is great with other dogs, children and even cats. Piddles loves to play and is sweet and affectionate. She lives for attention and would make a wonderful new buddy for any family. The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit www.sumterspcpa.com.



Simba, above, is a neutered, housebroken 3-year-old American long hair. He is friendly, loving, active and affectionate. Simba loves to play and chase cat toys. He has a beautiful face and soft, silky coat. His favorite thing of all is to get lots of kisses, hugs and scratches.

The SPCA relies heavily on community support and donations. Currently, the biggest needs are for dry puppy and kitten food, wet cat food, cat litter and cleaning supplies. The following are also appreciated: Newspapers, stuffed animals, heavy duty trash bags (30 gallon or larger), dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, bleach, paper towels, sheets and comforters, baby blankets, canned dog and cat food, dry dog food, treats, leashes and collars, disinfectant spray, all-purpose cleaner, air freshener, no scratch scrubbers, two-sided sponges for dishes, litter freshener and, of course, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

LOCAL SPORTS

Ready to shine

Sumter cheer gym sending 3 teams to nationals

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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In only its third year of operation, Palmetto Xplosion All-Star Cheer and Sports will send three teams to a pair of nationwide competitions this weekend and next.

The school's youngest eligible team, the Mini Level 1 "Sparklers", which includes competitors aged five to eight, earned a Gold Paid bid to compete in the USASF U.S. Finals competition on Saturday in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They'll accompany Palmetto Xplosion's Junior Level 2 "Firestorm" team, which will also compete May 11-12 at the D2 Summit at Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida. The school's Senior Level 2 "Bomb Squad" team will also compete at the D2 Summit.

The year-end competitions sponsored by U.S. All Star Federation, the governing body for competitive cheer and dance, are roughly equivalent in scope to the Dixie Youth baseball and softball tournaments, with nationwide competitions held at regional locations around the country, according to Jeff Stanfield, Palmetto Xplosion's Level-5 certified cheer coach. Stanfield's wife, Allison, is a Level-3 certified cheer coach who formerly coached the Sum-



Palmetto Xplosion All Star Cheer and Sports' Mini Level-1 "Sparklers" practice their routine on Wednesday before heading off to Virginia Beach, Virginia, for the USASF U.S. Finals competition. The Sparklers, who are ages 5-8, received an expenses-paid bid to the Finals, which take place on Saturday and Sunday. The Junior Level-2 "Firestorm" will accompany the Sparklers to the U.S. Finals before traveling next weekend with the Senior Level-2 "Bomb Squad" to the USASF Division 2 Summit on May 12-13 at Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida.

ter High School team for some 15 years before the school decided to eliminate competitive cheer.

A team must finish in the top three at any of several production companies' com-

petitions, which start in November each season, to earn a bid to the USASF year-end competitions, Jeff Stanfield explained. The Worlds event concluded on April 30, the Division 1 Summit, for

gyms with larger enrollments, will also be held this weekend, and the Division 2 Summit, in which Palmetto Xplosion competes, is next

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USC SUMTER BASEBALL

Fire Ants looking to make run in tournament

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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If the University of South Carolina Sumter baseball team is going to make a run and win the NJCAA Region X tournament, it's going to come down to one thing, according to head coach Tim Medlin: Pitching.

"It's pretty simple. We need Lindsey (Robinson), Blake (Robinson) and Daniel (Twitty) to pitch well,"



MEDLIN

Medlin said of three of his starting pitchers. "We are a bullet short (as starter Jack Webb is off the team due to disciplinary reasons), so we pretty

much have eight arms.

"We're going to need them to pitch well, and we're probably going to need someone else to pitch well that maybe hasn't if we're going to have a chance to win the tournament."

The tournament begins on Saturday and will be played for the first time at Lexington County Baseball Stadium. The winner of the tournament earns a berth in the Eastern District, the only one going to Region X this season.

The Fire Ants go in as the No. 2 seed with a 31-20 overall record and a 14-10 region mark. USCS receives a first-round bye in the 6-team tournament and will play at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. It will face the winner of a first-round game between No. 3 seed Spartanburg Methodist College (28-24, 11-9) and No. 6 seed USC Lancaster (20-21, 6-14) at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Florence-Darlington Technical, which went to the Junior College World Series last year, is the No. 1 seed. The Stingers, coached by former Lakewood

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

SCISA championships, SCHSL state qualifying meets set for Saturday

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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It is a big weekend for high school track and field, as the South Carolina Independent School Association will hold its championships on Saturday, while the South Carolina High School League will set the field for its respective state meets with qualifiers.

The SCISA state championships will be held in Charleston at the Porter-Gaud track. In the 3A meet, the Wilson Hall boys will be trying to improve upon a runner-up finish from a year ago when the Lady Barons finished fourth.

It was the reverse for Thomas Sumter Academy in the 1017 2A meet with the girls finishing second and the boys fourth.

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SCISA STATE TRACK AND FIELD MEET ENTRIES

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PRO BASEBALL



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Atlanta starting pitcher Julio Teheran delivers against the New York Mets during the first inning of the Braves' 11-0 victory on Thursday in New York. The win gave the Braves a sweep in the series.

Teheran, Braves blank Mets 11-0 for sweep

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After a three-game wipeout of the New York Mets, the Atlanta Braves were flying — and not just because they were heading home.

The first-place Braves — that's right, the NL East-leading Braves — just might be starting to convince a jaded fan base to believe again.

Julio Teheran took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning, 20-year-old Ronald Acuna Jr. hit his second big league home run and a 11-0 rout

Thursday completed a 7-3 trip that vaulted the young Braves atop their division.

Players and manager Brian Snitker were looking ahead to a weekend series against San Francisco at SunTrust Park, where just two of the first 12 home games sold out this season.

"I think they're going to be pumped. I think they'll be rockin' tomorrow night," Snitker said. "After the road trip we had, the style, the way these are playing — I mean, they're leaving it out there every night."

Kurt Suzuki, Acuna and

Nick Markakis homered as the Braves built a 6-0 lead by the fifth inning against Jason Vargas (0-2), and 21-year-old Ozzie Albies went deep off an equally shaky Matt Harvey in a five-run seventh.

Atlanta has won five in a row and opened a 1 1/2-game division lead, the latest in a season the Braves have been in first place since July 20, 2014.

"If the fan base wasn't already excited, I don't know what will," said Freddie Freeman, the only Atlanta player left from the group that

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KENTUCKY DERBY

Self-made trainer Ruis goes own way

BY BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mick Ruis packed his suitcases for his first trip to the Kentucky Derby as an owner and trainer.

The 57-year-old high school dropout stuffed more than clothing and toiletries in his bags. He feels so strongly about Bolt d'Oro's chances — the colt is the co-fourth choice at 8-1 — Ruis packed plenty of cash.

"When he dropped from first to fifth or sixth now after he lost the Santa Anita Derby, every week I just put more money in a suitcase to come here to bet on him Saturday," Ruis said. "That's how confident we are."

Ruis said he also wagered \$1,200 on Bolt d'Oro in Las Vegas when he was 40-1 last year.

"But you can't put a money value on winning the race," he said.

Ruis is an anomaly in the sport because he owns, trains and handles much of the work around the barn, all with his horses.

He first came to love racing on a 1979 visit to Agua Caliente in Tijuana, Mexico. Leaving high school, he worked his way up from entry level positions in construction and shoring. He started his first company with \$3,000 and sold it six years later for \$2.5 million.

Ruis used the stake to go into training and racing thoroughbreds, but crashed out in the middle of the last decade. He earned \$467,981 in purses over three years before finding himself \$1 million in debt. "Never worked so hard to lose so much money in my life," he said.

He turned full-time attention to his San Diego-based company American Scaffolding, which has contracts on ships in five states and with the Navy. Driven to find a path back into racing, he built up the company and sold it for a reported \$78 million two years ago while keeping a 20 percent stake.

Ruis is faring much better his second time back in the sport.



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Jockey Mick Ruiz rides Kentucky Derby entrant Bolt d'Oro trains at Churchill Downs on Thursday in Louisville, Kentucky. The 144th running of the Kentucky Derby is scheduled for Saturday.

He spent about \$2 million on horses to get Ruis Racing underway. One of his purchases — for \$635,000 — in 2016 was Bolt d'Oro, named for retired Olympic champion sprinter Usain Bolt and the colt's sire Medaglia d'Oro.

Some of his family is along for the ride, including wife Wendy. The couple married 23 years ago after knowing each other for three weeks. He was divorced with three kids and she was widowed with two. Together, they had two more. His 25-year-old daughter, Shelbe, is his assistant.

Most owners with a horse in the Derby for the first time revel in seeing their silks during the post parade as the 100,000-strong crowd sings "My Old Kentucky Home."

Once again, Ruis is going his own way.

Jockey Victor Espinoza will wear the colors of Spendthrift Farm aboard Bolt d'Oro on Saturday. Ruis sold 90 percent of the colt's future breeding rights to 84-year-old Spend-

thrift owner B. Wayne Hughes, while keeping the rest for himself. The change in Derby silks was a gift to Hughes, the billionaire owner of Public Storage.

"I'm not in here to be the center of attention," Ruis said.

He admits the hubbub of his first Derby week has been stressful.

"You're thinking about the high, what could be," he said.

To escape, Ruis went back to his roots. He headed across the Ohio River to visit a wrestling club in New Albany, Indiana, on Wednesday. A gold medalist in the Junior Pan Am Games as a high school wrestler, Ruis likes to quote Olympic champion Dan Gable and credits the sport for teaching him a work ethic and respect.

He spoke to the group of boys ranging from age seven to 18 and then donated \$10,000 to their club.

"They're building character," he said. "These guys will make it out in the world."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: BMW Open Quarterfinal Matches from Munich (TENNIS).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: BMW Open Quarterfinal Matches from Munich (TENNIS).
9:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series OneMain Financial 200 Practice from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).
10:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).
10:30 a.m. — PGA Golf: PGA Texas Classic Second Round from The Colony, Texas (GOLF).
Noon — Horse Racing: Eight Belles Stakes, La Troienne Stakes, Twin Spires Turf Spring and Alysbea Stakes from Louisville, Ky. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
1 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series JEGS 200 Pole Qualifying from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Istanbul Open Quarterfinal Matches from Istanbul (TENNIS).
2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Practice from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).
2 p.m. — PGA Golf: Wells Fargo Championship Second Round from Charlotte (GOLF).
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pole Qualifying from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).
3 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester United vs. Brighton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series JEGS 200 from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEXG-FM 92.9).
6 p.m. — College Lacrosse: Ivy League Tournament Semifinal Match from New York — Pennsylvania vs. Yale (ESPN).
6 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Inscrity Invitational First Round from The Woodlands, Texas (GOLF).
6:05 p.m. p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Semifinal Series Match 4 — Tampa Bay at Boston (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Softball: SEC Softball Bases Loaded Whiparound Coverage — South Carolina at Kentucky, Georgia at Mississippi, Arkansas at Louisiana State, Tennessee at Mississippi State, Florida at Missouri and Texas A&M at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Baseball: Mississippi at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
7:30 p.m. — College Baseball: Texas at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 3 — Golden State at New Orleans (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — College Lacrosse: Ivy League Tournament Semifinal Match from New York — Brown vs. Cornell (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — College Baseball: Seton Hall at Creighton (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego or Houston at Arizona (MLB NETWORK).
10 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Semifinal Series Match 5 — San Jose at Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 3 — Houston at Utah (ESPN).
10:30 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Ryan Garcia vs. Jayson Velez in a Super Featherweight Bout from Carson, Calif. (ESPN2).

SATURDAY
7 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour GolfSixes Day 1 from St. Albans, England (GOLF).
7:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Crystal Palace vs. Stoke City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: BMW Open Semifinal Matches from Munich (TENNIS).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Mainz vs. Borussia Dortmund (WACH 57).
9:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Bayern Munich vs. Cologne (WACH 57).
9:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Swansea vs. Bournemouth (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Tottenham vs. West Brom (CNBC).
10 a.m. — College Lacrosse: Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament Championship Match from West Long Branch, N.J. (ESPN).
10:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Pole Qualifying from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).

Noon — College Lacrosse: America East Conference Tournament Championship Match from Albany, N.Y. (ESPN).
Noon — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — Women's College Lacrosse: Big East Conference Tournament Championship Match from Gainesville, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 2).
Noon — Horse Racing: Kentucky Derby Preliminary Races from Louisville, Ky. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Southampton vs. Everton (WIS 10).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: Wells Fargo Championship Third Round from Charlotte (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland at New York Yankees (MLB NETWORK).
1 p.m. — College Softball: Texas A&M at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Istanbul Open Semifinal Matches from Istanbul (TENNIS).
1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series OneMain Financial 200 from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEXG-FM 92.9).
1:55 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New York City at New York (ESPN).
2 p.m. — College Lacrosse: Big East Conference Tournament Championship Match from Villanova, Pa. (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Baseball: Texas at Texas Tech (ESPN).
2:30 p.m. — Horse Racing: Kentucky Derby from Louisville, Ky. (WIS 10).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Wells Fargo Championship Third Round from Charlotte (WLTN 19).
3 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Inscrity Invitational Second Round from The Woodlands, Texas (GOLF).
3 p.m. — College Softball: Florida at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — NWSL Soccer: Seattle at Portland (LIFETIME).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Detroit at Kansas City (MLB NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Baseball: Mississippi at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
4:30 p.m. — Track and Field: Diamond League Meet from Doha, Qatar (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 3 — Boston at Philadelphia (ESPN).
5 p.m. — College Baseball: Florida at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).
5:30 p.m. — PGA Golf: PGA Texas Classic Third Round from The Colony, Texas (GOLF).
6:30 p.m. — College Baseball: Florida State at Clemson (WJMZ-FM 93.1).
7 p.m. — Men's College Volleyball: NCAA Tournament Championship Match from Los Angeles (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego from Monterrey, Mexico (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:15 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Semifinal Series Match 5 — Pittsburgh at Washington (WIS 10).
7:30 p.m. — Arena Football League: Washington at Albany (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Baseball: Arkansas at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 3 — Toronto at Cleveland (WOL 25).
8:30 p.m. — College Softball: Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Chicago (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
9 p.m. — College Baseball: Evansville at Dallas Baptist (ESPN).
9:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Semifinal Series Match 5 — Winnipeg at Nashville (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Angels at Seattle (MLB NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	22	8	.733	—
New York	21	10	.677	1½
Toronto	18	13	.581	4½
Tampa Bay	13	16	.448	8½
Baltimore	8	22	.267	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	16	14	.533	—
Detroit	13	17	.433	3
Minnesota	10	16	.385	4

Chicago	8	20	.286	7
Kansas City	9	22	.290	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	20	13	.606	—
Los Angeles	18	12	.600	½
Seattle	17	12	.586	1
Oakland	15	15	.500	3½
Texas	12	20	.375	7½

THURSDAY

Toronto 13, Cleveland 11, 1st game, 11 innings
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Houston 5
 Kansas City 10, Detroit 6
 Boston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Cleveland, 8:10 p.m., 2nd game
 Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
 Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY

Cleveland (Tomlin 0-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Happ 4-1) at Tampa Bay (Kittredge 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
 Boston (Porcello 4-0) at Texas (Colon 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Berrios 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Fulmer 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Liriano 3-1) at Kansas City (Kennedy 1-3), 8:15 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 2-1) at Arizona (Medlen 0-0), 9:40 p.m.
 Baltimore (Cashner 1-4) at Oakland (Mengden 2-3), 10:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Richards 3-1) at Seattle (Leake 3-2), 10:10 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m.
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Boston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Houston at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
 Baltimore at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	19	11	.633	—
New York	17	12	.586	1½
Philadelphia	17	13	.567	2
Washington	16	16	.500	4
Miami	11	19	.367	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	19	13	.594	—
St. Louis	17	12	.586	½
Chicago	16	12	.571	1
Pittsburgh	17	15	.531	2
Cincinnati	7	24	.226	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	21	10	.677	—
Colorado	17	15	.531	4½
San Francisco	16	15	.516	5
Los Angeles	14	17	.452	7
San Diego	11	21	.344	10½

THURSDAY

Washington 3, Pittsburgh 1
 Atlanta 11, N.Y. Mets 0
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Arizona 2

TODAY

Philadelphia (Pivetta 1-1) at Washington (Gonzalez 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Colorado (Marquez 1-3) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Miami (Chen 1-0) at Cincinnati (Romano 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Stratton 2-2) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Kingham 1-0) at Milwaukee (Guerra 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Quintana 3-1) at St. Louis (Lukolas 3-0), 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 2-2) vs. San Diego (Lucchesi 3-1) at Monterrey, 9:10 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 2-1) at Arizona (Medlen 0-0), 9:40 p.m.

SATURDAY

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
 Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. San Diego at Monterrey, 7:10 p.m.
 Miami at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
 Houston at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Jazz heading home, looking for 2-1 lead on the Rockets

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

Quin Snyder walked into his news conference after Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals with a stoic look, slowly rubbing his forehead, barely if ever cracking anything that would resemble a smile.

And he was on the winning side.

This much is clear about the Utah Jazz: They are not surprising themselves by being in this position. A team that was written off by Vegas oddsmakers and alleged experts coming into the season after losing Gordon Hayward in free agency won 48 games, ousted reigning MVP Russell Westbrook and Oklahoma City in the first round, and now have the Houston Rockets in a bit of trouble.

The Jazz stole home-court from Houston with a win on Wednesday night, and now look to take a 2-1 lead when the series shifts to Salt Lake City for Game 3 on Friday night.

"When guys have confidence in each other, it allows them, I think, the confidence individually to step up," Snyder said.

Confidence is not an issue for the Jazz.

Even on a night where Donovan Mitchell shot 6 for 21 and fellow rookie backcourt starter Royce O'Neale shot 2 for 5, the Jazz won thanks largely to a great start and a great bench. Utah's reserves outscored Houston's 41-22 in Game 2 and that, combined with a 27-point night from Joe Ingles, was enough for the Jazz.

There's a pair of Game 3s on the schedule Friday, both out West, and the other being Golden State going to New Orleans. The Warriors lead that matchup 2-0, the 11th time in Golden State's last 14 series that they've opened with a pair of victories.

"No pressure for us," New Orleans star Anthony Davis said. "We just go out there and play, have fun, enjoy the moment and embrace it. The rest will take care of itself. We're going to make shots here at home and it's going to be a lot tougher for them."

Even down 2-0, the Pelicans insist that they can play freely.

Same goes for the Jazz. Hardly anyone outside of Salt Lake City a few months ago probably expected the Jazz to be in the second round of these playoffs, or to have grabbed home-court away from Houston. Snyder never conceded anything, though, and the Jazz holdovers from the Hayward years say the franchise has improved even in what was supposed to be a transition year.

"I feel like we're a better team," Jazz center Rudy Gobert said.

A look at Friday's games:

WARRIORS AT PELICANS

Warriors lead 2-0. Game 3, 8 p.m. EDT, ESPN.

NEED TO KNOW: While Warriors star Stephen Curry is back from a five-week injury layoff and is expected to start Game 3, New Orleans looked far more competitive after Curry's return in Game 2. New Orleans had won nine straight — their last five regular season games and a first-round sweep of third-seeded Portland — before a Game 1, 22-point drubbing. New Orleans regrouped for Game 2 and lost by just five points. "Of course, we wanted to get one up there, but I think the thing that we took out of it was: Game 1, we got punched in the mouth and Game 2 we came back and responded," Pelicans All-Star forward Anthony Davis said. "We didn't win, but we showed a lot of great signs — and Game 3 we'll be back at home."



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Houston guard James Harden (13) and Utah forward Joe Ingles share a moment during a timeout in the second half of Game 2 of their NBA second-round playoff series on Wednesday in Houston. Utah won the game 116-108.



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

The Palmetto Xplosion Senior Level-2 "Bomb Squad" competitive cheer team practices its routine on Wednesday in preparation for its May 11-13 trip to Orlando, Florida, for the US All Star Federation Division 2 Summit, a year-end competition in the world of competitive cheer.

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"The USASF year-end competitions are the pinnacle of competitive cheer. It's for teams that earn bids all across the United States and Canada," said Stanfield. "We took a team there last year. It was a good experience, but we didn't do as well as we had hoped. But this year we have two teams going. One earned a bid in December, and the other earned their bid in February."

In all, Palmetto Xplosion will send almost 30 young ladies to the two competitions, seven Minis and 22 Juniors. Ten members of the Junior team, which starts at age five and tops out at age 14, are also on the Senior team, which includes competitors ages 11-18. Palmetto Xplosion's Junior "Firestorm" team has enjoyed the most success of the school's teams, winning eight of its 10 competitions and narrowly losing the other two to the same Myrtle Beach-based program by a few fractions of a point.

Palmetto Xplosion was the brainchild of the Stanfields and their friends, Wayne and Melissa Bailey, who are more involved with the business end of the gym. Their daughters competed with the S.C. Cheer gym in Columbia before the two couples decided to make significant improvements to the interior of the old Intimidator's Fun Park building on South Pike West and start the school.

Doing the construction work themselves, the couples divided the space into two practice areas with both a spring floor and a padded floor preferred by older competitors. The rest of the vast space, which also includes a batting cage area where local and visiting teams are invited to practice, has a clubhouse feel, complete with a stage and snack bar.

"I've made most of my friends here, but I just love the competitions," said Emily Bailey, 14, who competes with both the Senior and Junior teams. Bailey said she is looking forward to going to both competitions because of the bonding experience and seeing what other teams, especially the larger ones, are doing. "I'm the oldest on Juniors and second oldest on Seniors, so it's just a different dynamic - a different level of difficulty."

Palmetto Xplosion employs three other coaches besides the Stanfields -- Riquelle Robinson, Shameka Tomlin and Melissa Lawnicki. The gym generally travels from Concord, North Carolina, to Savannah, Georgia for 'regular-season' competitions, according to Jeff Stanfield. Stanfield said that although most of their students compete for the love of it, competitive cheer can be a path to limited college scholarship opportunities, though only a few Division I schools

like the University of Kentucky, offer full scholarships.

"This year we did eight competitions, not including the ones we got bids to," Stanfield said. "We went to Charlotte four times, Myrtle Beach, and Charleston."

Tuition is based on enrollment, according to Stanfield, who said the most recent rate is \$130 per month with the season running from June through May. Evaluations for next season will begin on May 20-21, after next weekend's D2 Summit.

Like all youth sports programs, there are other costs involved with the competitions themselves, uniforms and choreography. The teams practice two days a week and has tumbling day on Tuesday, which is not restricted to competitors.

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AUTO RACING



AP FILE PHOTO

Darlington Raceway in Darlington is undergoing a \$7 million renovation. It's the first renovation at the track in over a decade and needs to be completed by the Southern 500 on Labor Day weekend.

Darlington on the clock to complete track renovations

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Darlington Raceway's \$7 million construction plan is on the clock.

The track, known as the "Lady in Black," is in a race of its own to complete its first major capital improvements in more than a decade before the Monster Energy Cup Series arrives for the Southern 500 on Labor Day weekend. Raceway president Kerry Tharp likes the progress he sees so far and is confident things will be done before the NASCAR's big rigs enter the property.

The question is how long before the race will the work be completed.

"Lot of work to do in a short period of time," Tharp said this week. "They're going to have the race Labor Day weekend, so we're going to

have to get that thing done."

Tharp, long called "The Commander," as the face and voice of NASCAR's media center before moving to Darlington, now watches a battalion of workers and armada of construction vehicles swarm the arena to complete its biggest expenditure since spending \$10 million to repave its surface and construct a new infield access tunnel in 2008.

There has been cutting of concrete first laid about 70 years ago and aluminum girders being moved into place as part of re-doing the pitch of the Tyler Tower — which Tharp described as a "re-rub" — designed to give spectators a better sightline of action in the pits and throughout the track.

There's no doubt in Hall of Famer Rusty Wallace's mind that International Speedway Corp., Darlington's owners, gave the go-ahead to upgrade

the historic track because of the raceway's successfully run "Throwback Weekend."

Wallace said envision Old Timer's Day at the ballpark, add in crazy costumes from the 1970s and 1980s and snazzy paint schemes of fans favorite cars and it adds up to an event NASCAR fans love, Wallace said.

This year's theme celebrates NASCAR's seven decades of competition.

In September, Brad Keselowski's No. 2 will sport a black-and-gold Miller Genuine Draft paint scheme that Wallace ran at Darlington in 1990.

"When you've got a huge success (in Throwback weekend), you understand what you did right and what you did wrong," Wallace said. "This was all right."

And, according to Tharp, should be even better for the 58,000 fans who fill the track

for the Southern 500 on Sept. 2.

The aging Colvin Grandstand along the backstretch is getting the most attention with its hard-to-sit-on metal benches being swapped out for more comfortable seating, Tharp said.

Concession areas and bathrooms are getting upgraded with things like flat-screen monitors to keep those waiting for food and drinks updated on the action, Tharp said.

The Tyler Tower and Wallace Grandstands in front of the start-finish line will be redone. Three more luxury boxes will be added to Tyler Tower and its metal seats are being replaced by stadium-style chairs with cup holders. Darlington also will add three more 12-seat luxury areas to its Jeff Gordon Finish Line Terrace. It opened three such sections in time for last year's Southern 500.

The metal seats in the grandstands are also coming out, replaced by improved benches with seatbacks.

Tharp said Darlington took its time in rolling out its construction plans, knowing an aging track means older, weather-beaten materials must be carefully handled before getting replaced.

The work has continued at a good pace. The pessimist part of Tharp knows an early Southern hurricane season or unusually wet weather pattern could impact progress. Each day he comes to work, Tharp knows it is one day closer to the Southern 500.

A major goal of the project is to keep Darlington on NASCAR's schedule for years to come, and missing this deadline is not an option.

"We've only got one shot," Tharp said. "We've got to do it right."

PRO GOLF

Woods struggles with greens at Quail Hollow

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Tiger Woods' first round since the Masters left him perplexed and questioning his putting.

Woods shot an opening-round even par 71 at the Wells Fargo Championship, leaving him six shots behind leader John Peterson, but in decent position with 54 holes left to play.

Well, that is if the 42-year-old can figure out the speed of the greens at the Quail Hollow Club. "They are on the slower side. They feel springy and they feel fast especially as I am walking on them, but they are not putting that way," Woods said with a smile as he shook his head in confusion. "What I was feeling and what I was sensing just didn't match up."

It showed all day in his inconsistent play on the greens.

On a day when fans joked that Woods and playing partner Patrick Reed were "twinning" — they wore similar pink shirts and carded the same score — his round easily could have been three to four strokes better had he holed a few makeable putts.

The most painful, perhaps, came on a par-4 14th hole when Woods lipped out a 6-footer for birdie. He took three putts on Nos. 4 and 16 and was exasperated after missing out on a chance to birdie the difficult closing 18th hole, rolling a putt just past the cup.

Woods came up with a couple of big putts though, rolling in a 27-footer for birdie on No. 8 and a bender from 17 feet on the over-the-water par-3 17th hole to save par.



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Tiger Woods lines up a putt on the third hole during the first round of the Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte on Thursday.

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High School player and Dalzell-Shaw American Legion Post 175 head coach Preston McDonald, is 41-11 overall and 19-3 in the region.

They will play at 4:30 p.m. against the winner of the 10 a.m. game between No. 4 USC Salkehatchie (24-29, 11-11) and No. 5 Louisburg College (30-20, 11-11).

Blake Robinson is expected to take the mound in the Fire Ants' first game. He is 7-3 on the season with a 2.67 earned

run average. He has 70 strikeouts in 70 2/3 innings against just seven walks and 53 hits allowed.

Lindsey Robinson is 3-5 with a 6.40 earned run average. Medlin said inconsistency has been Lindsey's biggest problem.

"I mean he shut down Florence-Darlington earlier this year," Medlin said. "He's been really good or really bad. We can get the good Lindsey or we can get the bad Lindsey. If he's on,

we can be in pretty good shape."

Twitty, the former Sumter High School product, is 4-1 with a 3.64 ERA.

Outfielder Eric McGirt leads the team with a .407 batting average, 12 home runs and 43 runs batted. Leniel Gonzalez, a Lakewood product, is batting .379 with six homers and 30 RBI, Donta Green is batting .318 with 13 doubles, 10 homers, 34 RBI and 14 stolen bases, Tyler Mangum is batting .326 and Austin Morris batting .321.

The Fire Ants are hitting .284 as a team.

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AREA ROUNDUP

East Clarendon softball opens in 1A lower state

The East Clarendon High School softball team will open the 1A state playoffs lower state tournament on the road against Lake View today at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Wolverines, the defending state champions, advanced to the lower state tournament with an 18-0, 3-inning victory over Cross on Wednesday in the District VII tournament championship game.

Marleigh Floyd threw a perfect game for East Clarendon, which improved to 12-6. Caitlin Timmons, Shannon Scott and Abbie Reardon each went 3-for-3. Timmons had a triple and three runs batted in, Scott had two doubles and two RBI and Reardon had a triple and an RBI.

Kinsley Driggers was 2-for-3 with a triple, a home run and

three RBI, and Olivia Singleton was 2-for-3 with a double, a triple and an RBI.

The other game in the 4-team tournament will have Green Sea-Floyds playing at Hannah-Pamplico on Saturday.

Win or lose, East Clarendon will play at home on Monday.

CARDINAL NEWMAN 10 WILSON HALL 9

Wilson Hall lost to Cardinal Newman 10-9 on Wednesday at Patriot Park SportPlex.

Sydney Jarecki led the Lady Barons, 20-9 on the season, with three hits. Madison Sliwonik was 2-for-3 with a double and a triple, while Carly Allred and Drake Ives both went 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Madison Elmore scored twice.

From staff reports

BRAVES

FROM PAGE B1

walked off the field in first place against the Phillies that afternoon.

Atlanta is coming off three straight 90-loss seasons and four straight years with sub-.500 records. The rebuild has gone faster than expected, sparked by the two youngest position players in the major leagues. Albie's 10th homer tied for the NL lead. Acuna, playing just his eighth big league game, hit a drive into the second deck in left field that would have gone 451 feet unimpeded, according to MLB Statcast. Atlanta is 7-1 since the arrival of Acuna, who is hitting .382.

"It's that energy that these guys bring," Suzuki said. "Seeing them come up here and do their thing, it's pretty fun to be around."

Atlanta outscored the Mets 21-2 in the series and outthit them 41-15, pitching consecutive shutouts for the first time since the final three games of 2015 against St. Louis.

Teheran (2-1) was virtually untouchable until Asdrubal Cabrera doubled into the right-field corner with two outs in the seventh on a 1-2 curveball. Michael Conforto walked and Adrian Gonzalez loaded the bases with an infield hit before Amed Rosario popped up.

Pitching on five days' rest after cutting a start short at Philadelphia because of a tight trapezius muscle in the right side of his back, Teheran allowed two hits in seven innings, struck out six and walked two. He retired his first 11 batters, walked Yoenis Cespedes on a 3-1 count in the fourth, then got nine more outs in a row before Cabrera's hit.

Teheran's velocity topped out at 92.3 mph, 4.8 mph higher than against the Phillies.

"I know that it was something bothering me. That's why I was throwing that slow," Teheran said.

He also had two hits and a sacrifice fly, and every Braves starter except Teheran scored a run. Jesse Bid-

dle and Max Fried finished a three-hitter.

On a summer-like afternoon with a game-time temperature of 90 at Citi Field, the Braves improved to 9-1 in day games.

New York was shut out for consecutive games for the first time since the Chicago Cubs blanked the Mets on June 30 and July 1, 2015. Before Cabrera's double, 40 of New York's previous 42 batters had made out.

New York has lost 11 of 17 after an 11-1 start.

"I'm sure there's guys scrambling," first-year manager Mickey Callaway said. "They're still playing the game the right way."

Vargas lowered his ERA from 22.09 to 16.20 despite giving up six runs and 11 hits in 4 2/3 innings during his first home start for Mets since May 17, 2007, at Shea Stadium. Sidelined since late spring training by a broken hamate bone in his right hand, the left-hander allowed nine runs over 3 2/3 innings at San Diego last weekend in his big league season debut.

MEETS

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Wilson Hall qualified for 40 spots in the girls meet and 21 spots in the boys meet. With an athlete able to compete in four events – individual and relay combined – it's up to head coach Rip Ripley to get people in the right place to maximize points.

"We've been able to qualify people for the meet with everyone else," Ripley said. "We just haven't had someone who can hit that home run like a (former Barons) Robert Rohner or a Trey Parker."

"We've got depth. Hopefully we'll be able to get some high finishes and with the depth that will be enough to put us in a position to win."

Ripley is hoping the likes of Kayla Porter for the girls and Noah Harvin for the boys, who both won high points in the Region II meet with strong performances in the sprint events, will be able to provide a large number of points.

For the TSA girls, winning a state title has been at the forefront of their minds since the season began.

"We went into this season with that in mind," said Thomas Sumter head coach Rob Coursey. "We lost some good athletes from last year, but we knew we had a good group of juniors (now seniors) returning this year and some first-year seniors who've joined them."

Leading the way is Aubrey Stoddard, the defending state champion in both the 800- and 1,600 runs, and Taja Hunley in the triple jump.

With Stoddard and Bella Crowe having strong seasons in the distance events, Hunley in the long jump and 100 low hurdles along with the triple jump and Carmen Silvester is the discus and shot put, the Lady Generals hope that will mean

high point totals on Saturday.

On the boys side, Ed Lee is the defending state champion in the discus.

The qualifiers for the boys and girls teams from Lakewood and Crestwood won't have far to travel for the 4A qualifier. It will be held at Sumter High's Memorial Stadium.

The Lakewood boys are coming off winning the Region VI meet last week, edging Lugoff-Elgin in the 4x400-meter relay to edge L-E in the meet.

"We thought we had a chance to pull it off," said LHS boys head coach Bradley House. "We knew it was going to be tough to do, but once we saw what our guys did in the field events we thought we had a chance. We needed Darlington to steal some points in the distance events."

"Everyone was really excited. It was not something we necessarily expected. Our team is small, but it was the quality of the athletes. Most finished in the top three."

Saturday's meet is all about qualifying for the state meet, not points. With all of the athletes from both the upper state and lower state regions competing, the top eight finishers will qualify for the state meet.

Lakewood has 17 spots in the qualifier with five of them being region champions. They are the 4x400 team, the 4x100 team, Jalen Clea in the high jump, DeAndrae Mack in the long jump and Keith Anderson in the triple jump.

The Crestwood boys have nine qualifiers, led by region winners Carl Benjamin in the 400 hurdles, Zyricq Rufus in the shot put and the 4x800 relay team.

The Lakewood girls qualified for 12 spots and the Crestwood girls nine. Region winners for Lakewood were Zaria

Stephens in the long jump and Amber Dowling in the discus. Crestwood's 4x800 relay won region as well.

The 5A state qualifier will be held in Columbia at Spring Valley High's Harry Parone Stadium.

Sumter won the Region VI meet last week, wrapping up 18 spots in the state qualifier. It had seven winners led by Brandon Poston in the 1,600 and 3,200. The others were Deonte Flowers in the high jump, Kedell Crank in the pole vault, Benjamin Ibe in the triple jump and the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.

The Sumter girls have 13 qualifiers led by region winners MacKenzi Zimmerman in both the 1,600 and 3,200, Carolina Alan in the pole vault, Kayla Greene in the 400 dash and the 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams.

Manning will compete in the 3A lower state meet on Saturday at Battery Creek High in Beaufort. Both Manning teams qualified for 14 positions. Mahogany Green won the high jump, triple jump and long jump for the Lady Monarchs in the Region VII meet, while Measha Jones won both the 100 and 200 and Delaney Frierson the 400 hurdles.

For the boys, winners were Emmery Mouzan in the 110 hurdles, Zion Phillips in the 400 hurdles, Aaron Smith in the high jump and the 4x400 relay team.

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5A STATE QUALIFIERS

Finish in region meet

Sumter
First Place: Deonte Flowers high jump; Kendell Crank pole vault; Benjamin Ibe triple jump; Brandon Poston 1,600, 3,200 run; 4x100 relay (Ja'Kheem Heyward, Lodaine Redwood, Robert McKnight, Anthony Dinkins-McCall); 4x400 relay (Theron Bradford, Sterling McKenzie, Redwood, Jordan Gregg).
Second Place: Flowers triple jump; Dinkins-McCall long jump, 100 dash; Theron Bradford 400 dash; 4x800 relay (Theron Bradford, Noah Bradford, Poston, Brian Gamboa).
Third Place: Ronald McGee shot put; Heyward long jump; McKnight 100 dash.
Fourth Place: McKenzie 400 dash; Theron Bradford 800 run; Dinkins-McCall 200 dash.
Fifth Place: Heyward 100 dash.

GIRLS

Sumter
First Place: Carolyn Alan pole vault; MacKenzi Zimmerman 1,600 run, 3,200 run; Kayla Greene 400 dash; 4x800 relay (Greene, Lorien Clark, Zimmerman, Nyasia Cummings); 4x400 relay (Greene, Cummings, Juelle King, Inayah Lipscomb).
Second Place: Geryeon Peay long jump; 4x100 relay (Peay, Niya Womack, Victoria Webster, Jada Sawyer).
Third Place: Mercedes Peterson discus (82-08).
Fourth Place: Sawyer long jump; Peay 100 dash.
Fifth Place: Hannah Merchant pole vault; Womack 100 dash.

4A STATE QUALIFIERS

Boys

Lakewood
First Place: Jalen Clea high jump; Deandrae Mack long jump; Keith Anderson triple jump; 4x100 relay; 4x400 relay.
Second Place: Malik Richardson 100 dash; Dajon Howard 200 dash; Dajuan Chavis 400 hurdles; Jamal Anderson discus.
Third Place: Tre'Von Cowell 100 dash, long jump; Richardson 200 dash; Howard 400 dash; Keith Anderson 400 hurdles; Avery Williams shot put.
Fourth Place: Deandrae Mack 100 dash; Kaheem Rhodes discus.
Crestwood
First Place: Carl Benjamin 400 hurdles; Zyricq Rufus shot put; 4x800

relay.
Second Place: Nyjeil Lindsay 400 dash; 4x100 relay.
Third Place: 4x400 relay.
Fourth Place: Nakeem Ingram 400 dash; Montrel White long jump; Javante Kirkland shot put.

GIRLS

Lakewood
First Place: Zaria Stephens long jump; Amber Dowling discus.
Second Place: Amiyah Pinkney discus, shot put; 4x100 relay.
Third Place: Zaria Stephens 100 dash; LaShayla Harvin high jump; Serena Choice discus, shot put.
Fourth Place: Ziyun Gipson 100 dash; Valencia Croom triple jump; Dowling shot put.
Crestwood
First Place: 4x800 relay.
Second Place: Sedajiah Rembert long jump, triple jump.
Third Place: Delisha Green 800 run; Najjia McFadden triple jump; 4x100 relay.
Fourth Place: Rembert 200 dash; Shamonah Mack-Cook 400 dash; Diamond Sanders 400 hurdles.

3A LOWER STATE QUALIFIERS

Manning

Boys
First Place: Emmery Mouzan 110 hurdles; Zion Phillips 400 hurdles; Aaron Smith high jump; 4x400 relay (Allen Benjamin, Dontavius Bates, Jordan Dozier, Keilah Dupree).
Second Place: Bates 100 dash, 200 dash; Dupree 400 dash, 200 dash; JayQuan Pendergrass high jump; 4x100 relay (Bates, Pendergrass, Chandler Brunson, Dejuan Wilson); 4x800 relay (Benjamin, Martavis McKenzie, Travon Stukes, Traevion York).
Third Place: Dupree long jump; Sebastian Dozier 3,200 run; Smith triple jump.
Girls
First Place: Delaney Frierson 400 hurdles; Measha Jones 100, 200; Mahogany Green high jump, long jump, triple jump.
Second Place: Shantea Fulmore 100 dash; 4x100 relay (Sequoia Junious, Sulajah Stukes, Fulmore, Jones).
Third Place: Tristan Tripp 100 hurdles; Fulmore 200 dash; 4x400 relay (Frierson, Hesel Ben-Yisrael, Madison Winn-Dennis, Fulmore).
Fourth Place: Frierson 100 hurdles; Savannah Williams discus; 4x800 relay (Anasia Felder, Jada Hilton, Ashley Ellis, Syderial Wilson).

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RUTH BRIGGS DOBSON

Ruth "Rufus" Spain Briggs Dobson, beloved wife of the late Col. Robert R. Dobson, died on April 27, 2018.

**DOBSON**

Born in Summerton, she was a daughter of the late James Richardson "Tourie" Briggs and Ruth B. Briggs. She was a graduate of Winthrop College in Rock Hill. She was a teacher in Summerton before marrying Robert Dobson and traveling the world. After 30 years as an Army wife, she and her husband, Bob, a decorated officer, retired to Sumter. Rufus was a dedicated volunteer for the American Red Cross via The Grey Lady Service. She served as a docent at the Sumter Gallery of Art and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed her book club, bridge games, "winesicles" and was an avid University of South Carolina Gamecock football fan. She loved entertaining family and friends and was a most gracious hostess. Rufus was a member of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Dobson Landreth and her husband, Les, of Norfolk, Virginia; grandson, Roy Briggs Lockwood and his wife, Sherry, of Bloxom, Virginia; granddaughter, Dr. Brooke Spain Rudis and her husband, John, of Chesapeake, Virginia; sister, Annie Margaret B. Huggins of Florence; three great-grandchildren, Alexa Rudis, Colby Rudis and Collin Rudis. She is also survived by her loyal puppy, Sassy.

She was preceded in death by brothers, James R. Briggs and Willie T. Briggs.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Church of the Holy Comforter with interment following in the Memorial Garden.

The family will receive friends following the service in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Church of the Holy Comforter Memorial Garden Fund, 213 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at hdoliver.com.

H.D. Oliver Funeral Apartments is in charge of arrangements.

SHIRLEY MAE J. HOLMES

Shirley Mae Johnson Holmes, 75, passed on Monday, April 23, 2018, at Alaris Health at St.

**HOLMES**

Mary's in Orange, New Jersey.

Born in Bishopville, she was a daughter of the late Elias "Mooter" and Rosa Lee Thomas Johnson.

A celebration of life service for Mrs. Holmes will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the South Carolina Cotton Museum, 121 W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville.

Funeral announcement is a courtesy of Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

HAZEL SAINE FERRELL

MARIETTA, Ga. — Hazel Saine Ferrell, 90, formerly of Marietta, died on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in Sumter.

**FERRELL**

Born in Forsythe County, she was a daughter of the late Mike L. and Minnie Wehunt Saine. She was a member of Olive Springs Baptist Church in Marietta and the Fair Oaks Community Club. She retired from ITE Electrical Products with more than 25 years of service. She was a gracious woman who loved the Lord, her family, and sharing her legendary cooking with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Troy Stephen Ferrell; their three sons, Steve, Tommy and Robert Ferrell; and three siblings, Ben Saine, Claude Saine and Lois Saine Wehunt.

Survivors include her brother, Paul (Barbara) Saine; three grandchildren, Andrew

(Brittany) Ferrell, Rebecca Ferrell and David (Ryane) Ferrell; two great-grandsons, Morgan and Jaxon Ferrell; her daughter-in-law, Judith Ferrell; her niece, Rita Sue Caylor; and a nephew, Allan Saine.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Carmichael Funeral Home, 1130 Whitlock Ave., Marietta, with visitation one hour before the service. Interment will follow at Georgia Memorial Park, 2000 Cobb Parkway.

Carmichael Funeral Home in Marietta is in charge of arrangements, (770) 424-4924, carmichaelcares.com

LOYD R. MCELVEEN

BURLINGTON, N.C. — Loyd Russell McElveen, 86, husband of Mildred Munn

**MCELVEEN**

McElveen, died on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Alamance Hospice Home in Burlington, surrounded by his family.

Born on Dec. 10, 1931, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Wesley L. and Edna Osteen McElveen. He was a 1960 graduate of The Citadel and a member of the last veteran class. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Russell was a longtime faithful member of Grove Park Baptist Church in Burlington. He retired after a 35-year career from Western Electric/AT&T/Lucent.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years; children, Janice McElveen Holmes (Ken) of Harrisburg, North Carolina, Loyd McElveen Jr. (Denise) of Sanford, North Carolina, Sharon McElveen of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Amy McElveen of Greensboro, North Carolina; loving grandsons, granddaughters and great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Gobe McElveen (Pat) and Emery McElveen (Nancy), both of Sumter.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Kathy; and three brothers, James McElveen, Phil McElveen and Robert McElveen.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dr. Steve Williams officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

A celebration of life service will be held in Burlington at a later date.

Pallbearers will be Kris Holmes, Wesley McElveen, Landon, Carter, Joshua Howes, Chris Buchanan and Bruce Bradham.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

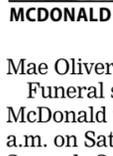
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Alamance-Caswell, 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27215.

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

LEROY MCDONALD

MIAMI — Leroy McDonald, 69, husband of Judy Smith McDonald, died on Friday, April 27, 2018, at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1948, in Summerton, a son of the late Willie and Lillie

**MCDONALD**

Mae Oliver McDonald.

Funeral services for Mr. McDonald will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with Pastor Bobby McDonald, eulogist, and the Rev. Willie Starks assisting. Burial will follow at Briggs Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

MACON O'DELL MOSES

MACON O'DELL MOSES, 53, departed his earthly life on Monday evening, April 30, 2018, at his home in Sumter.

Born on Sept. 17, 1964, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Frank Moses Jr. and Delores Harding Moser. He was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Sumter

High School Class of 1984, where he excelled academically and played sports. He

**MOSES**

also attended Newberry College. After college, Macon pursued a career as an insurance claims adjuster for more than 20 years in Atlanta, before returning to Sumter to lend his skills to a local law firm. Although not formally trained, many people can attest to his outstanding culinary skills. His favorite chef was Bobby Flay and all of his dishes left us wanting more.

His leaves to cherish his rich life: eight siblings, Zeldia A. Moses, Sharon F. Moses, Frank E. Moses (Annette), Darryl B. Moses, Carmen F. Moses, Cassandra O. Turner, Michael J. Moses Sr. and Neill O Moses (Wanda); two aunts, Doretha Thompson (Carl W. Thompson Jr.) and Alethia Moses; a hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the family home, 103 Harris St., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Bethel AME Church, 219 E. Calhoun St., Sumter, with the Rev. Davie Brown, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1 p.m.

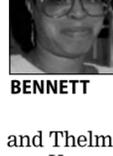
The funeral procession will leave at 1:30 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Hillside Memorial Park, 3001 Cains Mill Road, Sumter.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

TERETHA Y. BENNETT

MANNING — Teretha Young Bennett, 67, wife of Richard Bennett, died on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist, Columbia.

**BENNETT**

She was born on Sept. 10, 1950, in Manning, a daughter of the late Booker T.

and Thelma Bertha McKinney Young.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bennett will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Macedonia Baptist Church, 14362 Raccoon Road, Manning, with the Rev. Jonathan Mouzon, pastor, officiating, and the Rev. Curtis Cantey, the Rev. Elouise Pompey and Elder Micheal Bennett assisting. Burial will follow at Union Cypress AME Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the family home, 12914 Raccoon Road, Manning.

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

LINDA KAY TODD

Linda Kay "Nana" Todd, 77, wife of Henry W. Todd Sr., died on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

REBECCA B. MCFADDIN

Rebecca "Becky" Burgess McFaddin, wife of Willie McFaddin, was born on Jan. 31, 1943, in Clarendon County, to the late James Burgess and Azalee Epps-Burgess. On April 25, 2018, the Lord called her from labor to reward at Harlem General Hospital in New York, New York.

"Becky" was educated in the Clarendon County school system and graduated from Walker Gamble High School in 1962. On July 7, 1962, she was united in holy matrimony to the love of her life, Willie McFaddin. Shortly after marriage, the couple relocated to New York and Becky decided to further her education. She enrolled in New York Community College, where she earned an associate degree in early childhood education. She then embarked upon a career working for many years with the

New York City public school system as an elementary school teacher.

Becky's Christian journey began at Melina Presbyterian Church, Gable. Her journey continued at Mt. Sinai Presbyterian Church, Manhattan, New York. Becky had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed traveling, the latest fashion, and had a fondness for the color red. She loved helping others, entertaining at her home, and spending time with her family and close friends. She was also a passionate animal lover, especially her dogs.

In addition to her parents, Becky was preceded in death by three brothers, Jasper Burgess, Robert Burgess and Raymond Montgomery; and one sister, OlaLee Burgess.

Becky leaves to mourn her passing: her devoted husband of 56 years, Willie McFaddin; three sisters, Minnie Ford and Martha (James) Taylor of Sumter and Mary (David) Thomas of Lynchburg; four brothers, Willie Burgess, Alonzo (Cassandra) Burgess and Levern (Karen) Burgess, all of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Deacon Alphonso (Faye) Burgess of Bronx, New York; sister-in-law, Roberta Harrison; brother-in-law, Wesley McFaddin of New Zion; and host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. McFaddin will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Theodora Black officiating and Deacon Alphonso Burgess, eulogist.

Interment will follow at Melina Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gable.

The family will receive friends at 126 S. Main St., Mayesville.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

SAM ARCHIE

Sam Archie, 69, husband of Poly Young Archie, died on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at his home.

Born on Feb. 5, 1949, in Sumter County, he was a son of Willie and Fannie McLeod Archie.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 28 McLeod St., Rembert.

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

JENEANE W. TOMLINSON

LYNCHBURG — Jeneane White Tomlinson, 84, passed away on Thursday, May 3, 2018.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. today at Byrd Cemetery in Timmonsville. The family will speak to those attending after the service.

Mrs. Tomlinson was born in Florence County, a daughter of the late John Duncan and Nora Bell White. Jeneane was a graduate of Timmonsville High School. She attended Coker College and Columbia College. Jeneane won many beauty contests as a teenager. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Lynchburg. Before retiring, she worked for Young Brothers as the manager of the Swamp Fox Fireworks for 28 years. "Neane" loved her family and enjoyed doing things for others.

She was married to the late Nicholas J. Tomlinson Sr. for 49 years before his passing in 2004.

Surviving are two sons, John D. (Carolyn) Tomlinson of Greenville and Nicholas J. Tomlinson Jr. of Timmonsville; grandchildren, Nicole Tomlinson, Nicholas Tomlinson III and Sarah Tomlinson; special family members include Jean Tomlinson, Staci Stevens, Connor Purvis, Nathan Purvis and Caroline Stevens.

The family would like to thank Janice Kinlaw, Kelly

Floyd, Beverly Johnson and Portia Welch for their help and friendship.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 188, Lynchburg, SC 29080 or Friends of Byrd Cemetery, P.O. Box 187, Timmonsville, SC 29161.

Layton-Anderson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

GERMAN FELDER JR.

German Felder Jr., 71, husband of Mary Ella Billups Felder, died on Monday, April 30, 2018, at Northwoods Assisted Living, Sumter.

He was born on March 25, 1947, a son of the late German Felder Sr. and Viola Hammett Felder.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister, Hester Way, 1975 Hotel St., Alcolu.

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

ABRAHAM BRIGGS JR.

MANNING — Abraham Briggs Jr., 65, died on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at his residence, 2137 George Harvin Road, Manning.

He was born on Nov. 17, 1952, in Manning, a son of the late Abraham Briggs Sr. and Hattie Lucille Doughty Briggs.

Funeral services for Mr. Briggs will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday at House of God Miracle Temple, Summerton, with Apostle Carrie Sams officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at his residence.

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

PREMUEL C. GIBSON

ROCK HILL — On Sunday, April 29, 2018, Premuel Louise Crosby Gibson, wife of Willie Jerome "Skeet" Gibson, exchanged time for eternity in Rock Hill.

Born on Jan. 16, 1944, in Lexington, she was a daughter of the late Primeus and Premuel Green Crosby.

Service of remembrance will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Manning Junior High School Gymnasium, 1101 W.L. Hamilton Road, Manning, where the Rev. George P. Windley Jr., pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church, Sumter, will preside. Words of hope will be rendered by the Rev. George P. Windley Sr., pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Manning.

The service of committal will follow at 10 a.m. on Monday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 4 to 8 p.m. at the residence, 10 Watts St., Bellwood subdivision, Manning.

Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel of Manning is in charge of these services.

Online condolences for the Gibson family may be sent to www.flemingdelaine.com or flemingdelaine@aol.com

ALBERT CONYERS

MANNING — Albert "Pow Wow" Conyers, 63, husband of Faye Zeigler Conyers, died on Monday, April 30, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1954, in Manning, a son of the late John and Elizabeth Richburg Conyers.

Funeral services for Mr. Conyers will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Chapel AME Church, 1257 McLeod Road, Manning, with the Rev. Robera C. Montgomery officiating. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 7 p.m. daily at his residence, 1260 Connor Road, Manning.

REGINA WITHERSPOON

WEDGEFIELD — Regina Witherspoon, 41, departed this life on Thursday, May 3, 2018, in Sumter.

She was born on April 28, 1977, in New Haven, Connecticut, to the late John and Sally McFadden Witherspoon.

The family is receiving friends at 230 S.C. 261 South, No. 12, Wedgefield.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

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Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

Church/Hot dog Sale, 1490 Florence Hwy, May 5th 7-1. Clothes, toys, misc.

714 W Hampton St. Sat. 9-11 Craft items, baskets, toys, furniture & etc...

Garage Sale: 3420 Green View Pkwy, Lakewood Links, near clubhouse. Antique Chiffarobe, old double bed & nightstand, 15 gallon fish tank & acc., king headboard, golf bag & great clubs, misc. small furniture, hunting attire, movies, books, toys, lots of household items, tons or mens & womens clothing (all sizes) Priced to sell. Sat. May 5th 7-1

Indoor Garage Sale: Sat. May 5th 7-1 at Mt. Zion Enrichment Center, 315 W. Fulton St. Tables still available for \$20, set up on Friday. Doors open to public at 7am.

24 Family Yard Sale Sat. 7 - 12. Lakewood Links S/D. Hwy 15 S. Children's clothes, toys, furn., hse-hold items, front load washing machine, toddler bed & etc. Look for maps at main entrance.

Yard Sale! 6 Bonview Dr. Sat 7-12 baby clothes, household items, clothes, furniture & toys

2701 Powhatan Dr. Saturday, 8 am - 1 pm. Multi-family sale. A little bit of everything.

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Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

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Multi-Family Yard Sale! 872 Twin Lakes Dr. Sat. 8-1. 3-pc livingroom set, other furn., summer clothing, shoes (all sizes), home decor and much more.

Sat. May 5th 8-2 at 416 Adams Ave. Large selection of household, clothes, furniture, books, misc. Fill a bag deal!

Big Yard Sale: Sat. 7-2 at 895 Kingsbury Dr. Computer, fax machine, clothes, toys, furniture, and much more.

Large Estate Sale 2721 Sequoia Dr. Sat. May 5th 7-1 No early birds! Cash only! Tools, Hull, McCoy, Fire King, Moss Rose, furniture & more.

1160 Pinewood Rd. Sat. 8-12. Furn., tanning bed, jewelry, rooster stuff, new items, & misc.

Yard Sale 607 Covington St. Sat., May 5th 7-1. Small furniture, toys, clothes, baby items, kids bikes.

528 Mimosa Rd 2 Family Yard Sale Sat. 7-12. De-cluttering! Lots of good stuff!

HUGE Yard Sale 2815 Hathaway Dr Fri & Sat 8-2. Playstation 4, carpentry tools, saws, ladders, and much more.

Church Yard Sale at St. James AME 180 W. Fulton Manning Rd. Come get it from 7:30-12:30, Sat May 5th.

3 Family Yard Sale Sat. 8-7 at 2012 Charleston Ave. Adult diapers, porcelain dolls, clothes, toys & household items.

Huge Moving Sale: Everything must go! Fri. 8-4 & Sat. 8-2 at 715 Fawn Cir. Furniture, home decor, tools, clothing, kitchen items, & craft supplies.

Beech Creek Golf Course Community Yard Sale. 2618&Raccoon Rd. Sat. 7-1. Super huge. Multi Family.

Enormous Yard Sale! Don't miss this one. Everything imaginable! 210 Lesesne Dr. Saturday, May 5th 7-12

Multi-Family large yard sale: Fri. 1-7 & Sat. 8-3 at 740 Campbranch Rd. Lots of stuff!

Garage Sale: Sat. May 5th 8-12 at 860 Marigold St.

Yard Sale Fri. & Sat. 7-? 317 Burns Dr. Garden Benches, tools, collectables, books, DVD's, household items.

Yard Sale: 2843 Hathaway Dr. Sat. May 5th 8-12. Furniture, house hold items and lots of misc.

Multi-Family Yard Sale. Sat. 7:30-? 116 Church St. Something for everyone.

2645 Thomas Sumter Hwy (521) Sat. 8-3. Clothes, toys, household, jewelry, old trunk, furniture, ect..

Garage Sale: Sat. 8-2 at 3265 Foxcroft Cir. Clothes & household items.

Garage Sale: 701 Singleton Lane, Sat. 7:30-1. Rain or Shine - inside. Housewares, furniture, antiques, books. **No early sales.**

Huge Yard Sale 53 Paisley Park Sat. May 5th 7-11 Lots of household items, clothes, furn., books, lighting fixtures, & etc.!

Crosswell Assoc. Community Yard Sale. Sat. May 5th 7-12. Sale will be held at Santee Oncology Parking lot. **1105 N Lafayette.** Household goods, tools, kids clothes & much more.

Yard sale/Car wash, grilled hamburgers, hot dogs & sausage dogs. Sat. May 5th 8-? at 1109 N. Main St. The New Millennium.

4 Church Yard Sale: May 5th 7-12 at 1885 Myrtle Beach Hwy, Concord Baptist Church. Misc. Items.

Jean's Flowers & Plants, Tools & MORE! 244 Wildwood Ave. Fri. & Sat. 7am-7.

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For Sale: Riding lawn mower, round dining table, and large freezer. Call 803-481-4596

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Experienced Line Cook, grill, sauteed, and fry. Simply Southern Bistro 803-469-8502

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Rusty's Diesel Service is looking for a FT Diesel Mechanic. Must have at least 2 yrs exp. Must have own Tools. Please apply in person @ Rusty's Diesel @ 874 S Guignard Dr. Sumter No Phone Calls Please

HELP WANTED: FULL TIME SIU Roofing now hiring: Must have valid drivers license and good driving record with experience driving large trailers. Roofing experience and some carpentry experience a plus. Apply in person at 1398 S. Guignard Ext or call 803-469-8980

PORT DRIVERS, must have CDL and TWIC card, CALL 803-473-0620.

IT Systems Administrator Police Department

The City of Sumter is seeking qualified applicants. If interested see details at www.sumtersc.gov

Counter Sales position available. Must have some heating and air background along with computer skills. Fork-lift experience a must. Apply in person at 1155 S. Guignard Dr. No phone calls!

Cashier needed full time. Must have some computer knowledge, be self-motivated, dependable & energetic. Apply at Wally's Hardware 1291 Broad St.

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Bid Notices

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) is requesting REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DETENTION CENTER for Commissary/Canteen Services as set forth herein. Proposals shall be submitted as follows:

Sumter County Administration Building Purchasing Department 2nd Floor 13 East Canal Street Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Proposals shall be received by the Sumter County Purchasing Director by 2:00 p.m., May 21, 2018. Proposals received after the time set for closing will be returned unopened. Offerors mailing their proposal must allow a sufficient mail delivery period to insure timely receipt of their proposal. Neither SCSO nor Sumter County is responsible for proposals delayed by mail and/or delivery services of any nature. At the time of closing of the solicitation, the proposals shall be opened and the names of the responding offerors shall be read aloud. Review, evaluation and award will subsequently be made in accordance with the provisions of this RFP. The Detention Center Commissary/Canteen contract will be fulfilled at the Sumter/Lee Regional Detention Center located at 1250 Winkles/Road, Sumter, SC 29153, a facility operated by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. Request for Proposals for Detention Center Commissary/Canteen Services may be obtained by calling the Purchasing Department at (803) 436-2110.

Summons & Notice

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO. 2018-CP-43-00386 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff vs. The Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown, of the Estate of David A. Tinsley, Sr. aka David Arnold Tinsley; Linda Tinsley, Angela Brimmer, Darlene Tinsley, David A. Tinsley, Jr., and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devises of David A. Tinsley, Sr. aka David Arnold Tinsley, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, Defendants. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the Appointment of Kelley Y. Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (which are constituted as a class designated as "John Doe") and any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability (which are constituted as a class designated as "Richard Roe"), it is ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRPC, Kelley Y. Woody, Esquire is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe"), all unknown minors or persons under a disability (constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe"), all of which have or may claim to have some interest in the property that is the subject of this action, commonly known as 102 West Oakland Avenue, Sumter, SC 29150, that Kelley Y.

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Woody, Esquire is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe", all unknown minors and persons under a disability, constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe", unless the Defendants, or someone acting on their behalf, shall, within thirty (30) days after service of a copy of this Order as directed below, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for the Defendants constituted as a class designated as "John Doe" or "Richard Roe". IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served upon the unknown Defendants by publication in the The Item, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action. SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WITH ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN; ALSO ANY PERSONS WHO MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE; AND ANY UNKNOWN MINORS OR PERSONS UNDER A DISABILITY BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2838 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on March 6, 2018. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending or is about to be commenced in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage of real estate heretofore given by David A. Tinsley, Sr. aka David Arnold Tinsley to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company bearing date of August 2, 2001 and recorded August 23, 2001 in Mortgage Book 813 at Page 1946 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Sumter County, in the original principal sum of Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$64,500.00). Thereafter, by assignment recorded on November 18, 2013 in Book 1196 at Page 952, the mortgage was assigned to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; thereafter, by duplicate assignment recorded on December 6, 2013 in Book 1196 at Page 3823, the mortgage was assigned to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; thereafter, by assignment recorded on January 17, 2018 in Book 1240 at Page 3300, the mortgage was assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, and that the premises effected by said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof are situated in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of Sumter, in the County of Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, being a parallelogram in shapes and measuring 102.5 feet on its Northern and Southern lines and 77 feet on its Eastern and Western lines, and being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: On the North by Oakland Avenue; on the East by Sumter Street; on the South by lands of Margaret and Louise Brunson; and on the West by lands of Girard J. Myers, Jr. This being the eastern half of that lot formerly belonging to Jessie R. Mason Myers by Deed of Girard J. Myers, Jr., dated August 19, 1933, and filed for record in the Office of the C.C.P. for Sumter County in Deed Book K-5, at Page 629, and by the said Jessie Mason Myers conveyed to J. Douglas Privette and Bessie L. Privette by deed dated the 1st day of October, 1946, and of record in said office in Deed Book M-6, at Page 81. The said Douglas J. Privette having devised his one-half interest therein unto his wife, the said Bessie L. Privette under the terms of his Last Will and Testament, which is of record in the

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office of the Judge of Probate for Sumter County. This is the identical tract of land conveyed by Bessie L. Privette to Horton Davis, Jr., by Deed dated May 19, 1966, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County in Deed Book L-9 at page 1121. Being shown on that certain Plat entitled "Plat of Property at 102 W. Oakland Avenue being conveyed by Bessie L. and J. Douglas Privett to Horton Davis, Jr., prepared by J.P. Edwards, RLS, dated April 27, 1966 and recorded in Plat Book 223 at Page 33. TMS No. 227-04-01-048 Property Address: 102 West Oakland Avenue, Sumter, SC 29150 Riley Pope & Lancy, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, South Carolina 29211 Telephone (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF SUMTER DOCKET NO. 2018CP4300449 Wells Fargo Bank, Na, Plaintiff, v. Paugh H. Despeignes; Saddlebrook Homeowners Association, Inc.; Defendant(s). (013263-10610) SUMMONS Deficiency Judgment Waived TO THE DEFENDANT(S), Paugh H. Despeignes and Saddlebrook Homeowners Association, Inc.: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 3910 Cattle Drive, Dalzell, SC 29040, being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 153-05-01-017, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 100 Executive Center Drive, Ste 201, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) 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 to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein. Columbia, South Carolina 4/16/18 NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on March 15, 2018. Columbia, South Carolina 4/16/18 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, 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, Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC. Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm 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 you are served with this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, THE FORECLOSURE ACTION MAY PROCEED. s/Robert P. Davis Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF Robert P. Davis (SC Bar #740930), Robert.Davis@rtt-law.com Andrew W. Montgomery (SC Bar #79893), Andrew.Montgomery@rtt-law.com John J. Hearn (SC Bar # 6635), John.Hearn@rtt-law.com Kevin T. Brown (SC Bar # 064236), Kevin.Brown@rtt-law.com Jason D. Wymann (SC Bar # 100271), Jason.Wyman@rtt-law.com John P. Fetner (SC Bar # 77460), John.Fetner@rtt-law.com Clark Dawson (SC Bar # 101714), Clark.Dawson@rtt-law.com 100 Executive Center Drive, Suite 201 Post Office Box 100200(29202) Columbia, SC 29210 (803) 744-4444 Columbia, SC 29210 (803) 744-4444 (013263-10610) 4/16/18 A-4655045 04/27/2018, 05/04/2018, 05/11/2018

Autos For Sale

2005 Keystone Cougar, 28 ft 5th wheel, camper, exc. cond. \$8,000. Call 983-2454

Autos For Sale

2007 Honda Rebel, 5900 miles. Sandgrid red, comes with helmet & saddle bags. \$25

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICES IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2018-CP-43-00408 (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff, v. Philip Moore; Bonita Moore; First Security Mortgage Corp.; U.S. Small Business Administration, Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29210, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) 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 Attorney for Plaintiff.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on March 12, 2018. A Notice of Foreclosure Intervention was also filed in the Clerk of Court's Office.

Brook & Scott, PLLC 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110 Columbia, SC 29210 Phone 844-856-6646 Fax 803-454-3451 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance #18-888

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council for Sumter County, South Carolina, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, - 6 O'clock P.M., or as soon thereafter as practicable, as said hearing can be convened, in connection with:

An Ordinance To Provide For A Levy Of Taxes For County Purposes Of Sumter County, S. C., (Known As The Budget Ordinance) For The Fiscal Year Of Said County Beginning July 1, 2018, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

This public hearing will be held in the Chambers of the said County Council on the third floor of the Sumter County Administration Building, 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina, or at such other location within the said County as proper notice might specify. The said ordinance can be reviewed or a copy obtained from the Clerk to Council at the Offices of County Council on the third floor of the said County Administration Building. The public is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Dated this 27th day of April 2018.

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Notice of Sale

INTERIM MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2017-CP-43-02269

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT vs. Samuel L. Brunson; Sharon H. Brunson; et al., I, the undersigned Howard P. King, Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 12:00 PM, at the County Judicial Center, 215 Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in Sumter Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 5 of Pinnacle Court Subdivision on a plat prepared by Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated March 5, 1997, and recorded in Sumter County Register of Deeds Office at Plat Book 97, Page 1140. Pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended) reference to said plat is hereby made for the metes, bounds, courses and/or distances of the property delineated thereon.

Please note that the above description has been modified to correct a minor, immaterial clerical error in the legal regarding the plat date.

This being the same property conveyed to Samuel L. Brunson and Sharon H. Brunson for and during their joint lives and then upon the death of either of them to the survivors of them, by Deed of Carter Grading and Paving Company, Inc., dated May 5, 1998 and recorded May 5, 1998 in Book 704 at Page 1475 in the ROD Office for Sumter County.

TMS No. 207-12-01-026 Property address: 90 Pinnacle Court, Sumter, SC 29154

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Interim Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Interim Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Interim Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Interim Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Interim Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.000% per annum.

The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.

The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Howard P. King Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County

Scott and Corley, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2017-CP-43-01699

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. Cheryl A. Christian, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Sumter County, will sell on May 7, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, lying and situated in the Providence Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated on that certain plat of Julian B. Allen, RLS, dated July 12, 1972, recorded in Plat Book Z-32 at page 77, according to said plat said lot is bounded and measures as follows: On the Northeast by Dawson Road and measuring thereon 120.0 feet; on the Southeast by other lands of Ollie Dawson and measuring thereon 250.0 feet; on the Southwest by other lands of Ollie Dawson and measuring thereon 120.0 feet; and on the Northwest by Ollie Drive and measuring thereon 250.0 feet. Be all of said measurements a little more or less and all as more fully appear by reference to aforesaid plat.

This being the same property conveyed to Cheryl A. Christian by deed from USA Farmers Home Administration dated April 29, 1992, and recorded May 22, 1992, in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Volume 547 at Page 873.

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TMS No.: 1500002058 Property Address: 4450 Dawson Road, Rembert, S.C. 29128

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Sumter County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.250% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be re-advertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr. Special Referee for Sumter County

HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A. Donald W. Tyler #5664 Taylor A. Peace #100206 135 Columbia Avenue Post Office Box 1000 Chapin, South Carolina 29036 (803) 345-3353 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

AMENDED MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE CASE NO. 2017-CP-43-02164

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Trustmark National Bank against Douglas Noennig a/k/a Douglas S. Noennig, I, Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., at the Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated as Lot 147 of Hunters Crossing Subdivision, Phase 1, Section 2 as more fully shown on a plat thereof prepared by Louis W. Tisdale, RLS, dated June 9, 2006 recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2006 at Page 282; which plat is incorporated herein by this reference and having such metes, bounds, courses and distances, being a little more or less, as by this reference to said plat will more fully appear. This is the same property known as 1755 Polaris Drive, Sumter, SC. Represented by Sumter County Parcel No. 187-12-01-026.

This being the same property conveyed to Douglas Noennig by deed of Johnnie W. Moreno and Misty L. Moreno dated June 13, 2012 and recorded June 15, 2012 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 1172 at Page 1570.

TMS#: 187-12-01-026 Property Address: 1755 Polaris Drive Sumter, S.C. 29150

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Howard P. King Master in Equity for Sumter County

Benjamin E. Grimsley S.C. Bar No. 70335 Attorney for the Plaintiff P.O. Box 11682 Columbia, S.C. 29211 (803) 233-1177 bgrimsley@grimsleylaw.com

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2014-CP-43-00673

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee For Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2002-NC6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-NC6 vs. Larry Durant; Second Federal Funding Corp.; United States of America, acting through its agency, Department of Treasury - Internal Revenue Service; N. Bruce Holland Jr.; CFNA Receivables (SC), Inc. f/k/a Citifinancial, Inc., the undersigned Master In Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on May 7, 2018 at 12:00PM, at the Sumter County Courthouse, City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with improvements thereon, if any, lying and being situate in the Township of Stateburg, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot 8 of Fish Road Subdivision, containing 1.01 acres, more or less, and being shown and delineated on that plat prepared for Tripp Davis and Stephen Dinkins, by David A. Nesitt, RLS, dated December 2, 1999 and recorded July 25, 2000 in Plat Book 2000 at Page 510 in the records of the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County. Reference to said plat is hereby craved for a more complete and accurate description.

This being the same property conveyed to Evangeline Johnson by deed of Central Carolina Homes, Inc., dated August 30, 2007 and recorded September 4, 2007 in Book 1091 at Page 576 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County. Subsequently, Evangeline

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ALL THAT PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, KNOWN AS 805 MURRAY ROAD, SITUATE IN SUMTER COUNTY, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND SHOWN ON A PLAT MADE BY J.P. E D W A R D S , F O R GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORPORATION, WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK Z-31 AT PAGE 69, AND SHOWN ON A MORE RECENT PLAT BY BEN J. MAKELA, RLS, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1999, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 99 AT PAGE 1152, BEING BOUNDED ON SAID RECENT PLAT AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY PROPERTY OF WILLIAM FURNITURE AND MEASURING THEREON 215.97 FEET; ON THE EAST BY PROPERTY OF WILLIAM FURNITURE AND MEASURING THEREON 111.97 FEET; ON THE SOUTH BY PROPERTY OF V B WILLIAMS FURNITURE LAND MEASURING THEREON 162.5 FEET; AND ON THE WEST BY MURRAY STREET AND MEASURING THEREON 130.34 FEET, BE ALL OF SAID MEASUREMENTS A LITTLE MORE OR LESS.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LARRY DURANT BY DEED FROM ONE STOP MORTGAGE, INC. DATED 12/17/99 AND RECORDED 12/20/99, IN BOOK 760 AT PAGE 1295; SUBSEQUENTLY, LARRY DURANT CONVEYED SAID PROPERTY TO LIZZIE ANN JOHNSON BY QUIT CLAIM DEED DATED 9/16/09 AND RECORDED 11/4/09, IN BOOK 1131 AT PAGE 2624; SUBSEQUENTLY, LIZZIE ANN JOHNSON CONVEYED SAID PROPERTY TO LARRY DURANT BY QUIT CLAIM DEED DATED 11/7/09 AND RECORDED 5/31/13, RECORDED IN BOOK 1188 AT PAGE 603, IN THE OFFICE OF THE ROD FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 805 Murray Street, Sumter, SC 29150 TMS: 2501501041

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). Deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not be closed on the day of sale but will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days as provided by law. Plaintiff is demanding a deficiency, the Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.25% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances. As the United States is named as a Defendant, The sale shall be subject to the United States right of redemption pursuant to 28 U.S.C. & 2410(c)

In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.

The Honorable S. Bryan Doby Master In Equity for Sumter County

Brook & Scott, PLLC 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110 Columbia, SC 29210 Attorneys for Plaintiff Phone 803-454-3540 Fax 803-454-3541

INTERIM MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2017-CP-43-02252

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC vs. Tisha S. Johnson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; Aerial J., a minor, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; Arkell J., a minor, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; Miracle L. J., a minor, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; et al., I, the undersigned Howard P. King, Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 12:00 PM, at the County Judicial Center, 215 Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Concord Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being more particularly shown and delineated as Lot #4 on that certain plat of David A. Nesbitt, RLS, dated Nov. 18, 1988 and recorded in the office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat Book PB89 at page 32. Said lot has such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provision of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This property is more generally known as 1500 Mooneyham Rd., Sumter, SC.

This being the same property conveyed to Daniel E. Pate and Sabrina M. Pate by deed of Cotton Construction Co., Inc., dated March 29, 1989 and recorded in the office of the RMC for Sumter County in Volume 486 at Page 308. This also being the same property conveyed to Sabrina McKinnon Pate by deed of Daniel Eric Pate dated October 31, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Volume 914 at Page 1013.

TMS No.: 2521002004 Property Address: 1500 Mooneyham Road, Sumter, S.C. 29153

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For

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Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson died intestate on or about November 16, 2015, leaving the subject property to her heirs, namely Aerial J., a minor; Arkell J., a minor; and Miracle L. J., a minor, as shown in Probate Estate Matter Number 2015-ES-43-00659.

TMS No. 0930002026 Property address: 6195 Fish Road, Dalzell, SC 29040

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Interim Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Interim Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Interim Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Interim Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Interim Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 2.000% per annum.

The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.

The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this specifically captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Pursuant to Section 2410(c), Title 28, United States Code, this property will be sold subject to the applicable right of redemption of the United States of America.

Howard P. King Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County

Scott and Corley, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2017-CP-43-01384

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. Sabrina M. Pate a/k/a Sabrina McKinnon Pate, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on May 7, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Concord Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being more particularly shown and delineated as Lot #4 on that certain plat of David A. Nesbitt, RLS, dated Nov. 18, 1988 and recorded in the office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat Book PB89 at page 32. Said lot has such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provision of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This property is more generally known as 1500 Mooneyham Rd., Sumter, SC.

This being the same property conveyed to Daniel E. Pate and Sabrina M. Pate by deed of Cotton Construction Co., Inc., dated March 29, 1989 and recorded in the office of the RMC for Sumter County in Volume 486 at Page 308. This also being the same property conveyed to Sabrina McKinnon Pate by deed of Daniel Eric Pate dated October 31, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Volume 914 at Page 1013.

TMS No.: 2521002004 Property Address: 1500 Mooneyham Road, Sumter, S.C. 29153

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For

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complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 9.750% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be re-advertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr. Special Referee for Sumter County

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INTERIM MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-43-00046

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF10 Master Participant Trust vs. Judith C. Oliver, Cheryl A. Dorr a/k/a Cheryl Dorr; Kevin W. Oliver a/k/a Kevin Oliver; et al., I, the undersigned Howard P. King, Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 12:00 PM, at the County Judicial Center, 215 Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Sumter Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 16 in the Green Acres Subdivision as shown on that certain plat by D.D. Edmunds, R.L.S., dated March 29, 1989 and recorded in the R.M.C. Office for Sumter County in Plat Book 89 at Page 284, the exact boundaries and measurements of which can be determined by reference to said plat. Said Lot No. 16 being bounded and measuring according to said plat as follows: On the North by Lot No. 18, said plat, and measuring thereon 174.06 feet; on the East by Lot No

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Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Howard P. King
Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County

Scott and Corley, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff

**REFEREE'S SALE
CASE NO.
2017-CP-43-00632**

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **Planet Home Lending, LLC against Neil Jennings Young, I**, the Special Referee for Sumter County, will sell on **May 7th, 2018 at 12:00 PM**, at the Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder the following described property:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL, OR LOT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF STATEBURG, COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS:

LOT #51, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT PREPARED BY MICHAEL C. TUBEVILLE, III, R.L.S. DATED OCTOBER 7, 1991, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 91 AT PAGE 1307, AND HAVING SUCH METES AND BOUNDS AS ARE SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, THIS DESCRIPTION BEING IN LIEU OF METES AND BOUNDS, AS PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 30-5-250, OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AS AMENDED.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN WARRANTY DEED AS SHOWN RECORDED IN BOOK 1130 AT PAGE 2203, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

**TMS#: 132 090 1020
Property Address:
6005 Lost Creek Drive,
Sumter, SC 29154**

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be cancelled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

As no personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.5000% per annum. Subject to assessments, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date.

Paul Weissenstein,
Special Referee
for Sumter County

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BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A vs. Martha H. Ferrazano a/k/a Martha H. Ferrazano;** The United States of America acting by and through its agency The Department of Housing and Urban Development; Betsy Windham a/k/a Betsy Lynn R. Ridgill; James R. Ridgill, C/A No. 15-CP-43-1587, The following property will be sold on **May 7, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot 1 on a plat prepared by D.D. Edmunds, RLS dated November 28, 1995 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book PB 95 at Page 1279. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

And all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the Township of Privateer, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, consisting of 5.11 acres, more or less, shown as "The Lake" on that certain plat prepared by Croft Engineering Company, Carl J. Croft, dated April 22, 1988 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on August 31, 2000 in Plat Book PB 2000, at Page 613. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

**40 Lake Shore Drive,
Sumter, SC 29150-8854**

**224-06-02-005,
224-06-02-004**

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his

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bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.25% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #15-CP-43-1587.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

Howard P. King
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BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as certificate trustee on behalf of **Bosco Credit II Trust Series 2010-1 vs. Teresa Lyles Nesbitt;** Kenneth Lee Nesbitt; National Finance Corporation dba N.F.C. of South Carolina, Inc.; C/A No. 2017CP4300203. The following property will be sold on **May 7, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with improvements thereon, if any situate, lying and being located in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot 14, on a plat of City Homes Subdivision, by Joseph R. Edwards, P.L.S., dated October 19, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat Book 98 at Page 1211. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description being in lieu of the metes and bounds as permitted by law under Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended. Be all measurements a little more or less and according to said plat.

Derivation: Book 721 at Page 1099
**59 Westwood Drive,
Sumter, SC 29154
206-06-02-043**

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 14.5% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2017CP4300203.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

Howard P. King
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BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association vs. Latonya M. Pugh-Corbett;** C/A No. 2017CP4301386. The following property will be sold on **May 7, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina being more particularly shown and delineated as Lot 4A as shown on that certain plat of H.S. Willson, RLS, dated April 8, 1963 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-19, page 105. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This is the same property generally known as 1942 W. Oakland Avenue, Sumter, SC. Represented by Sumter County Parcel no. 206-05-02-001.

**1942 W Oakland Ave,
Sumter, SC 29150
206-05-02-001**

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.5% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2017CP4301386.

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NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

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**NOTICE OF SALE
Docket No.
2017-CP-43-00836**

By virtue of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **NWE18, LLC against Word International Ministries,** et al., I, the undersigned Special Referee for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, May 7, 2018, at 12:00 noon**, at the Sumter County Courthouse, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and more particularly shown on that plat by H. S. Willson, R.L.S. dated October 28, 1965, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-22 at Page 63. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description being in lieu of metes and bounds as permitted by law under Section 30-5-250, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. That the within property is represented on the Tax Maps of Sumter County as Tax Parcel No. 204-00-02-012, and is further known as 1010 North Guignard Drive, Sumter, South Carolina 29150.

This being the same property conveyed to Miracle Deliverance Temple - C.O.S.C. by deed of The First Church of The Nazarene recorded on October 28, 2005 in Book 1003 at Page 913. Thereafter Miracle Deliverance Temple C/OSC conveyed the property by Quit Claim Deed for Name Change to Word International Ministries recorded November 18, 2015 in Book 1216 at Page 3848.

TMS No. 204-00-02-012

**CURRENT ADDRESS
OF PROPERTY IS:
1010 N. Guignard Street,
Sumter, SC**

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at the conclusion of the bidding, Five per cent (5%) of the bid in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder.)

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for preparation of the Special Referee's deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.0% per annum.

The sale is subject to the right of the United States of America to redeem the subject property within 120 days after the date of sale as provided by law.

S. Bryan Doby
Special Referee
for Sumter County

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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **U.S. Bank National Association,** not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT vs. Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of **Carrie Spigner,** Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; John Spigner, Jr.; Allsouth Federal Credit Union.; C/A No. 2017CP4301431. The following property will be sold on **May 7, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

ALL THAT PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, REPRESENTED AS LOT 13 IN THE FREEDOM FORGE SUBDIVISION ON PLAT OF ALLEN-MAKELA LAND SURVEYORS DATED MARCH 28, 1988 RECORDED IN THE SUMTER COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 88 PAGE 426.

Derivation: Book 501 at Page 354
**275 Freedom Blvd,
Sumter, SC 29150
2060701031**

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment

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being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 2.1% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2017CP4301431.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE 2017-CP-43-00432 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,** as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A against **Michael D. Mitchell, I,** the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **May 7, 2018, at 12:00 p.m.** at the Sumter County Courthouse in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that lot or parcel of land situate in Sumter County, South Carolina, School District No. 2, shown as tract no. 2 on a certain plat made by J.P. Edwards dated April 9, 1975 and recorded in Plat Book Z37 at Page 8, as containing 2.14 acres more or less, being bounded on the North by lands of Wanda D. Ragins; erroneously shown as Ragins and Gathers; on the East by paved road; on the South by Winkles Road; and on the West by tract below described. The true line of this lot of land is shown as the dotted line on said plat, the right-of-way of the Winkles Road and of the public road is S-43-81 extending to the dotted line shown on said plat, title for record herewith. Also that parcel of land situate in Sumter County; said State and Town as parcel No. 1 on a plat made by J.P. Edwards, dated April 9, 1975 and recorded in Plat Book Z37 at Page 8. Said parcel of land being bounded on the North by first above described; on the Catherine Gathers; on the East by lot of land first above described; on the South by right of way of the Winkles Road and Seabrook Taylor; and on the Northwest by lands of S.P. Davis. This parcel of land is a parcel owned by Wanda D. Ragins, inherited from her mother, Marie J. Ragins. Being the same property conveyed unto Ernest L. Mitchell by deed from Wanda D. Ragins and Catherine J. Gathers dated July 11, 1975 and recorded July 14, 1975 in Deed Book B10 at Page 1336 in the ROD Office for Sumter County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Ernest L. Mitchell conveyed the subject property to Ernest L. Mitchell and Michael D. Mitchell, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, which deed was recorded on May 7, 2002 in Deed Book 841 at Page 709; thereafter, Ernest L. Mitchell died on September 18, 2003, leaving his interest in the subject property to Michael D. Mitchell by right of survivorship deed. TMS No. 2470001020 Property Address: 700 E. Brewington Road, Sumter, SC 29153

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.9000%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. **NOTICE:** The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. The Honorable Richard L. Booth Master in Equity Sumter County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.9000%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

**TMS#: 204-06-05-003
Property Address:
2241 Preet Street
Sumter, S.C. 29150**

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.375% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

Howard P. King
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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **U.S. Bank National Association,** not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT vs. Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of **Masako Emerson,** Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe.; C/A No. 2017CP4302117. The following property will be sold on **May 7, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Privateer Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and on the western side of Kolb Road (formerly Hopewell Road) and designated as Lot 16 of Briarcliff Estates Subdivision on a plat recorded in Plat Book Z-26 at Page 69 and being more particularly shown and designated on a plat prepared for Masako N. Emerson by Edwards Land Surveyors, Inc. dated June 24, 1993, and having the following boundaries and measurements, to-wit: On the North by Lot 17 on said plat and measuring thereon Three Hundred Seventy Nine and 98/100 (379.98) feet; on the East by Kolb Road and measuring

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thereon Two Hundred and 03/100 (200.03) feet; on the South by Lot 15 on said plat and measuring thereon Three Hundred Seventy Nine and 99/100 (379.99) feet; and on the East by Lots 41, 21 and 20 on said plat and measuring thereon a total of Two Hundred and 29/100 (200.29) feet; be all measurements a little more or less.

**1816 Kolb Rd,
Sumter, SC 29154
2090101004**

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 2.19% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2017CP4302117.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

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**AMENDED MASTER
IN EQUITY'S SALE
CASE NO.
2017-CP-43-01842**

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **Trustmark National Bank against Richard A. Godwin, Jr.** et al., I, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, May 7, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.**, at the Sumter County Courthouse in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being more particularly shown and delineated as Lot 73B, in the Tudor Subdivision, Phase III, as shown on that certain plat of Carl J. Croft, RLS dated July 14, 1992 and recorded in the Office of the ROD for Sumter County in Plat Book PB92 at Page 1249. The said tract/lot(s) has/have such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provision of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of SC, 1976. This property is more generally known as 2241 Preet Street and is shown on the Sumter County Tax Maps as Parcel 204-06-05-003.

This being the same property conveyed to Richard A. Godwin, Jr. by deed of Betty R. Dagley dated March 30, 2016 and recorded March 31, 2016 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 1220 at Page 1837.

**TMS#: 204-06-05-003
Property Address:
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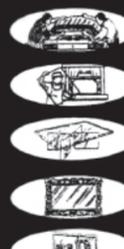
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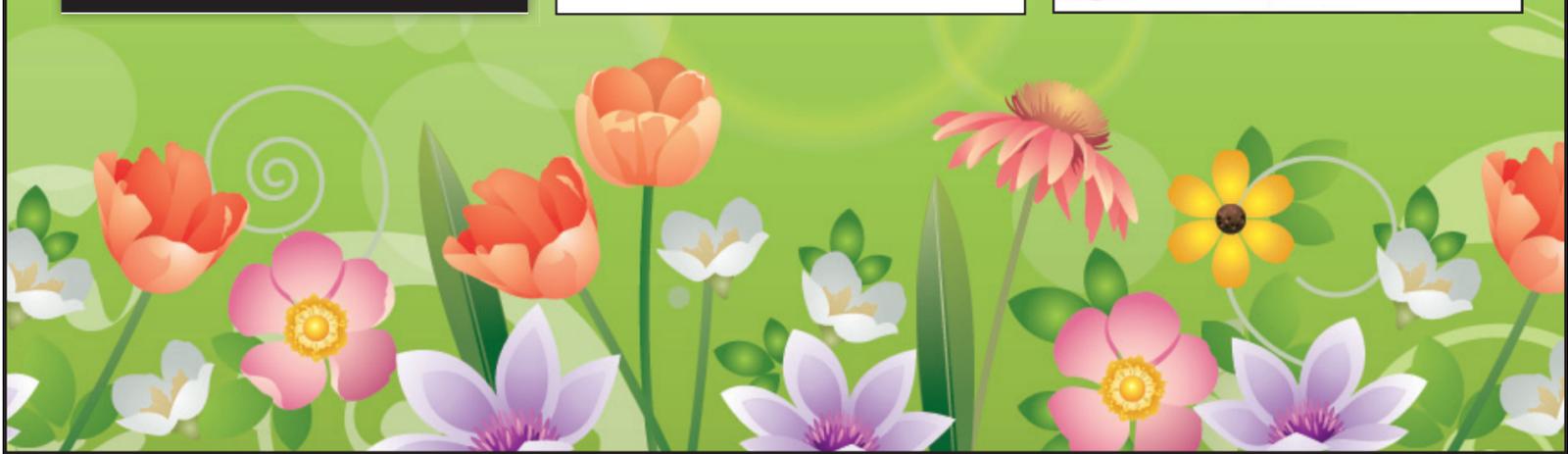
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IN BRIEF

Trump gives religious groups more freedom on social services

President Trump signed an executive order Thursday restoring a Bush-era initiative to get religious groups more involved in providing federally funded social services.

The order repeals Obama-era rules limiting the ability of groups getting federal funds to preach to those they serve. Under the Trump order, faith-based groups will no longer have to refer beneficiaries to other programs if they object to the religious teachings.

“As president, I will always protect religious liberty,” Trump said.

Under pressure, Ryan reverses on ousting U.S. House chaplain

House Speaker Paul Ryan reversed his decision to oust House chaplain Patrick Conroy on Thursday after Conroy challenged his forced resignation and essentially dared Ryan to fire him.

Conroy decided to fight Ryan’s move to oust him — telling the Republican leader Thursday that he wanted to retract the resignation letter he submitted at Ryan’s direction last month.

Hours after Conroy’s letter became public, Ryan said he accepted Conroy’s retraction and “decided that he will remain in his position as Chaplain of the House.”

Judge OKs taking DNA, photos of Golden State Killer suspect

A judge ruled Thursday that prosecutors can collect DNA, fingerprints and body photographs of the former policeman accused of being California’s Golden State Killer.

Attorneys for Joseph DeAngelo, 72, had asked the court to halt the search, arguing the warrant on which it relied should no longer be valid because it was granted before his arrest.

Judge rejects video in courtroom for Missouri governor’s trial

Video cameras will not be allowed in the courtroom when Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens goes to trial later this month, a judge ruled Thursday.

St. Louis Circuit Judge Rex Burlison turned down a request from media outlets, citing security concerns.

Greitens faces trial May 14 on invasion-of-privacy charges stemming from an extramarital affair. He is accused of taking an unauthorized photo of the woman while she was bound and blindfolded in his home.

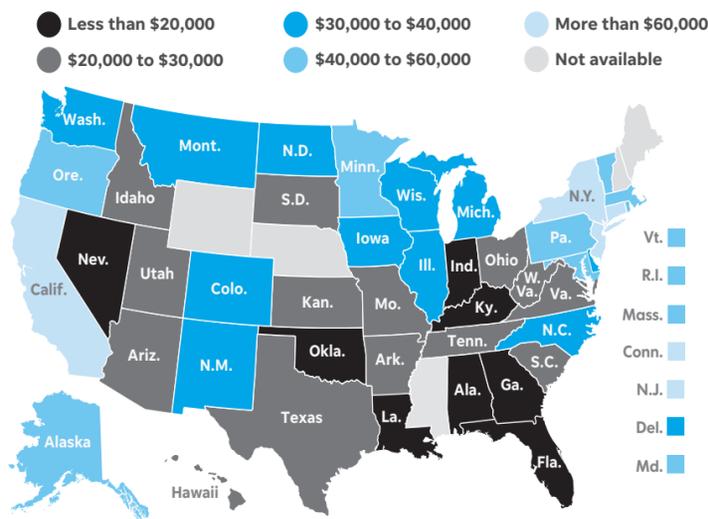
Striking Arizona teachers win 20% raise, ending 6-day walkout

The Arizona governor signed a plan Thursday to give striking teachers a 20% pay raise, ending their six-day walkout after a dramatic all-night legislative session and sending more than a million public school students back to the classroom.

Gov. Doug Ducey’s signature awarded teachers a 9% raise in the fall and 5% in each of the next two years. Those increases are in addition to a 1% raise granted last year.

From staff and wire reports

Prison violence rises as budgets slashed



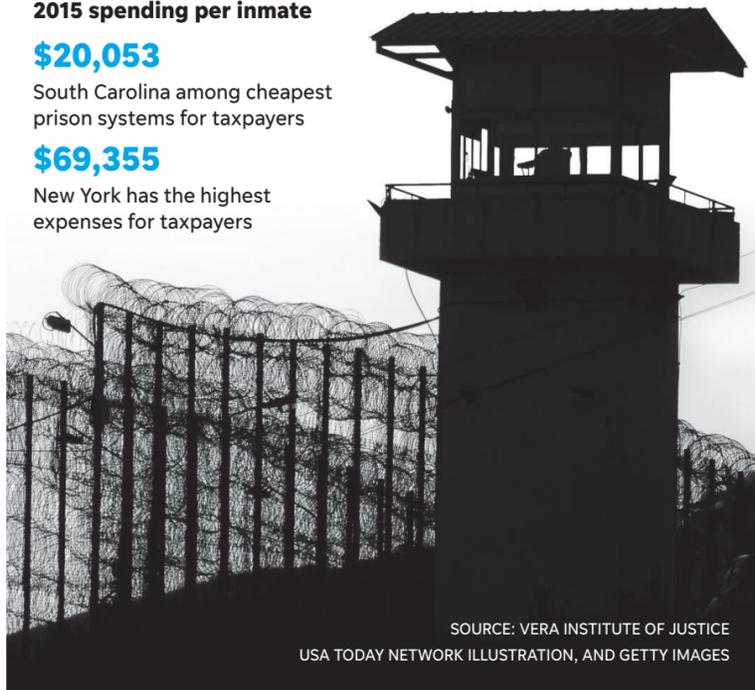
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Saving money could carry a deadly cost

Steve Reilly
USA TODAY

Eight years ago, lawmakers in South Carolina embarked on a bold plan to reform the state’s criminal justice system.

A 2010 criminal justice reform package, aimed at cutting the number of people sent to South Carolina prisons for low-level offenses, led to a 14% drop in inmates by 2016.

That allowed the state to close three maximum-security prisons and slash millions of dollars in annual prison spending from its budget.

South Carolina’s prison system now ranks among the country’s cheapest for taxpayers — but it also has become one of the deadliest for inmates. The prison system is under scrutiny after seven inmates were stabbed and slashed to death April 15 in the nation’s deadliest prison riot in a quarter-century.

While policymakers in many states have been lauded for similar efforts to

reduce the prison population and spending, South Carolina’s experience may serve as a cautionary tale of the problems that can come with rapid spending cuts.

South Carolina’s cost-cutting went beyond just imprisoning fewer people. Officials also reduced mental health and other programs aimed at rehabilitation and eliminated amenities and activities that can keep prisoners busy. In some prisons, it also has meant more mixing of violent and non-violent inmates and fewer guards.

The same kinds of cuts have been happening across the nation from New Jersey to Nevada. After decades of constant growth, the nation’s prison population peaked in 2009 before decreasing 7% from 2009 to 2016.

The riot at Lee Correctional Institution, a 1,785-bed prison in rural South Carolina, is part of an increase in violence in prisons nationwide that has

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Rudy Giuliani has appeared to contradict President Trump. AP

Giuliani may have Trump in legal hot water

Stories keep changing on Stormy Daniels payoff

Fredreka Schouten
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — President Trump’s new lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, may have exposed the president to legal risk by acknowledging that Trump reimbursed his longtime lawyer Michael Cohen for the \$130,000 that was used to silence porn star Stormy Daniels, campaign finance watchdogs said Thursday.

If Trump knew about Cohen’s payment to Daniels but didn’t disclose it as a loan on his campaign’s filings with the Federal Election Commission, that could amount to a “knowing and willful” violation of election law and a criminal statute that prohibits making false statements to the government, said Paul Ryan, a top lawyer with Common Cause, a non-partisan watchdog group that has sought federal investigations into the payoff.

“I think it’s quite likely that (Giuliani) had no idea he was further digging the hole for the president.”

Richard Hasen
Expert on election law at the University of California-Irvine

A key factor in deciding whether Trump’s reimbursement violates campaign laws turns on whether the payment — made just 11 days before the 2016 presidential campaign — was intended to help Trump win the election.

In a series of tweets Thursday morning, Trump confirmed he had reimbursed Cohen, contradicting his statement last month to reporters on Air Force One that he did not know about the payment.

The president also tweeted that the payment “had nothing to do with the campaign.”

But minutes later on *Fox & Friends*, Giuliani appeared to contradict Trump

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USA SNAPSHOTS

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Americans would rather share financial statements than their browser history with their partners.

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Most sunscreens might soon face ban in Hawaii

Ashley May
USA TODAY

Hawaii could become the first state to ban sunscreens with chemicals that may harm the environment. So you might want to pack a sunhat and long sleeves for that trip to Waikiki.

State lawmakers passed a bill Tuesday banning sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate, chemicals believed to cause harm to marine life and coral reefs. Those are active ingredients in a host of popular sunscreens, including top-rated brands.

The bill, introduced by Democratic

Sen. Mike Gabbard, would prohibit the sale and distribution of sunscreen with those chemicals on the island “without prescription from a licensed health care provider.”

“Amazingly, this is a first-in-the-world law,” Gabbard told the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*.

“When you think about it, our island paradise, surrounded by coral reefs, is the perfect place to set the gold standard for the world to follow. This will make a huge difference in protecting our coral reefs, marine life and human health.”

The bill would go into effect Jan. 1,

2021, if signed by Democratic Gov. David Ige.

Critics of the bill question studies linking the chemicals to coral reef decay and say banning sunscreen could discourage people from wearing skin protection altogether, increasing skin cancer cases. Henry Lim, former president of the American Academy of Dermatology Association, told USA TODAY this could “create significant confusion” about why wearing sunscreen is important. Plus, there aren’t many effective sunscreen options on the market without these chemicals, he said.

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killed and injured inmates and guards alike and cost taxpayers millions of dollars in settlements.

Across the country, states slashed prison spending by more than \$200 million from 2010 to 2015. Meanwhile, violence appears to be on the rise, according to a USA TODAY review of public records, lawsuits, academic studies and news reports.

Slayings reported inside prisons almost doubled over a decade, from about four homicides per 100,000 inmates to about seven per 100,000 in 2014, according to the most recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics.

While the federal government doesn't maintain data on prison riots, state records and news media accounts show there were at least nine prison riots nationwide in 2017 — matching levels last seen in the 1980s.

Though efforts to reduce South Caro-

lina's prison population stemmed from good motives, the push to defund prisons probably is contributing to the surge in violence, said Hannah Riley of the Southern Center for Human Rights.

"If not done really carefully, then this ends up being the result of it, which is really tragic," she said.

'Third-world' conditions

State officials attributed the seven-hour riot at Lee Correctional to gangs, but others blamed the outbreak of violence on living conditions.

"I believe that conditions not just at Lee but all across our state are deplorable, are third-world, and don't reflect the kinds of standards that we have an obligation to uphold in this state," South Carolina state Rep. James Smith said.

All seven inmates killed in the riot bled to death after being stabbed, slashed and beaten, according to Lee County Coroner Larry Logan. Cellphone images show bloodied bodies stacked in the prison yard.

In Delaware in February 2017, one corrections sergeant was killed in a riot at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center. State investigators ultimately blamed the rioting on the prison being "critically understaffed." The state paid \$7.5 million to settle a lawsuit filed by the family of the corrections officer.

In Oklahoma in July, two corrections officers were taken hostage in a melee involving about 400 prisoners at Great Plains Correctional Facility.

"There is no simple fix," said Bert Useem, a professor at Purdue University who has studied prison riots. "Crucial is strong, effective administration. This means more than military discipline. It also requires provision of programming, cell space that's adequate and amenities to a reasonable degree."

Prisoners wanted to die

In South Carolina, last year's violence included an incident in which two prisoners at Kirkland Correctional Institution in Columbia said they strangled four fellow prisoners to death. They lived in a block where their cells were left unlocked because they were considered trustworthy. One told a reporter they killed because they wanted to be executed, saying they could no longer bear the conditions of prison life.

Prison crowding gets a lot of attention but is generally less a factor than staffing, said Marc Mauer, executive director of The Sentencing Project, a Washington-based criminal justice reform advocacy group.

"Most of the research on the issue shows that it's the management of the prison that's really critical in determining just the scale of problems that develop," he said.

Shaundra Scott, executive director of the ACLU of South Carolina, said understaffing in the state's prisons is exacerbated by poor mental health care and failure to separate non-violent offenders from violent inmates.

"I'm not saying that they need to have a five-star hotel, but they're still human beings at the end of the day," Scott said. "You're in there to be in prison to pay your debt to society, and you shouldn't have to worry if you're going to die while you're in there."

Experts say maintaining staffing levels is key to preventing riots and disturbances — a persistent problem in South Carolina, where one in five of the state's prison guard jobs is vacant.

"The guard-to-prisoner ratio has gotten to a really unsustainable point," the Southern Center for Human Rights' Riley said. "The jobs that the guards do are incredibly hard. They're paid very poorly. There's just not enough of them."

In the federal prison system, the ratio is about one corrections officer for every 10 inmates. The South Carolina riot occurred with 44 guards on staff for 1,583 inmates — one guard for every 35 or so prisoners.

According to the Department of Corrections, the starting salary for a correctional officer at maximum-security prisons is \$34,596. The agency's chief told reporters in January that about one-fourth of those jobs were unfilled.

"You need to have adequate numbers of well-trained, high-quality staff who are properly deployed," said Michele Deitch, a senior lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. "And that's just a given in any prison system if you want to operate it safely."

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by directly linking the payoff to the election's outcome.

"Imagine if that came out on Oct. 15, 2016, in the middle of the last debate with Hillary Clinton," Giuliani said. "Cohen didn't even ask. Cohen made it go away."

Richard Hasen, an expert on election law at the University of California-Irvine, said Giuliani might have unwittingly caused more legal headaches for Trump. "If that reflects Trump's motive, this is a very damning statement."

"I think it's quite likely that (Giuliani) had no idea he was further digging the hole for the president," Hasen said. "Either Trump is a liar or he has incompetent counsel or potentially both."

Later, in an appearance on Fox Business Network, Giuliani appeared to retreat from his earlier remarks, saying: "This was about personal reputation. The money wasn't paid to help the campaign or hurt the campaign."

The changing accounts of what the president knew and did about the payment to the adult film actress have transfixed Washington since Giuliani's interview Wednesday night on Fox News, acknowledging for the first time that Trump had repaid Cohen.

In interviews, Giuliani indicated that Trump had reimbursed Cohen through a series of monthly retainer payments, possibly in 2017 or 2018.

At the White House, spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders faced repeated questions Thursday about why Trump said a month ago that he was unaware of the payment to Daniels.

"This was information that president didn't know at the time but eventually learned," Sanders said.

In an interview Thursday afternoon with USA TODAY, Giuliani repeated his assertion that the payoff was a personal matter. "No one ever thought of it as a campaign violation," he said.

Bradley Smith, a former Federal Election Commission chairman, said to find a violation of federal election laws, the commissioners need strong evidence that keeping the Daniels' story from voters "was the motivation" for the payment, "not a motivation."

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In Dallas, 'wounds are open' as NRA gathers

Rick Jervis
USA TODAY

Thousands of gun enthusiasts. Gun control rallies featuring survivors of mass shootings. Fifteen acres of exhibit space showing off the latest in weapons and ammo. A presidential speech supporting gun rights.

Dallas will be at the center of the national gun control debate this weekend when the National Rifle Association, a powerful lobby on behalf of firearm makers, holds its annual meeting.

Starting Friday, about 80,000 gun owners and enthusiasts are expected to come to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center to participate in the 147th annual NRA Meetings & Exhibits and NRA-IL Leadership Forum, which will feature speeches by President Trump, Vice President Pence, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, and U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn.

The meetings are likely to draw a raft of rallies calling for stricter gun control and at least one "Die-In," in which protesters will carry "tombstone-themed protest signs" and pictures of gun violence victims to the convention center to denounce gun deaths in the USA.

This year's gathering comes after the Las Vegas concert shooting last year, the deadliest in U.S. history; the deadly shooting at a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas; and the Parkland, Fla., school shooting that sparked nationwide protests.

The event falls days after the funeral of a Dallas police officer who was fatally shot by a shoplifting suspect and less than two years after the shooting death of four Dallas police officers and one Dallas Area Rapid Transit officer at a Black Lives Matter rally.

"Our wounds are open," Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said. "We're a little sore right now. Having a big debate about guns when we have lost so many officers concerns us."

He said those slain officers "weren't knifed or wrestled to the ground and beat up. They were shot with guns. That creates a pall over the city."

Texas is largely a red state where guns are extremely popular: There are

more than 300,000 NRA members in the state, according to the Texas State Rifle Association. But Dallas, like other large Texas metropolitan areas, is strongly blue and open to debates on stricter gun control. Local officials said they hope a dialogue emerges.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins was to meet with student leaders Thursday to hear their concerns. He said he hopes activists on both sides this weekend find ways to talk to one another and come up with solutions.

"It's an opportunity for us maybe to put down our philosophical arguments and really listen to what's happening," Jenkins said. "We may not agree what the fix is, but we could agree a fix is needed."

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Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings

The NRA bills the annual event as "the nation's premier Second Amendment celebration." More than 800 exhibitors show off firearms, ammunition, and outdoor and hunting gear, and there are country music performances and youth-oriented activities.

NRA spokesman Jason Brown said the group has been aware of the planned demonstrations and is taking security precautions.

"NRA's security team has worked closely with local law enforcement to ensure the safety and security of all our members, exhibitors, visitors and staff throughout the event and do not expect any issues to occur," he said.

Alice Tripp, legislative director of the Texas State Rifle Association, said the annual meetings are like vacations for gun enthusiasts. "It's bigger than the Republican convention," she said.

Visitors will be allowed to carry guns into most of the events but not during Trump's or Pence's speeches, a move ordered by the Secret Service and derided by gun control activists.



Three Americans, from left, Kim Dong Chul, Tony Kim and Kim Hak Song, have been detained in North Korea. AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

Trump would not be first to get prisoners released

Jim Michaels
USA TODAY

President Trump's administration has said that three U.S. prisoners held by North Korea may soon be released and that his policies have succeeded where previous administrations failed.

But past U.S. presidents have won the release of prisoners from North Korea, and the regime in Pyongyang routinely uses detainees as bargaining chips.

"This is a pretty regular thing," said Jeffrey Lewis, an analyst at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. "North Korea grabs people and ransoms them when things get better."

In 2009, Kim Jong Un's father, Kim Jong Il, pardoned and released two American detainees when former president Bill Clinton visited Pyongyang as part of a high-level U.S. delegation sanctioned by the Obama administration.

Kim has not released the three current U.S. detainees, and there has been no announcement from Pyongyang. Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor on Trump's legal team, said a

release is imminent.

"We got Kim Jong Un impressed enough to be releasing three prisoners today," Giuliani told *Fox & Friends* on Thursday.

Trump tweeted Wednesday: "As everybody is aware, the past Administration has long been asking for three hostages to be released from a North Korean Labor camp, but to no avail. Stay tuned!"

Two of the three people held by North Korea were imprisoned last year — during Trump's presidency.

North Korea has a history of kidnapping people outside its borders and jailing foreigners who visit the isolated country.

Otto Warmbier, a college student accused of trying to steal a propaganda poster, was released last year and died shortly after returning home. His release may have been related to his poor health. And two Americans were released in 2014 after a secret mission by James Clapper, Obama's director of national intelligence.

North Korea has repeatedly shifted from bellicose threats and violent confrontations to peaceful gestures. "North Korea used this approach many times before," said Balazs Szalontai, an associate professor at Korea University.

Why is Israel shooting at demonstrators?

Palestinians plan to keep rushing at Gaza border

Oren Dorell
USA TODAY

Palestinians each Friday for the past month and a half have threatened to rush the border fence between Gaza and Israel in protest. In response, the Israeli military has ordered soldiers to fire at people's legs if they pose a threat.

The demonstrations, which began March 30, reflect a long-simmering demand by Palestinians for the right of return to Israel, while Israel says Palestinians should settle in a future Palestinian state in Gaza and the West Bank.

The deadly confrontations, known as the Great March of Return, are set to reach a climax May 15. Organizers and leaders from the terrorist group Hamas, which controls Gaza, will urge masses of Palestinians to walk through the fence into Israel to reclaim homes left by their parents and grandparents in 1948, the year Israel was formed.

So far, at least 45 people have been killed, including four children and two journalists. The number of wounded has reached 5,500, according to the United Nations.

The demonstrations have attracted as many as 30,000 participants, according to media reports. Danny Yatom, who led Israel's Mossad intelligence agency from 1996 to 1998, worries that Hamas will mobilize three times that many people by mid-May.

"If they bring 100,000 demonstrators, there will be a lot of casualties," Yatom said during a visit to Washington this week for the Israel Policy Forum, which supports a two-state peace between Israel and Palestinians. "Their aim is to continue and march to one of our villages, hundreds of meters from the border."

What do the demonstrators want?

The march was sparked by a Facebook post months ago by Gazan political



Israeli forces fire tear gas at Palestinian protesters April 27 during clashes stemming from protests near the border with Israel, east of Gaza City, Gaza Strip. At least three demonstrators died that Friday. MOHAMMED SABER/EPA-EFE

activist Ahmed Abu Artima, who suggested thousands of unarmed Palestinians walk toward the border fence.

Artima rejects Hamas' notion of defeating Israel but wants to end the separation between Palestinians and Israelis. "I don't believe in liberation," Artima told Israel's Ynet News, an online newspaper. "I want to live alongside Israelis."

Palestinian leaders also demand the "right of return" for Palestinian refugees who fled or were driven from their homes in what is now Israel. Some 750,000 were displaced in 1948.

"If Palestinian refugees decide one day to break through the fence and enter Israel en masse, that is their legal and principled right, but we have no intention of doing that in the campaign's first phase," Artima told Ynet in the beginning of April.

About 70% of Gaza's 2 million population are descendants of those refugees, according to the International Committee for Breaking the Siege of Gaza (ICBSG), an association of groups that oppose the control of goods entering Gaza by Israel, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority.

Are the protests non-violent?

The protests were conceived as non-violent civil disobedience. Organizers have quoted peaceful protest icons such as Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to ICBSG.

Thousands of men, women and children have gathered in tent encampments at a safe distance from the border fence. But militants have joined the protest movement and urged other participants to burn tires close to the fence and to hurl stones and gasoline bombs toward Israeli soldiers on the other side.

According to Israeli authorities, Hamas also detonated two bombs near a border patrol passing along the fence, while others were shot trying to cut the fence and enter Israel. No Israeli injuries have been attributed to the protests.

The majority of participants have engaged in non-violent activities, the result of an important lesson learned by Palestinians, said Yousef Munayyer, executive director of the Washington-based U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights.

Non-violent protest "reveals a very

significant weakness for the Israelis because they don't know how to handle it," he said. "These people are not coming at them with weapons, machine guns or rockets or anything like that. The only way (the Israelis) know how to deal with it is how they deal with everything they view as a threat, which is to use force."

What do human rights groups say?

Human rights groups have condemned Israel for disproportionate use of deadly force.

"The Israeli government presented no evidence that rock-throwing and other violence by some demonstrators seriously threatened Israeli soldiers across the border fence," Human Rights Watch said after the first protests March 30 resulted in 14 Palestinian deaths and hundreds of injuries. "Footage of demonstrators provided by the army includes no evidence of firearms."

Eric Goldstein, deputy Middle East director at Human Rights Watch, said Israel's military should be investigated by the International Criminal Court.

Israeli soldiers "were apparently acting on orders that all but ensured a bloody military response to the Palestinian demonstrations," Goldstein said. "The result was foreseeable deaths and injuries of demonstrators."

Amnesty International called on Israel to respect the rights of Palestinians to peacefully protest and to use lethal force only "when unavoidable."

What does Israel say?

Israel says it has the right to defend its borders, protect its citizens and prevent illegal infiltration.

"Responsibility for any clashes that may arise will thus lie solely with Hamas and the other Palestinian organizations who have manufactured this entire campaign," Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement.

Yatom, a retired major general in the Israel Defense Forces, called the protests a smoke screen for launching attacks at Israel.



Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel greets fans March 19. His competition for re-election will be deep. STACY REVERE/GETTY IMAGES FOR THE LAVER CUP

A long line of candidates forms to take on Emanuel

Aamer Madhani
USA TODAY

CHICAGO — It is still nearly 10 months before Rahm Emanuel — one of America's most well-known big-city mayors — stands for re-election here, but the lineup of challengers vying to unseat him is getting long.

Paul Vallas, a former Chicago Public Schools chief and city budget director under Richard M. Daley, on Wednesday became the seventh candidate to announce his intention to unseat Emanuel next year.

With the nation's third-largest city enduring daunting levels of gun violence, a \$36 billion public worker pension crisis and discontent in some corners of the city's African-American population with his leadership, the two-term mayor finds himself facing a crowded battlefield for re-election.

"I am running because the city is in deep trouble, and I have the experience and the track record of success to offer and implement solutions to effectively and affordably address the city's issues in a financially responsible way," said Vallas, a Chicago native who also previously served as the head of New Orleans, Philadelphia and Bridgeport, Conn., public schools and was narrowly defeated in a 2002 bid for the Illinois

Democratic gubernatorial nomination by the now-imprisoned former governor Rod Blagojevich.

Vallas, who served as the Chicago schools chief and city budget director during the 22-year reign of Mayor Richard M. Daley, is among the more high-profile challengers to throw his hat into the ring.

Other candidates include businessman Willie Wilson, Emanuel's former police superintendent Garry McCarthy, former Chicago Public Schools principal Troy LaRaviere, tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin, Cook County Circuit Clerk Dorothy Brown (whose office is at the center of a federal corruption probe) and activist Ja'Mal Green.

"You got a field that includes someone who is under federal investigation, somebody who was fired as head of a school, someone who was fired as the head of the police department," Emanuel's campaign spokesman Pete Giangreco said of the growing field. "This sounds more like an audition for an improv act, not a serious set of candidates."

Emanuel last faced voters in 2015, several months before the release of controversial police shooting video of Laquan McDonald, which eroded support for Emanuel.

Many older adults are having and enjoying sex

Kim Painter
USA TODAY

Sex is not just for the young: 40% of U.S. adults ages 65 to 80 say they are having sex — and even more of them, 73%, are satisfied with their sex lives, according to a new survey.

The survey, released Thursday, does show that sex declines with age and illness. It also finds that older men say they are more sexually active and sexually interested than older women, but women report more sexual satisfaction.

Among seniors with spouses or partners, 54% said they are sexually active.

Overall, the survey shows that "sex is an important part of the lives of older people and a part that probably doesn't get the attention it deserves," said sociologist Erica Solway, associate director of the National Poll on Healthy Aging at the University of Michigan.

The poll periodically surveys older Americans on a range of topics. The sex survey was done online in late 2017 and included 1,002 randomly selected participants. It received funding from AARP, the aging advocacy group.

Among the findings:

■ When asked whether they were "currently sexually active," 46% of those ages 65 to 70 said yes, as did 39% of those 71 to 75 and 25% of those 76 to 80. The researchers didn't define "currently," so "some people could have been referring to the past couple of years while others were referring to the past couple of weeks," Solway said.

■ Sexual activity (also undefined by the pollsters) was reported by 51% of men but just 31% of women — a situation at least partly explained by the fact that more men remained married or otherwise partnered, Solway said.

■ Sexual activity was reported by 45% of those who said their health was good to excellent but just 22% who said their health was fair to poor.

■ Half of men but just 12% of women said they were "very" or "extremely" interested in sex.

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The age and gender patterns found in the new survey are roughly similar to those found in a larger sex survey of older adults published a decade ago by researchers from the University of Chicago. But the two surveys used different methods and thus cannot be directly compared, Solway said.

The findings reflect a diverse reality, said Joan Price, author of several books about senior sex: "There are older people who are much freer sexually than some younger people, and vice versa."

The poll also confirms something Price said she hears from her readers and audiences: Older people rarely discuss sex with their doctors, even when they're having problems. The poll found just 17% had discussed sex with a health care provider in the past two years. Too many people believe that "if things don't work the way they used to, we might as well give up on sex," Price said.

The poll found 18% of men and 3% of women had used medications or supplements to improve sexual function. But communication and experimentation often are more important, Price said: "We get to go on that wonderful journey of exploration to find out what does work now."

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Rihanna's "MET Gala" looks.	Blindspot "Let It Go" An elusive criminal must be found. (N)	Dateline NBC (N)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon John Goodman; Zoe Lister-Jones. (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	MacGyver "MacGyver & MacGyver" (Season Finale) MacGyver decides to quit the foundation. (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Hana a Ka Makua, O Ka Hana No la a Keiki" A former mob boss is killed. (N)	Blue Bloods "The Devil You Know" A terrorist's phone holds valuable data. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Chris O'Donnell; Jack White" Chris O'Donnell; Jack White performs. (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Walt Disney World Orlando" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Once Upon a Time "Is This Henry Mills?" Roni enlists Lucy's help to wake Henry. (N) (DVS)	(:01) Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. "The One Who Will Save Us All" Talbot takes Coulson to meet the enemy. (N)	(:01) 20/20	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)				
WRJA	27	11	14	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week (N)	In Principle (N)	Live From Lincoln Center "Stephanie J. Block in Concert" Singer Stephanie J. Block performs. (N) (DVS)	The Jazz Ambassadors: Jazz artists face a dilemma.	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	NHK Newsline	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Septum Deviation"	The Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "Junior Edition: Pop Up Restaurant; Junior Edition: Grandma Gordon" The chefs cook at a pop-up restaurant. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve spins a holiday tradition.	Last Man Standing "The Puck Stops Here"	Dynasty "Trashy Little Tramp" Blake thwarts Fallon's plans. (N)	Life Sentence "Our Father the Hero" Aiden's problems worsen. (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Venice Beach Finals" The finals course in Venice, Calif. (Part 2 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior "Dallas Finals Hour 1" (Part 1 of 2)	The Game Keira and Chardonnay are initiated.			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 02.23.18" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 107" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 05.04.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)			Live PD "Live PD -- 05.04.18"			(12:05) Into the Badlands		
AMC	48	180	(5:00) *** "Ocean's Twelve" (2004) George Clooney, Brad Pitt.	*** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon. Premiere. Danny Ocean and his gang seek to right a wrong.	Tanked "Episode 6" (N)			(:01) Tanked "Mel's Drive In Tank"	(:01) Tanked "Episode 6"				
ANPL	41	100	Tanked "Brett's Donut Mania Tank"	Tanked: Unfiltered (N)	Tanked "Episode 6" (N)			(:01) Tanked "Mel's Drive In Tank"	(:01) Tanked "Episode 6"				
BET	61	162	(4:28) *** "Set It Off" (1996)	* "A Madea Christmas" (2013, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Kathy Najimy, Chad Michael Murray. Madea dishes out her own brand of Christmas spirit.	*** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon. Premiere. Danny Ocean and his gang seek to right a wrong.	Martin "Workin' Day and Night"	Martin "You've Got a Friend"	Martin "To Kill a Talking Bird"	Martin Martin takes an exercise class.				
BRAVO	47	181	(5:38) *** "Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection" (2012) Tyler Perry.	(:14) * "Friday After Next" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, John Witherspoon. Two cousins land jobs as security guards at a shopping mall.	(:20) * "Friday After Next" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, John Witherspoon. Two cousins land jobs as security guards at a shopping mall.								
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			Warren Buffett: Investor, Teacher, Icon	The Profit				
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			The Van Jones Show (N)	Weed 4: Pot vs. Pills	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	(6:50) Futurama (Part 1 of 4)	(:25) Futurama (Part 2 of 4)	Futurama (Part 3 of 4)	Futurama (Part 4 of 4)	South Park "The Return of Cheff"	South Park "Free Hat"	South Park "Obama Wins!"	Taskmaster "Bubbles" (N)	Taskmaster "Die, Die" (N)	South Park "Marjorie"	
DISN	18	200	(6:10) *** "Zootopia" (2016) Voices of Ginnifer Goodwin.	*** "Zootopia" (2016) Voices of Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Shakira. Animate. Police rabbit Judy Hopps joins forces with a wily fox.	*** "Zootopia" (2016) Voices of Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Shakira. Animate. Police rabbit Judy Hopps joins forces with a wily fox.			(:20) Stuck in the Middle	(:20) Raven's Home	(:20) Bunk'd Emma spies on Xander.	DuckTales		
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush: Parker's Trail Land dispute threatens to turn violent. (N)	Gold Rush: Parker's Trail (N)	Gold Rush: Parker's Trail (N)			(:02) Bering Sea Gold (N)	(:02) Gold Rush: Parker's Trail	Bering Sea Gold			
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at New Orleans Pelicans. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at New Orleans Pelicans. (N) (Live)			NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Utah Jazz. (N) (Live)					
ESPN2	27	39	NFL Live	Boxing	Boxing			Boxing Ryan Garcia vs. Jayson Velez. (N) (Live)					
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive			Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive		
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon				
FREE	20	131	(5:15) * "Grown Ups"	(:45) *** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.	The 700 Club			** "Prom" (2011)					
FSS	21	47	Driven	College Baseball Texas at Texas Tech. From Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park in Lubbock, Texas. (N) (Live)	Raceline (N)			3 Wide Life (N)	ACC All-Access	College Baseball			
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "The Sweetest Heart" (2018) Julie Gonzalo, Chris McNally.	"Unleashing Mr. Darcy" (2016, Romance) Ryan Paevey, Cindy Busby, Elizabeth meets the arrogant, aristocratic Donovan Darcy at a dog show.	The Middle "The Wedding"			The Middle (Part 1 of 2)	The Golden Girls "Rites of Spring"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls		
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper	Dream Home	Dream Home			House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Dream Home	
HIST	45	110	(6:00) Ancient Aliens (DVS)	Ancient Aliens "Beyond Roswell"	Ancient Aliens Hidden messages in art.			(:03) The Tesla Files "Without a Trace"	(:03) Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens			
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation An actress is killed in a car accident.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Ghost Town" Murdered porn producer.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Two officemates plot to rob a casino.			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Coup de Grace" One policeman kills another.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Popular coach is found murdered.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	Grey's Anatomy Tests are run on April's baby.	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April must make a decision.			(:02) Grey's Anatomy "The Great Pretender" Richard feels manipulated.	(:02) Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	(12:01) Grey's Anatomy			
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow			
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.			Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	64	153	(6:00) *** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. Premiere.	*** "The Green Mile" (1999) Tom Hanks. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.	*** "The Green Mile" (1999) Tom Hanks. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.								
SYFY	58	152	(5:00) "Hellboy II: The Golden Army"	* "Gods of Egypt" (2016, Fantasy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. A mortal forms an alliance with the god Horus to save Egypt.	Futurama "Roswell That Ends Well"	Futurama "Anthology of Interest II"	Futurama "Love & Rocket"	Futurama "Leela's Homeworld"	Futurama				
TBS	24	156	(5:06) *** "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill.	*** "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (2015, Science Fiction) Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher. Han Solo and his allies face a new threat from Kylo Ren. (DVS)	Han Solo and his allies			*** "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (2015, Science Fiction) Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill. (DVS)	*** "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (2015, Science Fiction) Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill. (DVS)				
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Wait Until Dark" (1967) Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin.	*** "Birdman of Alcatraz" (1962, Biography) Burt Lancaster, Karl Malden, Thelma Ritter. A prison inmate becomes a world-famous authority on birds.	*** "Run Silent, Run Deep" (1958, War) Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster. Sub commander hunts Japanese destroyer that sank his last sub.			90 Day Fiancé A look at Danielle and Mohamed's story.					
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	90 Day Fiancé "Danielle & Mohamed: The Full Story" A look at Danielle and Mohamed's story. (N)	90 Day Fiancé "Danielle & Mohamed: The Full Story" A look at Danielle and Mohamed's story. (N)			Claws "Tirana" Desna is entangled in a scheme. (DVS)					
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans Tammy's ex-husband is tied to a murder.	Dwarves and Elves must unite or be destroyed. (DVS)	Dwarves and Elves must unite or be destroyed. (DVS)								
truTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	truTV Top Funniest	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An engineer's life goes horrible wrong.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Detective Lake is wounded in a gunfight.	Modern Family "The Help"	Modern Family "A Fair to Remember"	Modern Family "ClosetCon '13"	Modern Family "The Big Game"	Modern Family "The Big Game"	Modern Family "Under Pressure"	Modern Family "Three Dinners"	Modern Family "Three Dinners"	
WE	68	166	Bridezillas A bride breaks down.	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)			(:05) David Tutera's CELEBRATIONS (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	(12:05) Bridezillas			
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Letters"	M*A*S*H	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	

'Jazz Ambassadors' is a story of music, diplomacy, race

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Like the best history documentaries, "The Jazz Ambassadors" (10 p.m., PBS, check local listings) challenges our notions about the past. It explores several bygone eras, a time when the world was divided by the Cold War, a time before the civil rights movement and a period when jazz was still America's most popular music.

It follows musicians including Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington, Dave Brubeck and Benny Goodman as they toured the globe on behalf of the United States. It also examines the conflicted feelings of the musicians as segregation remained the law of the land.

Musician and arranger Quincy Jones was only 22 in 1955, when he toured with Gillespie's band throughout the Arab world and the Mediterranean. He recalls rapturous greetings in every country, often among the very student radicals who had previously been throwing rocks at U.S. embassies. Their warm welcome abroad ended in a chilly reception when members of Congress questioned the band's expense account and attacked modern jazz as mere noise.

Efforts to get Louis Armstrong to tour were scuttled in 1957 after white rioters in Little Rock, Arkansas, prevented black children from attending school. The normally affable Armstrong declared he could not abide racism and would not lie about his feelings for propaganda purposes.

Ultimately, more than 20 jazz tours visited 100 countries, even the Soviet Union itself.

"Jazz Ambassadors" is a thoughtful look at how the "soft power" of culture and the arts can prove as influential as military hardware.

It's worth noting that when Czechoslovakia's harsh Communist regime was finally toppled in 1989, the revolt was dubbed "the Velvet Revolution" after experimental rock band the Velvet Underground. The country's first post-communist leader was avant-



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Louis Armstrong, right, hams it up on DJ Willis Conover's Voice of America radio show "Music USA." See why great American jazz musicians Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie and Duke Ellington faced a dilemma when asked to tour the globe as cultural ambassadors in "The Jazz Ambassadors," airing at 10 p.m. today on PBS.

garde playwright Vaclav Havel. And among the Western heroes championed by his government were not Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher but Frank Zappa and Lou Reed.

If you can't catch tonight's broadcast, "The Jazz Ambassadors" will stream, beginning Saturday, at www.pbs.org/show/jazz-ambassadors and on PBS apps.

Comic legends return in two very different projects. The new series "A Little Help With Carol Burnett" streams on Netflix beginning today. She'll be joined by celebrity guests as well as a panel of young people, ages 5 to 9, who offer advice and tech-savvy insights for the "old people" in their midst, including Julie Bowen, Candace Cameron Bure, Mark Cuban, Billy Eichner, Taraji P. Henson, Derek Hough, DJ Khaled, Lisa Kudrow, Brittany Snow, Wanda Sykes and Finn Wolfhard.

Created by Norman Lear, the four-part series "America Divided" (9 p.m., Epix) enters its second season discussing hot-button topics including Confederate monuments, coal mining and conservation. First up, a look at Washington, D.C.'s culture of sexual harassment, presented by Gretchen Carlson, who co-produced the segment.

Also streaming on Netflix: Season two of "Dear White People."

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Is there a person alive who doesn't already know the trick ending to the 1999 shocker "The Sixth Sense" (7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Viceland)?
- Mac just can't quit on the season finale of "MacGyver" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- A new threat (Adam Driver) emerges in the 2015 thriller "Star Wars:

- "The Force Awakens" (8 p.m., TBS).
- The planet's fate hangs in the balance on "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- Bebe Neuwirth guest-stars on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

After a breakdown, a suburban husband (Burt Lancaster) paddles his way home, one backyard pool at a time, in the 1968 adaptation of John Cheever's fantasy short story "The Swimmer" (12:30 a.m., TCM). A curious period piece from the "Mad Men" era, this film features Joan Rivers in a rare dramatic role.

SERIES NOTES

Blake challenges Fallon on "Dynasty" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Shocking revelations about Avery's father on "Blindspot" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Past chefs return on "MasterChef Junior" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Henry's wakeup call on "Once Upon a Time" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A murder witness goes on the lam on "Hawaii Five-0" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Stella keeps secrets from Aiden on "Life Sentence" (9 p.m., CW, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

Chris O'Donnell and Jack White are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes John Goodman, Zoe Lister-Jones and Josh Blue on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Chris Evans, Desus & Mero, Lily Allen and Sarah Tomek visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Mindy Kaling appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING MAY 5

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WIS	10	3	10	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals. Eastern Conference semifinal, Game 5. (N) (Live)				Saturday Night Live (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(29) Saturday Night Live "Donald Glover; Childish Gambino" Donald Glover; Childish Gambino. (N)	
WLTX	19	9	9	Paid Program Paid programming.	Paid Program Paid programming.	Ransom "Undercover" Eric uncovers a terrorist plot. (N)	NCIS "Trapped" A petty officer is found murdered. (DVS)	48 Hours		News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "Unbearable Loss" A felon dies in a prisoner van crash. (DVS)	
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Show You the World"	Jeopardy!	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Cleveland Cavaliers. Eastern Conference semifinal, Game 3. (N) (Live)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)		American Ninja Warrior "Atlanta Finals" Competitors face a more grueling course.		
WRJA	27	11	14	Masterpiece Classic "The Paradise, Series 2: Episode 1" Moray, Denise and Katherine reunite.	Father Brown "The Smallest of Things" Dollhouse crime scene.		The Doctor Blake Mysteries "The Call of the Wild" Bill Hobart is suspected of murder.	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries An unidentified woman is killed outside an Air Force base.		Austin City Limits "Ed Sheeran" British singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran.	Bluegrass Underground "The McCrary Sisters"	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Ray faces his loneliness.	The Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "Junior Edition: Crackin' Under" Chefs must prepare a difficult egg dish.	Pressure; Junior Edition: A Can Do Attitude" (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10	The Simpsons "See Homer Run"	Showtime at the Apollo "Week 8" Performers with various talents compete. (DVS)		Ring of Honor Wrestling
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike establishes strict house rules.	Last Man Standing Mandy asks Mike to make a speech.	Rookie Blue "Uprising" A riot at a correctional facility.	Saving Hope "Out of Sight" Alex tackles a double hand reattachment.	Leverage "The Three Days of the Hunter Job" A school-bus driver.	Impractical Jokers The episode's loser gets soaked.	Impractical Jokers Inhospitable restaurant hosts.	Impractical Jokers Helpless oddballs in a waiting room.	
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AMC	48	180	(5:00) *** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney, Brad Pitt.	*** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007, Action) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen. Premiere. Jason Bourne continues to look for clues to unravel his true identity.	(35) ** "Predators" (2010, Science Fiction) Adrien Brody, Topher Grace, Alice Braga. Fearsome aliens hunt a band of human fighters.				(12:03) The Zoo			
ANPL	41	100	The Zoo A polar bear gets attention.	The Zoo: Bronx Tales "Episode 4" (N)	The Zoo "Training Dragons" (N)		(:02) The Zoo "Miracle Cub"	(02) The Zoo "Training Dragons"		(12:03) The Zoo		
BET	61	162	(5:29) * "Big Momma's House 2" (2006) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long.	** "Race" (2016, Biography) Stephan James, Jason Sudeikis, Eli Goree. Premiere. Track and field superstar Jesse Owens seeks Olympic glory.	** "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Michael Jordan, Wayne Knight, Theresa Randle. Live action/animated. Michael Jordan and Looney Tunes.							
BRAVO	47	181	(6:14) ** "27 Dresses" (2008) Katherine Heigl, James Marsden. A perpetual bridesmaid balks at being in her sister's upcoming wedding.	(8:48) ** "27 Dresses" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Katherine Heigl, James Marsden, Malin Akerman. A perpetual bridesmaid balks at being in her sister's upcoming wedding.				(22) *** "Mean Girls" (2004) Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams.				
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss "Boston Market"	Undercover Boss "Alfred Angelo"	Warren Buffett: Investor, Teacher, Icon		Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	3	80	The Van Jones Show	CNN Special Report (N)	Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown	Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown	Sandler, Christopher McDonald. A powerful swing convinces a hockey player he can join the PGA tour.		*** "Dumb & Dumber" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. Two witless wonders take a cash-laden briefcase to Aspen.		Anthony Bourd.	
COM	57	136	(6:20) *** "Dumb & Dumber" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels, Lauren Holly. Two witless wonders take a cash-laden briefcase to Aspen.	(8:55) ** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Adam Sandler, Christopher McDonald. A powerful swing convinces a hockey player he can join the PGA tour.				*** "Dumb & Dumber" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. Two witless wonders take a cash-laden briefcase to Aspen.				
DISN	18	200	(6:15) "Zombies" (2018, Adventure) Milo Manheim, Meg Donnelly.	"Zombies" (2018) Milo Manheim, Meg Donnelly. Suburban high schoolers learn to coexist with zombies.	(-15) Stuck in the Middle		(:40) DuckTales	Bunk'd Zuri and Jorge sneak out.		Liv and Maddie: Cali Style		
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid			
ESPN	26	35	NBA Basketball	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	College Softball Oklahoma State at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27	39	College Volleyball NCAA Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Spikeball		>Welcome/NFL	>Welcome/NFL	>Welcome/NFL	>Welcome/NFL	Spikeball		
FOOD	40	109	Chopped	Chopped "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta"	Chopped "Feel the Burn"		Chopped "Latin Cuisine Dream"	Chopped "Sweet Heat"		Chopped		
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report (N)	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)	Watters' World		Justice Judge		
FREE	20	131	(5:25) *** "The Blind Side" (2009) Sandra Bullock. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.	(-40) ** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, James Garner. A man tells a story to a woman about two lovers.				(11:55) ** "The Lucky One" (2012)				
FSS	21	47	Power of Sports	Power of Sports	Atlanta Pregame	MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Chicago Fire. (N) (Live)	Postgame	Atlanta Pregame	MLS Soccer			
HALL	52	183	"The Beach House" (2017, Drama) Andie MacDowell, Minka Kelly, Chad Michael Murray. Caretta returns home and opens her heart.	"Royal Hearts" (2018, Comedy) Cindy Busby, James Brolin, Andrew Cooper. Hank learns that he's the heir of the late King of Merania.				The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "Room 7"		
HGTV	39	112	Beach Bargain	Beach Bargain	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation		Mountain Life	Mountain Life (N)	Fixer Upper	
HIST	45	110	The Men Who Built America	Forged in Fire "Khopesh"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit DNA tests reveal evidence of incest.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mean" Death of a bully.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick" The sexual abuse of a child.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick" The sexual abuse of a child.		Forged in Fire	
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit DNA tests reveal evidence of incest.	"Framed by My Fiancé" (2017, Suspense) Katrina Bowden, Jason-Shane Scott. A man frames his unconscious fiancé for a deadly accident.				(-02) "Nanny Killer" (2018, Suspense) Morgan Oxenbreder, Danielle Bisutti. Sarah realizes something is off with the children she cares for.		(12:01) "Framed by My Fiancé" (2017)		
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Stalked by My Ex" (2017, Suspense) Yves Bright, Tamara Braun.	"Framed by My Fiancé" (2017, Suspense) Katrina Bowden, Jason-Shane Scott. A man frames his unconscious fiancé for a deadly accident.				(-02) "Nanny Killer" (2018, Suspense) Morgan Oxenbreder, Danielle Bisutti. Sarah realizes something is off with the children she cares for.		(12:01) "Framed by My Fiancé" (2017)		
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams		Deadline: White House	Hardball With Chris Matthews		The Beat With		
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	Henry Danger (N)	Kid Danger	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	64	153	(5:00) "The Day After Tomorrow"	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz.				** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) Dennis Quaid.				
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) ** "Knowing" (2009) Nicolas Cage. A note found in a time capsule predicts disastrous events.	** "Con Air" (1997, Action) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich. Vicious convicts hijack their flight.				Futurama "The Route of All Evil"	Futurama "A Taste of Freedom"	Futurama		
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Dinner Party"	Seinfeld "The Fire"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	The Last O.G. "Repass"	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	
TCM	49	186	(5:45) *** "The Magnificent Seven" (1960) Yul Brynner.	** "Hang 'Em High" (1968, Western) Clint Eastwood, Inger Stevens, Ed Begley. A rancher swears revenge on the men who tried to lynch him.				(-15) *** "The Ox-Bow Incident" (1943) Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews. Two cowboys watch a posse get out of hand and hang three innocent men.		*** "The Narrow Margin" (1952)		
TLC	43	157	Trading Spaces (N)	Trading Spaces (N)	(:06) Nate & Jeremiah by Design (N)		(:09) Trading Spaces	(:09) Trading Spaces		Nate & Jeremiah		
TNT	23	158	(6:00) ** "Into the Storm" (2014, Action) Richard Armitage. (DVS)	** "San Andreas" (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. (DVS)				Claws "Self-Portrait" new, fancy salon. (DVS)	The ladies go to their	(:41) Claws "Escape" Jennifer struggles with Desna's secret. (DVS)		
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "Dead Reflection" A murder is caught on tape. (DVS)	NCIS "Baltimore" Tony revisits his time in Baltimore. (DVS)	NCIS "Svan Song" Tracking the Port-to-Port killer. (DVS)		NCIS "Pyramid" The Port-to-Port killer is revealed. (DVS)	Unsolved: The Murders of Tupac and The Notorious B.I.G. "Unsolved?"		Ninja Warrior: Ninja vs. Ninja		
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds (DVS)	Criminal Minds "True Genius"	Criminal Minds "Unknown Subject"		Criminal Minds "Snake Eyes"	Criminal Minds "Closing Time"		Criminal Minds		
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Person of Interest "Terra Incognita"	Person of Interest		

'Vida' presents the familiar with a new accent

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Blending pathos and comedy, social commentary and explicit and sometimes embarrassing sexual situations, "Vida" (8:30 p.m. Sunday, Starz, TV-MA) is both a radical departure and remarkably familiar. It's television, after all.

Not unlike countless sitcoms, "Vida" begins with an unexpected homecoming. Chicagoan Emma Hernandez (Mishel Prada) and her younger sister, Lyn (Melissa Barrera), return to their Los Angeles neighborhood after the sudden death of their mother, Vidalia. It's clear from the outset that the family has drifted apart, but Emma's condescending, icy distance is most pronounced.

A professional whose heartless boss texts her about finishing a report on the way to her mother's funeral, Emma has clearly left her Mexican-American family and relatives behind. She recoils at the familiar faces at the memorial service. She dismisses them as "stuck."

Things get complicated for Emma and her sister after meeting Eddy (Ser Anzoategui), their mother's "roommate" and caretaker and (no surprise) very special friend. As in many series, the reading of the will, the disposal of their mother's apartment and the division between Eddy and the two sisters make for a very tricky situation.

This isn't the first series pilot where a snooty out-of-town yuppie has to relocate to the world she fled.

For all of its familiarity, "Vida" makes the most of its characters' complicated relationships to their roots and to each other. Emma chafes at her sister's hippy-dippy veganism and convenient mix of naivete and helplessness.

Seen as estranged from their roots and possible sellers of property to affluent developers, Emma and Lyn become objects of suspicion and prey for schemers. The dialogue is laced with a mix of English, Spanish, Spanglish and unintelligible slang, but the meaning is clear and translatable to any number of immigrant/assimilation stories.

"Vida" kicks off with a rant by an anti-gentrification blogger, an angry woman with



Melissa Barrera stars as Lyn and Mishel Prada as Emma in "Vida," premiering at 8:30 p.m. Sunday on Starz.

blue lipstick and chips on both shoulders. She's later seen fighting with Emma and reminding Lyn of how stuck-up she was in grade school.

Not only does this series immerse viewers into a multilayered Mexican-American universe, it is almost exclusively female, with men sidelined to outside nuisances and occasional sex partners.

At the same time, "Vida" doesn't stray too far from narrative conventions. One of the reasons that this story of an urban professional dragged home to her mother's drama was so familiar to me is that it was featured in the TV movie "The Beach House." Just last week. On Hallmark.

• Proof that well-made shows can still be bad, "I'm Dying Up Here" (10 p.m. Sunday, Showtime, TV-MA) returns for a second season. Not unlike the much-derided HBO disaster "Vinyl," this series sports an impressive cast, some likable characters and ambitious period set design. What both series lack is any sense of modulation. The volume in every scene is turned up to 11.

Tonight, a violent, profanity-laced drive to a rehab center gives way to backstage sex, less-than-funny comedy sets about racial attitudes, implied oral sex and a scene of a drugged-up guy racing naked across a highway. A few sporadic conversations and moments of human connection break through, but not enough to prove interesting.

"I'm Dying Up Here" is thoroughly invested in the philosophy that comedians were the

real rock stars of the late '70s. It just doesn't demonstrate why we should care.

• Old enough to be institutionalized, rock honors its own at the **2018 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** (8 p.m. Saturday, HBO). It's the 33rd such ceremony, and it honors some acts that were relatively young when the Hall of Fame was founded, including Bon Jovi, Dire Straits and The Cars.

Nina Simone and Sister Rosetta Tharpe get posthumous inductions. Long eligible but only now inducted, The Moody Blues appear and perform.

The ceremonies begin on a somber note, with performances in tribute to the recently deceased Tom Petty and Chris Cornell.

• The Rock Hall's 33 years of tradition don't hold a candle to the **Kentucky Derby** (5:34 p.m. Saturday, NBC), now in its 144th year. NBC and NBCSN will air five full hours of breathless anticipation for a race that lasts a couple minutes. But you do get to look at pretty scenery, outfits and all the hats!

Derby Day (noon, Saturday) begins on NBCSN, with NBC joining the fun at 2:30 p.m. NBC and NBCSN will feature nearly 30 hours of Triple Crown coverage this spring.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- An arms dealer's scheme grows more dangerous on **"Ransom"** (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- The Toronto Raptors and Cleveland Cavaliers meet in **Game 3 of the NBA Eastern Conference semifinals** (8:30 p.m., ABC).
- Donald Glover hosts **"Saturday Night Live"** (11:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14) and performs as his musical alter ego, Childish Gambino.

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on **"60 Minutes"** (7 p.m., CBS): a town takes on drug companies; Syrian orphans.
- An officer's friend dies suspiciously on **"Instinct"** (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- The top seven perform on **"American Idol"** (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- Eve grills the mole on **"Kill-ing Eve"** (8 p.m., BBC America, TV-14).
- **"Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown"** (9 p.m., CNN, TV-PG) returns to Uruguay.
- New insights into the group's past on **"Fear the Walking Dead"** (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- The eye of the beholder on **"Westworld"** (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Damaging evidence mounts on **"Billions"** (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).
- A discovery changes perceptions on **"Deception"** (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- A journalist tags along on a vital mission on **"Madam Secretary"** (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- The gang returns to the

day President Reagan was shot on **"Timeless"** (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

- A battle over details delays the deal on **"Trust"** (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).
- A funding setback on **"Silicon Valley"** (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Sound and fury, signifying nothing, on **"Barry"** (10:30 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

After surviving the scaffold, a stranger (Clint Eastwood) seeks revenge in the 1968 Western **"Hang 'Em High"** (8 p.m. Saturday, TCM). Inger Stevens (TV's "The Farmer's Daughter") co-stars.

SUNDAY SERIES

The semifinals begin on two episodes of **"Genius Junior"** (8 p.m. and 9 p.m., NBC, TV-G) * Homer helps Flanders land a job on **"The Simpsons"** (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Worries about Rosa grow on **"Brooklyn Nine-Nine"** (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Nerve gas exposure on **"NCIS: Los Angeles"** (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Peter goes millennial on **"Family Guy"** (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * The gang searches for a new home on the season finale of **"The Last Man on Earth"** (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

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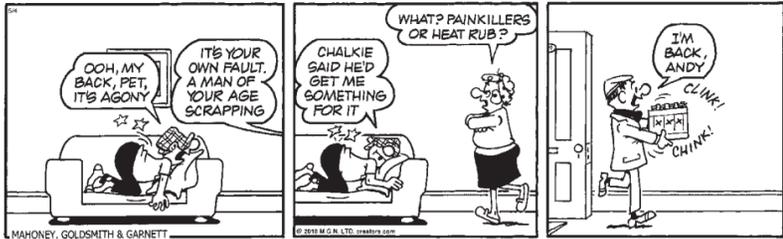
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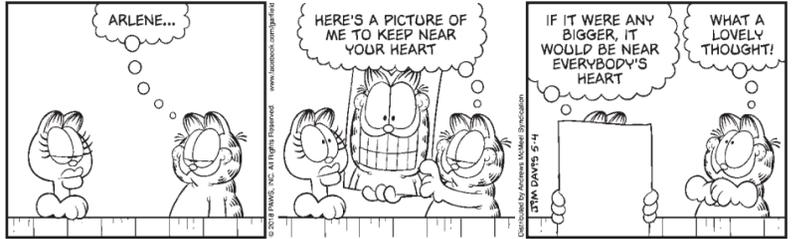
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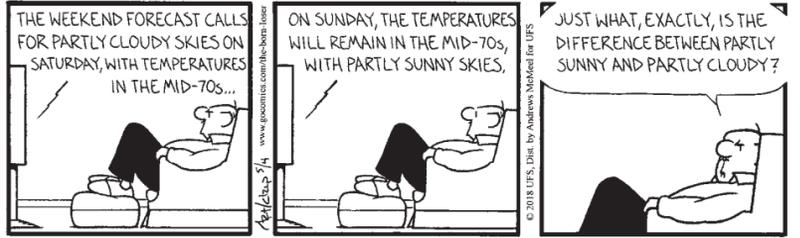
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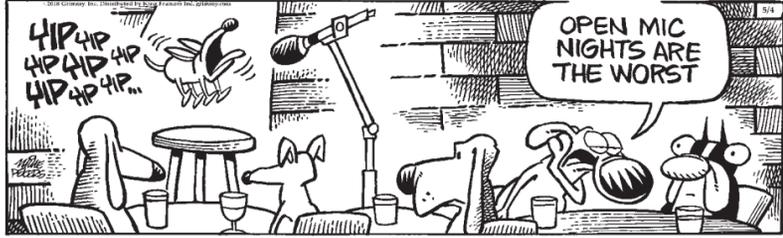
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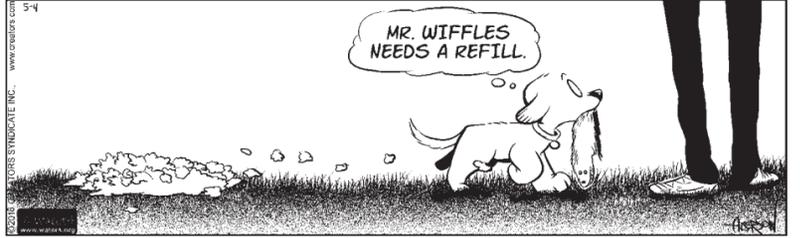
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Retired husband's wardrobe is too casual for wife



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — When I met my husband, he dressed impeccably — suits, sharp sport coats, monogrammed shirts, freshly pressed dress slacks, top-of-the-line leather shoes. Even when we went out with friends for a casual night or a movie, he still dressed well in current, fashionable clothing. I fell in love with a man who dressed beautifully (my father was known for his attire as well, which is perhaps why I like the successful look). Now that he's retired, his jeans always look dingy

(they're not dirty; they just look like they are), his sneakers look worn, and he just doesn't care about his appearance like he once did. When we go out together, I'm embarrassed. I love the man who used to care about his appearance, not this retired, sloppy-looking guy. If I complain, he tells me I'm being ridiculous. I don't expect him to look like he once did (office attire), but he should at least look current, crisp and clean. Am I wrong to be embarrassed?
Likes the old look

DEAR LIKES — I wish you had mentioned how long you and your husband have been married, because over the last 40 years styles have changed. People of both sexes dress much more casually. Your

husband may have dressed more formally years ago because there was a dress code at work and it was expected with the crowd with whom you socialized or the places you went. At this point, he may feel that because he's retired he has earned the right to dress "comfortably." Yes, you are wrong to be embarrassed. What is important is how your husband feels about himself. How he presents himself is a reflection only on him — not you. You might suggest a shopping trip so the two of you can update those jeans and sneakers, but if he won't bite, you would be wise to let him off the hook.

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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L M H A Y N

L E Y I L K

“ O O O O O - O ”



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: THEFT EVOKE CRANNY WHIMSY
Answer: The child got muddy playing outside and would end up — IN HOT WATER

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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David Alfred Bywaters 5/4/18

ACROSS

- 1 Like many superheroes
- 6 Paper items
- 10 Rock-blasting equipment
- 14 Kind of acid used in food flavoring
- 15 Dos x dos x dos
- 16 Indian garb
- 17 Origami academy?
- 19 Chimney liner
- 20 Victorian, e.g.
- 21 Erelong
- 22 Physician who left Italy in 1938 to protect his Jewish wife
- 23 Exhaust from the carnival food tent?
- 27 Hand over
- 28 Small wake maker
- 29 Cowboy, at times
- 32 Scary beach phenomenon?
- 37 Pitcher with no arms
- 38 Backbone
- 40 Forest grazers
- 41 Garment tailored to flatter your waist?
- 43 Growing things
- 44 Quotable boxer
- 45 Story
- 47 Divisive politician?

DOWN

- 53 Filmmaker born
- 54 Barbarian
- 55 Nickname derived from "Mortgage Association"
- 58 Glasses, in adpeak
- 59 Boldness, and a hint to five long puzzle answers
- 62 Yonder thing
- 63 Hawaiian island
- 64 She turned Odysseus' crew to swine
- 65 Antoinette preposition
- 66 Highland hats
- 67 Toys on strings
- 11 "The Piano" extra
- 12 Publicity video
- 13 Peaceful protest
- 18 Electrical supply
- 22 Symbols of wealth
- 24 Bitter
- 25 Meat cut
- 26 Exit
- 29 Penalty caller
- 30 Talkative "Winnie the Pooh" character
- 31 Edible sphere
- 32 Able
- 33 Lazybones
- 34 Unappealing viscous material
- 35 The Beatles' "I Saw Standing There"
- 36 Org. using wands
- 38 Aria, usually
- 39 Royal annoyance?
- 42 Biblical brother
- 43 Orator's skill
- 45 Fertile Crescent waterway
- 46 Farming prefix
- 47 Some protests
- 48 Top dog
- 49 Unarmed, to a cop
- 50 Modern messages
- 51 End of a giant sequence
- 52 Nail-filing abrasive
- 56 With the bow, on a score
- 57 Watchers
- 59 Life-saving pro
- 60 Airport org.
- 61 Spanish uncle

Previous Puzzle Solved

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FERN EIGHT
FRIEND ABM CLEO
SCHOOLTEACHERS
INUTERO
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HUGO RUL OLDHAT
ANGLE SEGA
NCR MARSHES EGO
CHOCOLATESWIRLS
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