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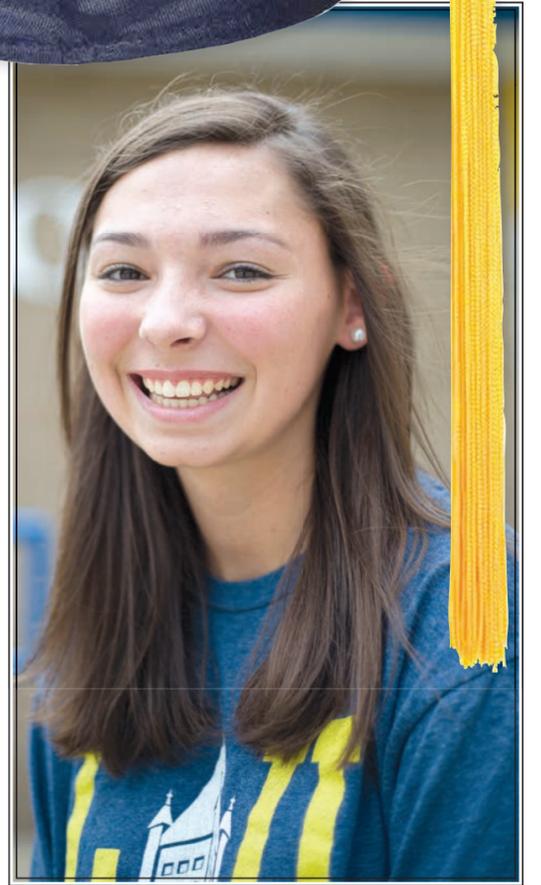
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Crestwood High School valedictorian Aaliyah Charlot plans to attend Clemson University.



Lakewood High School valedictorian Sydney Gonzales will attend College of Charleston.



Sumter High School valedictorian McKenzie Michelson will attend Lander University.

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Sumter School District valedictorians credit parents, teachers for

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter School District's three high school valedictorians come from very different backgrounds and are headed in different directions upon graduation, but all note the support of

parents and teachers has been essential in their road to success.

At Lakewood High School, Sydney Gonzales has been a leader in and out of the classroom.

Gonzales moved to Sumter in 2011 when her parents were assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, and she's been at the top of her class since middle school.

In high school, Gonzales served as

president of Lakewood's chapter of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society, vice president of her junior and senior classes and captain of the girls soccer team, along with performing in various school choirs.

She will attend College of Charleston in the fall and plans to double major in political science and psychology on a pre-law track.

She attributes her success to her

parents and also to her high school government and economics teacher James Sweat, who has influenced her to become a lawyer and later a politician in her career.

"I originally swore off politics and was like the system is broken and everything is terrible, but then I met Mr. Sweat," Gonzales said. "He has helped me see that I have a voice, and I can

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Democrats want their U.S. House candidate out over 1973 abuse

COLUMBIA (AP) — The head of the South Carolina Democratic Party is asking one of its leading U.S. House candidates to withdraw from the race after his ex-wife said he beat her according to their 1973 divorce records.

Archie Parnell did not deny the allegations unearthed in records by *The Post and Courier* of Charleston, calling his behavior "inexcusable, wrong and downright embarrassing" and said he has regretted it every day since.

Parnell also resisted calls to get out of the race. He is a heavy favorite to win the Democratic nomination on June 12 for the 5th District and end up in a rematch with U.S. Rep.



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Democratic candidate Archie Parnell and his wife, Sarah, show excitement with how he finished in the District 5 Congressional race. He's running against U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman for a second time.

Ralph Norman, a Republican he lost to by only three percentage points in a special election last June in the heavily Republican district.

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Pentagon adopts new cellphone restrictions

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After months of debate, the Defense Department approved Monday new restrictions for the use of cellphones and some other electronic devices in the Pentagon where classified information is present or discussed. But officials stopped far short of imposing an all-out ban.

The memo, which was obtained by The Associated Press, largely clarifies current procedures and calls for stricter adherence to long-held practice-

es that require phones be left in storage containers outside secure areas where sensitive matters are discussed. But it makes clear that cellphones can still be used in common areas and other offices in the Pentagon if classified information is not present.

The memo was signed by Deputy Secretary Patrick Shanahan. Pentagon officials said they do not yet have a cost estimate for the construction of storage areas where the phones can be left without

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Pinewood public meeting on water system upgrades set for Thursday

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Pinewood, Rimini and Panola residents are invited to a public meeting to learn more about a federal grant project that is expanding the water system in the area.

The meeting will be on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Pinewood Community Center, 130 Epperson Lane in Pinewood, and Mayor Sarah Mathis, other town officials and the town engineer will make a brief presentation and provide answers to frequently asked questions on the project.

Last fall, the Town of Pinewood was awarded some \$9.6 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development to expand the Pinewood Water System into the nearby Rimini and Panola communities, according to a news release from the mayor. The funding includes about 51 percent in grants and 49 percent in long-term, low-interest loans that would be used to construct some 38 miles of water mains, a new 200,000-gallon elevated water storage tank and a connection to the Manning Water System to supplement Pinewood's water supply capabilities.

Activities to comply with the requirements of the agency's Letter of Conditions are underway, including the recently launched Positive Program to Encourage Connections, according to the mayor.

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WHERE: Pinewood Community Center, 130 Epperson Lane in Pinewood
WHEN: 6 p.m. Thursday



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Central Carolina Technical College pinned 42 nurses at a ceremony held May 10 at the Sumter Opera House. The college serves primarily the region of Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter counties and confers associate degrees, diplomas and certificates. Learn more at cctech.edu.

Central Carolina Technical College pins 50 pharmacy technicians, nurses

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Central Carolina Technical College's Health Sciences Division pinned eight pharmacy technicians and 42 nurses during two pinning ceremonies. The Pharmacy Technician ceremony was held on May 9 in the Iris Room of CCTC's Health Sciences Center, and the Associate Degree in Nursing pinning was held on May 10 at Sumter Opera House.

The Health Sciences Division offers an Associate Degree in Nursing, diplomas in medical assisting and surgical technology; and certificates in massage therapy, medical record coding, patient care technology and pharmacy technology. Health sciences programs are designed to provide graduates with immediate employment in the health care industry or prepare graduates to transfer to articulating colleges.

Pharmacy Technicians are allied health professionals who assist and support licensed pharmacists in providing pharmaceutical services directly and indirectly to patients. Members of this year's Pharmacy Technician Program graduating class are listed by county: Clarendon — Khaliya Brown, Destiny Jones and Jamie Nahooikaika; and Sumter — Lanikqua Buchanan, Tashae Cobia,



Central Carolina Technical College pinned eight pharmacy technicians at a ceremony held May 9 at the Health Sciences Center.

Ingrid Daney, Tanisha Nelson and Kristina Richburg.

Graduates of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program are prepared for careers as technical nurses in acute care, long-term care or home health settings. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses and are approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Board of Nursing. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Com-

mission for Education in Nursing. National League Members of this year's Associate Degree in Nursing graduating class are listed by county: Berkeley — Mary Bethea; Clarendon — Hanna Lewis, Sophia Radford and Dixie Richburg; Darlington — Lorette Gregg; Florence — Danielle Cox and Vicki Parker; Kershaw — Hannah Braddock, Devina Bramdeo, Michael Branham, Melissa Clyburn, Jessica Fleming, Kelly Gills, Arianna Harrison, Breanna Mackey, Sarah Morris, Jayme Pugh and Alana

Rentas; Lee — Mata Allison Horton, Kallon Johnson, Rebecca Prewitt and Sarah White; Marion — Lakenya Barr and Terra Palmer McGill; Richland — Lakeisha McDonald; Sumter — Chanelle Cline, Richard Edwards, Julie Gaddy, Brandi Hodge, Steven Hurley, Jonathan Joslin, Heather Kelly, Brianna Lewis, Danna Manzer, Kaleigh McCook, Kristen Morris, Brittany Smith, Natascha Szlavik, Ashley Taylor, Summer Tidwell and Deneice Wickens; and Williamsburg — Ashley Jarrett.

Red Cross Palmetto SC Region sends 2 to Texas after shooting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two disaster-trained volunteers from the Palmetto SC Region of the American Red Cross have been sent to Texas to help victims and families affected by the mass shooting at Santa Fe High School.

A 17-year-old student of the school opened fire on May 18, killing 10.

One of the volunteers heading from South Carolina to Texas is trained and credentialed to respond to mass casualty events, according

to a news release, and has traveled from the eastern portion of the state to help provide spiritual care to those impacted by last week's shooting. The volunteer will help counsel families and victims as they begin to process Friday's events.

The other volunteer, from the central chapter, will assist in feeding individuals.

According to the release, the agency stands ready to send additional volunteers if they are requested.

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Speed up recovery physically, mentally

When injury occurs and you are sidelined from your regular routine, it is too easy to sit back and wait for a full recovery. Experiencing injury not only takes a toll on you physically, but also psychologically. While rest is good, you don't want your entire body to regress because you can't move like you used to. The human body will work hard on its own to help you recover, and there are plenty of things you can do to help speed up your

recovery physically and mentally.

While you rehabilitate the injured area as prescribed by your doctor or physical therapist, it is best that you still maintain the habits and benefits of your regular physical activity routine. After removing activities that aggravate your injury,



Missy Corrigan

continue with the exercises, stretches and activities that will prevent the rest of your body from becoming weak or deconditioned.

Good health is a temporary condition, so it's important that we continue to do everything we can to support it. Too many people stop their regular routines altogether when injury occurs. When the expected outcome to fully recover with rest alone fails, people find that they feel worse than before, have gained weight or are even more discouraged. It is im-

perative that you avoid getting in this situation of making the recovery and return to normal even more difficult.

If you get injured, remember that it's not just about rehabilitation — it's also about maintaining good habits. When you have an injury, the food you eat plays an important role in recovery. Healthy foods contain vitamins and minerals needed for helping skin, muscles, bones and connective tissues repair themselves. Additionally, they help to reduce swelling, bruising and pain as well as improve circulation. Avoid skipping meals or eating foods with little to no nutrients that can actually slow your recovery time. A well-balanced diet that includes proteins, carbohydrates and fats is essential to repairing an injured body.

When your body is injured, it is important that you get more sleep and rest than normal. While you sleep, it is the best time for

your body to rebuild and repair itself. The hormone melatonin is produced while you sleep, which helps boost your immune system and repair any damage. If your injury is preventing you from getting good sleep, talk to your doctor about it. If you aren't sleeping well, your body can't adequately recover.

In addition to good sleep, nourishing foods and continuing to move, be sure to keep in contact with your social groups. Serious injuries can cause people to accept a "new normal" of pain, discomfort or disability. If you have an isolated injury, don't let it hinder every area of your life. Instead of focusing on what you can't do, stick with what you can do. Think about the steps you need to take to move forward and aim for maximum healing. Missy Corrigan is executive of community health for Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org or (803) 773-1404.

Man agrees to life sentence for killing officer

COLUMBIA (AP) — A man who ambushed four police officers in South Carolina, killing one of them, has pleaded guilty to murder as part of a deal which spares his life. Christian McCall quietly admitted to the Jan. 16 shooting in York County on Tuesday. He was waiting to see if the judge would accept the negotiated sentence of life without parole.

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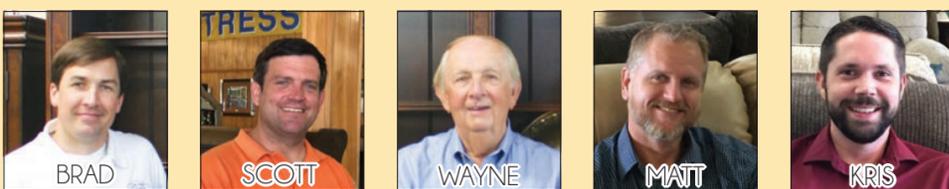
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Baltimore County Police Department Cpl. Shawn Vinson speaks at a news conference on Monday at Franklin Square Hospital Center in Rosedale, Maryland. A Baltimore County Police Department officer was pronounced dead at the hospital after an altercation while investigating a suspicious vehicle in nearby Perry Hall.

Teenage suspect said he 'drove at' Maryland officer

BY DAVID MCFADDEN AND SARAH RANKIN
Associated Press

PERRY HALL, Md. — A 16-year-old who was supposed to be on house arrest for auto theft was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder in the death of a Maryland police officer.

After hearing about Dawnnta Anthony Harris' numerous recent run-ins with the law, a judge called him a "one-man crime wave" and ordered the teen held without bail.

More than 20 police officers were in the courtroom when Harris made his first court appearance by video. Harris has been charged as an adult in the Monday killing of Baltimore County police Officer Amy Caprio, 29, who was responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Harris was waiting in the vehicle, a Jeep, while three other teens were inside a nearby home committing a burglary, according to authorities and court records.

The slain officer's body camera footage clearly shows Harris accelerating the Jeep at Caprio after she tried to apprehend him on the cul-de-sac in the suburban Perry Hall community northeast of Baltimore, prosecutor William Bickel said during the hearing.

"She fired her weapon. He ran over her," Bickel said. Harris was apprehended shortly after abandoning the Jeep, which was stolen May 18 in Baltimore, he said.

A yellow lockup jumpsuit appeared baggy on Harris' slight 120-pound, 5-foot-7 frame during the hearing in Towson. When asked if he understood the charge he faces, Harris mumbled "yes" as he sat next to his public defender.

Harris has a series of auto theft arrests and a repeated

history of running away from juvenile facilities, according to prosecutors. The teen was on house arrest at his mother's West Baltimore home but ran away May 14, they said.

Judge Sally Chester ordered the ninth-grader to be held at Baltimore County Detention Center, an adult lockup.

"Your client is a one-man crime wave," Chester told Harris' public defender, who was pushing for Harris to be sent to a juvenile lockup.

According to a probable cause statement filed Tuesday, Harris told a detective that he "drove at the officer" and then abandoned the Jeep a short distance away.

Police said in a statement that the Jeep was found with a bullet hole where Caprio fired her service weapon at the driver just before she was struck.

The three teens — ages 15, 16, and 17 — who police say were burglarizing the house were tracked down at their families' homes in Baltimore, Sheridan said.

They were in custody but had not yet been identified or formally charged as of late Tuesday afternoon. Scott Shellenberger, the state's attorney for Baltimore County, said at a news conference that authorities think all three can be charged with felony murder in Caprio's death.

"They are in for everything that occurs as a result of that burglary, including when their co-defendant is outside running over a police officer and killing her," Shellenberger said.

A medical examiner determined Caprio died of trauma to the head and torso, police Chief Terrence Sheridan said.

Caprio, who would have been on the force four years in July, was smart, athletic and energetic, just the type of officer you want to hire, the chief said.

Governor hopeful Templeton picks prosecutor Wilkins as running mate

BY MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — In picking a longtime prosecutor for her running mate, a Republican challenging South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster said Monday that she's creating a partnership to tackle the state's two top problems: crime and corruption.

"My wheelhouse is getting rid of the regulations and understanding a lot about business and operations," Catherine Templeton told The Associated Press of her choice of Solicitor Walt Wilkins for lieutenant governor. "Walt's wheelhouse is all of the very important things that keep us safe in South Carolina, and we're going to work in partnership on those two things."

In their first joint interview, ahead of an official announcement and planned statewide tour Tuesday, Templeton and Wilkins outlined for the AP a strategy that envisions Wilkins acting as a "corruption and crime czar." Templeton said she'd task the longtime state and federal prosecutor with eliminating redundancies and finding efficiencies in state agencies such as corrections, juvenile justice and the State Law Enforcement Division.

"How about we make the lieutenant governor a partnership?" Templeton asked. "We're going to divide and conquer and make the executive branch functioning and providing safety that the citizens of South

Carolina deserve."

This year is the first in which South Carolina voters will select the state's top two executives as part of the same ticket. South Carolina's primary elections are June 12, and Templeton is one of four Republicans challenging McMaster for the party's nomination.

Templeton, former chief of the state's labor and public health departments, said she met her running mate when they were undergraduates at Wofford College, and that they both later attended the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Wilkins, 44, served several years as an assistant federal prosecutor before President George W. Bush picked him as South Carolina's U.S. Attorney in 2008. In that role, he oversaw all federal cases in the state, focusing on violent crime and drug prosecutions and supervising an immigration case that resulted in more than 300 deportations and \$1.5 million in fines against a chicken processing company.

Since 2010, he has been the top prosecutor for Greenville and Pickens counties, where he oversees dozens of attorneys who prosecute thousands of cases each year. In 2011, then-Gov. Nikki Haley appointed him to the Prosecution Coordination Commission, the governing body of the state's solicitors. Wilkins said Monday that he will stay in office during the campaign, as did former prosecutor Trey Gowdy while he campaigned for the U.S. House in 2010.



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Mass school shootings mostly happening in small towns

ATLANTA (AP) — If you want to know where mass school shootings are most likely to occur, look no farther than small-town and suburban America.

The massacre that killed 10 people at a high school in Texas last week was just the latest to happen in a small or suburban city. Of the 10 deadliest school shootings in the U.S., all but one took place in a town with fewer than 75,000 residents, and the vast majority of them were in cities with fewer than 50,000 people.

These are seemingly idyllic places to grow up: low crime rates, good schools and a sense of community where everyone seems to know your name. And it's exactly those attributes, experts say, that are why small rural and suburban towns are a breeding ground for the next school shooter.

"Ironically it's people in small towns and suburbia who think it can't happen here. And that is exactly the type of place where it does happen," said Peter Langman, a psychologist who has been studying school shootings for years and operates a database of school gun violence in the U.S. and abroad. "People tend to think of violence associated with cities, not violence associated with small-town America, but this type of violence is the one associated with small-



Santa Fe High School freshman Jai Gillard writes messages on each of the 10 crosses in front of the school Monday in Santa Fe. Gillard knew all the victims of the shooting.

town America."

Experts say the phenomenon is because of a variety of factors that include easy access to guns and the copycat effect of disturbed suburban and small-town teenagers emulating each other. It's also blamed on the pressures of living in small towns that make it harder for disgruntled teenagers to adjust.

"In small-town America, it's said everybody knows everybody, and that's well and good except when you don't want everybody to know what's going on with you," said James Alan Fox, a professor at Northeastern University who has been studying mass

shootings for decades. "If things are going downhill for you, you did something wrong or someone did something wrong to you and some girl dumps you, everybody knows. So it's much harder to get away from it.

"Whereas in the big city, where no one knows your name, that can be a good thing," he added. "You don't have this feeling that everybody knows what you're going through. Being in a small town has its advantages in terms of a network and a sense of community, but sometimes that can be a double-edged sword."

Parkland, Florida, where

authorities say a former student in February gunned down 17 people, had just recently been voted the safest town in Florida. Newtown, Connecticut, where a shooting in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School took the lives of 20 children and six adults, is a classic New England town, seemingly a world away from the crime and problems of nearby Bridgeport, one of that state's largest cities.

The site of the Columbine High School tragedy was a Denver suburb; the Virginia Tech massacre happened in a college town of about 40,000 people. The shooting last week took place in a town of 13,000 people about 40 minutes southeast of Houston.

The prevalence of the mass shootings in smaller cities stands in contrast to the situation in big cities like New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. They have strict gun laws and their own problems with street gun violence, but it's rare that a mass shooting has been carried out in one of their schools.

In the 1980s and 1990s, urban districts sought to make schools safer from drug- and gang-related violence, taking such steps as installing metal detectors at entrances. That is exactly what pro-gun Republicans and the National Rifle Association have been proposing after recent massa-

ces.

Some school security and psychology experts, as well as those who have been studying mass shootings for decades, say school designs and talk of arming teachers are simplistic approaches that don't get at the heart of preventing it from happening. While students often have a sense that a classmate might be planning an attack or know that someone is troubled, they might be more hesitant in smaller towns to tell anyone about it, said Langman, director of *SchoolShooters.info*. They know each other well, visit each other's homes, and families can be business associates.

"The best prevention is to catch them early before they show up with a gun rather than trying to make it hard for them once they're already at the building with a gun," he said.

Fox also said it's hard to overlook the issue of copycats — and how much that can determine the types of locations where school shootings occur.

"They're all white, male, teenagers in small towns or rural areas because they identify the other white, male teenagers in small towns or rural areas. Whereas a black kid in the Bronx or the streets of Chicago, that's not his world. He's got totally different issues he's dealing with," Fox said.

Hawaii volcano producing toxic lava haze plume called 'laze'

BY JAE C. HONG and AUDREY McAVOY
The Associated Press

PAHOA, Hawaii — The eruption of Kilauea volcano in Hawaii sparked new safety warnings about toxic gas on the Big Island's southern coastline after lava began flowing into the ocean and setting off a chemical reaction.

The molten rock started pouring into the sea during the weekend. It's been generating plumes of lava haze or "laze" as it interacts with seawater.

It's just the latest hazard from a weeks-old eruption that has generated earthquakes and featured gushing molten rock, giant ash plumes and sulfur dioxide. The eruption has destroyed more than 40 buildings and forced more than 2,000 people to evacuate.

There has been continuous low-level ash emission from Kilauea's summit with larger explosions every few hours, said U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist Mike Poland. Two small eruptions happened late Monday afternoon and early Tuesday, producing ash clouds that did

not reach the 10,000-foot level.

On Monday, lava entered and then stalled on the property of a geothermal plant near one of Kilauea's new volcanic vents. Officials earlier this month removed 50,000 gallons of stored flammable gas from the plant to reduce the chance of explosions.

Here are key things to know about the latest volcanic threat:

WHAT IS LAVA HAZE?

It is made of dense white clouds of steam, toxic gas and tiny shards of volcanic glass. Janet Babb, a geologist with the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, says the plume "looks innocuous, but it's not."

HOW IS IT CREATED?

Laze is formed when lava enters the ocean and triggers a series of chemical reactions.

The seawater cools the lava, which forms a glass that shatters. Tiny pieces are picked up by the steam cloud, which contains hydrochloric acid that

also is created by the interaction of lava and the ocean.

"Just like if you drop a glass on your kitchen floor, there's some large pieces and there are some very, very tiny pieces," Babb said. "These little tiny pieces are the ones that can get wafted up in that steam plume."

Scientists call the glass Limu O Pele, or Pele's seaweed, named after the Hawaiian goddess of volcano and fire.

WHY IS IT DANGEROUS?

The clouds contain hydrochloric acid, which is about as corrosive as diluted battery acid. It can irritate the skin and eyes and cause breathing problems.

Babb said protective masks that officials have been distributing to protect people from volcanic ash will filter particles from lava haze but not the hydrochloric acid.

Laze itself is not enough to cause serious burns, Babb said, unless someone is right on top of where lava enters the ocean. Waves also can wash over molten lava and send scalding

water onshore, so people should maintain a safe distance.

No major injuries have been reported from lava haze. The U.S. Geological Survey says laze contributed to two deaths in 2000, when seawater washed across recent and active lava flows.

WHO NEEDS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IT?

Mostly people who are near the lava entry on the southern coast, either on land or in boats just offshore. Where the plume wafts depends heavily on wind direction and speed.

The gas clouds initially appear on the shoreline, but trade winds on Sunday carried plumes about 15 miles to the southwest. The cloud was offshore, running parallel to the coast.

When the winds die down, the plume can flatten out. Its size, meanwhile, depends on the volume of lava falling into the sea.

The hazards minimize once the shards fall to the ground because the glass would mix with the earth.

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Trump faces challenges ahead of North Korea summit in Singapore

BY CATHERINE LUCEY and ZEKE MILLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Weeks before his planned North Korea summit, President Donald Trump is starting down a dealmaker's worst nightmare: overpromising and under-delivering.

As the Singapore meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un draws near, the president and his allies are growing increasingly anxious about how he can score a win on the world stage. While Trump has not suggested he wants to back out, he has struggled to define his objectives for the historic sit-down, and last week he drew fresh criticism from his foreign foil.

"I think that Trump imagined he would go into this meeting and be able to have a historic breakthrough with a deal, but it's clear he's starting to realize it won't be as easy as he imagined," said

Jean Lee, director of the North Korea program at the Woodrow Wilson Center and a former Associated Press bureau chief in Pyongyang.

Trump, who has pitched himself as the ultimate negotiator, has focused on ambitious deals as president but has struggled with the fine print. He just hit the pause button on his threatened trade war with China, announcing an agreement to reduce America's trade deficit with China — but few details. He recently withdrew the U.S. from the international Iran-nuclear deal — without outlining a path forward with his allies. And his Middle East peace plan, which he deputized his son-in-law to lead, is months overdue and facing a more skeptical audience than ever.

Supporters stress that sometimes Trump's ambitious efforts do pay off, as with the massive tax cut bill he signed into law late last year.



A news vendor counts her money May 11 near a stack of newspapers with a photo of U.S. President Donald Trump, right, and North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un on its front page in Singapore.

Going into the North Korea meeting, senior administration officials say, the president has been almost singularly focused on the pageantry of the summit — including the suspenseful roll-out of details. He has not been deeply engaged in briefing materials on North Korea's nuclear program, said three people with knowledge of the White House efforts. They were not authorized to speak publicly.

Scott Snyder, director of the Program on U.S.-Korea Policy at the Council of Foreign Relations, said there's a risk that "the ceremony and the historic nature of the meeting be allowed to overshadow the deliverables."

Driven by gut instinct, Trump rarely dives deep as he prepares to meet with foreign counterparts. For the North Korea meeting, insiders say, he is motivated by the idea of

scoring a historic deal and is tickled by suggestions he could win a Nobel Peace Prize — especially since Barack Obama won the honor early in his presidency. Trump has maintained publicly that his goal is to see the Korean Peninsula denuclearized, and the North has agreed to put its nuclear program on the negotiating table as a condition for the talks. But the two sides are still miles apart on defining what might be mutually acceptable.

Trump huddled Tuesday at the White House with South Korean President Moon Jae-in to prepare for the June 12 summit. It was Moon's government that delivered the initial invitation from Kim for a meeting, and South Korea has been pushing the U.S. toward a peaceful resolution to the nuclear crisis.

North Korea threw a wrench in the plans last week, threatening to cancel over concerns about the U.S. push to see the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Administration officials viewed the warning as bluster, akin to Trump's own promise to walk away if Kim isn't serious about denuclearization. Both sides, they said, have a vested interest in a successful meeting.

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Revolving door of despair

Women in jail are fastest-growing correctional population in U.S.

BY SHARON COHEN
AP National Writer

JACKSBORO, Tenn. — On opposite sides of the county jail, a mother and her son chat about school, girls, birthday gifts — and their future together. They aren't allowed to see each other face to face, so the inmate and the fifth-grader connect by video.

"Hi, Mommy," 10-year-old Robby says to Krystle Sweat, clutching a phone in the visiting room as he looks at his mother on a screen, sitting in her cell.

Robby hasn't hugged her since Christmas 2015, just before Sweat wound up back behind bars. He tells her that on the day she's released, he wants to show her how he can ride no-hands on his bike.

For years now, Sweat has cycled in and out of jail, arrested more than two dozen times for robbery and other crimes — almost all related to her drug addiction that culminated in a \$300-a-day pain pill habit. She's tried to quit, but nothing has worked. Now she says she's ready to make the break when she's paroled, possibly this summer.

"I'm almost 33," she says. "I don't want to continue living like this. I want to be someone my family can count on."

Tucked in a remote corner of Appalachia, the Campbell County Jail offers an agonizing glimpse into how the tidal wave of opioids and methamphetamines has ravaged America. Here and across the country, addiction is driving skyrocketing rates of incarcerated women, tearing apart families while squeezing communities that lack money, treatment programs and permanent solutions to close the revolving door.

Women in jail are the fastest-growing correctional population in America. The numbers rose from 13,258 in 1980 to 102,300 in 2016, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Between 1980 and 2009, the arrest rate for drug possession or use tripled for women, while it doubled for men. Opioid abuse has exacerbated the problem.

'Women are the caregivers of their families. They get blamed and shamed for not taking care of their children. But they get blamed and shamed for not being in recovery. It's a horrible choice.'

MARY-LINDEN SALTER

Director of the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & Other Addiction Services

Jessica Morgan, high on methamphetamines and the opioid pain medication Opana, sits in a holding cell after being booked for drug possession at the Campbell County Jail in Jacksboro, Tennessee, on April 23. More than a decade ago, there were rarely more than 10 women in this jail. Now the population is routinely around 60.

More than a decade ago, there were rarely more than 10 women in the Campbell County Jail. Now the population is routinely around 60. Most are arrested on a drug-related charge. Many also are addicted. They receive no counseling and eventually are released into the same community where friends and sometimes family are using drugs. Soon they are, too.

And the cycle begins anew: Another arrest, another booking photo, another pink uniform and off to a cell to simmer in regret and despair.

Sarai Keelean is back in for violating probation for possessing meth; she'd been using the drug and also selling it to buy opioids. Locked up for almost three years, she longs for freedom but is terrified, too. "You're afraid that you're going to mess up," she says.

Blanche Ball, who has been using, cooking or selling meth for 15 of her 30 years, has been in jail several times. "I know I could have done something more with my life," she says, but: "Once you're like this for so long, you don't know another way to be."

Her two oldest children are being raised by family; the two youngest were adopted. "That wound is so bad," she says, "I try to block it out all the time."

In 2015, Campbell County had the third-highest amount of opioids prescribed per person of all U.S. counties, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That amounted to more than five times the national average.

Mayor E.L. Morton blames the pharmaceutical industry and doctors, and two lawsuits against opioid makers are pending on behalf of the county and its 40,000 residents. Meth is also a problem.

"Throw a rock, hit a house, and there's drugs," says Keelean, the 35-year-old inmate.

The county has struggled for decades. Its tobacco farms and once-flourishing coal industry disappeared long ago, wiping out jobs and solid incomes. Some factories remain, but more than 1 in 5 residents are poor. Nowadays, as much as 90 percent of the crime in a five-county district that includes

Campbell is connected to drugs, the local prosecutor says.

Tennessee doesn't have enough psychiatrists, social workers, counselors and nurses or residential drug treatment in rural areas — and Campbell County has no such programs, says Mary-Linden Salter, director of the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & Other Addiction Services. "It's unrealistic for people to travel 700 miles for treatment because that's where there's an open bed," she adds.

Salter also says drug treatment is often costlier and more complicated for women because many have experienced trauma and abuse as children or adults and may be slower to seek help because they fear losing their children.

"Women are the caregivers of their families," she says. "They get blamed and shamed

for not taking care of their children. But they get blamed and shamed for not being in recovery. It's a horrible choice."

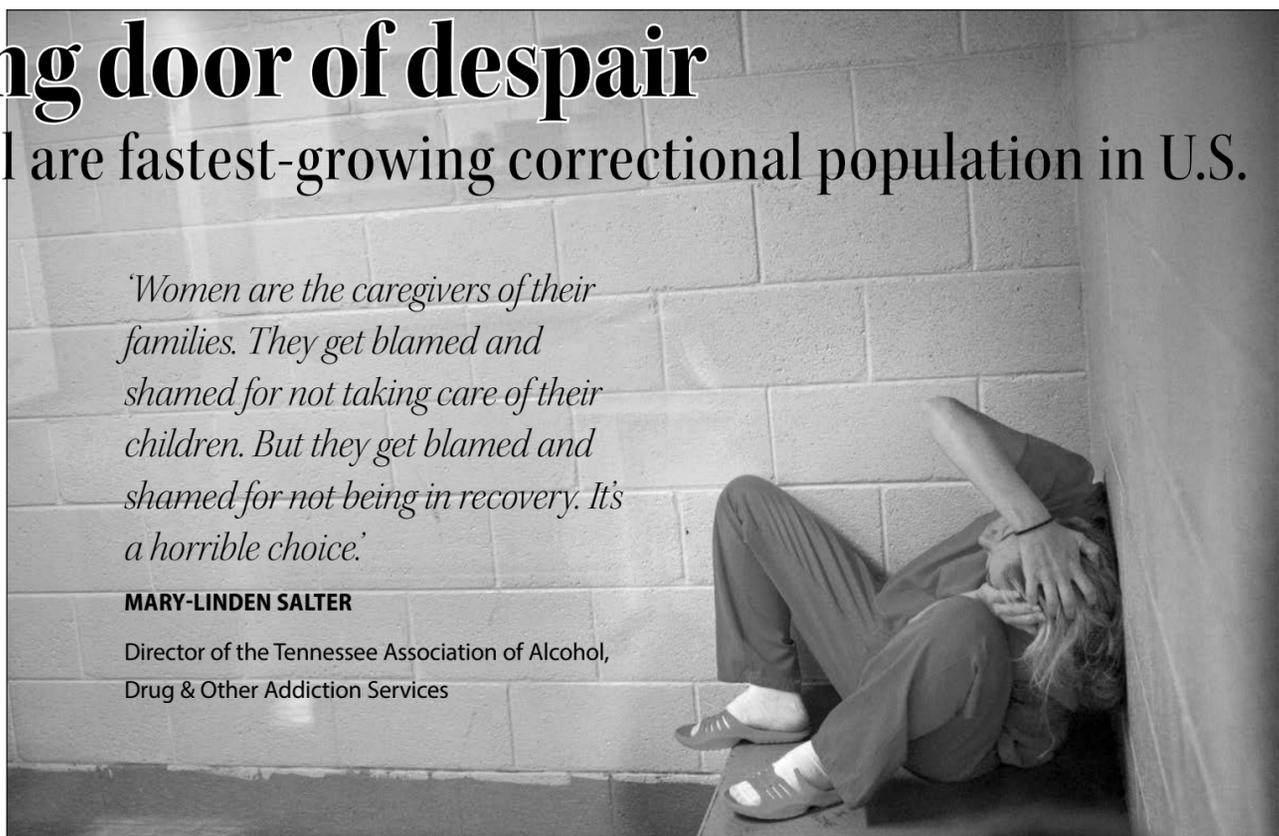
There are roads to recovery here. A drug court, which provides supervision for up to two years, has a 70 percent graduation rate. And a new program just for women, begun last year, moves offenders into short- or long-term residential treatment. In both cases, treatment takes them to other counties or out of state.

Krystle Sweat says that when she's paroled, she wants to enter a faith-based recovery program. Her parents, who have raised Robby since he was about 3, have promised to help.

As Robby's visit ends this day, he and his mother blow each other kisses.

"I'm so thankful that he still loves me," she says. "He's disappointed in me. He doesn't say that he is, but I know he is."

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Proposed Bishopville Truck Route Project
Lee County
Public Information Meeting

Meeting:
The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has scheduled a public information meeting on Thursday, June 7, in Lee County to consider preliminary alternative corridors for a proposed Bishopville Truck Route. The public is invited to stop by the Lee Central High School cafeteria, 1800 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, anytime between 5 pm and 7 pm.

Purpose:
The purpose of this meeting is for SCDOT to present several preliminary build alternative corridors that are being considered to address the project's purpose of addressing existing and future truck volumes traveling through downtown Bishopville on US 15/North Main Street. A no-build alternative is also being evaluated by the project team. Another purpose of the meeting is to gather information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area.

The preliminary routes and segments under consideration were developed after feedback from last year's project scoping meeting, field research, as well as any environmental and community impacts. SCDOT, along with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will use information and feedback gathered at this meeting and through public comments to further evaluate these routes and segments before determining a preferred alternative.

The meeting's informal, drop-in format will display each potential alternative. SCDOT staff and project team members will be available to gather feedback, answer questions, and to address specific concerns such as property impacts or project background.

SCDOT will continue to receive comments regarding this phase of the project until June 30, 2018.

Contact:
For more information, the public may contact SCDOT Project Manager Jacob Meetze at (803) 737-1037, or at meetzej@scdot.org or through the project's website- <http://www.scdot.org/inside/BishopvilleTruckRoute/>, where they can also sign-up for project updates. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the meeting should contact Betty Gray at (803)737-1395.

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VALEDICTORIANS FROM PAGE A1

use it for the things I'm very passionate about."

Those include public education, the environment, free health care, gun control and equality in general.

At Crestwood High School, valedictorian Aaliyah Charlot said she wasn't into sports and extracurricular activities during high school but described herself as an "overachiever" in the classroom.

She credits guidance counselor Kenny Rose for ensuring she stayed on the right path and also agricultural science and technology teacher Jason Gore for helping her get involved in a state soil competition with Future Farmers of America.

"I wasn't really involved in competitions, so I had no experience in that area, but I was really thankful for Mr. Gore for getting me to put myself out there and try something new," Charlot said.

Charlot said her biggest role model though is her mom, who went back to college at the University of South Carolina a few years

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Sumter County Civic Center
- **Crestwood High School**
7 p.m., June 8
Sumter County Civic Center
- **Sumter High School**
9 a.m., June 9
Memorial Stadium

ago via the GI bill. She would travel to Columbia in the morning and take classes during the day.

In two years of coursework, her mom made straight A's and was on the Dean's List, she said.

"At night, we studied and did homework together," Charlot said.

Charlot will attend Clemson University in the fall and plans to major in biological sciences.

She credits her mom for instilling in her a strong work ethic.

"I'm her 'mini-me' — that's what I am often referred to as," Charlot said.

At Sumter High, valedictorian McKenzie Michelson was a cross between the two.

Like Charlot, Michelson credits her mom with being her biggest role model.

"She's a single mom, so she works and takes care of me and my sister and always encourages us and loves us," Michelson said. "So, I owe a lot of this to her. She wants me to work hard, but she's also my best friend, and I can talk to her about anything."

Michelson was also a captain of the Lady Gamecocks varsity volleyball team this year.

She said volleyball coach and physical education teacher Kristy Kelly was a big motivator for her as well.

Kelly also taught a Unified Sports Class that partnered student-athletes at the school with special-needs students to learn sports activities.

Michelson said the class was her favorite in high school.

She will attend Lander University in Greenwood in the fall and plans to major in nursing.

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creating a threat to security.

"In this day and age, with the level of threat-based technologies, most of those devices should never get anywhere near a classified workspace," Garry Reid, the Pentagon's director for defense intelligence, told The Associated Press in an interview. "We know that mobile wireless devices have recording capabilities and cameras, and it's not appropriate for those to be in secure workspaces. So we have to put control procedures in place."

More than 25,000 people work in the Pentagon, ranging from Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to restaurant workers and cleaning crews, and many use their phones for family emergencies and other needs.

Fitness trackers that don't have wireless or cellular technology or contain microphones are not covered by the memo but will be addressed in a separate policy that is still being developed by defense officials. And medical devices with cellu-

lar technology must be approved on an individual basis.

The memo covers "laptops, tablets, cellular phones, smartwatches and other devices" that are portable, can wirelessly transmit information and have "a self-contained power source."

The technology reviews were launched in late January after revelations that fitness trackers and other electronic devices can be used to pinpoint troop locations, military bases and other sensitive areas and can be tracked on an interactive, online map.

The Global Heat Map, published by the GPS tracking company Strava, uses satellite information to map the locations of subscribers to Strava's fitness service.

The map showed activity from 2015 through September 2017, and scattered areas in warzones such as Iraq and Syria were illuminated, suggesting they could pinpoint military or government personnel using fitness trackers.

PARNELL FROM PAGE A1

The 1973 divorce papers said Parnell was locked out of an apartment by people trying to protect his then wife. Parnell shattered a glass door with a tire iron, then beat his wife of two years, according to the documents obtained by the newspaper.

Parnell's wife said she feared for her life and obtained a restraining order, and the couple's divorce was finalized the next year, according to the documents.

"Forty-five years ago, while

still a college student, I did something that I have regretted every single day since. In response to actions I feel unnecessary to specify, I lashed out and became violent with other people, including my former wife, which led to a divorce and monumental change in my life," Parnell told the newspaper.

"Since then, my life has been changed by a remarkable woman, two amazing daughters, a forgiving God and a career that has taught me to cherish what I have," Parnell said.

Several Democratic leaders acknowledged Parnell's ef-

orts to change his life but said there are some things that can't be accepted. Several staffers have also left the campaign after the divorce filing began circulating.

"His actions, though long ago, directly contradict the values of the Democratic Party," state Democratic Party chairman Trav Robertson said in a statement asking Parnell to drop out of the race.

The other three Democrats in the 5th District race are political unknowns: Suriname immigrant Mark Ali, former York County councilman Sidney Moore and Steven Lough. Lough is emphasizing his day

job as a professional clown and is campaigning with the slogan "Aim high! Vote Lough!"

Parnell is a former Goldman Sachs tax adviser whose campaign has spent \$1.2 million since the beginning of 2017 and had \$415,000 in the bank at the start of April in his campaign to win the U.S. House seat. Those numbers are comparable to the incumbent Norman as he seeks reelection in the district which

voted 57 percent for President Donald Trump in 2016.

Norman faced his own criticism last month when he pulled out his loaded handgun during a meeting with constituents to make a point about gun safety.

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SCHOOLS — The following will be closed on Monday, May 28: Sumter School District; Clarendon School Districts 1, 2 and 3; Lee County Public Schools; Robert E. Lee Academy; Thomas Sumter Academy; Wilson Hall; St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School; St. Francis Xavier High School; Laurence Manning Academy; Clarendon Hall; Sumter Christian School; and USC Sumter.

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SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
 Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce boardroom, 32 E. Calhoun St.

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to blow off steam. Exercise, physical work and assisting others will help you remain calm, even if others don't. Protect against illness or injury. Make diet and rest priorities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You've got the right idea, but not everyone will see things your way. Do your own thing and stick to a set budget. Common sense, intuition and hard work will help you reach your goal and come out on top.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take part in courses, conferences or challenges that will encourage you to grow stronger and to hone your skills. Don't give in to someone using emotional blackmail to persuade you to do something you don't want to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't fear the unknown. Ask questions; you'll discover information that will help you make changes that will improve your life. Love and romance, along with paying personal attention to the way you look, will pay off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Walk away from anyone trying to convince you to go into debt or to make changes that aren't reasonable. Problems with a partner or someone who expects too much from you should be dealt with abruptly. Put your needs first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set the standard instead of living by someone else's rules. Know what you want, and don't be afraid to speak up. Taking control of a situation at home or at work will lead to choices. If someone isn't good for you, distance yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Secrets will be kept that could change your opinion about something you've been asked to do. Don't trust anyone who is suspicious or trying to pressure you to head in one direction or another. Do what's best for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Doors will open, but before you engage in something that's being offered, get the lowdown regarding how much it will cost and who all is involved. You may want to take your ideas and move forward on your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Partnerships will be troublesome. Make sure you are straightforward about what you are willing to do and what you expect in return. Someone is likely to mislead you if you are too trusting or you let your emotions override practicality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The changes you make at home will be beneficial, and the response and help you receive from others will confirm you are doing the right thing. A makeover or updating your image will lead to compliments. Romance is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't stop or look back. As soon as you slow down, someone will make an unexpected move that will cost you. Arguments are a waste of time, and being extravagant will not make you feel better. Exercise is recommended.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Explore your options, and take part in organized endeavors that will lead to new friendships and opportunities. A partnership looks intriguing and is likely to lead to altering the way you live. Love is in the stars.

WEATHER

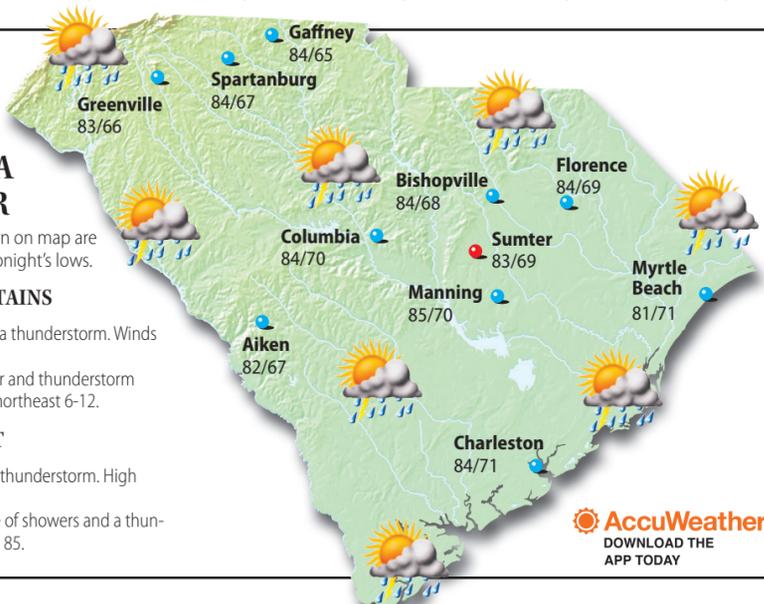
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
83°	69°	83° / 67°	81° / 68°	84° / 69°	81° / 70°
Chance of rain: 50%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 60%
SW 4-8 mph	SSW 3-6 mph	ESE 4-8 mph	SE 6-12 mph	SSE 6-12 mph	SSE 7-14 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Humid with a thunderstorm. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.
Thursday: A shower and thunderstorm around. Winds east-northeast 6-12.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower or thunderstorm. High 81 to 85.
Thursday: A couple of showers and a thunderstorm. High 80 to 85.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
85°	85°	69°	83°	59°	96° in 1996	45° in 1954

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
trace	2.75"	2.17"	12.22"	16.14"	16.52"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.19	-0.03
Marion	76.8	75.64	-0.05
Moultrie	75.5	72.02	-3.19
Wateree	100	95.99	-0.28

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.92	+0.77
Congaree River	19	8.18	-0.57
Lynches River	14	4.94	+0.40
Saluda River	14	6.48	+1.39
Up. Santee River	80	79.63	+0.62
Wateree River	24	15.56	+0.22

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:16 a.m.	Sunset	8:22 p.m.
Moonrise	2:42 p.m.	Moonset	2:56 a.m.
Full	May 29	Last	June 6
New	June 13	First	June 20

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	4:37 a.m.	3.1	11:40 a.m.	0.0
	5:24 p.m.	3.0	---	---
Thu.	5:35 a.m.	3.0	12:06 a.m.	0.1
	6:22 p.m.	3.2	12:35 p.m.	-0.1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	80/68/t	82/67/t
Chicago	78/55/pc	85/62/pc
Dallas	89/70/t	91/70/pc
Detroit	80/58/s	84/59/s
Houston	90/69/pc	89/70/pc
Los Angeles	69/57/pc	68/56/pc
New Orleans	89/72/t	88/71/t
New York	80/61/pc	78/61/s
Orlando	87/72/c	85/72/t
Philadelphia	82/60/pc	82/60/s
Phoenix	95/71/s	99/72/s
San Francisco	64/54/pc	66/56/pc
Wash., DC	82/64/pc	84/63/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	81/63/t	77/63/t	Florence	84/69/pc	81/66/t
Athens	79/66/pc	81/66/t	Gainesville	88/69/c	87/70/t
Augusta	83/66/t	81/64/t	Gastonia	85/66/t	82/64/t
Beaufort	85/70/pc	85/70/t	Goldboro	85/69/t	84/63/pc
Cape Hatteras	80/69/pc	78/69/pc	Goose Creek	84/71/t	83/69/t
Charleston	84/71/t	84/70/t	Greensboro	85/65/t	83/63/pc
Charlotte	85/65/t	82/64/t	Greenville	83/66/t	80/65/t
Clemson	81/67/pc	82/67/t	Hickory	83/63/t	80/63/pc
Columbia	84/70/t	85/68/t	Hilton Head	83/73/pc	82/71/t
Darlington	84/68/pc	84/65/t	Jacksonville, FL	86/70/c	84/70/t
Elizabeth City	84/65/t	82/62/pc	La Grange	81/69/t	83/68/t
Elizabethtown	85/68/pc	83/63/t	Macon	81/68/t	83/67/t
Fayetteville	86/69/t	85/64/t	Marietta	81/67/t	82/66/t
			Marion	83/62/t	79/62/t
			Mt. Pleasant	83/72/pc	82/71/t
			Myrtle Beach	81/71/pc	80/70/t
			Orangeburg	84/69/pc	82/68/t
			Port Royal	84/72/pc	82/72/t
			Raleigh	85/65/t	85/62/pc
			Rock Hill	84/66/t	83/65/t
			Rockingham	85/67/t	85/63/t
			Savannah	85/69/t	85/70/t
			Spartanburg	84/67/t	81/65/t
			Summerville	83/70/t	82/68/t
			Wilmington	83/68/pc	82/67/t
			Winston-Salem	85/65/t	83/64/pc

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



TOP: This handsome and stunning boy is Justin. He is a big boy, weighing in at 64 pounds. Justin loves to exercise and begs to go for walks. He seems to be house trained. This sweetie needs a fenced-in yard with plenty of room to run and play. Justin is looking for a loving home with an owner who has time to do a little leash training. He will be forever grateful for a new happy place to call home with a family who loves him.

BELOW: Reggie is a 4- to 5-month-old mixed breed who is friendly, bouncy and playful. He will need a loving owner who is willing to spend a bit of time training him, but we can tell you this guy is worth every moment. In return, Reggie will give you his love, his goofy smile and his lopsided but adorable floppy ear.

If you would like to meet Justin in kennel 15 or Reggie in kennel 21 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email at rescuesumtersc@gmail.com. As with all of our adoptable dogs, we do require a spay or neuter agreement, and it is strictly enforced. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

CAN'T ADOPT BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN SOME WAY? Sumter Animal Control gladly accepts donations of the following: Capstar flea control pills (at Petco or Tractor Supply), bleach (gallons or spray bottle), metal food and water bowls in all sizes, towels, waterless pet shampoo, dog cologne, kibble, puppy food, newspapers and leashes and collars. Tax-deductible donations can be made via Paypal at sumterstrays@gmail.com. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Changes a-plenty

American Legion opts for shorter games, new leagues, new playoff format

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The American Legion baseball season begins on Tuesday with the Sumter P-15's playing host to Manning-Santee Post 68 at Riley Park beginning at 7 p.m.

Dalzell-Shaw Post 175 will start up on Wednesday taking on Lexington at 7 p.m. in Lexington.

There are some significant changes being made this year, the most obvious one being having American Legion games now being seven innings instead of the traditional nine.

That has taken place on a national level, but there are some changes that have been made on the state level. There are eight leagues – four in the lower state and four in the upper state – with none of the lower state leagues having more than four teams.

Also, the way the state champion is determined has been changed as well – and there will be no state tournament in Sumter.

7-INNING GAMES

The National Executive Committee of The American Legion made the decision that all state playoff contests and World Series games would now be seven innings after having always been 9-inning contests.

The option was given for leagues to continue to play the 9-inning contests up until that point, but the regular-season games will be seven innings as well.

"I'm fine with it," said Curtis Johnson, who is back in his second stint as the head coach of the P-15's. "It will change the game a little bit with

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SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Lathan Todd will be back with the Sumter P-15's when they open the American Legion baseball season on Tuesday at Riley Park against Manning-Santee. There are many changes in Legion baseball this season.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Gator catcher Blackley signs to play with FMU Patriots

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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In November of 2017, Lakewood High School senior Cory Blackley lost his mother, Deb, to cancer at the age of 52.

And while it doesn't come close in comparison to the loss of his mother, Blackley has had something good happen at the end of his senior year.

Blackley, who was a stand-out catcher for the Gators baseball team, recently signed to play at the collegiate level with Francis Marion University in Florence. He will be joining LHS



BLACKLEY

teammate Dalton Browder with the Patriots.

"I've always hoped for the opportunity to play college baseball," Blackley said. "This is a new opportunity, and it is something very special to me. This week has been full of emotions."

Lakewood head coach Bill DeLavan said Blackley is someone who is very deserving of this chance.

"I've known Cory since he was a little guy," DeLavan said. "He's always been a good young man, and he comes from a good family. I'm just very happy for him, that he gets to do this."

Blackley transferred to Lakewood from Sumter High for his senior season. "He wanted to come over for a fresh start," DeLavan said. "He came in and took a real leadership role."

Blackley had a strong campaign in helping the Gators to a second-place finish in Region VI-4A with a 16-8 overall record. He batted .318 in 88 plate appearances and drove in a team high 24 runs. He was outstanding behind the plate, throwing out 52 percent and would-be base stealers.

"There's no doubt that Corey is a difference maker behind the plate," DeLavan said. "He has a great arm, and he handles the pitchers really well."

Blackley said FMU began to show him some interest during the season and things just fell into place.

"They began to talk to me and then they saw me play a little bit," Blackley said. "They liked me and Dalton and they offered us. I love the campus and the facilities."

Francis Marion is a member of the Peach Belt Athletic Conference, an NCAA Division II league. The Patriots were 18-28 this past season.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Celtics hope return home can slow LeBron, Cavs in Game 5

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — The Celtics expected to see a different LeBron James in Cleveland after the Cavaliers fell into a 2-0 hole to open the Eastern Conference finals

Two games and back-to-back wins later, James has reminded everyone exactly why he's been to seven straight NBA finals.

Boston will be back in the embrace of its raucous fans at TD Garden for Game 5 on Wednesday. But a team that has thrived on youth this postseason suddenly looks disoriented without a go-to player and opposite a more veteran squad that has found a new attitude thanks to the fuel being provided by its biggest star.

"My teammates are putting me in position and wanting me to be in attack mode and trusting me to put our guys in position to be successful," James said. "It's not about me. It's about the collective group, and I'm

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Boston's Al Horford (42) backs down Cleveland's Tristan Thompson in the Cavaliers' 111-102 victory in Game 4 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals on Monday in Cleveland.

PRO FOOTBALL

Panthers have new face at top, new faces on field

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — While NFL owners were busy unanimously approving the sale of the Carolina Panthers to hedge fund owner David Tepper in Atlanta, his new team was taking the field for the first time together this season 250 miles away in Charlotte.

Tepper inherits a team that will have a noticeably new look for 2018.

Sure, many of the veteran core players including Cam Newton, Luke Kuechly, Thomas Davis, Greg Olsen, Ryan

Kalil and Kawann Short are back, but Carolina has an unusually high influx of new players this offseason via free agency, trades and the NFL draft following a year in which they lost in the first round of the playoffs to New Orleans.

The Panthers replaced all-time leading rusher Jonathan Stewart with free agent C.J. Anderson from the Broncos and added three wide receivers. They acquired Torrey Smith in a trade with the Super Bowl champion Eagles, signed free agent Jarius Wright and drafted D.J. Moore from Maryland in the first round.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera hopes free agent Russ Cockrell and second-round pick Donte Jackson provide long-term stability at cornerback while Da'Norris Searcy can fill the shoes of Kurt Coleman at safety. Carolina also invested \$28 million in free agent defensive tackle Dontari Poe to replace Star Lotulelei.

"We wanted some veteran guys who have a feel for what it takes," Rivera said Tuesday.

That includes Smith and Anderson, who recently won Super Bowls.

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Carolina running back C.J. Anderson catches a pass during practice at the team's facility in Charlotte on Tuesday. Anderson is one of the new faces on the field for the Panthers to go with new David Tepper.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Geneva Open Early-Round Matches from Geneva, Switzerland (TENNIS).
10:30 a.m. — College Baseball: Southeastern Conference Tournament Game 5 from Hoover, Ala. — Texas A&M or Vanderbilt vs. Georgia (SEC NETWORK).
11 a.m. — College Baseball: Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball Championship Pool Play Game from Durham, N.C. — Wake Forest vs. Louisville (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
11 a.m. — Women's College Golf: NCAA Women's Golf Championships Team Match Play Semifinal Matches from Stillwater, Okla. (GOLF).
11 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Geneva Open Early-Round Matches from Geneva, Switzerland (TENNIS).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Kansas City at St. Louis or Arizona at Milwaukee (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Baseball: Southeastern Conference Tournament Game 6 from Hoover, Ala. — Kentucky or Auburn vs. Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
3 p.m. — College Baseball: Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball Championship Pool Play Game from Durham, N.C. — Clemson vs. Notre Dame (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WJMZ-FM 93.1).
4 p.m. — Women's College Golf: NCAA Women's Golf Championships Team Match Play National Championship Match from Stillwater, Okla. (GOLF).
4 p.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Qualification Matches from Paris (TENNIS).
5:30 p.m. — College Baseball: Southeastern Conference Tournament Game 3 from Hoover, Ala. — Mississippi State or Louisiana State vs. Florida (SEC NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Philadelphia (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — College Baseball: Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball Championship Pool Play Game from Durham, N.C. — North Carolina vs. Pittsburgh (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland at Chicago Cubs or New York Yankees at Texas (MLB NETWORK).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Final Series Game 7 — Washington at Tampa Bay (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Final Series Game 5 — Cleveland at Boston (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Baseball: Southeastern Conference Tournament Game 4 from Hoover, Ala. — South Carolina or Missouri vs. Arkansas (SEC NETWORK).
4:55 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Monaco Grand Prix Practice from Monaco (ESPN2).
5 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour BMW PGA Championship First Round from Surrey, England (GOLF).

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	18	.609	—
Philadelphia	27	18	.600	½
New York	24	19	.558	2½
Washington	25	21	.543	3
Miami	17	30	.362	11½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	29	19	.604	—
St. Louis	26	19	.578	1½
Chicago	25	19	.568	2
Pittsburgh	26	20	.565	2
Cincinnati	16	32	.333	13

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	26	22	.542	—
Arizona	25	22	.532	½
San Francisco	24	24	.500	2
Los Angeles	20	27	.426	5½
San Diego	20	29	.408	6½

MONDAY
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 0
Washington 10, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets 2, Miami 0
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 2
St. Louis 6, Kansas City 0
Colorado 2, L.A. Dodgers 1

TUESDAY
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Arizona at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY
Arizona (Godley 4-3) at Milwaukee (Suter 3-3), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Junis 5-3) at St. Louis (Wacha 5-1), 1:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 1-2) at Houston (Verlander 5-2), 2:10 p.m.
San Diego (Ross 3-3) at Washington (TBD), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Gohara 0-0) at Philadelphia (Arrieta 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Straily 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-0), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Kuhl 4-2) at Cincinnati (Bailey 1-6), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Plutko 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 4-1), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Freeland 4-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 3-3), 10:10 p.m.

THURSDAY
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Toronto 4, Washington 2
Saturday, April 14: Toronto 114, Washington 106
Tuesday, April 17: Toronto 130, Washington 119
Friday, April 20: Washington 122, Toronto 103
Sunday, April 22: Washington 106, Toronto 98
Wednesday, April 25: Toronto 108, Washington 98
Friday, April 27: Toronto 102, Washington 92
Boston 4, Milwaukee 3
Sunday, April 15: Boston 113, Milwaukee 107, OT
Tuesday, April 17: Boston 120, Milwaukee 106
Friday, April 20: Milwaukee 116, Boston 92
Sunday, April 22: Milwaukee 104, Boston 102
Tuesday, April 24: Boston 92, Milwaukee 87
Thursday, April 26: Milwaukee 97, Boston 86
Saturday, April 28: Boston 112, Milwaukee 96
Philadelphia 4, Miami 1
Saturday, April 14: Philadelphia 130, Miami 103
Monday, April 16: Miami 113, Philadelphia 103
Thursday, April 19: Philadelphia 128, Miami 108
Saturday, April 21: Philadelphia 106, Miami 102
Tuesday, April 24: Philadelphia 104, Miami 91
Cleveland 4, Indiana 3
Sunday, April 15: Indiana 98, Cleveland 80
Wednesday, April 18: Cleveland 100, Indiana 97
Friday, April 20: Indiana 92, Cleveland 90
Sunday, April 22: Cleveland 104, Indiana 100
Wednesday, April 25: Cleveland 98, Indiana 95
Friday, April 27: Indiana 121, Cleveland 87
Sunday, April 29: Cleveland 105, Indiana 101

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston 4, Minnesota 1
Sunday, April 15: Houston 104, Minnesota 101
Wednesday, April 18: Houston 102, Minnesota 82
Saturday, April 21: Minnesota 121, Houston 105
Monday, April 23: Houston 119, Minnesota 100
Wednesday, April 25: Houston 122, Minnesota 104
Golden State 4, San Antonio 1
Saturday, April 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92
Monday, April 16: Golden State 116, San Antonio 101
Thursday, April 19: Golden State 110, San Antonio 97
Sunday, April 22: San Antonio 103, Golden State 90
Tuesday, April 24: Golden State 99, San Antonio 91
New Orleans 4, Portland 0
Saturday, April 14: New Orleans 97, Portland 95
Tuesday, April 17: New Orleans 111, Portland 102
Thursday, April 19: New Orleans 119, Portland 102
Saturday, April 21: New Orleans 131, Portland 123
Utah 4, Oklahoma City 2
Sunday, April 15: Oklahoma City 116, Utah 108
Wednesday, April 18: Utah 102, Oklahoma City 95
Saturday, April 21: Utah 115, Oklahoma City 102
Monday, April 23: Utah 113, Oklahoma City 96
Wednesday, April 25: Oklahoma City 107, Utah 99
Friday, April 27: Utah 96, Oklahoma City 91

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 4, Toronto 0

Tuesday, May 1: Cleveland 113, Toronto 112, OT
Thursday, May 3: Cleveland 128, Toronto 110
Saturday, May 5: Cleveland 105, Toronto 103
Monday, May 7: Cleveland 128, Toronto 93
Boston 4, Philadelphia 1
Monday, April 30: Boston 117, Philadelphia 101
Thursday, May 3: Boston 108, Philadelphia 103
Saturday, May 5: Boston 101, Philadelphia 98, OT
Monday, May 7: Philadelphia 103, Boston 92
Wednesday, May 9: Boston 114, Philadelphia 112

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston 4, Utah 1
Sunday, April 29: Houston 110, Utah 96
Wednesday, May 2: Utah 116, Houston 108
Friday, May 4: Houston 113, Utah 92
Sunday, May 6: Houston 100, Utah 87
Tuesday, May 8: Houston 112, Utah 102
Golden State 4, New Orleans 1
Saturday, April 28: Golden State 123, New Orleans 101
Tuesday, May 1: Golden State 121, New Orleans 116
Friday, May 4: New Orleans 119, Golden State 100
Sunday, May 6: Golden State 118, New Orleans 92
Tuesday, May 8: Golden State 113, New Orleans 104

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 2, Cleveland 2
Sunday, May 13: Boston 108, Cleveland 83
Tuesday, May 15: Boston 107, Cleveland 94
Saturday, May 19: Cleveland 116, Boston 86
Monday, May 21: Cleveland 111, Boston 102
Wednesday, May 23: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 25: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 27: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 2, Houston 1
Monday, May 14: Golden State 119, Houston 106
Wednesday, May 16: Houston 127, Golden State 105
Sunday, May 20: Golden State 126, Houston 85
Tuesday, May 22: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 24: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 26: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Monday, May 28: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Toronto 4, Washington 2
Saturday, April 14: Toronto 114, Washington 106
Tuesday, April 17: Toronto 130, Washington 119
Friday, April 20: Washington 122, Toronto 103
Sunday, April 22: Washington 106, Toronto 98
Wednesday, April 25: Toronto 108, Washington 92
Boston 4, Milwaukee 3
Sunday, April 15: Boston 113, Milwaukee 107, OT
Tuesday, April 17: Boston 120, Milwaukee 106
Friday, April 20: Milwaukee 116, Boston 92
Sunday, April 22: Milwaukee 104, Boston 102
Tuesday, April 24: Boston 92, Milwaukee 87
Thursday, April 26: Milwaukee 97, Boston 86
Saturday, April 28: Boston 112, Milwaukee 96
Philadelphia 4, Miami 1
Saturday, April 14: Philadelphia 130, Miami 103
Monday, April 16: Miami 113, Philadelphia 103
Thursday, April 19: Philadelphia 128, Miami 108
Saturday, April 21: Philadelphia 106, Miami 102
Tuesday, April 24: Philadelphia 104, Miami 91
Cleveland 4, Indiana 3
Sunday, April 15: Indiana 98, Cleveland 80
Wednesday, April 18: Cleveland 100, Indiana 97
Friday, April 20: Indiana 92, Cleveland 90
Sunday, April 22: Cleveland 104, Indiana 100
Wednesday, April 25: Cleveland 98, Indiana 95
Friday, April 27: Indiana 121, Cleveland 87
Sunday, April 29: Cleveland 105, Indiana 101

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston 4, Minnesota 1
Sunday, April 15: Houston 104, Minnesota 101
Wednesday, April 18: Houston 102, Minnesota 82
Saturday, April 21: Minnesota 121, Houston 105
Monday, April 23: Houston 119, Minnesota 100
Wednesday, April 25: Houston 122, Minnesota 104
Golden State 4, San Antonio 1
Saturday, April 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92
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Thursday, April 19: Golden State 110, San Antonio 97
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
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Saturday, May 5: Cleveland 105, Toronto 103
Monday, May 7: Cleveland 128, Toronto 93
Boston 4, Philadelphia 1
Monday, April 30: Boston 117, Philadelphia 101
Thursday, May 3: Boston 108, Philadelphia 103
Saturday, May 5: Boston 101, Philadelphia 98, OT
Monday, May 7: Philadelphia 103, Boston 92
Wednesday, May 9: Boston 114, Philadelphia 112

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston 4, Utah 1
Sunday, April 29: Houston 110, Utah 96
Wednesday, May 2: Utah 116, Houston 108

Friday, May 4: Houston 113, Utah 92
Sunday, May 6: Houston 100, Utah 87
Tuesday, May 8: Houston 112, Utah 102
Golden State 4, New Orleans 1
Saturday, April 28: Golden State 123, New Orleans 101
Tuesday, May 1: Golden State 121, New Orleans 116
Friday, May 4: New Orleans 119, Golden State 100
Sunday, May 6: Golden State 118, New Orleans 92
Tuesday, May 8: Golden State 113, New Orleans 104

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 2, Cleveland 2
Sunday, May 13: Boston 108, Cleveland 83
Tuesday, May 15: Boston 107, Cleveland 94
Saturday, May 19: Cleveland 116, Boston 86
Monday, May 21: Cleveland 111, Boston 102
Wednesday, May 23: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 25: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 27: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 2, Houston 1
Monday, May 14: Golden State 119, Houston 106
Wednesday, May 16: Houston 127, Golden State 105
Sunday, May 20: Golden State 126, Houston 85
Tuesday, May 22: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 24: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 26: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Monday, May 28: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

TUESDAY

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Signed OF Michael Saunders to a minor league contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent OF Lonnie Chisenhall to Columbus (IL) for a rehab assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Signed LHP Kevin Chapman to a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Released 1B Jon Singleton.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Designated RHP Phil Hughes for release or assignment. Recalled OF Ryan LaMarre from Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent RHP Tommy Kahnle to Charleston (SAL) and OF Billy McKinney and 1B Greg Bird to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) for rehab assignments.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed INF Dee Gordon on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Recalled INF Daniel Vogelbach from Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned OF Drew Robinson to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned SS Richard Urena to Buffalo (IL). Recalled 2B Devon Travis from Buffalo. Sent OF Randal Grichuk to Dunedin (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed OF Steven Souza Jr. on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Socrates Brito from Reno (PCL).
ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent RHP Anibal Sanchez to Gwinnett (IL) for a rehab assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned 2B Rosell Herrera to Louisville (IL). Selected the contract of INF Brandon Dixon from Louisville.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled RHP Brock Stewart from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned RHP/LHP Pat Venditte to Oklahoma City.
MIAMI MARLINS — Released RHP Junichi Tazawa. Optioned LHP Dillon Peters to New Orleans (PCL). Reinstated RHP Odrisamer Despaigne from the 7-day DL.
NEW YORK METS — Assigned C Jose Lobaton outright to Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned INF/OF Phillip Evans to Las Vegas (PCL). Signed OF Jose Bautista to a one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned 2B Carlos Asuaje to El Paso (AUL). Recalled LHP Tyler Webb from El Paso. Sent C Austin Hedges to El Paso for a rehab assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed RHP Jose Valdez on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled LHP Josh Osich from Sacramento (PCL). Sent RHP Mark Melancon to Sacramento for a rehab assignment.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
NFL — Suspended Kansas City TE Demetrius Harris one game for violating the substance abuse policy.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed LB DeMarquis Gates, DL Chad Thomas and WR Antonio Callaway.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Waived DE Matthew Godin from the PUP list.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed WR Russell Shepard. Waived CB Tim Scott.
NEW YORK JETS — Traded QB Christian Hackenberg to Oakland for a conditional 2019 seventh-round draft pick.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released LB Mychal Kendricks.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived G Arie Kouandjio. Signed G Isaiah Williams.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Agreed to terms with G Antti Niemi on a one-year contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Promoted Scott Nichol to general manager of Milwaukee (AHL) and director of player development. Jeff Kealty to assistant general manager and director of scouting and Brian Poile to assistant general manager and director of hockey operations.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Named Lou Lamoriello president of hockey operations.

COLLEGE
CONFERENCE CAROLINAS — Announced Chowan University has accepted an invitation to join, effective summer 2019.
MID-ATLANTIC ROWING CONFERENCE — Announced Adrian College accepted an invitation to join.
LOYOLA (MD.) — Named Ivo Simovi assistant men's basketball coach.
N.C. STATE — Promoted assistant women's basketball coach Lindsay Edmonds to recruiting coordinator. Named Emily Holsopple rifle coach.
TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Announced the resignation of assistant women's soccer coach

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for Cleveland, he's combined with Larry Nance to make things difficult on Horford. Horford had just four shots and seven points in 30 minutes in Game 3. He scored 15 points in Game 4 but was just 5-of-13 from the field with one assist.

If the Celtics are going to get back to the by-committee style that got them here, it must begin with his leader-

ship. To that end, Horford said they'll focus on correcting their issues, but also won't dwell on them.

"As a group, we're excited to be back, going back home," he said. "Obviously we understand the challenge of it. We can't think about the past. We just have to worry about this opportunity. We have a Game 5 at home, and we have to make the most of it."

Cleveland is hoping James' once quiet supporting cast continues its

surge in Boston.

Kevin Love just missed his third straight double-double in Game 4 and sharpshooters JR Smith and Kyle Korver were 12 of 19 from the 3-point line in Games 3 and 4.

Korver's efforts have stood out.

At 37 years old he was all over the court scoring in Game 4, diving for loose balls and collecting three blocks. While he anticipated being sore from all the activity, Korver said playing "fun basketball" is still propelling a

guy looking for his first ring after appearing in 124 playoff games for five different teams during his 15-year career.

"There's not many of us '03 class guys still around," James said of Korver. "I feel like we're just cut from a different cloth because we've been around for so long. We have this work ethic and you see him every day putting in the work, putting his mind, his body into it. It's not about his age."

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It's early yet, but Rivera likes what he's seen from the newcomers.

"I feel very comfortable about the veteran guys that we brought it and now it's about the young guys," Rivera said. "Not just this year's rookie class but last year's rookie class. A group of those guys have got to step up."

Tepper stepped up and bought the Panthers last week for an NFL-record \$2.2 billion in cash, setting the stage for a new era to begin in Carolina.

The hedge fund owner was formerly a minority owner with the Pittsburgh Steelers, although he will have to sell that share now that he is running the Panthers. His agreement to purchase the team ended a five-month search for new ownership after franchise founder Jerry Richardson announced he was selling amid allegations of improper sexual and racial behavior at the team's headquarters in Charlotte.

"For a lot of people I am sure they are ready for some closure and for that transition to start," Olsen said. "... I think this transition has been inevitable for a little while

since it was announced that the team would be sold. I think for a lot of people in the building, the players, the team, just to put all of this to rest and move forward in the new direction that the team is going with."

Rivera said he's met Tepper a couple of times in passing and presented a formal presentation to him — and other potential owners — during the bidding process.

He likes that Tepper has been around the NFL as a part owner.

"He has a sense and a feel for football and he has been around it," Rivera said. "...

Eventually I know we will sit down and talk some football and talk about this team."

Meanwhile, Newton was the on the field throwing during the first day of OTAs. He missed all of the spring workouts last year because of surgery on his right shoulder.

Rivera said having a healthy Newton for these camps is essential because he sets the tone and tempo for the team during practice. He also said it is "critical" that he has a chance to get on the same page with his new group of receivers.

"I am excited about having him out here and throwing the ball and developing that" chemistry, Rivera said.

Newton is in the midst of learning a new offensive system.

Norv Tyler replaced Mike Shula as offensive coordinator this offseason. Shula was Newton's coordinator since 2013 and had a close relationship with him. Rivera said at first Newton was nervous about the change, but has now started to settle down.

The quarterback seemed relaxed Tuesday, running and smiling and trading his normal barbs with linebacker Thomas Davis after big plays.

"I think Cam gets that Norv is here to help," Rivera said.

PRO GOLF



AP FILE PHOTO

A grounds crew worker places the pin on the seventh green at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, New York. The 2018 U.S. Open will be played at Shinnecock Hills in June, and the USGA is trying to keep the course's design features while presenting the strongest test of golf.

U.S. Open has a new way of presenting old courses

BY DOUG FERGUSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — If the U.S. Open was suffering from an identity crisis, then a return to Shinnecock Hills should cure that.

But only to a point. Jack Nicklaus was the strongest voice of concern a year ago, and it was easy to see why. The U.S. Open went to two modern courses in three years, Chambers Bay in 2015 and Erin Hills in 2017. The landing zones at Erin Hills were nearly wide enough on some holes to fit three fairways from a U.S. Open that Nicklaus grew up playing. It wasn't necessarily a bad test, just a different one.

And for those who spent the better part of four decades playing them, it was puzzling.

"I think the USGA has gotten away from their identity with what they're doing," Nicklaus said, though he conceded that Chambers Bay was unique and he had not been to Erin Hills or seen the way courses were set up.

He remembers a U.S. Open with narrow fairways, thick rough and firm, fast green. The ultimate test, he called it.

"I'm old-fashioned," Nicklaus concluded. "I happen to like what I grew up on."

Nicklaus played two U.S.

Opens at Shinnecock Hills, and he might not recognize much beyond the magnificent, century-old views.

The fairways are 15 yards wider on certain holes compared with the previous three Opens on the William Flynn design, allowing slightly errant shots to roll into bunkers that were put there for a reason. And while the course has been lengthened by about 450 yards since the Open was last held at Shinnecock in 2004, the real change when the discussion turns to "bigger" is the greens. They have been restored to their original size.

The rough off the fairway is thick and dense enough to be a half-shot penalty, if not more. But around the greens? Gone. That's largely replaced by closely mown areas that will send the ball 20 yards or farther away — for really bad shots, far away enough to find mangled grass.

The history and old-school look of Shinnecock will make it feel like a traditional U.S. Open.

Mike Davis, the chief executive of the USGA, likes to think in different terms. One message from Monday's preview of the 118th U.S. Open was a stronger effort to stay true to the architecture. In other words, allow the course to play the way the architect intended and remain what the

USGA endlessly calls the "ultimate test."

Davis conceded that the identity of the U.S. Open is more closely linked to the historic nature of the course more than how it is set up.

"Jack played it more as a cookie-cutter setup," Davis said. "What we've tried to do is more respectful to architecture, so we've done that here. In '04, some of these fairways were so narrow that you had fairway bunkers 10 yards out in the rough. That doesn't make sense."

He referenced the 1950s, when Joe Dey was running the USGA and Richard Tufts was the president, and there was a blueprint for the U.S. Open.

"It didn't matter if it was Oakland Hills or Winged Foot," Davis said. "There would be fairways a certain width, thick rough, fast greens."

But it was the toughest test in golf. More times than not, it was about survival.

The U.S. Open is not big on slogans — there is no name attached to the silver trophy. Davis says the "toughest test in golf" was a label from years back, although the USGA certainly didn't frown on it. He has never heard anyone at the USGA talk about protecting par, but a winning score at or above par seems to bring smiles.

SPORTS ITEMS

Semi-pro basketball team holding tryouts this weekend

The Perseverance Panthers, Sumter's men's semi-pro basketball team, will be holding tryouts on Saturday and Sunday.

Those who are interested can register at www.eventbrite.com or by contacting head coach J. Allen at (803) 795-5513.

The Panthers will be entering their second season as part of the American Basketball Association. They finished with a 10-2 record in the Mid-Atlantic Division and made the playoffs.

**TEXAS A&M 3
VANDERBILT 1**

HOOVER, Ala. — Kaylor Chafin and Nolan Hoffman combined to scatter eight hits Tuesday as 11th-seeded Texas A&M eliminated No. 6 seed Vanderbilt 3-1 on the first day of the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

Texas A&M withstood an hour-long rain delay to advance to the double-elimination portion of the tournament. The Aggies (37-19) face No. 3 seed Georgia (37-17) today.

**PITTSBURGH 2
GEORGIA TECH 1**

DURHAM, N.C. — Caleb Parry and Chris Capps drove in seventh-inning runs to help Pittsburgh beat Georgia Tech 2-1 in Tuesday's pool play at the Atlantic Coast Conference baseball tournament.

METS SIGN BAUTISTA

NEW YORK — Former home run champ Jose Bautista is getting another chance to show he still has pop, this time with the New York Mets.

Needing an extra outfielder, and preferably one who can tag left-handed pitchers, the Mets signed Bautista and immediately put him in the starting lineup Tuesday night against Miami.

Bautista was set to bat fifth against Marlins lefty Caleb Smith and play left field. Two days after being cut by Atlanta, Bautista caught a late afternoon flight from Tampa, Florida, and arrived shortly before game time.

**PHILLIES 3
BRAVES 0**

PHILADELPHIA — The

Phillies are a win away from first place.

OK, it's May — but for a team stuck for years in the bottom of the National League, it's starting to feel a bit like September.

Nick Pivetta struck out seven over seven innings, and Nick Williams and Aaron Altherr each homered to lead the Phillies to a 3-0 win over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

The Phillies took the opener of the three-game series and moved a half game behind Atlanta for first place in the NL East.

**DANICA PATRICK GETS
LEGO STATUE**

NEW YORK — When Danica Patrick drives her final race in the Indy 500 on Sunday, she'll certainly be the only competitor with a Lego statue in her image.

While that won't help her win IndyCar's biggest race, it does speak to Patrick's popularity. Maybe she wasn't a rousing success behind the wheel in open wheels or NASCAR, but she has made an impact that reaches far beyond the ovals and road courses she raced.

"I think that it is a really unique and cool memory to have. Does anyone else have a Lego portrait, and full life-size?" she said Tuesday in Times Square when the statue, in full race suit, was revealed.

FANS: PLAQUE MAKES CHASTAIN LOOK LIKE GARY BUSEY

SAN FRANCISCO — Social media is finding little to like about the likeness on a plaque honoring retired soccer champion Brandi Chastain.

The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame in San Francisco unveiled the plaque on Monday night. Chastain diplomatically said "it's not the most flattering. But it's nice."

On Twitter, fans compared the likeness to former President Jimmy Carter or actor Gary Busey.

Chastain is often remembered for ripping off her jersey and showing her sports bra after nailing the game-winning penalty kick in the 1999 World Cup.

From staff and wire reports

AUTO RACING

Jeff Gordon headlines nominees for NASCAR Hall of Fame

BY JENNA FRYER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE — When Jeff Gordon's name is presented to panel of voters for the NASCAR Hall of Fame, the debate should be short and simple.

Yes, Gordon gets a slot.

Gordon is on Wednesday's ballot for the first time and there should be zero discussion regarding his worthiness. The four-time NASCAR champion played a massive role in moving stock car racing beyond its Southern roots and into the national landscape. Business models changed because of Gordon, who appealed to Madison Avenue advertisers and stick-and-ball sports fans.

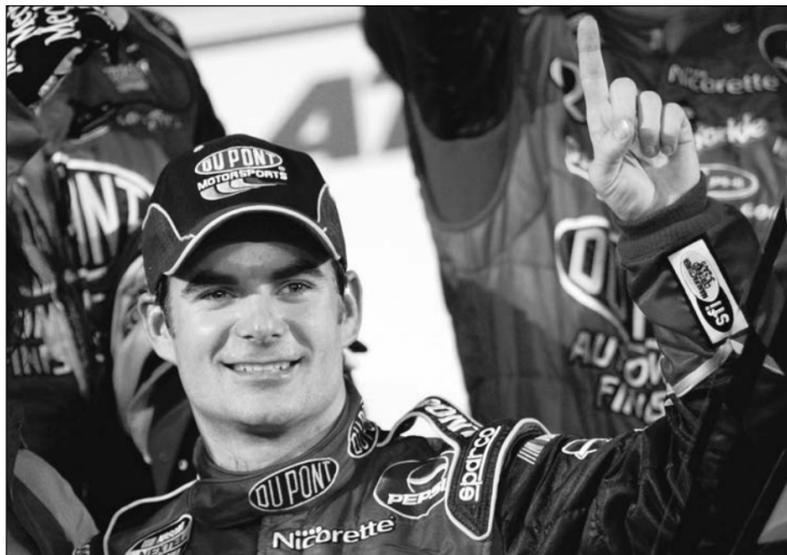
He was the star the sport needed and it certainly didn't hurt that he won, almost all the time.

Gordon's debut was the 1992 season finale, also Richard Petty's final race. He was a winner in his second full season, a NASCAR champion in year three. Gordon's 93 victories and 81 poles both rank third on NASCAR's all-time lists, and he's a three-time Daytona 500 winner and five-time winner at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Gordon also won at every active Cup Series track except for Kentucky, made 805 career starts and briefly came out of retirement to help Hendrick Motorsports when Dale Earnhardt Jr. was sidelined with a concussion. Gordon is only three years removed from full-time competition and just 46.

"On one hand I'm excited," Gordon said of Wednesday's vote. "On the other hand, I'm like too young to go into the Hall of Fame."

Gordon said he will wait for the results of Wednesday's voting like every other nominee. But he's been part of past ceremonies, most recently when



AP FILE PHOTO

Jeff Gordon should be a shoe-in to be elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame when his name is presented to a panel of voters today.

he helped induct his former crew chief Ray Evernham, and admitted he's looking forward to the day his name is called.

"I've gone to the Hall of Fame for the inductions many times and seen some great speeches and legends in our sport, so whenever that day comes (for me) it's a huge honor," said Gordon. "I'm thankful that timing has definitely been on my side . and 10 or 15 years ago the Hall of Fame was not what it is today. That ceremony now, what it means to be in the Hall of Fame is on a whole other level than what it's ever been."

Just five of 20 nominees will be selected by the panel of 57 voters and one fan vote. The 2019 class is one of

the toughest yet to predict:

— Two drivers, Davey Allison and Alan Kulwicki, could potentially split voters.

Kulwicki was NASCAR's 1992 champion and is on the ballot for the fourth year. He was rookie of the year in 1985, won five races in seven full seasons but was killed in an aviation accident five races into his championship reign at the age of 38. In his championship season, Kulwicki overcame a 278-point deficit with six races remaining to win the title. Last year, Truck Series champion Ron Hornaday Jr. beat out Kulwicki in a tie-breaking vote.

Allison is on the ballot for the second year. He won 19 times in 191 races,

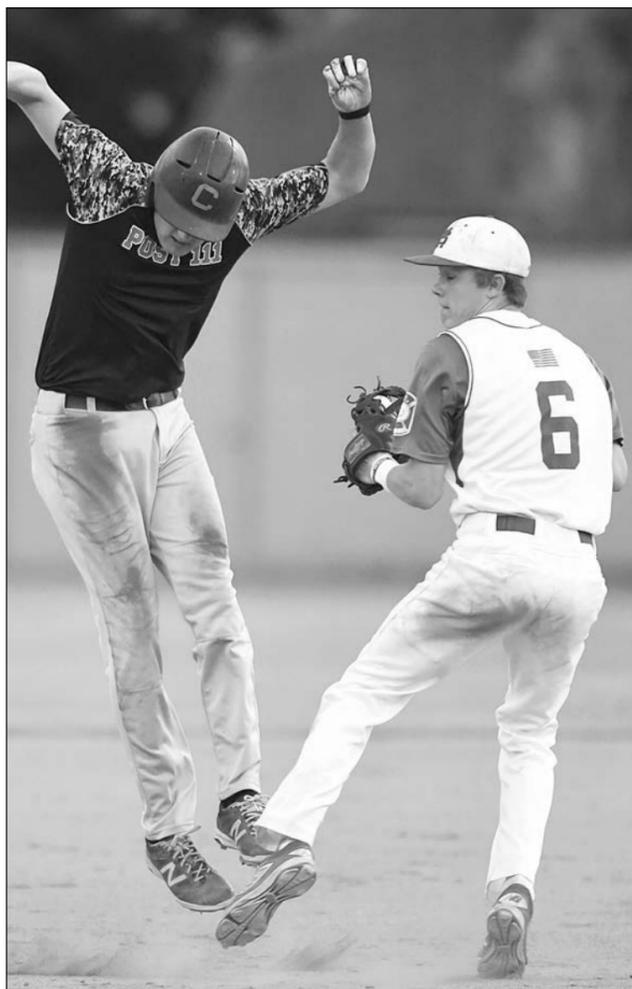
was the 1992 Daytona 500 winner and the 1987 rookie of the year. The son of Hall of Famer Bobby Allison, Davey was part of the famed "Alabama Gang" and part of the only father-son combo to finish 1-2 at the Daytona 500 when he followed Bobby across the finish line in 1988. He was killed in a helicopter accident in 1993. He was 32.

— Another debate could center on three current team owners, Joe Gibbs, Jack Roush and Roger Penske.

Roush is on the ballot for a third time, while Gibbs and Penske are up for consideration for just the second year. Two of their peers, Richard Childress and Rick Hendrick, were inducted in 2017 and former Roush driver Mark Martin, also inducted in 2017, has made a case for his former boss.

"Jack Roush was never about going out and finding the biggest name on the market. Instead, he employed a mindset of seeking out individuals with the desire to succeed, developing that talent, and providing people with all the tools necessary to succeed at the highest of levels," Martin said. "In my opinion, thousands of individuals owe their career to Jack Roush and there is little doubt that almost everyone in the NASCAR community has reaped the benefits in one way or another from Jack's drive and determination."

Roush drivers have won 137 Cup races and championships in all three NASCAR national series. Gibbs' 148 Cup victories rank third all-time among owners, and he has won nine national championships, four at the Cup level. Penske has five NASCAR championships, only one in Cup, and 107 Cup victories. He also built Auto Club Speedway in California and once owned Michigan International Speedway.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Taylor Lee (6) is one of the returning players for Manning-Santee Post 68. Manning opens its season on Tuesday at Riley Park against the Sumter P-15's.

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the shorter contests, but it means that we will be able to send out quality arms every night.

"Now as an old-time Legion guy, I liked the old way. It was just different playing nine innings; you have to strategize a little differently."

Manning head coach Spencer Jordan believes the shorter contests will benefit his team.

"It's real good for us," he said. "Pitching has been slim for us the last few years, especially when you have three or four games a week. Not having those extra innings can make a big difference."

With the shorter games, the pitch count rule has been changed as well. A pitcher can throw no more than 105 pitches in one game as opposed to 120 last year.

Also, pitchers may only make two appearances in any three consecutive days. Players will be charged with two appearances if they leave the pitching position and return as a pitcher in the same game.

Courtesy runners and the re-entry rule will be used as well like in high school, but only in the regular season. American Legion has played by the American League rule book for the past few decades with the use of a designated hitter. That will be the case beginning with the playoffs.

NEW LEAGUES

Sumter will not be in a league with either Manning or Dalzell. It will be in League IV, a 3-team league with Camden Post 17 and Hartsville Post 53.

Manning and Dalzell will be part of the 4-team League III along with Orangeburg and Lexington.

Sumter will have only four league contests, while Post 68 and the Jets will have just six since the teams play each other twice in scheduled league games.

Sumter will play each of the League III teams twice along with League II's Florence and League I team Hampton. The P-15's will play League I team Beaufort once. Manning will play both Camden and Hartsville twice along with League II team Lake City. Dalzell, which will be playing its home games at the Robert E. Lee Academy field in Bishopville, will face Camden as well as upper state program West Columbia twice while taking on Hartsville three times.

Along with Hampton and Beaufort, League I will include Goose Creek and Aiken. Conway and Murrells Inlet will join Florence and Lake City in League II.

NEW PLAYOFF FORMAT

The 8-team state tournament format which has been used for several years is no more. And, for the first time in five years, the state champion will not be determined at Riley Park.

Instead, a 4-team, double-elimination tournament is scheduled to be played at Spirit Communications Park in Columbia, the home of the minor league Columbia Fireflies.

Sixteen teams – eight from the upper state and eight from the lower state – will make the playoffs. It will be made up of the top two seeds from each of the eight leagues.

The No. 1 teams from leagues III and IV will face the No. 2 seeds from the respective leagues in first round best-of-5 series. The winners of those series will then face off in a best-of-5 series with a trip to Columbia on the line as the Region II champion.

The other league matchups will be 1 vs. 2 (Region I), 5 vs. 6 (Region III) and 7 vs. 8 (Region IV).

In the state tournament, Region I and Region II will meet in a first-round game and the region III and IV winners in the other.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Caps rough up Lightning 3-0 to force Game 7 in East final

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing elimination at home, the Washington Capitals looked determined to hit everything that moved in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference final.

The goal was to finish checks on Tampa Bay Lightning players as much as possible, though at one point Devante Smith-Pelly decked Dan Girardi and took teammate Jay Beagle down with him.

"I apologized to him," Smith-Pelly said. "I said sorry. He didn't seem to care."

Sorry, not sorry. The Capitals made no apologies for taking the body and grinding out a physical 3-0 victory Monday night that tied the playoff series and set up a deciding Game 7. T.J. Oshie had a goal on the power play and into an empty net, Smith-Pelly scored a back-breaker and Braden Holtby stopped all 24 shots, but it was the bruising style that kept the Capitals alive and could still pay more dividends.

"You've got to wear them down," Smith-Pelly said. "Every game, if guys are going to be playing 25, 30 minutes, it's tough when you're getting hit every single shift. We've been on the body all game and all series. If it shows up in Game 7 where guys are starting to get tired, then it was all worth it."

Game 7 is Wednesday night at Tampa Bay. The winner faces the Vegas Golden Knights, who are in the Stanley Cup Final in their first season.

Alex Ovechkin, Tom Wilson and Brooks Orpik led the charge in the grueling

Game 6, throwing their bodies around all night like human wrecking balls. Orpik separated Cedric Paquette from the puck twice on one shift, Ovechkin leveled rookie Yann Gourde and Wilson was his usual self, dishing out a handful of crushing body checks.

The Capitals outthit the Lightning 39-19 and outshot them 34-24, bruising and battering them all over the ice.

"It's desperation, really," Orpik said. "You try to empty the tank as much as you can. That's probably one area where we have an edge is the size and physical play."

That edge was noticeable in Game 6 when Washington fired up an already-raucous crowd well before Oshie's power-play goal 15:12 into the second period. While Tampa Bay goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy was again on top of his game in stopping 31 of 33 shots, Orpik said the Capitals wanted to give back to fans for their energy and did so by laying out Lightning players.

From Wilson's big hit on Paquette on his first shift through the time Smith-Pelly scored with 9:58 left, the physical play took a toll on the Lightning, who didn't have the energy left to muster a late comeback. Tampa Bay captain Steven Stamkos said simply the Capitals "executed their game plan" and the Lightning didn't respond.

"They played with that desperate hockey and we should have matched it and we didn't," winger Ryan Callahan said. "They played like their lives were on the line, and we played like we had another chance and that's unfortunate, but we've

got to change the script now in Game 7."

Tampa Bay had no answer for the physicality with a hit disparity coach Jon Cooper chalked up as, "Somebody was engaged and somebody wasn't." The Lightning also couldn't solve Holtby, who was at his best on a handful of deflection attempts to record his first shutout of these playoffs.

"I was just trying to stay in the moment, focus on one puck at a time," Holtby said. "I try and stay the same level through the game."

The Lightning missed a chance to close out an opponent for the first time in these playoffs. They eliminated New Jersey and Boston in five games apiece but are now on the brink themselves.

The Capitals improved to 10-2 in the Ovechkin/Nicklas Backstrom era when facing elimination any time before Game 7. They're 3-7 in Game 7 over that time but will obviously take their chances after grinding their way back to 3-3 in the series.

"I think it's great that we're close," Oshie said. "I think both teams for the most part figured out what works against the other team. It's just a matter of who's going to play longer, harder and do more of it."

NOTES: Washington improved to 4-5 at home in the playoffs. The Lightning dropped to 5-2 on the road. ... An assist on Oshie's first goal extended Capitals C Evgeny Kuznetsov's point streak to nine games, tied with Backstrom in 2009 for the longest in franchise playoff history. ... F Andre Burakovsky returned to the Capitals lineup after being a healthy scratch for Game 5, replacing Alex Chiasson.



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Washington goaltender Braden Holtby prepares to stop a puck during the first period of Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals against Tampa Bay on Monday in Washington. The Capitals won the

NHL PLAYOFFS

Ovechkin, Caps prepare for 'biggest game of life'

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin is closer than ever to playing for the Stanley Cup, and he's determined to make the most of the opportunity.

"I've never been in this position before," he said Tuesday, looking ahead to Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The winner Wednesday night earns a berth in the Stanley Cup Final opposite the Vegas Golden Knights, who will try for hockey's biggest prize in their inaugural season.

Ovechkin and the Caps are hoping to shed a label as playoff underachievers, a franchise that dazzles during the regular season only to disappoint at the most important time of the year.

"I'm excited. We're all ex-

cited. ... We all want to be in this position and move forward," said Ovechkin, who is playing in the conference final for the first time during his prolific 13-year career.

"(Wednesday night) is probably biggest game in my life, this team, organization probably. ... We still haven't reached our goal. Tomorrow is going to be a huge step forward."

Not if the Lightning have their way.

Tampa Bay is playing Game 7 in the conference final for the third time in four years. It beat the New York Rangers on the road to advance to the 2015 Cup Final, but fell short the following year against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"Experience is always a good thing, but it's nothing I'm going to sit and lean on,"

said Tampa Bay defenseman Anton Stralman, who is 7-1 in Game 7s during his career. "It's about doing your job at the highest level you possibly can."

Washington forced Wednesday's winner-take-all matchup with a dominating 3-0 victory in Game 6.

In a series where home ice has not been a clear advantage, the Lightning are hoping it provides an edge in Game 7.

Washington won Games 1 and 2 in Tampa, then dropped the next two at home. The Capitals are 7-2 on the road this postseason.

"When you get this deep into a series, everyone knows each other by heart. Now it really comes down to a little bit of will. You have to will yourself for this moment," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said.

LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULES

SUMTER P-15'S

May 29 Manning, 7 p.m.
June 1 Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 2 Goose Creek, 7 p.m.
June 4 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 5 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 6 at Manning, 7 p.m.
June 8 Hampton, 7 p.m.
June 9 Beaufort, 4 p.m.
June 11 at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 12 at Hampton, 7 p.m.
June 13 Camden, 7 p.m.
June 14 at Camden, 7 p.m.
North/South Tournament in Salisbury, N.C.
June 16 vs. Garner, N.C., 4 p.m.
June 16 vs. Rowan County, N.C., 7:30 p.m.
June 17 vs. Randolph County, N.C., noon
June 18 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
June 19 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
Palmetto Invitational at Riley Park
June 20 Kentucky, TBA
June 21 Ohio, TBA
June 22 Chapin/Newberry, 7:30 p.m.
June 23 Troy, Ala., 6:30 p.m.
June 24 Tallahassee, Fla., 1 p.m.
July 2 at Lexington, 7 p.m.
July 3 Lexington, 7 p.m.
July 5 at Florence, 7 p.m.
July 6 Florence, 7 p.m.

MANNING-SANTEE POST 68

May 29 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
June 1 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 5 at Lake City, 7 p.m.
June 6 Sumter, 7 p.m.
June 7 Lake City, 7 p.m.
June 12 Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 14 at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 15 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
June 19 at Camden, 7 p.m.
June 21 Camden, 7 p.m.
June 22 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 27 at Lexington, 7 p.m.
June 28 Lexington, 7 p.m.
July 2 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
July 3 at Dalzell, 7 p.m.

DALZELL-SHAW POST 175

May 30 at Lexington, 7 p.m.
May 31 Lexington, 7 p.m.
June 1 Camden, 7 p.m.
June 5 at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 7 Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 11 West Columbia, 7 p.m.
June 12 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 13 at West Columbia, 7 p.m.
June 18 at Manning, 7 p.m.
June 18 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
June 19 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
June 20 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 26 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 28 at Camden, 7 p.m.
June 29 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
July 2 at Manning, 7 p.m.

RECRUITING CORNER

Clemson's Belk announces intent to transfer – somewhere

Defensive lineman **Josh Belk** of Lewisville thought he would spend his college career at Clemson after signing with the Tigers last December and enrolling in January. However, family considerations led him to announce his transfer on Wednesday, and he's now looking for another football home. "It's not something I expected," Belk said. "Nothing bad against the university or coaching staff. But sometimes things just happen and you have to move on."

As expected, schools already are hitting up Belk, letting him know of their interest. He said South Carolina and Tennessee contacted him. He talked on the phone with USC compliance and with USC DL coach Lance Thompson.

"He was just like make sure I make the right decision and they would love to have me," Belk said. "And basically just saying the same thing with recruitment."

USC was high on Belk's list, and at one time his favorite, before he committed to Clemson in January of 2017. Speculation, of course, is running high that Belk will just simply go right to USC.

"No sir, I'm still looking," Belk said. "I'm still talking to my family and praying and making sure everything falls into place."

Some of his other offers coming out of high school were Louisiana State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Florida State, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Auburn and Florida. Belk said he will wait until August before enrolling at his new school.

CLEMSON

Clemson's '19 football commitment class hit the dozen mark last week when DL **Tayquon Johnson** (6-feet-3-inches, 275 pounds) of Williamsport, Md., announced for the Tigers from a field of 10 finalists. He's the first DL to commit to the class. Johnson also had Penn State, Maryland, Alabama, Kentucky, UNC, Texas A&M, Georgia, Rutgers, Temple and Virginia on his short list.

"I picked Clemson because of how they run their program," Johnson said. "They are raising young men into men and developing their talent on and off the field."

Johnson also plays on the offensive line in high school, but Clemson recruited him strictly as a DL. Last season, he had 87 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and eight quarterback sacks and earned all-county honors.

"I fit in as a defensive tackle/nose guard," he said. "I love how they have an aggressive play call to it and fits how I play."

Adding Johnson to the commitment list gives the Tigers six pledges on defense, five on offense and one specialist.

Earlier this year Clemson offered defensive end **Justin Eboigbe** (6-4, 261) of Forest Park, Ga., and since then the Tigers have made him a primary target with recruiter Todd Bates leading the charge. Eboigbe responded to the approach positively, placing the Tigers in his top five with Alabama, Auburn, UGA and Tennessee.

Eboigbe visited Clemson earlier this year but has not been there for a game. He's also visited UGA, Alabama, Auburn and Tennessee. He plans to take his official visits before his decision and Clemson will get one.

Clemson recently offered OL **Jesse Hanson** (6-3, 270) of Daleville, Va. He is a VT commitment, but he's also the

son of Clemson graduates, and he grew up a Clemson fan. Despite getting the offer from his long-time favorite, Hanson remains committed to VT and is not considering reopening his recruiting at the present time.



Phil Kornblut

"It definitely makes you think about things, but I definitely considered this before I committed, so it's not a new idea. It didn't blindsided me. I'm just enjoying it at the moment," he said. "For right now, I'm just kind of letting things be. I'm working out and concentrating on that. They did invite me to the All-In Cookout this summer, so that would be the only thing that I'm considering. I had stopped all of my visits at this point because of my commitment."

Hanson, who is a guard, visited Clemson last season for the FSU game, and he's also been in for a spring game. Some of his other offers are Nebraska, Indiana, Rutgers, Georgia Tech, UNC, West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

Clemson is in the top 10 with line-backer **Makiya Tongue** of Baton Rouge, La. The others on his list are Alabama, Auburn, Arizona State, UF, Utah, Texas, Tennessee, UGA and Mississippi State.

LB **Shammond Cooper** of St. Louis plans to set up an official visit with Clemson. Others on his short list are Oklahoma, UGA, UF, Illinois, Ohio State, Texas, UK, Missouri and A&M.

Clemson also offered DE **Logan Cash** of Winder, Ga., defensive back **Jordan Battle** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., OL **Zach Carpenter** of Cincinnati, '20 wide receiver **KeAndre Lambert** of Norfolk, Va., '20 LB Stephen Dix of Orlando, 2020 DE BJ Ojulari of Marietta, GA, 2020 DB Rashad Torrence of Marietta, GA, 2020 OL Justin Rogers of Oak Park, Mich., '20 LB **Derek Wingo** of Fort Lauderdale, '20 DL **Omari Thomas** of Memphis, Tenn., and '21 LB **Chaz Chambliss** of Carrollton, Ga.

USC

The recruiting saga of LB **Tra Wilkins** of Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga., took another turn on Friday when he and his recruiting coordinator announced on Twitter that he had withdrawn his commitment made to USC on April 13. However, it was a commitment never taken by USC head coach Will Muschamp. On top of that, Stephenson recruiting coordinator Corey Johnson tweeted USC is no longer welcome to recruit his players. However, he later deleted that tweet.

In an interview on Friday, Johnson said USC offered Wilkins and several other of his players during an unofficial visit earlier in the spring. Wilkins, after considering other offers, later decided USC was his choice and decided to commit.

"He made the necessary calls to the people he needed to speak to and everything was fine with the individuals that we spoke with who had the ability to take the commitment," Johnson said. "We got a call the next day saying Coach Muschamp wanted his assistant coaches to come down and meet with him. Tra had a wrist injury and he wanted them to come down to see it and make sure the kid had healed properly. He didn't want to get burned. I understand that."

Muschamp accepts all of the USC commitments, and he acknowledges each with a "Spurs Up" tweet. That never happened with Wilkins.

"If I feel that South Carolina is not right in terms of what they've done, it's my responsibility to turn around

and shield my kids from that," Johnson said. "Before Tra even tweeted anything out, I personally spoke with two of the coaches involved and everything was fine. Everything wasn't put into question until the following day. These two individuals that I spoke with had the ability to take the offer. They were persons of authority with South Carolina."

"For some reason, Muschamp wanted us put on hold until he actually saw the kid at practice, which was something that happened. They came by for a couple of minutes and they gave me a call and told us what their intentions were."

And apparently, at least at this point, those intentions were not to take Wilkins.

"Tra would have never committed to a school that he didn't feel like wanted him," Johnson said. "The kid spoke to two coaches of authority, and they were like, 'Hey, that's great, we want you.' We're doing everything only to have it come back the next day and it's something different. Now it's, 'We want to come down there and watch you because we've been burned before with kids that come out of high school with injuries and we want to make sure.'"

"I'm tasked with making sure my kids are not put in jeopardy about stuff."

Johnson said USC had coaches at his team's spring game on Thursday against Grayson High from Loganville. "It's nothing against South Carolina, but at the same time I've got to look out for my own kids," he said. "We've sent them Mike Davis, the Wonnum brothers, Kyle Fleetwood. We've sent them a ton of kids."

USC has a QB commitment for '19 class in Elite 11 selection **Ryan Hilinski** of Orange, Calif., but Muschamp is looking for another and USC recently offered Michigan State commitment **Dwan Mathis**.

Hilinski was bothered by the fact USC didn't inform him of another QB offer, and that led to a phone conversation with Muschamp to clarify things.

"I'm his guy is what he said," Hilinski said. "He wants to build the program with me. I talked to him and had a great conversation with him. My dad talked to (defensive coordinator) Coach (Bryan) McClendon as well, so everything was settled. Nothing to worry about anymore."

"I was just a little confused at the time is all. They are definitely going to let me know in the future what they decide (about offering QBs). I'll definitely be the first to know. I'm not worried about that at all."

Hilinski is still receiving offers despite his commitment to USC in early April. LSU, Ohio State, Oregon State and UCLA are three of his most recent offers. He said he has kept Muschamp in the loop on those offers, and he doesn't expect anything to materialize from them.

"I told them it doesn't really affect my commitment to them at all and they shouldn't be worried. They are the first people I call once I get those offers and then I tell Twitter. They know before I push it out on Twitter and they're not surprised. I don't know if I'm going to take any more visits. I probably won't, but it's always safe to have something in your back pocket in case something happens. But, after talking to Coach Muschamp, I feel confident that I have South Carolina in my front pocket and I don't need to worry about anything in my back pocket." Hilinski is talking with Muschamp about another visit to USC. The upcoming visit weekend of June 1 won't work for him because of the

Elite 11 Finals, so he is looking at another time.

DB **Johnny Dixon** of Tampa, Fla., recently trimmed his list to a top five of USC, Penn State, Alabama, Miami and Ohio State.

"South Carolina was offer No. 1 for me, and they've stuck with me throughout the whole recruiting process," Dixon said. "They've always recruited me hard ever since they offered me. And Coach T-Rob (defensive coordinator Travaris Robinson) is one of my best relationships with the coaches out of all the coaches."

Dixon said Robinson, who has been by the school this spring and will return soon, is very high on him as a player and has him penciled in for early playing time should he decide to play for him. Dixon has been a regular at USC football camps in recent summers, and he plans to return this summer. Dixon has taken no visits this spring, but he's been in the past to UF, FSU, Alabama and Tennessee. He will take more visits this summer and official visits in the fall before deciding. He said USC, Miami and PSU are showing the strongest interest. Dixon said he will not be signing early.

DB **Jaylen McCollough** of Powder Springs, Ga., cut his list from seven to four and USC remains firmly in the hunt. USC is joined on the short list by Alabama, Auburn and Tennessee. USC has been recruiting McCollough for safety and LB, but he's also a talented running back, and he could end up on that side of the ball. McCollough has already visited his final four schools at least once, and he will see them again this summer.

USC is in the top 10 with WR **Zion Puckett** of Griffin, Ga. The others are Alabama, Auburn, Duke, Miami, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Stanford, Tennessee and A&M.

OL **Jaelin Humphries** of Lawrenceville, Ga., has USC in his top 10. The others are Nebraska, Auburn, Tennessee, UF, Mississippi State, Alabama, UGA, LSU and Miami.

USC DB target **Chris Steele** made an unofficial visit to UF over the weekend. He plans a return for an official on June 1. He's been officially to LSU and Oklahoma and plans officials with Southern California and Miami.

USC tight end commit **KeShawn Toney** was offered by Middle Tennessee State. He said he's still 110 percent committed to USC. He plans to take his official visit soon.

USC OL commit **Jaylen Nichols** was offered by Tennessee.

USC also offered WR **Darrel Harding** of Winter Garden, Fla., athlete **Jahad Carter** of Richmond, Va., a VT commitment, LB **Derick Hall** of Gulfport, Miss., '20 DB **Joel Williams** of Baton Rouge, '20 RB **Larry Hill** of Palm Bay, Fla., '20 DL **Marquis Black** of McDonough, Ga., '20 DL **Eric Taylor** of Trussville, Ala., '20 DL **Jaquelin Roy** of Baton Rouge, '20 WR **Anthony Johnson** of Miami and '21 WR **Jalil Farooq** of Upper Marlboro, Md.

Luke Doty of Myrtle Beach High, a '20 QB, was offered by Mississippi. He also has a USC offer and others.

CLEMSON AND USC

DB **DJ Turner** of Suwanee, Ga., will announce his commitment on June 25. He has USC and Clemson offers. He will visit U officially this weekend.

Clemson DB target **Andrew Booth** and USC DB target Jammie Robinson both visited UGA on Saturday. Robinson has an official visit to USC set for June 1.

Clemson and USC offered OL **Hunter Rayburn** (6-4, 310) of Pensacola, Fla.

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR S. BAHNMULLER

Arthur Stone "Art" Bahnmuller, 87, husband of the late Virginia Newton Bahnmuller (62 years of marriage), passed away on May 11, 2018, at Covenant Place in Sumter.

He was born on May 4, 1931, in Farmingville, New York, and was a son of the late Arthur Stanley and Alma Stone Bahnmuller. He graduated from Bayport High School, Long Island, in 1949, where he held numerous track, basketball and baseball awards.

In 1953, he graduated from the University of South Carolina, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. While attending USC, he played on the freshman basketball team, was a member of the Tau Beta Pi and Epsilon Lambda Sigma (honorary engineering fraternity), president

of the student chapter of American Society of Civil Engineers and awarded outstanding civil engineering graduate. He was also a member of Phi Alpha Delta (law fraternity).

He worked three years as a structural engineer with Good-year Aircraft Corp. before serving two years with the U.S. Air Force (1955-1957). He was honorably discharged with two letters of commendation. He later served in the S.C. National Guard (1958-1963), and he was honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

Mr. Bahnmuller became a part-time instructor at USC — School of Engineering while pursuing his law degree. He graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1960 and started practicing law in Sumter. In 1962, he formed a partnership with Werber Bryan and practiced law for 46 years.

Mr. Bahnmuller served the community and the state in

several ways: U.S. Commissioner for the Eastern District of SC (1964-1968), Sumter County Election Commission (1964-1977), chairman, American Bar Association, S.C. Bar Association, Sumter Bar Association, S.C. Trial Lawyers Association, chairman of the Sumter County Bobby Richardson Day Appreciation Committee (1967), chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board (1966-1968), chairman of the Sumter County National Foundation, March of Dimes, chairman of the Corporate Gifts Division of the 1966 United Fund Drive, chairman of the City Zoning Board of Appeals (1967-1968), past board member of the Sumter YMCA, past member of the Sumter Jaycees (past board of directors of Jaycees) and being awarded "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" in 1966 and "Boss of the Year" in 1971, past member of the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, past member of the Sumter Rotary Club, receiving the Paul Harris Award, member of the

Gamecock Club, member of the USC Alumni Association, past president of the Millwood Elementary School PTA, and basketball coach in the YMCA church league for 10 years. His proudest achievement was his election to the board of trustees for the University of South Carolina in 1990. He served faithfully as a trustee for 20 years, retiring in 2010.

Surviving are his two sons, Brant Arthur Bahnmuller of Sumter and wife, Em, and Brion Eric Bahnmuller of Spartanburg and wife, Deb; four grandsons, Stuart, Tyler (wife Shelby), Chase and Parker Bahnmuller; and one granddaughter, Kate Smith. He was preceded in death by his sister, Ethel "Bonnie" Coman of Woodruff.

Memorial services will be held at noon on Saturday at Grace Baptist Church with Bobby Richardson officiating.

The family will receive the service in the church fellowship hall.

A private burial service will

be held at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Stuart Bahnmuller, Tyler Bahnmuller, Chase Bahnmuller, Parker Bahnmuller, David Goldman and Johnathan Bryan.

Honorary pallbearers will be past and present members of the Bryan Law Firm.

In lieu of flowers and in remembrance of Art, memorials may be made to YMCA of Sumter, 510 Miller Road, Sumter, SC 29150 or Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2229, Sumter, SC 29151.

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

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



AMELIA ROSE JORDAN

RALEIGH, N.C. — Amelia Rose Jordan passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at her home in Raleigh. She was born on April 5, 1949, in New Bern, North Carolina, a daughter of Helen O. Freeman and the late Leo P. Adams. Amelia grew up in Sumter and was a 1967 graduate of Edmunds High School. She had a long professional career as an accomplished bookkeeper and office manager for several companies in the Raleigh-Durham area. Amelia was a kindhearted daughter, sister and aunt, who loved her family, cooking, good food and intriguing mystery novels. She will be missed more than words can say.

She is survived by her mother, Helen O. Freeman of Sumter; her sister, Kay Oldhouser Davis of Sumter; her brother, Keith Powell of Murrells Inlet; her brother, Alan Powell of Houston, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and their children.

A memorial service conducted by Dr. Bob Calvert will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel. A private burial will be held at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to First Baptist Church, 107 E. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150, or any charity of choice.

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

THELMA H. TEDDER

IRMO — Thelma H. Tedder, 86, died on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at Lexington Medical Center.

Born on March 30, 1932, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late J.H. Mathis and Lila Hudson Elmore. She was formerly employed at Sumter Dairies and retired from the S.C. Department of Corrections as grant coordinator after 23½ years of service. She was an active member of Riverland Hills Baptist Church in Irmo.

Survivors include a son, Charles Glenn Tedder Sr. (Kristina) of Florence; three grandchildren, Charles Glenn Tedder Jr. (Michelle) of Cassatt, Christopher Lee Tedder of Camden and Miriam Gwen Tedder of Columbia; five great-grandchildren, Charles Ryan Tedder (U.S. Air Force), Kaegan Cheyenne Reynolds, Tracen Tedder, Amber Holt and Taylor Taylor; three great-great-grandchildren, Eliora Skye Holt, Noah Callen Holt and Emmett Reid Taylor; and a sister, Linda Gail Elmore of Florence.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Pitts officiating. Burial will be at Sumter Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jay Tedder, Chris Tedder, Blaine Holt, Josh Taylor, Lance Williams and Brock Williams.

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

Memorials may be made to Riverland Hills Baptist Church, 201 Lake Murray Blvd., Irmo, SC 29063.

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

MARGARET A. MINCY

PAMPLICO — Margaret A. Mincy, 77, wife of Paul R. Mincy, passed away on Monday, May 21, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

Born on Nov. 25, 1940, in Orlando, Florida, she was a daughter of the late Paul Hattaway and Margaret Donovan Stokes. She was an active member of Crosspoint Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class and led the senior group. Mrs. Mincy was a military wife and was active in the NCO Wives' Club, where she served in various capacities. She also taught English to Japanese children while they were stationed in Japan. She served

as a leader in the Girl Scouts organization for 15 years. She was formerly employed as an auditor for convenience stores. She was a very proud and loving grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years; four children, Margaret M. Gebbia (Keith), Vicky M. Gaskins (Nelson), Teresa M. Stringfellow and Cassandra M. Lowery (Jimmy); 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Paulette Poppie, Valerie Feldman, Sylvia Tarnuzzer and Jennifer Grader.

She was preceded in death by a beloved son-in-law, Patrick Stringfellow.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Friday at Crosspoint Baptist Church with the Rev. John Sorrells officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at the Florence National

Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Keith M. Gebbia Jr., Shaun D. Gebbia, David R. Gaskins, James L. Lowery Jr., Michael P. Lowery, Christopher J. Stringfellow and Jason Benenhaley.

Honorary pallbearers will be her other grandsons and great-grandsons.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday at Crosspoint Baptist Church and other times at the home, 1700 S. Grapevine Road, Pamplico.

Memorials may be made to Crosspoint Baptist Church, 2755 Carter Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

MINNIE MAE W. COMLEY

Minnie Mae "Tudie" Weilage Comley, 99, widow of Eu-

gene A. Comley, died on Monday, May 21, 2018, at Morning-side of Sumter.

Born on May 23, 1918, in Louisville, Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late Gustav F. and Augusta Franck Weilage. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and a former member of Sunset Country Club.

Survivors include her stepdaughter, Judith Comley Ferrell of Sumter; three grandchildren, Dr. Andrew Stephen Ferrell (Brittany) of Knoxville, Tennessee, Rebecca Lynne Ferrell of Sumter and David Thomas Ferrell (Ryane) of Sumter; two great-grandsons, Morgan Ferrell and Jaxon Ferrell; two nieces, Shirley Waters (Tom) and Betty Lee Young; and many great and grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday at

the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Banks officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at noon on Tuesday, May 29, at Calvary Cemetery in Louisville.

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

DAVID I. DAY JR.

David Irvin Day Jr., age 73, beloved husband of Linda Day, died on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at the Dorn VA Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



Kid Scoop MEMORIAL DAY

USS Arizona and the Battleship Missouri

There is a sunken U.S. Navy ship in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The USS *Arizona* battleship was sunk when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack caused the U.S. to join the fighting in World War II.

More than 1,000 sailors and marines died that day. Many of them remain with their ship under the harbor. And many Pearl Harbor survivors choose to be placed with their fellow crew members when they die.

From a building constructed above the water, visitors can see the USS *Arizona* under the harbor's clear ocean waters. This is the USS *Arizona* Memorial, which opened in 1962.

Talk Like a Sailor
Parts of a ship have particular names. If you know the names, you can talk about ships like a sailor! Use the code below to label the diagram at right.

- stern: the back end of a ship
- bow: the front of a ship
- port side: the left side of a ship or boat
- starboard side: the right side of a ship or boat
- turret: on a battleship, a rotating platform for large guns

Battleship Missouri
Replace the missing words. VISITORS SIGN PEACE WORLD PAPERS

Not far from the USS *Arizona* Memorial, the Battleship *Missouri* is open for visitors. Aboard this ship, Japan and the United States and their Allies signed _____ to end World War II.

Gen. MacArthur signs papers ending World War II aboard the USS *Missouri*.

General Douglas MacArthur led the ceremony and he was the last person to _____ the "Instruments of Surrender." He concluded the ceremony by saying: "Let us pray that be now restored to the _____, and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are closed!" And with those words, World War II was officially over.

The Little Fish with a BIG Name
In the tropical waters of Hawaii, a huge variety of colorful fish live among the coral reefs. The reef triggerfish isn't very big, but it has a name in Hawaiian that's VERY long: humuhumunukunuuapua! You pronounce it: who-moo-who-moo-noo-koo-noo-koo-ah-pooah-ah.

Graph It!
Color a space on this graph for each fish you count. Which fish appears most?

Patriotic Collage
Look through today's newspaper for pictures and words that show love of your country. Cut these out and glue onto a sheet of paper to make as Patriotic Collage.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law that started fundraising for the USS *Arizona* Memorial. Their goal was to raise \$500,000, but only \$155,000 had been raised by 1960.

A rock and roll legend solved the problem. He held a concert in Hawaii that raised over \$50,000. But the concert raised more than money — it made people across the country aware of the USS *Arizona* and the drive to build a memorial. Donations started coming in and the full \$500,000 was raised by September, 1961.

Circle every other letter to reveal this rock legend's name:
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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P E A R R R E H K L
Y L M I O B S A R E
E V M Z W M O A C W
N I A O O A E R R E
O S U N K P R M I R
M A N A E C O S L C

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Memory Game

Ask a friend to study a picture in the newspaper for one minute. Then cover the picture and have your friend write down as many details as they can remember. Now reverse roles and you try.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost & Found

Small dog found in Sumter. Call to identify. Call 803-236-2007

In Memory



Bettye C. Gregg, an Extraordinary Woman
 An extraordinary woman is one who can be described as exceptional, phenomenal, and rare. All of these words described you.

An extraordinary woman has many titles, often with no or low pay. Nurturer, cheerleader, multi-tasker, role model, and mentor are just some of the titles you had. You freely gave your love, time, and attention often putting yourself last.

Of all of the titles and positions you had, the ones we adored most were wife, mother, and grandmother. An extraordinary woman's love for her husband, children, and grandchildren is the most precious love one will EVER experience.

We all know our earthly lives will end, but we never know the day or time. The day you received your wings and ascended into Heaven came as a shock to us. We were forced to realize that we would never have the chance to experience new memories with you in this earthly life. After the initial shock and hurt were gone, we began to realize that you had not left us. Instead, you left a lot of memories, stories, and love to carry us through a lifetime and beyond.

This year, on May 23rd, marks the 10th year of your passing and ascension into Heaven. Not a day goes by without a memory of you because of the huge impact you had on all of our lives.

We love you wholeheartedly. We miss you dearly. We think of you and can smile each day because we know you are resting in the arms of the Savior and we will see you again. Love, Luther T. Gregg, your loving and dedicated husband.

Lashaun (Terrance) and Montoya (Devon), your loving daughters and sons-in-law
 Khaylen, Egypt, and Journey, your precious grandchildren who all have a part of your name as their own.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Business Services

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Home Improvements

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Dogs

For Sale: AKC registered Lab pups, 11 wks old, records provided. \$400 Call David 803-983-6894

MERCHANDISE

Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

447 Ridgeway St. Gigantic Estate Sale
 Thurs. - Sat. 9 am - 7 pm. 50+ years of treasures at this house! Everything must go! My 90 year old grandmother is moving in with us and all she's bringing is her bedroom set. House is full! Attic is Full! Sheds are FULL! Yard is full as well! Bring trucks & trailers. Plenty of parking on the street. Making deals to everybody. Dealers welcome! Cash only!

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 673 W. Liberty Street
 (Across from Save-a-lot grocery store)
 New inventory added daily. We carry used furniture. Mention this ad-Get 15% off your purchase. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10:30-7 Sat. 10:30-3

Lawn / Garden / Nursery

CENTIPEDE SOD 100 sqft - \$25; 250 sqft - \$55; 500 sqft- \$100. Call 499-4717 or 565-4403

For Sale or Trade

Antique Stuff Red, White, & Blue Sale 40% off. Many other discounts up to 75% off. Free book with purchase, spend \$50 get free jewelry. May 22nd-June 2nd 11-5 Tues.-Sat. 2726 Cleveland St Elloree SC

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EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted Full-Time

Sumter thrift store is seeking a store manager. The ideal individual will have demonstrated leadership skills, ability to thrive in a chaotic ever changing environment, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and enjoy working with the public. Minimum of 3 years of relevant experience is required. BA or BS preferred; background in retail management is desired but not required. Must have a history of successfully adapting to rapidly changing conditions with unexpected shifts in priorities, ability to build community relationships, and demonstrated independent responsibility for program management and accomplishing results. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume by June 1, 2018 to: Box 485 c/o The Item, PO Box 1677 Sumter SC 29151

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Apply @ 845 S. Guignard Dr, Sumter SC or www.boykinacs.com

Holiday Inn Express seeking front desk manager, front desk clerk, maintenance & housekeepers. Please apply in person at 2490 Broad St.

Help Wanted Full-Time

PT MAINTENANCE personnel needed at local apt. complex. Must have drivers license & own tools. HVAC exp. a plus. Apply in person at 625 S. Mill St. Manning or call 803-435-2751.

The Ivy Pearl Salon
 Stylists wanted for newly opened salon with three booth spaces available. Looking for professional hair stylists who work primarily by appointments. Good location, clean and friendly work environment. For more information, please call (803) 774-6997 or (803) 406-4913.

General or ASE cert. mechanic needed. Experience preferred. P-484 c/o The Item, PO Box 1677 Sumter SC 29151

Help Wanted Part-Time

Camp Bob Cooper (Clemson University Youth Learning Institute), Summerton, SC is now hiring for **Part-Time Food Service Workers**, no more than 28 hours per week, shifts vary, some weekends. Must have a valid ID, reliable transportation, and be able to pass a background check. Please Call: 803-478-2105.

Clemson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PT Shop Assistant/Driver for the Daisy Shop. Must work Saturdays. Some heavy lifting required. Please bring official DMV 10 yr good driving record when applying in person @ 1455 S Guignard. No phone calls please.

Exp. Trailer switcher needed in Sumter to move trailers in yard. Do washouts & minor repairs. Thurs., Fri. & Sun. 7 am - 5 pm. Must have 2 yrs exp. CDL & clean driving record. 803-938-2708 M-F 9am-3pm lv msg with experience.

Trucking Opportunities

FT / PT Class A CDL Drivers. Must possess haz mat & tanker endorsements & TWIC card. Clean 10 Yr MVR. Applicant must be 23 years of age with at least 2 years driving experience of any kind. Home daily, operate on ELD system. Sign on bonus of \$3000 Call (803) 473-6553.



RENTALS

Rooms for Rent

Male housemate wanted for nice home in downtown historic area. Two blocks from Tuomey Hospital. Call Stephen 803-565-7924.

Unfurnished Apartments

Senior Living Apartments for those 62+ (Rent based on income)
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Mobile Home for Sale w/land. 3B & 2B located 10 miles from Sumter. \$25,000 OBO. No owner financing. Call 843-226-1220.

Mobile Home Lot Rentals

Mobile home lot. Rent \$165/mo. Includes water & Sewage. Peaceful neighborhood. Off 521 N. 1.5 miles passed Kmart Call. 803-983-3121



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31.0 acres near Elliot. 13.5 acres near St. Charles, owner financing. Call 803-427-3888 or harryvives@hotmail.com

TRANSPORTATION

Mopeds / ATVs / Motorcycles

For Sale: 2002 Yamaha V-Star, 121,000mi, great condition. \$2000 OBO Call 803-773-6022

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Miscellaneous



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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

A meeting for private schools is scheduled for **Thursday, May 24, 2018**, for eligible private schools located within a 25-mile radius of Sumter School District's Title I schools. Private schools may be located in or outside of the district. The purpose of the meeting is to make recommendations regarding participation and the design and plan for the 2018-2019 Title I, Title II, and Title III projects.

The meeting will be held at the **Sumter School District Administrative Building, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC, Room 118, at 4:00 p.m.**

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Summons & Notice

2018. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ATTN: ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (Non-Jury) Foreclosure

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A #: 2018-CP-43-00395

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.
DAVID G. SMITH III, CONNOR CONSULTING & RENTALS and SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint upon the subscribers, at their office, 1703 Laurel Street (29201), Post Office Box 11682, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint in the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on March 8, 2018.

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

SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
C/A NO.:
2018-CP-43-00555

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York As Trustee For The Certificateholders Of CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2004-4, Plaintiff,

vs.
Joyce S. Hallums,

Summons & Notice

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 herewith 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 29, 2018. A Notice of Foreclosure Intervention was also filed in the Clerk of Court's Office.

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



INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for furnish all material, labor, equipment, and services required for the work known as HUD Capital Funds Project SC 16P023501 - 17, Sumter, SC will be received until **2:00 PM July 12, 2018** at the office of Sumter Housing Authority. All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time and place.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and walk through will be held at **10:00 AM, June 12, 2018** at the office of the Housing Authority, 15 Caldwell Street, Sumter, SC 29150.

Without force and effect on the Bidding Documents and the proposed Contract Documents, the work required is briefly described in the bid packets:

1. Removal and Replacement of Lavatory Cabinets
2. Removal and Replacement of Water Heaters
3. Alternate 01: Bathroom Floor Replacement

The work required is fully described in Bidding Documents consisting of this Project Manual which includes the contract forms. CONTRACT FORMS and PROJECT MANUEL are on file in the office of Public Housing Authority of the City of Sumter and may be obtained at that office on 15 Caldwell Street, Sumter, SC 29150.

Only general and residential builders who are bondable need apply. Each bid in excess of \$100,000 shall include a Bid Guaranty in an amount equal to five percent of the bid. Provided as one of the following:

- Σ A certified check or bank draft payable to The Housing Authority of the City of Sumter;
- Σ U.S. Government Bonds or as a properly executed Bid Bond with surety acceptable to the PHA. A Surety Company executing the Bid Bond must be authorized to transact business in the Project State, and must appear on the most current U.S. Treasury Department's Circular No. 570.
- Σ The successful bidder will be required to provide satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds to prior to execution of the Agreement.

In addition to the Bid Guaranty requirements (IF REQUIRED), each bidder shall include THE SIGNED ORIGINAL AND ONE CONFORMED COPY of the following with the Bid:

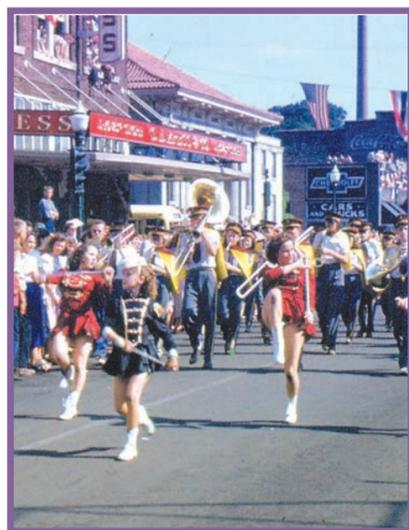
- Σ 1. a fully completed HUD-5369



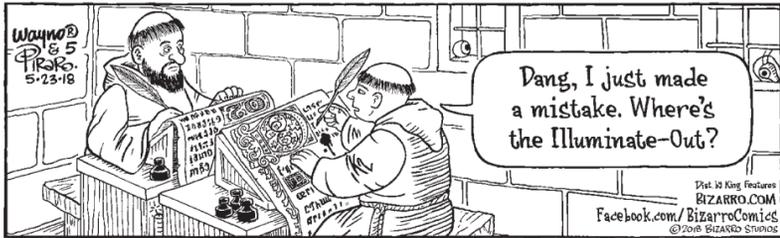
Sumter Iris Festival marks 78 years

These slides were taken by Hubert D. Osteen during the Iris Festival events in 1948 and 1949. The late horticulturist H.C. Bland started the gardens around his fishing lake in 1927, and the late A.T. Heath deeded the south gardens to the city of Sumter. The Iris Festival, this year held for its 78th year, is the longest-running continuous festival in the country. The festival begins Thursday and ends Sunday. It will include a variety of events, including a parade, the annual Taste at the Gardens, live entertainment, vendors and children's activities.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS



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Daughter living at home disrupts mom's private life



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I'm 54. My 28-year-old daughter, Sarah, lives with me. Our issue is MY sex life.

I have a long-term live-in boyfriend, and we enjoy each other in many ways.

We try to be quiet while we're enjoying each other physically, but evidently we are not quiet enough. Sarah complains whenever we make any kind of noise that she even suspects might be sexual in nature. She has accused me of having sex when we were only talking.

It might seem reasonable to

have sex only when Sarah isn't home, but she's home very often at night. Due to menopause, I have limited windows of time without pain that I even want sex. She's living with me to try to bank enough money to buy her own house, and I support that. Am I wrong to continue to enjoy relations with my boyfriend when my daughter is home?

Frustrated mom in Colorado

DEAR MOM — No, you are not wrong. You and your daughter are both adults. She's a guest in YOUR home. While most "children" are uncomfortable when confronted with the reality that their parents have sex lives, she should not be commenting on or regulating yours. If she can't adapt to that reality, she should live

elsewhere. It may take her longer to afford her own house, but you will all be more comfortable.

DEAR ABBY — What does it mean when your ex-wife leaves a frozen pie at your door but doesn't even acknowledge your invitation to stop by and have a slice when it is cooked?

Mike in Montana

DEAR MIKE — Consider the symbolism in a pie that is frozen. It probably means she wanted you to know that she thought of you, but you're still out in the cold.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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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LATOG

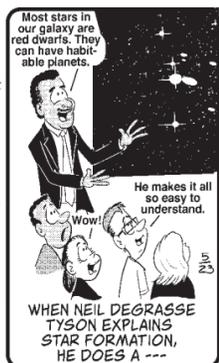
CRUPES

SJYLUT

Answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STOMP RIVER FONDUE PEANUT
Answer: When they figured out how to get syrup from maples, it was — "TREE-MENDOUS"



Most stars in our galaxy are red dwarfs. They can have habitable planets.

Ho makes it all so easy to understand.

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

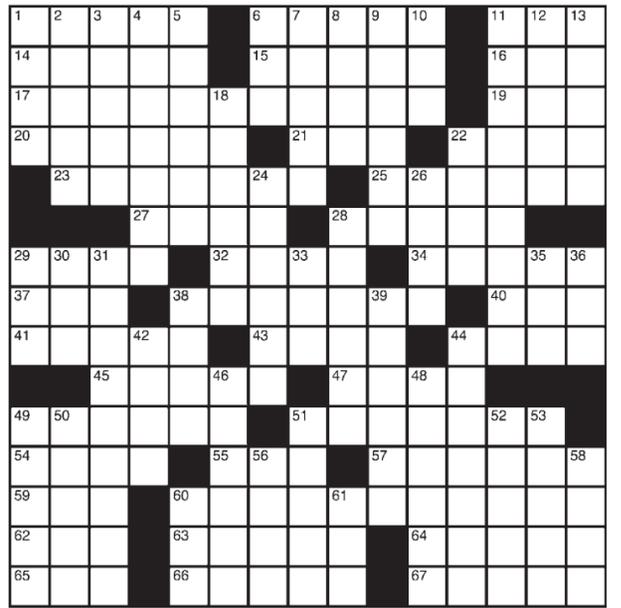
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Gail Grabowski and Bruce Venzke 5/23/18

ACROSS
1 Italian fashion label
6 Invasive Asian vine
11 CSI lab sample
14 "Cosmos" host
15 Symphonic winds
16 + or - particle
17 "Precarious position"
19 Zoo opening in Britain
20 Long-lasting needlework?
21 Hero of Uris "Exodus"
22 Business magnate
23 Lowest in fat
25 "And ___ off!"
27 Take it easy
28 Grade-schooler
29 Fido's poodle amie
32 Classification prefix meaning "arrangement"
34 What candidates "press" a lot of
37 Time boxing sequel
40 Wanted poster letters
41 Do an airport maintenance job

DOWN
43 Eager about, with "on"
44 Foul mood
45 ___ Ark
47 "Get outta there!"
49 Bronchial woe
51 Totally puzzled
54 Journalist Paula
55 It has a dozen signs: Abbr.
57 Low clouds
59 "Evil Woman" band, briefly
60 Feeling woozy ... and a hint to the first words of the answers to starred clues
62 Knock
63 Former Houston hockey team
64 Tequila plant
65 Citrus suffix
66 ___-Roman wrestling
67 Doled (out)

5 "Do I have a volunteer?"
6 "MASH" setting: Abbr.
7 WWII sub
8 Gloomy
9 Apex
10 Amer. money
11 *Hall of Fame pitcher with the 1930s Cardinals
12 Lack of musical skill
13 Agassi of tennis
18 Heads for
22 Honeycomb unit
24 Puts into piles
26 LP player
28 Most coquettish
29 Gave grub to
30 Anger
31 *Very small chance
33 Jaguar model
35 Hit the road

36 Fez, e.g.
38 Scold, with "out"
39 One way to pay
42 "Walking in Memphis" singer Marc
44 Attic function
46 Not as clear
48 Chi. White Sox or Bos. Red Sox
49 Hyundai sedan
50 Tossed ___
51 For a special purpose
52 '70s-'80s Egyptian president
53 Actor Carell
56 Folklore brute
58 Carded at a club, briefly
60 Fall behind
61 Chinese menu surname

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WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 23

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 (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sunk Cost Fallacy" A woman and her daughter are abducted. (DVS)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Remember Me; Remember Me Too" (Season Finale) A woman takes a man hostage at gunpoint. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Mindy Kaling; Andy Cohen; Lil Pump. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Survivor "It Is Game Time Kids" (Season Finale) One castaway is crowned the winner. (N)	Survivor "Live Reunion Show" The castaways reunite. (N) (Live)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Get Out of Town" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	*** "Toy Story 3" (2010, Children's) Animated. Woody, Buzz and the rest of the toys are dumped in day care.	(:01) 20/20 "Lights, Camera, Summer!" Summer blockbusters. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)			
WRJA	27	11	14	2018 ETV Debates "GOP Governorial Primary Debate From Clemson" Republican gubernatorial primary debate.	The Big Bang Theory "The Maternal Combustion"	Nature "The World's Most Wanted Animal" A conservationist saves pangolins. (N)	NOVA Wonders "Can We Make Life?" Advances in genetic engineering. (N)	NOVA "Extreme Animal Weapons" Animals with extreme armaments. (DVS)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	NHK Newsline	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Maternal Combustion"	The Big Bang Theory	Empire "The Empire Unpossess'd" (Season Finale) Lucious must make a difficult decision. (N) (DVS)	Star "Thirty Days to Famous" (Season Finale) Take 3's future as a group is at risk. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "The women plan a slumber party."	Last Man Standing "Eve gets a gig at the Grill."	Supergirl "The Fanatical" Someone threatens to expose James.	The Originals "Where You Left Your Heart" Hope is desperate to see her father.	Dateline "Taken" Matt Landry disappears suddenly.	Dateline "Collision" A wife and a mistress battle.	The Game Chardonnay goes on an emotional ride.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "Mary's RE-finds"	Storage Wars	(:03) Storage Wars	(:33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars				
AMC	48	180	(5:30) ** "Predators" (2010) Adrien Brody, Topher Grace, Alice Braga.	*** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007, Action) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen. Jason Bourne continues to look for clues to unravel his true identity.	*** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007, Action) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen. Jason Bourne continues to look for clues to unravel his true identity.	(:35) *** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007, Action) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen. Jason Bourne continues to look for clues to unravel his true identity.						
ANPL	41	100	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End					
BET	61	162	(5:00) * "Obsessed" (2009)	* "The Cookout" (2004, Comedy) Ja Rule, Tim Meadows, Jennifer Lewis. An athlete's mother has a wild barbecue at his mansion.	The Real Housewives of New York City "Social Edition" (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City "The ladies visit the Berkshires. (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City "The ladies visit the Berkshires. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New York City "The ladies visit the Berkshires. (N)			
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New York City "Carole reveals shocking news."	Shark Tank Toilet training kit for cats.	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Nancy Pelosi: CNN Town Hall (N) (Live)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park	(:25) South Park "Tweek x Craig"	South Park "Raisins"	South Park	South Park "TSST!"	South Park	South Park "Le Petit Tourette"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper	(12:01) South Park
DISN	18	200	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	DuckTales	Gravity Falls	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Bunk'd	DuckTales
DSC	42	103	Misfit Garage "Blaze It Up"	Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N)	Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N)	Misfit Garage "Wires and Misfires" (N)	(:01) Sticker Shock (N)	(:01) Misfit Garage	Sticker Shock			
ESPN	26	35	(6:00) SportsCenter NBA Countdown (N)	(Live)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)					
ESPN2	27	39	NFL Live	World/Poker	World/Poker	World/Poker	NBA at the Mic (N) (Live)	Around the Horn				
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games "All Burgers 2"	Guy's Grocery Games "Fried Feud"	Guy's Games				
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	Tucker Carlson				
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Lilo & Stitch" (2002) Voices of Daveigh Chase.	Famous in Love "Full Mental Jacket" Paige and Rainer head to New York. (N)	*** "Mulan" (1998, Children's) Voices of Ming-Na Wen, Eddie Murphy, B.D. Wong. Animated. A Chinese maiden disguises herself as a man.	Braves Live! Post.	Cape Cod/Biggs	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies.				
FSS	21	47	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (N) (Live)	Last Man Standing "Mother Fracker"	Last Man Standing "Circle of Life"	The Middle "Heck on a Hard Body"	The Middle "Orlando"	The Middle	The Middle "Un-braceable You"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing "Mother Fracker"	Last Man Standing "Circle of Life"	Last Man Standing "Bullying"	Brother vs. Brother	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Boise Boys (N)	Brother vs. Brother		
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Brother vs. Brother	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Boise Boys (N)	Brother vs. Brother		
HIST	45	110	American Pickers	American Pickers "American Dream"	American Pickers "Father Picks Best"	(:03) SIX "Mission Debrief" (N)	(:03) American Pickers (DVS)	American Pickers				
ION	13	18	Ghost Whisperer "Delusions of Grandview" News about Sam's identity.	Ghost Whisperer "Leap of Faith" Sam saves Melinda from mortal danger.	Mysterious woman.	Ghost Whisperer "Stage Fright" A ghost wreaks havoc on a soap opera.	Ghost Whisperer "Cursed" Dollhouse full of ghosts in need.	Ghost Whisperer "Endless Love"				
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: LA Terra throws an old-fashioned sleepover.	Little Women: LA The girls gather for a charity walk. (N)	(:01) Little Women: LA "Get Happy" Mika tries to apologize to Tonya. (N)	(:03) Little Women: LA	(:03) Little Women: LA "Get Happy" Mika tries to apologize to Tonya.	(12:01) Little Women: LA				
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	The Thundermans	** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
PARMT	64	153	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen.	** "Hitman: Unrated" (2007)					
SYFY	58	152	(6:15) * "Gods of Egypt" (2016, Fantasy) A mortal forms an alliance with the god Horus to save Egypt.	Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites.	The Expanse "Delta-V" A mysterious new presence emerges. (N)	Krypton "The Phantom Zone" (Season Finale) Seg races to save his city. (N)	(:01) * "Gods of Egypt" (2016, Fantasy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman.					
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Conan (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee		
TCM	49	186	(6:45) ** "Torchy Plays With Dynamite" (1939) Jane Wyman.	*** "The Thin Man" (1934) William Powell, Myrna Loy. Nick and Nora Charles solve a mystery with their dog, Asta.	(:45) *** "After the Thin Man" (1936, Comedy-Drama) William Powell, Myrna Loy. Married sleuths search for their cousin's missing husband. (DVS)	Powell, Myrna Loy.	(:45) *** "Another Thin Man" (1939) William Powell, Myrna Loy.					
TLC	43	157	(6:59) My 600-Lb. Life (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Kandi & Brandi" Twins lose more than 400 pounds. (N)	(:04) Skin Tight "Marranda & Jannet"	(:06) My 600-Lb. Life Twins lose more than 400 pounds.						
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans "The List" A sailor is murdered in a strip club.	* "Killers" (2010, Action) Ashton Kutcher, Katherine Heigl, Tom Selleck. A woman learns the hard way that her husband is a hit man. (DVS)	*** "Flightplan" (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster, Peter Sarsgaard, Erika Christensen. A frantic widow searches for her daughter on an airplane. (DVS)	* "The Boy Next Door" (2015)						
TRUTV	38	129	Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout				
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "The Wall" A war vet helps solve a Marine's murder. (DVS)	NCIS "A Bowl of Cherries" A computer hacker seeks a ransom. (DVS)	NCIS "One Book, Two Covers" A murder tied to a dirt bike gang.	Colony "Hospitium" The Resistance camp is put on lock down. (N)	Colony "Hospitium" The Resistance camp is put on lock down. (N)	(:01) Modern Family "The Alliance"	(:31) Modern Family "Snow Ball"	(12:01) Modern Family		
WE	68	166	CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"	CSI: Miami Horatio goes to New York.	CSI: Miami "Innocent"	CSI: Miami Team member killed.	CSI: Miami "Pro Per"	CSI: Miami				
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Cops "Atlanta"	

A winner is named on 'Survivor' season 36 finale

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The television season comes to an official end tonight on a pretty old-fashioned note. A winner of the 36th season of "Survivor" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) is crowned as the contrived shenanigans on Ghost Island come to an end. A **live reunion show follows** (10 p.m., TV-PG). If somebody had told me back in 2003 that "Survivor" and "American Idol" would still loom large as the 2018 TV season concluded, I would be surprised. If they had predicted a "new" "Roseanne" and "Murphy Brown," I'd be a tad depressed.

Of course, nobody in 2003 would probably have predicted the rise of Netflix and other streaming services as the creative driving force in television programming.

The big theme we can take away from the just-concluded season and the just-announced 2018-19 fall lineup is that networks have all but given up on finding new and younger viewers. Television used to be about getting the audience you could until you reached the audience you wanted. Now networks are fighting over the slices of a diminishing and aging demographic pie. So networks swap series ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine," "Idol" and "Last Man Standing") and leave the creative approach to the streaming services.

Just a few weeks ago, Netflix launched "A Little Help With Carol Burnett," a genial talk show where the 85-year-old TV legend, along with a panel of grade-school children, chats with celebrity guests. It's a feel-good variation of "Kids Say the Darndest Things." And proof that you can reinvent new shows using rather venerable spare parts.

Fox just announced "The Cool Kids," a blatant "Golden

Girls" imitation, as a new addition to its fall lineup. It stars Martin Mull and David Alan Grier as cranky residents of a senior community whose lives are upended with the arrival of another brash personality, played by Vicki Lawrence. We all know that Lawrence was discovered by Burnett way back in the 1970s, so it's curious to see Burnett's unofficial "daughter" on a show that seems far less inventive and original than that of her 85-year-old "Mama." But networks just aren't taking chances anymore.

Along those lines, Benson tries to defuse a hostage crisis on the two-hour season finale of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14). "SVU" and all three of Dick Wolfe's "Chicago" series will return to NBC next year.

How long has Wolfe been the backbone of NBC's schedule? Way back in 2000, I reviewed an NBC comedy called "M.Y.O.B." It starred Katharine Towne as a cranky teen runaway cared for by a pre-"Gilmore Girls" Lauren Graham, who played her aunt. I bring it up only because one of the teen's memorable rants was how much NBC depended on "Law & Order" and spinoffs. Some things never change.

Streaming today, Netflix launches the news series "Explained," featuring the editors of Vox, the news website known for presenting concise explanations of current stories.

TONIGHT'S OTHER SEASON FINALES

- The bidding war for the company heats up on "Empire" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14). Alfre Woodard and Forest Whitaker guest-star.
- The group's future re-



Taraji P. Henson, left, stars as Cookie Lyon and Terrence Howard as Lucious Lyon in the season four finale episode of "Empire," airing at 8 p.m. today on FOX.

mains uncertain on "Star" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Andy's departure for college puts Woody (Tom Hanks) and the gang at an emotional crossroads in the 2010 Pixar comedy "Toy Story 3" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-G).
- "Nature" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) wraps up its 36th season documenting efforts to save the pangolin, considered the most trafficked animal in the world.
- "NOVA Wonders" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) ponders the creation of artificial "life."
- "20/20" (10:01 p.m., ABC) anticipates the summer's blockbuster films.
- Elizabeth feels torn and

Philip runs into more than he anticipated on the next-to-last episode of "The Americans" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

- A lockdown at the Resistance camp brings tensions on "Colony" (10 p.m., USA, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

A cocktail-swilling Manhattan couple (William Powell and Myrna Loy) become amateur detectives in the 1934 comedy "The Thin Man" (8 p.m., TCM). Five "Thin Man" sequels follow.

SERIES NOTES

Benson runs across a familiar face on "Law & Order: SVU" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) * James ponders his future on "Supergirl" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * Hope takes drastic measures

on "The Originals" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Dulce Sloan is showcased on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Jason Bateman, Stephen King and Jim James are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Mindy Kaling, Andy Cohen and Lil Pump on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * David Letterman, Aurora and Steven Wolf visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Amanda Peet, Johnny Knoxville and David Blaine appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Grilled halibut with herb sauce in 20 minutes

BY MELISSA D'ARABIAN
Associated Press

Grilled fish is the official dish of summer around our house. There is nothing I love to eat more in warm weather than a piece of fresh seasonal fish cooked on the grill — the slightly sweet flesh offset by a tiny bit of char.

You can use some fish from your freezer stash in a pinch, but ask at the fish counter what is seasonal and freshest, and you won't regret the few extra dollars you'll pay. I used Alaskan halibut for today's recipe, but any firm white-fleshed fish will work great. (Skip the flaky thin fish like Dover sole for indoor cooking, or use a special fine-meshed metal grate.)

Halibut is mild, tender and sweet, and it's a fantastic lean source of protein. A 4-ounce serving has 24 grams of protein, a little over 2 grams of fat and offers a nice show-

ing of B vitamins and minerals, all for 120 calories.

My go-to strategy for grilling mild white fish is to keep it super simple on the actual grill, and then top it with a quick sauce made from a few ingredients. Pat the fish dry gently, and toss on the grill with just a little salt, pepper and olive oil.

Once the fish is cooked, I top it straight from the grill with the sauce. While the fish is cooking, whip up a sauce with a little acid (like lemon or vinegar), aromatics (like minced garlic, shallot or green onion), herbs, and a tiny touch of fat (like olive oil or butter). Pouring it on while the fish is hot makes the simple flavors come alive like Hugh Jackman playing P.T. Barnum.

Grilled Halibut with Butter Caper Herb Sauce is an excellent starting point for mastering this easy fish-grilling blueprint that you'll use both on weekends and busy weeknight meals. In under 20 minutes, you can have summer on the plate.

GRILLED HALIBUT WITH BUTTER CAPER HERB SAUCE

Servings: 6

Start to finish: 20 minutes

1 3/4 pounds of fresh Alaskan halibut fillet (or other firm white-flesh fish), checked for bones

1/2 lemon, for squeezing

2 teaspoons olive oil

salt and pepper

Sauce:

2 tablespoons butter

1 clove garlic, minced

2 tablespoons capers, plus a little of the juice

2 tablespoons lemon juice

a handful of chopped tender herbs, like basil, parsley, or cilantro

Heat a gas or charcoal grill to medium high. Scrub the grill grates with a wire brush or tongs and ball of foil to clean off burnt food debris, and lightly oil the grates.

Squeeze a little lemon juice on the halibut and let it sit a few minutes before blotting it

dry gently with a paper towel.

dry gently with a paper towel.

Season the fish with a little salt and pepper. Drizzle the olive oil over both sides of the fish, and use your fingers to coat the whole fillet lightly with oil. Once the grill is hot, place the fish flesh side down on the grill. Allow to cook about 5-6 minutes on the first side. Use a metal spatula to flip the fish to cook the second side, until cooked through but not dry, about 3-4 more minutes. (To help keep the fish from sticking, don't flip it too soon, and flip the fish with a purposeful, quick motion.)

Meanwhile, heat the butter and garlic in a small sauce pan on the stove at medium heat until the garlic is aromatic, about 2 minutes. Add the capers with a little caper liquid and the lemon juice and whisk to combine. Remove from heat, stir the herbs into the sauce and then pour over the fish just as it comes off the grill. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 198 calories; 76 calories from fat; 9 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 104 mg cholesterol; 625 mg sodium; 3 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 28 g protein.

Want your kids to eat asparagus? Top it with a glaze

BY MELISSA D'ARABIAN
Associated Press

Asparagus is by far the favorite vegetable of the d'Arabian family. All four of my school-aged daughters truly love it. I can serve nearly three pounds of asparagus at the table a couple of times of week to my family of six, and the girls will still argue over who gets the last stalk.

I say this not to impress you with the adventurous palates of my kids; I am not the mom whose 3-year-old loved sushi and kale salad. I say this to encourage you to try different ways of serving asparagus to your family, especially if they aren't huge vegetable lovers.

Asparagus is truly jam packed with vitamins and minerals, with a cup of asparagus providing more than 10 percent of your daily requirement of at least 10 vitamins and minerals. The same cup has 3 grams each of protein and fiber, so it's filling, and is under 30 calories. So it's a worthy investment to get your family on board.

You can serve asparagus in hundreds of ways, cooked or raw, or even in between — cooking the outside for sweetness and keeping the inside cool, fresh and with some snap.

Chop raw asparagus and serve



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it as a salad, dressed simply in lemon juice, olive oil, maybe a little garlic, black pepper and a sprinkle of parmesan cheese. Or steam it quickly — 3-4 minutes is usually enough — and then toss in a little olive oil and nutritional yeast, or the tiniest pat of butter. Cut the stalks into bite-sized pieces to bulk up a stir fry — the Asian flavor profile highlights the sweet asparagus flavor. Or our Tuesday night go-to: Toss in a little olive oil and salt, and roast at 400 F for 7-8 minutes.

Today's recipe is a simple but flavorful saute. I use soy sauce instead of salt, which adds umami. A tiny bit of Dijon mustard and a touch of honey create a luscious glaze that make the asparagus sing.

Whatever you decide to do with the asparagus, you can turn leftovers into a soup simply by whirling up with a little broth and lemon juice in a blender until smooth. Unless you are like our family, where asparagus leftovers are merely a hypothetical scenario.

SAUTEED ASPARAGUS IN SOY SAUCE GLAZE

Servings: 6

Start to finish: 15 minutes

1 1/2 pounds of fresh asparagus, tough ends trimmed

2 teaspoons olive oil

2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

pinch red pepper flakes (optional)

2 teaspoons soy sauce

2 teaspoons lemon juice

1 teaspoon honey

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Rinse trimmed asparagus stalks, and shake dry, leaving them damp. Heat the olive oil in a large saute pan over medium high heat. Add the sliced garlic and red pepper flakes (if using) and stir with a wooden spoon until fragrant and starting to turn golden brown, about 1-2 minutes. Add the asparagus and cook for two minutes, stirring with the wooden spoon. In a small bowl, mix together the soy sauce and lemon juice. Carefully pour over the asparagus, and stir once to disperse the sauce. Cover with a lid (or a baking sheet if pan is too large for a lid), and let steam for 2 minutes.

Meanwhile, mix honey and mustard in the small bowl. Uncover the asparagus and stir. Drizzle or spoon the honey mustard mixture over the asparagus and cook until a glaze just starts to form (it will thicken as it cools), about two more minutes, stirring frequently. Transfer to a platter and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 46 calories; 13 calories from fat; 2 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 138 mg sodium; 7 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 3 g protein.