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Manning students threaten violence

Claims not validated as real danger against high school

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Manning High School received calls on Friday threatening potential violence from two students, it was announced Tuesday morning, officials said.

The calls were rumors, conversation that went too far and that were never a viable threat, Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley said.

"We check every rumor because we want to be proactive

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with everything, especially with everything that's going on with social media," Baxley said.

Baxley said the sheriff's office investigated two separate claims on Friday. Officers

went to the home of one of the students, a male, on Saturday and didn't find validity to the threat, but rumors continued to swirl on social media.

Parents started calling the school Monday worried when investigators went back to the campus on Paxville Highway, but Baxley said they were just checking on the same student.

"We will be vigilant of any threat that occurs at any school district," he said.

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Superintendents: Safety is priority

BY BRUCE MILLS
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After various claims of impending school violence in recent days in light of the recent tragedy in Florida, two area superintendents who have had threats

claimed within their school districts pledged Tuesday their commitment to all community stakeholders to take any threat seriously.

Sumter School District Interim Superintendent

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Babies hatching at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens



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An Australian black swan cygnet sits near its parents and sibling at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens in February. Several other Australian black swans were nesting at the park at the time, too.

NAACP looks into Pilgrim's Pride after workers' strike

Sumter branch will investigate culture for workers as a whole

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The Sumter County branch of the NAACP announced it launched an investigation into allegations a manager at Pilgrim's Pride Corp. in Sumter made derogatory statements describing black employees last week.

Employees went on strike on Feb. 15 when word spread among workers at the plant on U.S. 15 South that the plant manager had spoken over the radio that "there are too many roaches walking in the hallway."

"Subsequent statements by current employees regarding a culture and climate for employees in general are equally troubling to us," said Elizabeth Kilgore, president of the Sumter branch of the national civil rights organization, in the announcement.

Kilgore wrote the organization will work to determine "how widespread this sentiment may be among managers at Pilgrim's Pride and how we may demonstrate support for the hardworking employees as they advocate for positive change within the facility."

When *The Sumter Item* was on scene at a protest held by striking employees last week, several spoke about the topic, including mentioning this was not the first time that manager had made similar comments.

"It's not just him," said Demetrius Stewart, an employee, at the time. "He was just the icing on the cake."

Other complaints included not having sufficient time for break and to take care of personal issues outside of work such as taking care of sick children.

Stewart said at the time she wants to do a good job at work but that it is hard when supervisors make degrading comments.

"I'm still going to work because I have to eat, but something needs to be done," she said. "Without us, they can't get that place running."

She did tell *The Sumter Item* at the time that her shift schedule works well for her family because she can take her children to school and someone else can watch them for only part of the

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Gubernatorial candidate wants to tackle political corruption, education

Noble running on Democratic ticket

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Phil Noble, Democratic candidate for governor, is seeking support for his plan to reform the state government to rid it of unnecessary or corrupt practices that continue to set back South Carolina residents.

South Carolina is a great state, but the dysfunctional political system in Columbia is holding the state back, Noble said recently when he attended the Sumter County Democratic Party Convention.



NOBLE

"It's a huge barrier," he said.

The state House is operating on a system of plantation politics where a small group in Columbia is dictating how everyone else in the state should fall in

line, he said.

"The root of corruption is money," he said. "It always has been."

State legislators are also able to make money from their positions in the state House, the Greenville native and Charleston-based business and technology consultant said.

Legislators should not be able to present cases in front of the judges they elect and do business with the

government through their personal companies, he said. They should have to disclose their clients.

Corruption in the state House is keeping the state from addressing many issues that need attention, such as education, he said.

For example, there is no reason why South Carolina is 50th in the country in education, but legislators have not done anything to keep this from happening, he said.

State legislators have corrupted the system and are preventing residents from getting an adequate education, Noble said.

The public education system, he said, needs to be totally reinvented. There is no sense in tip-toeing

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Bill likely to ban all abortions advances

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina senators have advanced a bill that would likely ban all abortions in the state.

Local media report the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 11-9 Tuesday to advance a bill that says life begins at conception and at that moment, an embryo has all the rights as any other citizen.

The "personhood" measure now goes to the Senate floor. It was sponsored by Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant and endorsed by Gov. Henry McMaster, both of whom are seeking this year's Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Similar bills have failed in other conservative states, and the measure has fallen short multiple times in South Carolina before.

The measure does not offer an exemption for cases of rape or incest. South Carolina already bans abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Committee to consider demo of building

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter City-County Historic Preservation Design Review Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in City Council Chambers, fourth floor of Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., to consider approval for:

- The demolition of a structure, formerly a realty office, at 13 E. Canal St., next to the Sumter County Administration Building;
- The construction of a three-story addition to the Sumter County Administration Building at 13 E. Canal St.;

- Exterior renovations to property in the 100 block of North Main Street — the removal of brick to allow the installation of aluminum-clad window units at the front and rear of the structure, new paint, a new canvas awning, the removal of paint on brick, and two new iron balconies; and

- Exterior renovations to property in the 400 block of West Hampton Avenue which will include the demolition of a structure at the rear of the property, removal of existing screen panels on the rear porch of the structure and roof repairs with architectural-type shingles.

Florence man, 63, arrested for attacking girlfriend over incident from decades ago

Reportedly attempted to run another vehicle off the road

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A Florence County man, 63, was arrested by Sumter County deputies after he allegedly attacked his live-in girlfriend over an issue that happened decades earlier while on their way home from Columbia on Friday.

John W. DeWitt Jr. is charged with second-degree domestic violence for reportedly pulling the victim out of a Honda Odyssey and onto the ground shortly after 3 p.m. while on Boise Lewis Road in Gable.

The victim told deputies DeWitt became upset "about something that happened 30 years ago," according to an incident report from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The report states the victim attempted to call 911 but that DeWitt took the phone from her.

Another couple in the area let the victim get into their vehicle after they



PHOTO PROVIDED
John W. DeWitt Jr. was arrested on Friday by Sumter County Sheriff's deputies and charged with second-degree domestic violence.

saw her "in the middle of the road screaming for help."

DeWitt reportedly started following the other couple's vehicle and attempted to run the vehicle off the

road multiple times, the report said.

One witness said DeWitt pulled up beside the vehicle and made gestures like he was grabbing a firearm and like he was going to shoot at the vehicle during the drive to Porter's Grocery on Myrtle Beach Highway about three miles from the initial incident location.

Members of the sheriff's office Community Action Team happened to be conducting a license check at Porter's when the two vehicles pulled up, Ken Bell, public information officer, said.

The reporting deputy wrote that she observed DeWitt standing outside of the other couple's vehicle trying to get to the victim.

DeWitt was detained, and a handgun was removed from his vehicle. He does have a concealed-weapons permit, Bell said.

DeWitt was transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center where he will remain pending a bond hearing in circuit court at a future date. Bond was denied for DeWitt during a first-appearance hearing on Saturday.



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Chamber recognizes 12 students for 'excellence in character traits'

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Kindness. Hard worker. Leader. Middle school student. Respectful. Thoughtful. Eager. Engaged. Polite. Appreciative. Conscientious. Tries to do her best every day.

These words describe the 12 Alice Drive Middle School students who were recently recognized with a Golden Apple Award by the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce for their "excellence in character traits."

The program run by the Chamber honors students by getting groups or businesses to sponsor the awards for young scholars who have integrity, per-

severance and altruism and demonstrate a strong moral character.

"To commemorate the achievement, each student was presented with a certificate that contained a proclamation from the city and county of Sumter and was signed by Mayor Joseph T. McElveen and Sumter County Council Chairman James McCain," Janel Strieter, communication director for the Chamber, said.

"Whereas, students at Alice Drive Middle School have demonstrated exceptional character," McElveen's proclamation read, "and whereas, students at Alice Drive Middle School have shown pride, determination and honesty; and whereas the city and county of Sumter acknowl-

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edge these students for positively contributing to the community and society."

Each student had a short description read aloud detailing his or her character and why the student was chosen to be honored.

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Preventive treatment for peanut allergies succeeds in major study

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

The first treatment to help prevent serious allergic reactions to peanuts may be on the way. A company said Tuesday that its daily capsules of peanut flour helped children tolerate nuts in a major study.

Millions of children have peanut allergies, and some may have life-threatening reactions if accidentally exposed to them. Doctors have been testing daily doses of peanut flour, contained in a capsule and sprinkled over food, as a way to prevent that.

California-based Aimmune Therapeutics said 67 percent of kids who had its treatment were able to tolerate the equivalent of roughly two peanuts at the end of the study, compared to only 4 percent of others given a

dummy powder.

The study involved nearly 500 kids ages 4 to 17 with severe peanut allergies. They were given either capsules of peanut flour or a dummy powder in gradually increasing amounts for six months, then continued on that final level for another six months. Neither the participants nor their doctors knew who was getting what until the study ended.

About 20 percent of kids getting the peanut powder dropped out of the study, 12 percent due to reactions or other problems.

The results have not yet been reviewed by independent experts, but will be presented at a medical meeting next month.

The company plans to file for U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for the treatment by the end of this year, and for approval in Europe early next year.

Albertsons, Rite Aid combine forces

BY TOM MURPHY
AP Health Writer

The owner of Safeway and other grocery brands is buying the drugstore chain Rite Aid as retailers continue to plunge deeper into health care and adjust to swiftly changing shopping habits.

Albertsons Companies executives said Tuesday that their purchase of Rite Aid's more than 2,500 remaining stores will help the combined company become a "leader in food, health and wellness."

The combination will have 4,892 stores and more than 4,300 pharmacies with a stronger presence on both coasts of the U.S. market. Leaders of both companies said the deal will help attract pharmacy customers who tend to spend more at Albertsons grocery stores.

That comes as the grocer starts to strengthen same-day deliveries, a meal-kit business and other products that cater to customers who want fast service.

Retailers have been pushing home deliveries and other customer-friendly services in the

wake of expanded competition from Amazon. The online giant bought the grocer Whole Foods last year and plans to roll out a two-hour delivery service this year to customers who pay for its \$99-a-year Prime membership.

Amazon's competitors also are bulking up health care services, which cannot be purchased online. Late last year, Rite Aid rival CVS Health Corp. said it would buy the health insurer Aetna for \$69 billion. That deal could turn many of the chain's 9,800 stores into one-stop-shop locations for an array of health care needs like blood work and eye or hearing care in addition to their traditional role of filling prescriptions.

In Rite Aid, Albertsons Companies is buying a chain that has already remodeled more than half of its stores into a format that includes expanded pharmacy services and more health products. Like its drugstore chain competitor, Rite Aid also operates walk-in clinics that can deal with cases of the flu, sinus infections and other relatively minor complaints.

It also has a pharmacy benefit management business that runs prescription drug coverage.

Albertsons said it will continue to run Rite Aid stand-alone stores, and most of the grocery operator's pharmacies will be rebranded as Rite Aid.



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Maintaining a healthy weight helps fight inflammation

Within the past few decades scientists have concluded that many conditions including heart disease, diabetes and long-lasting respiratory problems such as asthma share one common element—chronic inflammation. Many factors contribute to chronic inflammation including genetics and exposures to toxins in the environment. Chronic inflammation can also be driven by lifestyle factors including a diet laden with unhealthy fats and processed foods and a lack of exercise.

It was once thought that a lifetime of eating fatty foods left deposits of cholesterol on the inner surface of the blood vessels. The idea that inflammation is linked to chronic diseases has launched millions of diet plans, nutritional supplements and lifestyle programs claiming to improve health.

Metabolic syndrome is widely accepted as a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, stroke and cancer. According to Harvard Health it consists of a "cluster of metabolic abnormalities including accumulation of fat around the middle

of the body, insulin resistance, high blood pressure (hypertension) and abnormal cholesterol levels." Insulin resistance triggers the release of inflammatory substances that damage the arteries and help set the stage for cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions.

Missy Corrigan

Excess body fat is also linked to inflammation. Scientists have discovered that fat tissue contains the white blood cells instrumental in chronic inflammation. Fat

tissue also produces an excess of cytokines, chemical messengers that are key to the development of inflammation. So it isn't surprising that obesity increases the risk of many chronic diseases in which inflammation plays a role.

About half of heart attacks occur in people with normal cholesterol levels. Even though tests for cholesterol provide a lot of useful information, it is suggested that a blood test that assesses levels of C-reactive protein (CRP) is a better measure of risk for heart disease. Several studies have shown that, among people with normal cholesterol numbers, those with increased CRP levels have a

higher risk for heart problems.

Controlling inflammation relies on taking steps to limit exposure to the factors that initiate the inflammation response. It's recommended that you try to get to and maintain a healthy weight, eliminate processed foods and consume a diet high in

vegetables, fruits and healthy fats. Exercise regularly to improve overall physical health, get plenty of sleep, see your doctor for regular checkups and don't smoke. *Missy Corrigan is executive of community health for Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymca-sumter.org or (803) 773-1404.*

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NOBLE

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around the issue, he said.

And teachers' pay needs to be doubled to attract new teachers and to retain those who are already in schools, he said.

Educators want to come to the state because of the quality of life here, Noble said, but teachers are not getting paid as much as they should.

Under the current education system, the Department

of Education tells the school districts what and how to teach the students, but it should be the other way around, he said.

Noble is the founder of Phil Noble and Associates and three statewide nonprofit initiatives: The Palmetto Project, One Laptop Per Child South Carolina and World Class Scholars, an online global student exchange program.

The teachers and schools should determine what to teach students and the best

methods to do so while the department of education provides the resources to make it possible, he said, such as providing every child with access to technology that will help him or her learn.

Schools should also set a goal to make sure at least 90 percent of high school graduates are college or career ready, Noble said.

With reform, Noble said the state would be in a much better place.

Local leaders, such as those at the county and city level, know what is necessary for their communities to succeed, he said, but the state House keeps them from exercising good judgement.

There is terrific potential, he said, for the state of South Carolina.

Primary elections will be held on June 12, and the general election will be held on Nov. 6.

Other declared Democratic

candidates are James Smith and Marguerite Willis. Declared Republican candidates include Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant, Yancey McGill, Catherine Templeton and John Warren.

Gov. Henry McMaster (R) announced that he intends to run for a full term in office this year since he took the position in 2017 after former Gov. Nikki Haley was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

NAACP

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night instead of all night while she is at work.

It is not known how many employees walked out or did not show up on Thursday or how many have returned to work and when. About 50 were protesting outside when

The Sumter Item was on scene.

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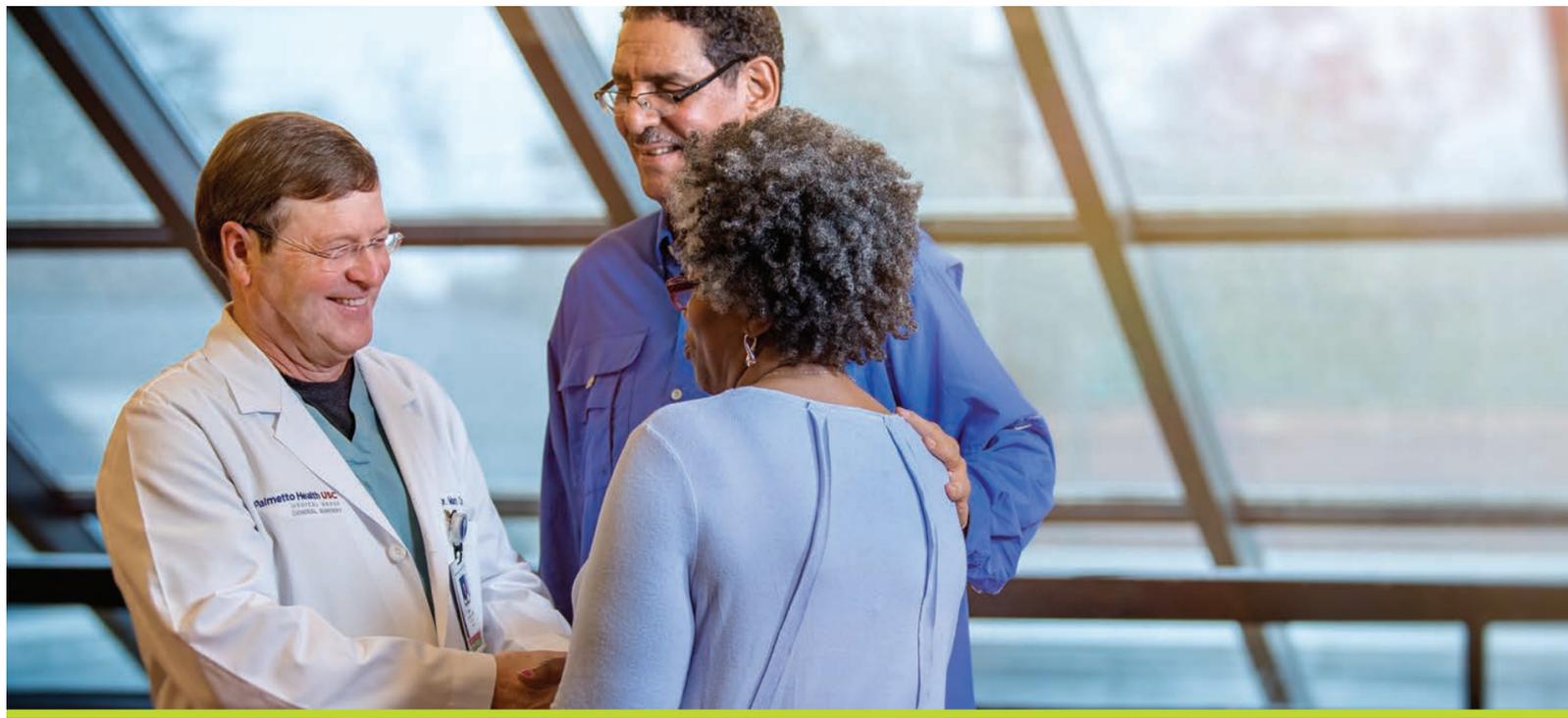
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Art gallery opens 3 exhibitions Thursday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter County Gallery of Art will present exhibitions by three artists with very different perspectives on what it means to be a visual artist in the South and how these differences are expressed through their imagery. Andrew Blanchard's Saturday Night, Sunday Morning; Cedric Umoja's That Old Black Gospel; and Dogon Krigga's Afroglyph will open with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday and remain on exhibit through April 19.

Blanchard, primarily a printmaker, is perhaps best known for "taking familiar, stereotypical signifiers of rural roads and the small-town South and flattening them into one another through the process of printmaking. Somehow, through this juxtaposition, they manage to avoid one-dimensionality. The Sumter exhibition will also include three-dimensional 'totems' — assemblages of identifiably Southern artifacts and signifiers."

A Louisiana native raised on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Blanchard traveled to Paris following the receipt of his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. In France, he studied with master lithography printer Frederic Possot, then earned his master of fine arts degree from the University of Mississippi.

Now an associate professor of Studio Art at Converse College, Blanchard continues to have his work in prestigious, permanent collections, including those of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art in New Orleans and the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. His art is also featured in numerous publications, among them Ecotone, Electric Dirt, Printmakers Today, New American Paintings, the International Painting Annual (nos. 4 and 7) and the Oxford American, which in 2012 named him among the New Superstars of Southern Art.

Blanchard will give an artist talk at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, during the reception.

Umoja was born in California and moved to South Carolina after high school. Citing his major influences as hip-hop and comic books, Umoja incorporates in his work elements of graffiti, Neo-Expressionism, Afro-Surrealism, comic sequential art, Japanese manga and Afrofuturism, all of which played roles in his artistic development.

Developing his style under the instruction of Tony Calalano, Umoja also cites as influences Dondi White, Sam Kieth, Max Beckmann, Amedeo Modigliani, Ernie Barnes, Sun Ra and Hans Hoffman.

Umoja has been included in several important solo and group exhibitions including "Libation," City Gallery, Charleston, (which he curated); "We Bleed Too!" Goodall Gallery, Columbia College; "MNI WICONI" Tangent Gallery, Detroit; "Beyond" FAB gallery, South Carolina State University; and others. Umoja is also a community activist and street artist who has been involved in several public art

projects including "23 Million Miles," Millwood Avenue Corridor, Columbia, and "Duality," Mission District, San Francisco.

Umoja writes in his artist statement: "'That Old Black Gospel' reflects particular truths expressed and experienced by the black diaspora around the world. These truths experienced gives birth to ritual and how it's engaged in the most unsuspecting moments in the lives of a people, who have endured immeasurable amounts of trauma. Yet, throughout it all, a thirst to be healed is what's longed for the most in spite of being subjected to a dogmatic and oppressive perspective used to colonize."

Self-taught artist Krigga works in digital and cut-and-paste collage. "He originally set out to provide unique designs for independent businesses and recording artists by transmuting sound into an image that invokes a sense of wonder and reflection on the human cosmic, aboriginal and omni-dimensional nature. The visionary aspect of Krigga's creations are an amalgamation of culture and esoteric

references through Afrofuturism."

He states his intent as "to raise black vibrations through visual art," and he has exhibited extensively in Columbia.

"My aesthetic comes from Afrofuturism, but the way I use symbolism is like an alchemist. ... I tried art school for a semester and a half and learned some theory, but I felt like they were trying to teach juice, and I had juice already. There's definitely a lot of humor in my work. ... Life can be serious, but we have to take a step back, laugh and marvel at how intricate yet how simple the universe can be."

Krigga continues, "... So much of black history is the chronicling of suffering. I'm trying to get back to a place where blackness isn't under attack but is thriving. Our gifts and abilities and how we interact with each other are acts of rebellion and revolution. We are masters of this domain but living a reality where that can be forgotten, so we address this with Afrofuturism to remind us. I'm attempting to liberate people mentally by reminding them

who they are outside of what society tells them they are."

Cedric Umoja and Dogon Krigga will be in conversation with SCGA Curator Cole Miller at a later date in March.

SCGA Executive Director Karen Watson credits community partners for the gallery's continuing ability to present intriguing exhibitions by both established and up-and-coming artists.

Partners for these three exhibitions are SAFE Federal Credit Union, the Glenmore and May Sharp Charitable Trust and Dr. DeAnne and Elielson Messias. Flowers are courtesy of Julie Jameson, Azalea Garden Club and the Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter.

Sumter County Gallery of Art, 200 Hassel St., will present works by artist Andrew Blanchard, Cedric Umoja and Dogon Krigga Thursday through April 19. The opening reception, which includes an artist talk by Blanchard, will be held Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is open to the public with a \$5 donation for non-members of the SCGA, free to members. Call (803) 775-0543 for more information.



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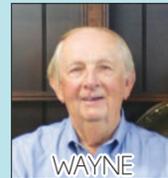
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FROM PAGE A1

Debbie Hamm said in a statement that in all cases, the district will ask law enforcement officials to help it evaluate the validity of a threat. She also said if a student is found responsible for a threat, appropriate action will be taken to ensure school safety.

"If we identify the student(s) responsible for making a threat or perpetuating a rumor, we promise swift and strong disciplinary action and will involve law enforcement as appropriate," Hamm said. "Students and staff must feel safe at school. It also is imperative that we all protect the educational environment."

On behalf of the district, Hamm asked for support from parents and guardians in several ways, including talking frequently with their children about what they're hearing and seeing at school and discussing with them the seriousness of playing a prank, teasing or spreading rumors.

Hamm also asked parents or guardians to encourage their children to report any suspicious activity to a trusted adult at school or to them. If their children tell them of potential threats or problems, parents are asked to notify the school immediately.

Hamm said parents and students may also report information on Sprigeo, a school safety threat online reporting system, which is available on each school's website.

"The first and most important priority of Sumter School District is the safety of our students and staff," Hamm said.

John Tindal said that's also the priority in Clarendon School District Two. He also said local law enforcement are contacted automatically when a threat occurs.

THREATS

FROM PAGE A1

"We're there to meet it head on."

Baxley said he had been in contact with the superintendent and that everyone remains safe. There has been no disruption to classroom learning, and he will send more officers to the school if necessary.

Tonia Smith, a spokeswoman for Clarendon County School District 2, said Tuesday morning that "all students, faculty and staff are safe."

This is the third reported threat to area schools since Friday.

On Friday, rumors circulated that "something was going to happen at 2:20" at Sumter High School based on social media posts, but nothing was verified as a real threat.

On Monday, a 13-year-old female student was released to her parents after it was confirmed she wrote she would "shoot the school down" on the floor of the seventh-grade girls' bathroom at Chestnut Oaks Middle School.

She will be petitioned to Family Court.

Neither of those threats were confirmed to be viable or to pose real danger.

On Feb. 14, a 19-year-old man and former student of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, opened fire in the school, killing 17 people.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ASKS FOR SUPPORT, REASSURES PUBLIC

In light of the recent tragedy in Florida, we have received several potential threats in Sumter School District. We pledge to our students, parents, employees and the community to take any threat seriously. In all cases, we will ask law enforcement officials to help us evaluate the validity of the threat. If we identify the student(s) responsible for making a threat or perpetuating a rumor, we promise swift and strong disciplinary action and will involve law enforcement as appropriate. Students and staff must feel safe at school. It also is imperative that we all protect the educational environment.

We ask for support from our parents/guardians in the following ways: talk frequently with your children about what they are hearing and seeing at school or in the neighborhood; discuss with them the seriousness of playing a prank, teasing or spreading rumors; encourage them to report any suspicious activity to a trusted adult at school or to you; and notify the school if you hear of any potential problems or threats. Parents and students may also report information on Sprigeo,

which is available on each school's website.

The first and most important priority of Sumter School District is the safety of our students and staff. Any time a tragedy like this happens, it reminds us of how precious life is and the importance of emergency procedures and proper training. Certainly in this day and age we can never be absolutely protected against all circumstances, but we do educate our students and staff throughout the year and rely on our parents to help us ensure we reinforce our own safety procedures.

Our joint emergency action plans were developed in accordance with state and federal best practices and in partnership with local public safety professionals. Law enforcement is a partner in the annual review of our plans, and they evaluate our implementation of emergency drills and provide training for school staff as requested. The review of our plans reveal strengths and weaknesses, and in some cases, procedures are revised or enhanced. Each joint emergency action plan at the school level helps prepare school sites on lockdown drills, evacuation procedures, natural disaster precautions as

well as communication with families, students, parents and communities during a crisis. School safety procedures also address the access of our buildings by the public. A variety of drills are conducted on a regular basis.

Training in school safety for school staff takes place throughout the year. The school district also provides immediate crisis response training for the Disturbance Intervention Response teams and the Mental Health Support teams.

In addition, all visitors to our schools must enter and sign in using Ident-a-Kid with the school office. Security cameras are in all of our schools, and seven resource officers serve Sumter School District.

Again, the safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority at all times in our school district. Working together, we can ensure that the educational process is allowed to continue in the safe, uninterrupted environment that our children deserve. We appreciate your continued support of a safe learning environment for students.

DEBRA W. HAMM, PH.D.
Interim Superintendent, Sumter



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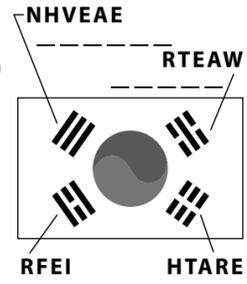
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PyeongChang 2018

People around the world are now following the excitement of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

At right is the flag of South Korea. Unscramble the words to find out what each symbol on the flag represents.



This symbol is known as **Yin and Yang**. Yin and yang mean literally the "dark side" and the "sunny side" of a hill. The symbol means that everything in the world has its **opposite**.

What time is it in PyeongChang?

There is a 17 hour time difference between PyeongChang and California. If it is 8:00 a.m. Monday in PyeongChang, it is 3:00 p.m. on Sunday in California.

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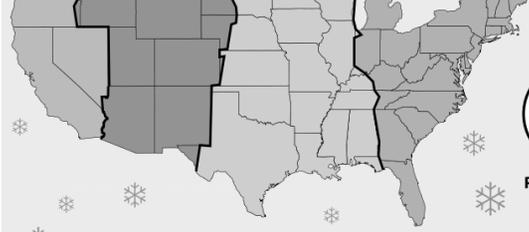


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Benjamin lives in San Francisco, California, which is in the Pacific Time Zone. His pen pal Tessa, lives in Atlanta, Georgia, which is in the Eastern Time Zone. Their pal Charlotte lives in Denver, Colorado, which is in the Mountain Time Zone. Charlotte's cousin Megan lives in New Orleans, Louisiana, which is in the Central Time Zone.

Complete the clocks below so they show what time it is in each city.



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New Orleans



Atlanta

Put a Spin On It

Olympic figure skaters make it look easy to jump in the air and spin. But make no mistake, leaping into the air, twirling and landing gracefully takes hours of practice and a knowledge of science.





In order to twirl well, a skater needs **velocity**, or speed. A skater uses his or her feet to push off the ice to accelerate. Once the right velocity is reached the skater will jump and twirl. The more velocity a skater gets for the jump, the higher he or she will go.

To get more spins, a skater needs to twirl as fast as possible. To increase their twirling speed, a skater starts a twirl with arms out wide. Keeping the body straight and bringing the arms in close to the body causes a skater to twirl faster. This is a scientific principle called the **conservation of angular momentum**.

How many snowflakes can you find on this page in two minutes?

Now have a friend try. Who found the most?

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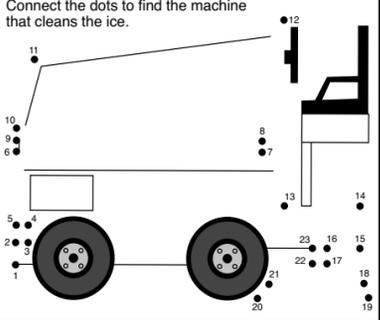
Opposites: Yin and Yang

Look through the newspaper for five things that have an opposite. For example, a photo of a man. The opposite would be a woman.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Connect the dots to find the machine that cleans the ice.



Kid Scoop Word Search

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

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Hold That Pose!

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COMMENTARY

Will automation kill our jobs?

A recent article in The Guardian dons the foreboding title “Robots will destroy our jobs — and we’re not ready for it.” The article claims, “For every job created by robotic automation, several more will be eliminated entirely. ... This disruption will have a devastating impact on our workforce.” According to an article in MIT Technology Review, business researchers Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee believe that rapid technological change has been destroying jobs faster than it is creating them, contributing to the stagnation of median income and the growth of inequality in the United States.



Walter Williams

3.2 million jobs were outsourced to China. However, in the same time frame, China lost about 4.5 million manufacturing jobs, compared with the loss of 3.1 million in the U.S. Job loss is the trend among the top 10 manufacturing countries, which produce 75 percent of the world’s manufacturing output (the U.S., Japan, Germany, China, Britain, France, Italy, South Korea, Canada and Mexico). Only Italy has managed not to lose factory jobs since 2000. Nonetheless, the U.S. remains a major force in global manufacturing.

Because of automation, the U.S. worker is now three times as productive as in 1980 and twice as productive as in 2000. It’s productivity gains, rather than outsourcing and imports, that explain most of our manufacturing job loss.

If our manufacturing sector were its own economy and had its own gross domestic product, it would be the seventh-largest in the world. Total manufacturing value could be as high as \$5.5 trillion. In other words, about 17 percent of global manufacturing activity happens in the United States, and America dominates advanced manufacturing. According to the Alliance for American Manufacturing, U.S. manufacturing employs a large percentage of the workers who are trained in fields related to science, technology, engineering and math. It employs 37 percent of architectural and engineering workers and 16 percent of life, physical and social scientists.

Economist Joseph Schumpeter described this process of technological change. He called it “creative destruction.” Technology and innovation destroy some jobs while creating many others. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. labor force in 1950 was 62 million. By 2000, it was 79 million, and it’s projected to reach 192 million by 2050. Though the “creative destruction” process works hardships on some people who lose their jobs and are forced to take lower-paying jobs, any attempt to impede the process would make all of us worse off.

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COMMENTARY

Don't believe offshore drilling advocates' hype and scams

BY STEVE GILBERT

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I have listened to most pro-oil and gas exploration and drilling arguments and find them to be hype or just plain scams probably created by public relations experts and other supporters of the oil industry.

1. “We just need to find out what’s out there.”

Many including state Rep. Stephen Goldfinch and, more recently, Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant, have touted this line. Firstly, the seismic exploration methodology is extremely harmful to marine life from the zooplankton food web base essentially up through invertebrates, sea turtles, fish and marine mammals. Secondly, we will never know “what’s out there” unless we have the money to buy the multimillion-dollar proprietary data set. Thirdly, it really doesn’t matter what’s out there if the majority of coastal South Carolinians don’t want the risks associated with oil and gas drilling.

In addition, besides being highly destructive to marine life, seismic surveys do not actually determine “what’s out there.” They are used to identify areas favorable for the accumulation of hydrocarbons and to derive estimates of the technically and economically recoverable resources. It is necessary to drill ex-

ploratory wells to determine if oil or natural gas is actually present. The Deepwater Horizon was an exploratory well.

2. “We just need to drill for gas and not oil.”

Also expressed by Goldfinch and Bryant. However, there is no way you can extract gas without extracting oil and incurring the same risk of spills and leaks. The American Petroleum Institute and other oil industry groups have stated that without drilling it is not possible to predict with certainty whether a field will contain oil, natural gas or both. If an oil company drills a well expecting gas and discovers commercial quantities of oil, that oil will be produced.

3. “We need the oil to be independent of foreign oil and for national security.”

In reality, because of shale deposits, we have recently become the world’s largest oil producer. If we desperately needed more oil, why would Congress authorize the export of our oil for the first time? Why would the Trump administration recently announce the sell-off of half of our strategic oil reserves (held for catastrophic shortages)? How do these two actions affect our national security? To achieve energy security, we need to move away from our reliance on fossil fuels and develop more diverse, efficient, environmentally sustainable and economically stable sources of energy.

4. “It would create lots of jobs.”

Experienced oil rig workers brought in from the Gulf Coast would most probably fill the majority of the jobs drilling would create. Further jobs could be created by industrializing our coast with oil-related infrastructure, which no one on the coast and in the rest of the state should want from tourism, economic, coastal aesthetic and wildlife losses.

5. “South Carolina could be eligible for up to a few billion in annual royalties from the federal government.”

This is highly speculative. Royalties on the Gulf Coast arose as a mechanism to help fund environmental restoration from oil drilling impacts. Such impacts continue to occur in the Gulf to the detriment of beaches and coastal waters. Even if unlikely royalties were authorized, the amount would pale in comparison to the risk of annually losing any of the \$20 billion or more in coastal tourism revenue. Shoreline infrastructure spills and leaks are more than likely to cause such tourism revenue losses. The likelihood of catastrophic spills has been greatly increased by the administration’s roll-back of the post-Deepwater Horizon safety regulations to help preclude another such incident.

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AA Spanish Speaking — Sundays, 4:30 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

AA "How it Works" Group — Mondays and Fridays, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. Call (803) 494-5180.

441 AA Support Group — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.

AA Summerton Group — Wednesday, 8 p.m., town hall.

Manning Al-Anon Family Group — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Building, 14 Church St., Manning. Call (803) 435-8085.

C/A "Drop the Rock" Group — Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. Call (803) 607-4543.

MONDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter Vitiligo Support Group — Second Monday, 5:45-6:45 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Call (803) 316-6763. The group is also on Facebook.

TUESDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m. coffee / snacks, 7 p.m. meeting, Alice Drive Baptist Church, Studio 4.3 (youth building), 1305 Loring Mill Road. For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, addictions, pornography, smoking, anxiety, etc.

Heroin Anonymous — Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St. Call (803) 494-5180.

Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle. Call (803) 773-0869.

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — First Tuesday at noon and third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498, (803) 469-4506 or (803) 938-8544.

Sumter Combat Veterans Group Peer to Peer — Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and benefits.

"The Gathering" — Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Support group for teens and adults with special needs. Call (803) 972-0051 or (803) 468-5745 or email thegathering23@aol.com.

Sumter Amputee Support Group — Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Sumter Prosthetics & Orthotics, 259 Broad St. Call (803) 883-4356.

Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC)

— Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to murder in a violent way.

EFMP Parent Exchange Group — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call (803) 895-1252/1253 or (803) 847-2377.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

Sickle Cell Support Group — Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Call (803) 774-6181.

Divorce Care — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

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THURSDAY MEETINGS:

TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Call (803) 775-3926 or (803) 469-4789.

Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.

Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Pinsett Drive. Call (803) 905-5620.

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Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, Miller Road (across from Food Lion). For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (803) 778-0303.

SATURDAY MEETINGS:

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Support Group — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7. Call (803) 481-7521.

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email am.me.not.ms@gmail.com or msmiles013@gmail.com.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
81°	62°	81° / 59°	80° / 63°	83° / 64°	85° / 58°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 60%
5-6-12 mph	5-3-6 mph	SSW 6-12 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	SW 8-16 mph	SW 10-20 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

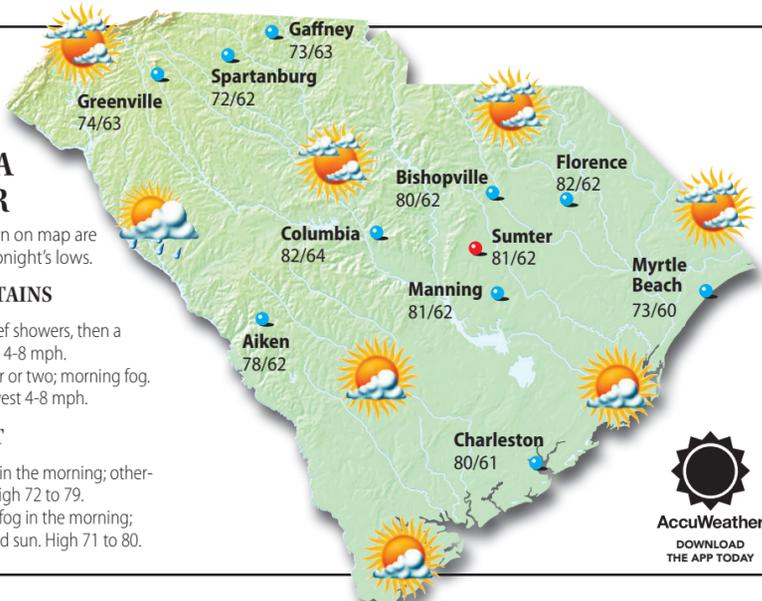
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Fog with brief showers, then a shower. Winds south 4-8 mph.
Thursday: A shower or two; morning fog. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Areas of fog in the morning; otherwise, partly sunny. High 72 to 79.
Thursday: Areas of fog in the morning; otherwise, clouds and sun. High 71 to 80.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	78°	60°	60°	36°	82° in 2014	10° in 2015

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
	0.00"	0.60"	2.43"	2.64"	5.58"	6.37"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.17	+0.07
Marion	76.8	75.14	none
Moultrie	75.5	74.42	+0.18
Wateree	100	97.75	+0.12

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.83	-0.17
Congaree River	19	3.90	none
Lynches River	14	6.21	-0.68
Saluda River	14	4.66	-0.43
Up. Santee River	80	78.71	-0.67
Wateree River	24	11.08	-3.62

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 7:00 a.m. Sunset 6:11 p.m.
 Moonrise 10:31 a.m. Moonset 12:00 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Feb. 23	Mar. 1	Mar. 9	Mar. 17

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:08 a.m.	3.0	7:16 a.m.	0.1
	12:36 p.m.	2.7	7:37 p.m.	-0.1
Thu.	1:01 a.m.	3.0	8:14 a.m.	0.2
	1:31 p.m.	2.6	8:32 p.m.	-0.1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	77/64/pc	79/61/pc
Chicago	34/27/pc	38/34/c
Dallas	40/38/r	52/46/r
Detroit	43/27/r	39/31/pc
Houston	73/60/r	76/67/r
Los Angeles	60/45/pc	57/44/pc
New Orleans	84/69/t	82/69/pc
New York	72/46/pc	47/35/r
Oriando	86/65/pc	84/64/pc
Philadelphia	73/48/pc	49/37/r
Phoenix	60/40/pc	61/43/pc
San Francisco	57/43/pc	56/41/pc
Wash., DC	77/55/pc	59/42/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	71/61/pc	74/56/sh	Florence	82/62/pc	82/58/pc
Athens	78/63/pc	79/60/c	Gastonia	76/65/pc	75/61/c
Augusta	83/62/pc	82/58/pc	Goldsboro	81/63/pc	79/58/c
Beaufort	79/62/pc	80/61/pc	Goose Creek	79/62/pc	80/59/pc
Cape Hatteras	68/58/pc	66/56/c	Greensboro	75/61/pc	75/57/c
Charleston	80/61/pc	80/60/pc	Greenville	74/63/sh	78/59/sh
Charlotte	77/64/pc	78/61/c	Hickory	72/61/sh	74/58/sh
Clemson	73/64/sh	76/61/sh	Hilton Head	75/61/pc	77/60/pc
Columbia	82/64/pc	82/60/pc	Jacksonville, FL	82/62/pc	80/61/pc
Darlington	80/63/pc	80/58/pc	La Grange	79/64/pc	81/61/c
Elizabeth City	77/59/pc	73/52/c	Macon	81/64/pc	80/58/pc
Elizabethtown	79/62/pc	79/60/pc	Marietta	76/62/pc	79/59/c
Fayetteville	81/63/pc	80/60/pc	Marion	69/60/pc	71/58/sh
			Mt. Pleasant	77/62/pc	78/60/pc
			Myrtle Beach	73/60/pc	73/56/pc
			Orangeburg	80/64/pc	80/58/pc
			Port Royal	76/62/pc	76/60/pc
			Raleigh	79/61/pc	77/57/c
			Rock Hill	76/64/pc	75/60/c
			Rockingham	79/62/pc	78/58/pc
			Savannah	82/62/pc	81/60/pc
			Spartanburg	72/62/r	73/58/sh
			Summerville	79/61/pc	80/59/pc
			Wilmington	77/61/pc	78/57/pc
			Winston-Salem	74/62/c	74/58/c

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ibilities on whatever job you're given. Doing the best you can with the least amount of conflict or interference should be your intent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Explore new possibilities. Be willing to learn and to try new things. Work in unison with those who have something unique to offer. Partnerships will help you advance. Share your plans with someone you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take your time. Trying to make personal or professional changes without doing enough research will backfire. A problem within a personal relationship will cause anger. Don't jump to conclusions when the facts aren't verified.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll gain support and win favors if you share your thoughts and feelings. Being open and honest will help you gain respect and appeal to the people you want to deal with more at work and in your personal life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look over money matters and take care of responsibilities. Keep your plans moderate and spending within your means. Complaints should be taken seriously. Use your energy to improve your health and physical strength. Don't let anger take over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partnerships are highlighted. Whether engaging in a business or personal relationship, you'll gain help from any joint venture you embark upon. Imagination coupled with reality will promote success. Romance will

improve your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plans to bring about changes that will make your life less demanding should be put into play. Don't expect everyone to agree with you, but make it clear that what you are doing is the best decision for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't miss a chance to collaborate with someone who can show you the way or introduce you to people who can. Engaging in creative endeavors with others will pay off. Romance is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Dig in and get things done. The busier you are, the less interference you'll encounter. Don't spend money on travel or people looking for a handout. Refuse to let someone from your past disrupt your reputation or future prospects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make positive changes at home if you use intelligence, innovation and physical ability to get things done. Greater stability will develop if you plan your actions and make moves to please someone you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Discipline will be required when dealing with temptation. Don't fall into someone else's bad habits. Being smart with your money will help you avoid being caught in a no-win situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Strive to go above and beyond expectations. Opportunities will be offered, and your prompt acceptance will give you a chance to show how creative and forthcoming you can be. Romance is highlighted.

SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



TOP: Bronson is very special to the volunteers at Sumter Animal Control. We don't know much about his background, but we can tell you that he has had a hard start in life. Despite that, he has a loving, gentle spirit and responds to humans and animals alike with enthusiasm and joyfulness. This young boy is learning to walk on a leash and loves getting petted and hugged. If you have the heart and time to provide a safe place for this founding, you will have an appreciative and loving companion unlike any other. Bronson deserves a forever home with a family that values him.

BELOW: Kaycee is a sweet little nugget. Upon first being at the shelter, Kaycee was confused and shy, but is coming out of her shell every day. She responds to gentle petting and kind words and is doing very well with leash training. She likes other dogs. We know that with a bit more contact with volunteers, Kaycee will blossom into a butt wiggling, happy-tailed girl.

If you would like to meet Bronson in kennel 02 or Kaycee in kennel 16 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the volunteer coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email at rescuesumters@gmail.com. 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 will gladly accept 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. You can also make a tax-deductible donation via Paypal at sumterstrays@gmail.com. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Generals' title defense falls short in 42-34 OT loss

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The Thomas Sumter Academy Lady Generals won't be able to call themselves 2-time defending SCISA 2A girls basketball state champions, but they didn't pass the torch without a fight.

TSA rallied from a 9-point deficit in the fourth quarter to force overtime but eventually ran out of gas in a 42-34 loss to Spartanburg Day School in a

playoff quarterfinal game on Monday at Sumter County Civic Center.



REED

"I'm just proud of my girls for the way they battled down the stretch," said

TSA head coach B.J. Reed.

"When we were down 28-19, they could have given up, but they kept scratching and clawing and got back in the game."

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PREP BASKETBALL



Not quite enough

Wilson Hall falls to Cardinal Newman in 3A quarterfinals

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The Wilson Hall varsity girls basketball team got off to a good start in the SCISA 3A state playoff quarterfinal game against Cardinal Newman on Tuesday at Sumter County Civic Center.

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ABOVE: Wilson Hall's Susanna Hutson (20) drives against Cardinal Newman's Erin Boyer (11) during the Lady Barons' 54-33 loss in the quarterfinal round of the SCISA 3A state playoffs on Tuesday at Sumter County Civic Center. LEFT: Wilson Hall's Liza Segars (4) brings the ball down court against Boyer..

PREP BASKETBALL



EC, Scott's Branch to play for 1A lower state crown

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The 1A girls basketball lower state champion will come from Clarendon County — guaranteed!

That was determined on Monday as East Clarendon and Scott's Branch won their third-round state playoff games. EC traveled to North Charleston and whipped Palmetto Scholars 73-37, while the Lady Eagles played host to defending state champion Green Sea-Floyds in Summerton and came away with a 52-49 victory.

The Lady Wolverines and SB will play for the lower state title on Friday at 4 p.m. at Florence Civic Center. The winner will play for the state title on Saturday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.

Eighth-grader Tylishia Cooper had a monster game for East Clarendon, which played for the lower state title last season. She scored 41 points.

Valencia Garriss had a double-double of 12 points and 15 rebounds for EC, which is 17-5 on the season.

Cambria Parker scored 21 points to lead 12-5 Scott's Branch to its victory. Tonia Lawson added 14, while Mary Wimberly had eight and Chaniya Monroe six.

Tamara Jackson led GSF with 21 points and Jalinda Johnson had 17.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Knights fall in 3rd round to Wilson 52-44

Crestwood coughs up 4th-quarter lead as season comes to an end

BY PATRICK ENZOR
Special to The Sumter Item

In the four years that Crestwood High School senior stalwarts Jah'Che Whitfield and Destinee Jamison have been in high school, the Lady Knights basketball team has been really good.

They helped Crestwood to the 3A lower state title game as freshmen. And the past three seasons, the Lady Knights have made to the third round of the state playoffs.

Those three games have been decided by a total of 15 points, including Monday's 52-44 loss to Wilson at The Castle.

"It was one of those days," said first-year Crestwood head coach Larry Crosby, whose team ends the year

with a 20-4 record.

Only Crestwood and Myrtle Beach have made it to the third round of the 3A/4A state playoffs each of the last four years.



CROSBY

On Monday, the Lady Knights had a 5-point lead with around five minutes left, but fouls and turnovers proved too costly. Whitfield fouled out with 2 minutes, 22 seconds, left and Jamison had to play even longer with four fouls.

"We had a lead and we folded pretty much," said Crosby. "Normally we respond, but we didn't respond today. It hurts."

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MARK MORGAN/SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson's Kiashia Jones (4) drives past Crestwood's Destinee Jamison during the Lady Tigers' 52-44 victory over Crestwood on Monday in the third round of the 4A state playoffs at The Castle. Crestwood finished the season with a 20-4 record.

AUTO RACING

Junior at peace with Daytona 17 years after Earnhardt's death

BY MARK LONG
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. made peace with Daytona International Speedway long ago.

Seventeen years after his dad's death, Earnhardt had only positive vibes Sunday at the famed racetrack where his father died. Dale Earnhardt was killed in a last-lap crash in the 2001 Daytona 500.

"When he passed away here, I had two choices: I could hate this place for it or it could become even more special to me and I could become even more connected to it because of that circumstance," Earnhardt said Sunday. "I chose to embrace the track more. I knew how special this place was to my dad, so it's more meaningful to me personally maybe than to a lot of the other competitors as the cornerstone of our series and birthplace of speed and all the things, you know, 'The Great American Race.'

"I made peace a long time ago with what happened and decided to remember this as the place where he lost his life. That's, to me, a positive, not a negative. I didn't want to feel any negative feelings when I came here because I love Daytona, love this track and I love the history. I want to be rooted in this sport and



EARNHARDT



Chase Elliott (9), Kasey Kahne (95) and Danica Patrick (7) crash during the NASCAR Daytona 500 race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, on Sunday.

that means I want to be at Daytona when they race here. That was the choice I made a long time ago and feel very comfortable here."

The two-time Daytona 500 winner retired last season and was back at the track in a much different role. He served as grand marshal and delivered an enthusiastic "Drivers, start your engines" to start the race. He kept it "pretty traditional" while wearing a 1987 Speedweeks T-shirt. But he was definitely energized as he got the race started.

He said he doesn't dwell on the anniversary of his father's passing, but was

aware of his father's presence at Daytona.

"I try to make him proud in everything I do, but I don't feel an instinct to do anything to honor him," Junior said. "His fans do that on a pretty regular basis. They love to talk about him and remember him, so you hear about him everywhere you go. As I've been around the track the last couple days, I've had a lot of conversations about Dad already. It's always good."

Earnhardt watched the race from atop Alex Bowman's pit box. Bowman replaced Earnhardt in the No. 88 Chevrolet and started the

500 from the pole.

Earnhardt expected to miss being behind the wheel for NASCAR's signature event. But he quickly added that there are parts he won't miss.

"The pressure of performance," he said. "You put a lot of pressure on yourself. There's a lot of pressure, a lot of expectations from outside. That's for every driver."

Especially for Earnhardt, who recalled how much relief he felt when he first won the Daytona 500 in 2004. It took his father 20 attempts and numerous heartbreaking losses before finally winning the Daytona 500 in 1998.

"I watched Dad try and try and try and seen the disappointment and seen the suffering and experienced it with him as part of the family," he said. "We all went where he went emotionally. So many almost-close wins. It just built that importance up inside me as I watched him go through that quest. When I won it early in my career, I felt blessed and relieved that I got it out of the way. I don't have to spend 20 years trying."

Earnhardt repeated the feat in 2014.

"After about eight years, I was thinking, 'You know, I don't want to be greedy, but it sure would be good to feel that one more time,'" he said. "It goes with you the rest of your life. I'll be taking pictures with Daytona 500 champions for the rest of my life or get together with that group."

Jeffrey Earnhardt, the grandson of the late Dale Earnhardt and Junior's nephew, extended the family's streak of Daytona 500 starts to 40 consecutive years. Jeffrey Earnhardt wore a tribute helmet to honor Dale Earnhardt and finished 21st.

"I know how much he wants to be racing and competing, and this is the biggest race of the year," Junior said. "I'm hoping for some good fortune for him this year that he can enjoy, and I know he wants to be in the sport, so I'm pulling for him to do that and accomplish that."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
11 a.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game — Greensboro at Lakeland (NBA TV).
11:50 a.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Europa League Round-of-16 Second Leg Match — Crvena Zvezda vs. CSKA Moscow (FOX SPORTS 2).
12:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Delray Beach Open Early-Round Matches and Rio Open Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Champions League Round-of-15 First Leg Match — Manchester United vs. Sevilla (FOX SPORTS 1).
5:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Delray Beach Open Early-Round Matches and Rio Open Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Xavier at Georgetown (FOX SPORTS 1).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Seton Hall at Providence (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Georgia at South Carolina (SEC NETWORK, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: North Carolina at Syracuse (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Georgia Tech at Virginia (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Southern Methodist at East Carolina (ESPNNEWS).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas Tech at Oklahoma State (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Clemson at Virginia Tech (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Yale at Wichita State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Richmond at George Washington (SPECTRUM 1250).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: DePaul at Villanova (FOX SPORTS 1).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: St. John's at Marquette (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Alabama at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Louisville at Duke (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Central Florida at Tulsa (ESPNNEWS).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Florida at Tennessee (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas at Kansas State (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Wake Forest at Pittsburgh (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
9:30 p.m. — College Basketball: San Diego State at Air Force (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Southern California at Colorado (FOX SPORTS 1).
1 a.m. — LPGA Golf: Honda LPGA Thailand First Round from Chonburi, Thailand (GOLF).

WINTER OLYMPICS ON TV

5 a.m.
NBCSN — Men's Curling: United States vs. Britain
OLY CHANNEL - Medal Ceremonies (LIVE)
USA — Men's Curling: Sweden vs. Norway
7 a.m.
NBCSN — Ice Hockey: Men's Quarterfinal (LIVE), Canada vs. Finland; Bobsled: Women's Gold Medal Final Runs
USA — Ice Hockey: Men's Quarterfinal (LIVE), Sweden vs. Germany
10:45 a.m.
NBCSN — Speedskating: Men's & Women's Team Pursuit Gold Medal Finals; Cross Country: Men's & Women's Team Sprint Gold Medal Finals
1:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Men's Curling: United States vs. Britain; Medal Ceremonies
3 p.m.
NBC — Speedskating: Team Pursuit Gold Medal Finals; Cross Country Skiing: Men's Team Sprint Gold Medal Final
5 p.m.
NBC — Women's Curling: United States vs. Sweden
NBCSN — Hockey Game of the Day (replay)
7 p.m.
NBCSN — Olympic Ice: Women's Curling: Canada vs. Olympic Athletes from Russia
8 p.m.
NBC — Alpine Skiing: Women's Combined, Downhill (LIVE), Men's Slalom, First Run (LIVE); Freestyle Skiing: Men's Halfpipe Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Bobsled: Women's Gold Medal Final Runs; Cross Country Skiing: Women's Team Sprint Gold Medal Final
10:45 p.m.
NBCSN — Ice Hockey: Women's Gold Medal Game, United States vs. Canada (LIVE)
11:35 p.m.
NBC — Alpine Skiing: Women's Combined, Downhill (LIVE), Men's Slalom, Gold Medal Final Run (LIVE)
2 a.m. (Thursday)
NBCSN — Snowboarding: Men's & Women's Parallel Giant Slalom; Nordic Combined: Men's Team Large Hill Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Curling: Men's & Women's Tiebreaker

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Toronto	41	16	.719	—
Boston	40	19	.678	2
Philadelphia	30	25	.545	10
New York	23	36	.390	19
Brooklyn	19	40	.322	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	33	24	.579	—
Miami	30	28	.517	3½
Charlotte	24	33	.421	9
Orlando	18	39	.316	15
Atlanta	18	41	.305	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	22	.607	—
Indiana	33	25	.569	2
Milwaukee	32	25	.561	2½
Detroit	28	29	.491	6½
Chicago	20	37	.351	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	44	13	.772	—
San Antonio	35	24	.593	10
New Orleans	31	26	.544	13
Memphis	18	38	.321	25½
Dallas	18	40	.310	26½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	36	25	.590	—
Oklahoma City	33	26	.559	2
Denver	32	26	.552	2½
Portland	32	26	.552	2½
Utah	30	28	.517	4½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	44	14	.759	—
L.A. Clippers	30	26	.536	13
L.A. Lakers	23	34	.404	20½
Sacramento	18	39	.316	25½
Phoenix	18	41	.305	26½

THURSDAY
 Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Washington at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
 San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
 Orlando at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
 Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY
 Detroit at Charlotte, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
 San Antonio at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.
 Houston at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 8 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	59	39	17	3	81	211	159
Boston	57	36	13	8	80	188	140
Toronto	61	36	20	5	77	204	172
Florida	56	26	24	6	58	166	185
Detroit	58	24	25	9	57	155	174
Montreal	58	22	29	7	51	149	185
Ottawa	58	21	28	9	51	158	204
Buffalo	60	17	32	11	45	143	198

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	59	34	18	7	75	185	176
Pittsburgh	61	35	22	4	74	195	180
New Jersey	59	31	20	8	70	180	181
Philadelphia	59	30	19	10	70	178	172
Carolina	60	27	23	10	64	162	180
N.Y. Islanders	61	29	26	6	64	203	219
Columbus	59	29	25	5	63	157	169
N.Y. Rangers	60	27	28	5	59	173	191

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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Nashville	58	35	14	9	79	182	152
Winnipeg	59	35	15	9	79	196	157
Dallas	59	34	21	4	72	179	157
St. Louis	60	34	22	4	72	171	153
Minnesota	59	32	20	7	71	177	169
Colorado	58	31	23	4	66	179	173
Chicago	60	25	27	8	58	170	173

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	59	39	16	4	82	202	160
San Jose	59	32	19	8	72	175	161
Anaheim	61	30	20	11	71	169	170
Los Angeles	59	32	22	5	69	170	146
Calgary	60	30	21	9	69	169	175
Edmonton	58	24	30	4	52	162	191
Vancouver	59	23	30	6	52	157	189
Arizona	59	17	32	10	44	143	197

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

MONDAY
 Minnesota 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
 Washington 3, Buffalo 2
 Boston 2, Calgary 1, OT
 Nashville 5, Ottawa 2
 Los Angeles 3, Chicago 1
 Anaheim 2, Vegas 0

TUESDAY
 Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Columbus at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Boston at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

TODAY
 Ottawa at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
 Calgary at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
 Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Calgary at Arizona, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 Winnipeg at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS
 Monday
 1. Virginia (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Wednesday.
 2. Michigan State (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Tuesday.
 3. Villanova (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
 4. Xavier (24-4) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Wednesday.
 5. Duke (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Louisville, Wednesday.
 6. Gonzaga (25-4) did not play. Next: at San Diego, Thursday.
 7. Texas Tech (22-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
 8. Kansas (22-6) beat Oklahoma 104-74. Next: at No. 6 Texas Tech, Saturday.
 9. Purdue (24-5) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
 10. North Carolina (21-7) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Wednesday.
 11. Cincinnati (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.
 12. Auburn (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Wednesday.
 13. Wichita State (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Wednesday.
 14. Arizona (21-6) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.
 15. **Clemson (20-6) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Wednesday.**
 16. Ohio State (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Tuesday.
 17. Michigan (22-7) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Wednesday.
 18. Rhode Island (21-4) did not play. Next: at La Salle, Tuesday.
 19. Tennessee (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Wednesday.
 20. Nevada (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. San Jose State, Wednesday.
 21. West Virginia (19-8) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Tuesday.
 22. Saint Mary's (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
 23. Houston (21-5) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Thursday.
 24. Middle Tennessee (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. UAB, Saturday.
 25. Florida State (19-8) did not play. Next: at N.C.

State, Sunday.

WOMEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

MONDAY
 1. UConn (26-0) did not play. Next: at Tulane, Wednesday.
 2. Mississippi State (28-0) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
 3. Baylor (26-1) beat No. 6 Texas 93-87. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
 4. Louisville (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
 5. Notre Dame (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Thursday.
 6. Texas (22-5) lost to No. 3 Baylor 93-87. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
 7. **South Carolina (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 LSU, Thursday.**
 8. Oregon (25-4) beat No. 10 UCLA 101-94, OT. Next: at Arizona State, Friday.
 9. Florida State (22-5) lost to No. 20 Duke 79-66. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
 10. UCLA (21-6) lost to No. 8 Oregon 101-94, OT. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
 11. Missouri (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
 12. Oregon State (21-6) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
 13. Maryland (22-5) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
 14. Ohio State (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
 15. Tennessee (21-6) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
 16. Stanford (19-9) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
 17. Texas A&M (20-8) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Thursday.
 18. South Florida (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Houston, Wednesday.
 19. Georgia (22-5) beat Mississippi 66-52. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
 20. Duke (21-7) beat No. 9 Florida State 79-66. Next: vs. North Carolina, Sunday.
 21. N.C. State (21-6) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
 22. Green Bay (24-3) beat UIC 66-37. Next: vs. Oakland, Friday.
 23. Belmont (26-3) did not play. Next: at Jacksonville State, Wednesday.
 24. LSU (18-7) did not play. Next: at No. 7 South Carolina, Thursday.
 25. Oklahoma State (18-8) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Wednesday.

TRANSACTIONS

THURSDAY
BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded OF Bryce Brentz to Pittsburgh for cash.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Traded RHP Trevor May on the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Anibal Sanchez on a one-year contract.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed RHP Shelby Miller on the 60-day DL.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated RHP Mauricio Cabrera for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Peter Moylan.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed RHP Nick Burdi on the 60-day DL.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Designated RHP Joan Gregorio for assignment.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Fired general manager Rich Cho.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
HOUSTON TEXANS — Released LB Brian Cushing.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Exercised their 2018 options on TE Marcedes Lewis and OL Tyler Shatley and Josh Wells.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Released RB Doug Martin.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES — Reassigned F Morgan Klimchuk to Stockton (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled G Jared Coreau from Grand



PHOTOS BY MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

ABOVE: Crestwood's Destinee Jamison (3) goes up for a shot against Wilson's Kiashia Jones in the Lady Knights' 52-44 loss on Monday at The Castle in the third round of the 4A state playoffs. BELOW: Crestwood's Ashanti Washington (5) works against Wilson's 6-3 forward D'asia Gregg



KNIGHTS FROM PAGE B1

Crestwood trailed by four late in the final stanza and Wilson's D'Asia Gregg made two huge plays on defense on back-to-back possessions. She jumped on a loose ball and drew a jump ball to keep possession and drew a charge to keep the Lady Knights at bay.

Wilson also eliminated Crestwood last year, 56-52 in the third round.

"It's going to be weird not practicing (today)," said Crosby.

Whitfield finished with 16 points, Jamison had 13.

Gregg, a Georgia Tech signee, proved to be too much in

the post as she scored a game-high 23. Loyal McQueen added 18.

Crestwood opened the game with a 13-10 lead after the first quarter, but could never get the offense in high gear as that was its highest scoring quarter. The Lady Knights trailed 26-23 at halftime and led 34-30 after three quarters, but couldn't hold on in the final quarter.

BARONS FROM PAGE B1

The Lady Barons trailed just 13-10 after the first quarter and were still down only three midway through the second stanza. However, the length and height of the top-seeded Lady Cardinals began to take over and they rolled to a 54-33 triumph.

"They put five girls on the floor who are long and athletic and we just couldn't match up with them," said WH head coach Glen Rector, whose team finished the year with a 19-8 record. "We can see where we've got to get better, but I feel like we're closing the gap."

CN improved to 19-5 and will face either Pinewood Prep or Northwood Academy on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in a semifinal game at the civic center.

Wilson Hall had five different players score in the opening quarter with Susanna Hutson hitting a 3-point shot. Ashlyn Watkins, Cardinal Newman's 6-foot-3-inch eighth-grader, had six points in the first eight minutes.

The Lady Cardinals scored the first four points of the second quarter, two free throws from Mya Parter and a layup by Audrey Meyers. The Lady Barons pulled back within three though when Natalie Jackson followed up a miss and Courtney Clark hit a layup to make it 17-14 with 3:57 left in the first half.

CN ended the half on a 10-0 run, however, scoring six points in the final 1:44 for a 27-14 halftime lead. It

scored the first four points of the second half as well for 14 unanswered points. WH ended an almost 8-minute scoring drought when Cameron Duffy hit a layup with 4:16 left in the third quarter to make it 31-16.

"We missed some shots where we had open looks, and we also turned the ball over (10 times in the second quarter) trying to get it inside," Rector said. "Cardinal Newman put their big girl up top in their zone and that made it very difficult for Madison (Elmore) and Liza (Segars). You want to swing the ball against a zone, but it was hard to do with her up there."

Cardinal Newman led 42-20 after three quarters and pushed the lead to as many as 28 in the final stanza.

Courtney Clark led Wilson Hall with nine points. Jackson, the Lady Barons' leading scorer, was held to just three points.

Watkins led the Lady Cardinals with 16 points. Parter had 15 and Tyra Beadle had eight.

Wilson Hall loses just Clark and Zan Beasley from a squad that shared the Region II-3A title with Florence Christian School.

"It's exciting to have all of those players coming back, but it's going to come down to how hard they want to work over the summer," Rector said. "They've got to be willing to put in the work over the summer."

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SPORTS ITEMS

Former TSA standout DeMonte doubles up on honors at Furman

Former Thomas Sumter Academy standout pitcher Emily DeMonte has been named the Southern Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week for the first two weeks of the season pitching for Furman University.

On Friday, DeMonte hurled a 4-hit, complete-game shutout to lead the Paladins to a 7-0 victory over Colgate. On Sunday, she worked around three unearned runs over seven innings to guide the Paladins to an 8-3 triumph over Fairfield.

DeMonte surrendered just the three unearned runs on nine hits over 14 innings of work this past week. She allowed five free passes, while fanning six batters and giving up only one extra base hit. She also helped herself at the plate going 2-for-3 with a double, walk and two RBI in the victory over the Stags on Sunday.

The previous weekend, DeMonte went 2-0 in the circle and posted a 0.68 earned run average over 10 2/3 innings.

In the season opener, DeMonte earned the start and allowed just one unearned run over five innings to pick up the victory in a 3-1 triumph over Marshall. She allowed only five hits and walked one batter while striking out five in the opener.

She came on in relief in the next game, pitching 5 2/3 innings and al-



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Driver Seun Adigun and Akuoma Omeoga of Nigeria start their first heat during the women's two-man bobsled competition at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, on Tuesday.

lowing just one earned run as the Paladins rallied from a 4-0 deficit to win 8-7 over Wichita State.

She is 4-0 on the season with a 0.28 ERA.

YOUTH LACROSSE TEAMS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Youth lacrosse teams for both girls

and boys in grades 3-10 in Sumter and Clarendon counties are being formed with practices being held on Saturdays beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Laurence Manning Academy in Manning.

Teams will be formed based on registration numbers, ages and grades.

Initial registration costs will be a \$35 membership to US Lacrosse. Players will be required to purchase their own equipment. Some equipment may be available to players though.

To sign up or for more information, email Dan Tamburello at AlphaLax-SC@gmail.com with the child's name, age, grade, telephone number and email address.

LOUISVILLE MUST VACATE BASKETBALL TITLE, NCAA DENIES APPEAL

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville must vacate its 2013 men's basketball title following an NCAA appeals panel's decision to uphold sanctions against the men's program in the sex scandal case.

The Cardinals will have to vacate 123 victories including the championship, and return millions in conference revenue from the 2012-15 NCAA Tournaments.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL COACH ANDY CANNIZARO RESIGNS

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Andy Cannizaro has resigned as Mississippi State's baseball coach, effective immediately.

Cannizaro said Tuesday in a university release that "unfortunately, I made some poor decisions." Cannizaro added that "I hope Mississippi State University and all of the fans and people affected will one day forgive me."

The nature of Cannizaro's "poor decisions" wasn't specified.

STRUGGLING HORNETS FIRE GENERAL MANAGER AMID 24-33 SEASON

CHARLOTTE — The struggling Hornets have fired general manager Rich Cho.

Team owner Michael Jordan announced the news in a release Tuesday, saying "we're deeply committed to our fans and to the city of Charlotte to provide a consistent winner on the court. The search will now begin for our next head of basketball operations who will help us achieve that goal."

Charlotte is 24-33 and on the verge of failing to reach the playoffs for the second straight season.

From staff and wire reports

TSA FROM PAGE B1

Thomas Sumter finished the year with a 20-8 record. The Lady Griffins improved to 16-7 and will face Trinity-Byrnes in a semifinal game on Thursday at 5 p.m. at the civic center.

The Lady Generals only had 16 points entering the fourth quarter, trailing by five. When SDS got a 3-point basket from Kathleen Babb to open the final stanza and two jump shots from Lauren Lee, it had a 28-19 lead with just over four minutes remaining in the game.

There was nothing indicating TSA was going to suddenly find its range, but it did, mainly in the shooting of Caetlyn Martin.

The senior, who scored 15 of her 18 points in the second half and overtime, got loose and buried a trey to make it 28-22 with 3:53 left. Fellow senior Aubrey Stoddard followed with a 3 as well at the 3:20 mark and suddenly it was a 28-25 game.

Thomas Sumter had several opportunities over the next two minutes to draw closer as it held Spartanburg Day scoreless, but it missed a pair of free throws and several layups underneath the basket. It finally cut the lead to 28-27 on a Carmen Silvester layup

with 1:10 to go.

The Lady Generals had to do a lot of fouling late in regulation to get the Lady Griffins in a 1-and-1 free throw situation. They finally did sending Brittany Mack to the line with 38 seconds left. She missed the front end but rebounded her own miss and hit a layup to make it 30-27.

Martin got loose and hit a basket with 19 seconds to go to cut the lead to one. Mack went back to the line with 14 seconds remaining and hit the front end of the 1-and-1 to make it 31-29. She missed the second though and TSA took the ball down the floor. Martin got the ball and put up a 10-footer that dropped through the basket with one second remaining to force overtime.

"Yeah," with a nodding head was Martin's response when asked if she was feeling it offensively down the stretch.

"I was just trying to move around and get free," Martin said. "My teammates were looking for me and I was trying to fill that role. I just wish it had ended differently."

"Caetlyn was just huge for us," Reed said. "Without her we don't have a chance to win the game."

Thomas Sumter was unable to carry the momentum over

into the extra four minutes.

The Lady Generals played the final minute of regulation and overtime without point guard Josie Reed. She hit her head on the floor going after a loose ball and was taken to the emergency room for examination following the game.

Because of that, Coach Reed, Josie's mother, was unavailable for comment immediately after the game. Josie Reed suffered a concussion but is expected to be OK.

It took over a minute for either team to score in overtime. That finally came when Lee hit a layup with 2:37 left. TSA had several good looks after that, but couldn't get anything to fall.

"Having Josie in there certainly would have helped us simply because we would have had everyone in their normal roles," Coach Reed said. "Still, we had our chances to get the lead in overtime and couldn't capitalize. If we get out front at that point it could have been an entirely different outcome."

SDS didn't score again until Mack hit a layup to make it 35-31 with 1:33 remaining. She hit two free throws with 1:15 to go to make it 37-31.

Thomas Sumter's only points in overtime came in the final

seconds when Martin hit a 3.

Stoddard added nine points for TSA. Mack led the Lady Griffins with 14 points. Babb had eight and Lee and Lauren Oakes both had six.

The first half was an ugly one as Thomas Sumter led 9-6 at halftime. Josie Reed hit a jumper on the Lady Generals' first shot of the game and Martin drained a 3-pointer on their final shot of the first

half. In between, there were 13 missed shots and double-digit turnovers.

The Lady Griffins only had field goal and double-digit turnovers.

"We play defense that makes games look like that sometimes," Coach Reed said. "We take away what the other teams do well, and they were doing that to us. Both teams were very geared up."

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Amanda McNulty, County Extension Agent

Sit on Your Hands

Boy oh, boy. Today it's close to eighty degrees but not so long ago we had temperatures into the low teens for days on end. Many of our outdoor plants have let us know that they were not happy.

Sago "palms," *Cycas revoluta*, are the most vociferous in visually showing how distressed they were by that cold. Monrovia Nursery, a major supplier of woody plants for the entire United States, recommends that sagos be used outdoors only in winter hardiness zones 9 and 10. Clemson's Home & Garden Information Center gives a little more leeway; saying all but the upper reaches of zone 8.

Sagos are not palms at all; they are cycads which first appeared 290 million years ago and were the first plants that used seeds (rather than spores which the evolutionary older ferns employ) for reproduction. They are dioecious with some plants producing male flowers and others are strictly female flowering; these male and female reproductive structures are quite striking and usually provoke a lot of comment and questions.

Well-established sago palms can survive temperatures as low as fifteen degrees, but they will not act like evergreen plants when the thermometer drops that low. Their handsome and striking leaves are

killed and turn a bronze color. They will not "green up" when spring comes.

However, you shouldn't remove that dead material now. Those thick masses of dead plant material will act like an insulating layer if (when) more cold days come. Daytime temperatures are usually higher than those at night; that tissue acts like a blanket holding that warmer air and protects the top growth bud.

When all danger of frost is over, get out your by-pass pruners and clean up those plants. A friend saved some leaves that were killed by frost several years back and spray painted them gold. They made for pretty eye-popping decorations the next holiday season.

To help your sagos and all your landscape plants survive harsh winter conditions, provide a mulch around the roots to insulate the soil. When a weather forecasts warns that unusually low temperatures are coming, water all your plants thoroughly. Well-hydrated plants are much less likely to be damaged than those that are water-stressed and can't take up moisture because the soil is frozen.

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NBA BASKETBALL

Cavs, Warriors ready to chase in NBA's sprint to the finish

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron James had a trophy in his hands and a smile on his face.

That was Sunday at the All-Star Game, when James again rose above the NBA's best in winning a game and MVP honors.

What he really wants is to be celebrating in the postseason, not midseason.

The NBA's sprint to the finish begins Thursday with James riding high but starting again from back in the pack as Cleveland tries to catch Toronto and Boston in the Eastern Conference.

"We just added four new guys before the break, and we have a lot of work to do," James said. "So I really don't like to think that too far ahead. But obviously winning championships is what it's all about. That's what this league is all about and hopefully at the end of the road then I have the Cavs there

to actually compete for one, to be in a finals representing the East."

The Golden State Warriors are also in the unusual position of pursuers, after red-hot Houston passed them for the league's best record with 10 straight wins leading into the All-Star break. But nobody would count out the Warriors, not with their star-studded group that has won two of the last three titles.

Cleveland is the unknown, even with James. The Cavaliers added new pieces around him earlier this month, and there's not a lot of time left to build championship chemistry.

The Cavs went into the break with four straight wins, but they're still just third in the conference and couldn't gain any ground on the Raptors, who have won seven straight to pass the Celtics. Toronto is an NBA-best 24-4 at home and could make the Cavs' NBA Finals plans difficult if they have to go through Canada.



Cleveland's LeBron James, shown dunking on Toronto's Kyle Lowry in the NBA All-Star game on Sunday, hopes he and his new Cavalier teammates can make a push to the NBA Finals again. Read the full story at www.theitem.com.

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OBITUARIES

LONIELL PEARSON

MANNING — Loniell Pearson, 53, died on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at 1115 Oliver St., Summerton.

He was born on April 2, 1964, in Manning, a son of the late Albertus and Nellie Dingle Pearson.

Funeral services for Mr. Pearson will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 4319 Rowe Drive, Summerton, with the Rev. David Lawson, pastor, eulogist, the Rev. Johnnie Lawson, the Rev. Josephine Richardson and Deacon Kervin Clark assisting. Burial will follow at Carolina Johnson Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Francena and Michael Ledwell, 8713 Alex Harvin Highway, Summerton.

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

JACQUELINE J. FULMORE

MANNING — The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Joiner Fulmore, 60, wife of Pastor Anthony Fulmore, died on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1958, in Charleston, a daughter of William Joiner and the late Frances Bradley Joiner.

Funeral services for the Rev. Dr. Fulmore will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., Manning, with Bishop Ralph Donald Graves presiding and Bishop Michael A. Blue, eulogist. Burial will follow at Manning Deliverance Temple Cemetery, 6422 June Burn Road, Manning.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 6443 June Burn Road, Manning.

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

ANGELA R. BREWER

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Angela Renée Brewer, age 49, beloved daughter of Earl P. Berry Jr. (Dianne) and Donna Glover Berry, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018.

She was a resident of Boynton Beach.

Surviving are two sisters, Shawn Berry Clark (Kenny) and Brianna Lyn Berry; one brother, Kevin Earl Berry; two nephews, Peyton Love and Harrison Berry; and three nieces, Dana Kippel, Emily Berry and Katie Ann Berry.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



MAGGIE LUE SLATER

BISHOPVILLE — Maggie Lue Slater, 80, transitioned from her earthly home to her heavenly home on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at her home in Bishopville.

Born in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Isaac and Gladys Bradley Mickens.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Square Deal Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Mechanicsville United Methodist Church, 184 Lake Ashwood Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Annie Sistrunk, pastor / eulogist. Interment will follow at Mechanicsville Church Cemetery.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at esquare-deal@sc.rr.com.

These services have been entrusted to Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

KARTER K. JOHNSON

Karter Kenneth Johnson aka Kyishawn Archie, 20, died on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on April 15, 1997, in Sumter County, he was a son of Hariston Johnson and Kim Archie Jackson.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of Lizzie Jackson, 1165 Peppercorn Lane.

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

HENRY E. JOHNSON

Henry E. Johnson, 87, husband of Sue Pringle Johnson, departed this life on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1930, in Sumter, a son of the late Enoch and Abbie Pearson Johnson.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 2262 Kings Mountain Drive, Dalzell.

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

KATHRYN G. WESTBURY

Kathryn Gentry Westbury, 87, wife of Thomas James "Jimmy" Westbury Jr., died on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at Covenant Place.

Born in Portsmouth, Virginia, a daughter of the late Stephen Luther and Mary Gibson Gentry, Kathryn grew up in Sumter until relocating to Charlottesville, Virginia, where she and Jimmy lived for 60 years. She graduated from Edmunds High School in Sumter and from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. A former school teacher, she taught in Sumter, Atlanta and Charlottesville. She was a life member of the Monticello Garden Club in Charlottesville and served as president and in various other positions. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Charlottesville.

In addition to her husband of Sumter, she is survived by three sisters, Mary Ann Gentry Cook of Yardley, Pennsylvania, Elizabeth (Bibba) Gentry Carter of Prosperity and

Helen Gentry Stein of Miami; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Covenant Place, 2825 Carter Road, Sumter. Dr. Reginald Thackston will officiate.

Burial will be private at Sumter Cemetery.

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

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



CANDICE MCLEAN

Candice McLean, 34, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, at Regency Hospital of South Carolina, Florence.

Born on July 6, 1983, in Newark, New Jersey, she was a daughter of Deborah McLean. She attended the public schools of Essex County, New Jersey, where she found a love for fashion and music.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three daughters, Jentora, Marlene and Ismani Darbose; one sister, Danielle McLean; five nieces; one nephew; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 33 Cheyne St., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with Elder J. Elbert Williams officiating, eulogist.

The procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williams-funeralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com.

THOMAS P. STRANGE

Thomas P. Strange, age 70, beloved husband of Kimberly Strange, died on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



HELEN L. FOSTER

Helen Louise Limeing Foster, age 88, died on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, at her residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



MICHAEL P. PRUDENTE

Michael Paul Prudente, age 85, beloved husband of Eva Violet Taylor Prudente, died on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at his residence.

Born in Boston, he was a son of the late Michael John and Mary Cassidy Prudente. He was a devoted and loving husband of 57 years to his wife Eva. He served for more than 22 years in the United States Air Force and retired as a master sergeant. He will be remembered as a very loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Maria Cooley; one brother, John Prudente; three grandchildren, Tracey Kevelighan, Michael Cooley and Alexandria Reynolds; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Bobby Prudente; one sister, Beverly; and one son-in-law, William Cooley.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Monday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. at Fort Jackson National Cemetery with full military honors.

The family will receive friends on Monday one hour prior to the service from 11 a.m. to noon at Bullock Funeral Home.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bull-

ock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



MAMIE L. WILSON

BISHOPVILLE — Mamie L. Wilson, widow of Joe Wilson, entered eternal rest on Feb. 19, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 337 Rouse Road, Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

JOYCE ANN H. RICKMAN

Joyce Ann Huffman Rickman, 83, wife of Jack E. Rickman, died on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 at her home.

Born in Portsmouth, Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Charles M. and Lillian Dresbach Huffman.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years; three children, Andrew Rickman (Yèn) and Mary Lynn Merck, both of Sumter, and Becky Mae Cannon (Randy) of Irmo; six grandchildren, Emily Merck, Jonathan Cannon, Madison Cannon, Trevor Merck, Peyton Cannon and Ryan Rickman; and one great-grandchild, Chandler Jackson Powell.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Orin Huffman, Milton Huffman, Reginald Huffman, Charles Huffman and Clyde Huffman; and one sister, Miriam Huffman.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Ed Cheek officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4124 Clemson Blvd., Suite L, Anderson, SC 29621 or Agape Hospice, 434 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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Americans adopting children overseas to see higher fees, new rules

BY DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — The U.S. government has raised fees and made a series of regulatory changes recently for American families adopting children overseas, fueling resentment toward the State Department among agencies who fear further reductions in the already dwindling number of foreign adoptions.

The number of foreign children adopted by U.S. parents has plummeted steadily since a peak of 22,884 in 2004. The total for the 2016 fiscal year was 5,372, a decrease of more than 76 percent.

The National Council for Adoption, which represents scores of adoption agencies, is leading

a campaign against the new fees. They were announced Feb. 1 as part of broader changes in how the agencies offering international adoptions undergo a required accreditation process.

Chuck Johnson, the council's CEO, said the new policies will make adoptions too costly for many families and force agencies out of business "due to the burdensome costs of maintaining accreditation."

The ranks of international adoption agencies in the U.S. already has dropped from more than 200 a decade ago to about 160 now.

Many of the remaining agencies are faith-based and view adoption as a means of carrying out a Christian mission. Leaders of some of these agencies have voiced frustration over their strained dealings with the State Department under President Donald Trump at a time when several other departments in the White House are taking steps welcomed by Christian evangelicals.

The process for American families seeking to adopt foreign children has been sur-

rounded by turmoil lately.

Corruption scandals have led to suspensions of adoptions from a few countries, contributing to the drop in international adoptions. In China, which accounts for the most children adopted in the U.S., the numbers have plummeted as more Chinese people adopt domestically. Russia used to account for hundreds of U.S. adoptions a year, but has halted them due to political strains.

In November, the organization that oversaw the accreditation process for nearly a decade, the New York-based Council on Accreditation, announced it was withdrawing from that role after a public exchange of differences with the State Department.

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GREG EUBANKS

CEO of WACAP adoption agency

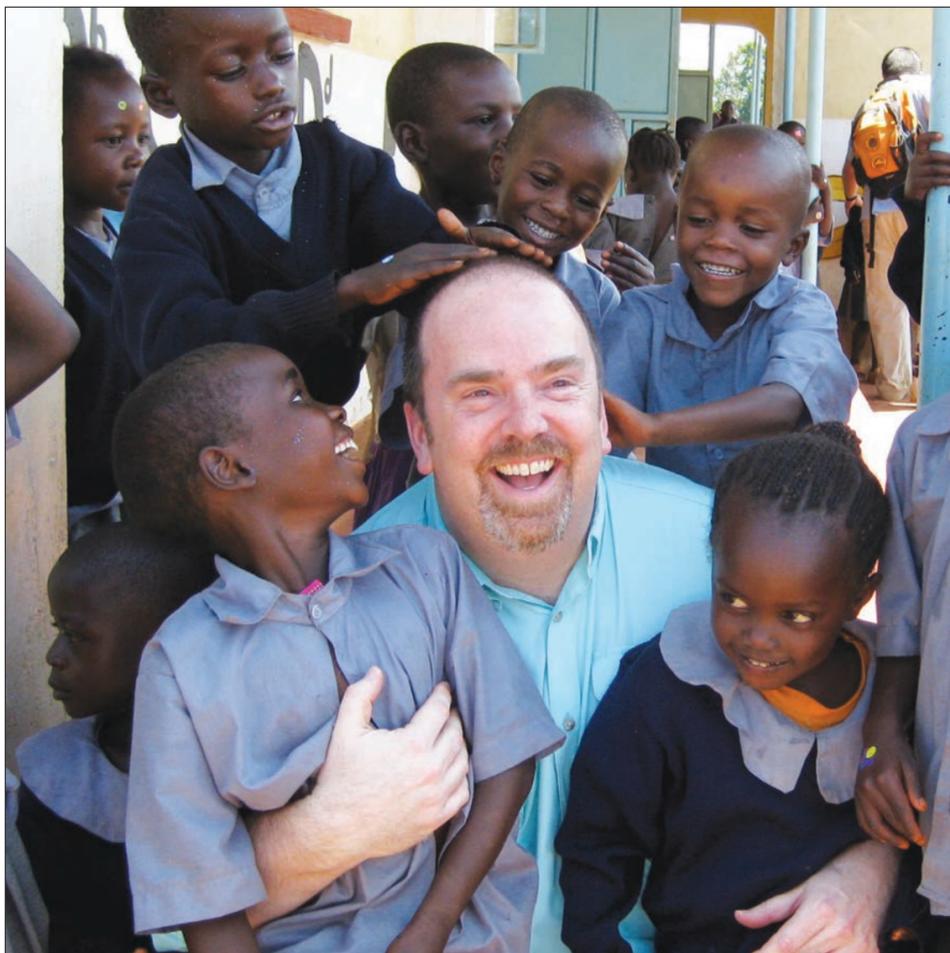
The State Department said its most recent performance review of the council revealed "numerous concerns and deficiencies," including alleged laxity in enforcing regulations governing the adoption agencies' foreign employees and partners.

The council, in turn, accused the State Department of unilaterally altering their business agreement and pushing for fee increases.

"This will have a chilling effect on families coming forward to engage in the process," said Richard Klarberg, the Council on Accreditation's president.

Officials of several leading adoption agencies said they respected Klarberg's council and were sorry to see it relinquishing its duties.

Klarberg says his organization handled the adoption dossier with a full-time staff of four, making use of volunteers from the adoption industry to help carry out its investigations in a collegial manner. The State Department has recruited a brand-new agency, the Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity, to take over from Klarberg's council;



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This photo, taken in Nairobi, Kenya, shows Greg Eubanks, CEO of an adoption agency in Washington state called WACAP, surrounded by students from a community elementary school. Eubanks says his agency, and other U.S. adoption agencies dealing in international adoption, face difficulties ahead because of higher fees and tougher regulations being imposed by the U.S. State Department.

it is expected to have a bigger budget and a staff of at least 20 to carry out a more aggressive regimen of investigations.

Suzanne Lawrence, the State Department's special adviser for children's issues, said the new fees were necessary to fund those activities.

"Monitoring and oversight of the intercountry adoption process today is critical to ensuring that families and children are protected and that safe and ethical adoptions continue in the future," she said in an email.

Adoptions require rigorous scrutiny largely because of corruption that has surfaced in various ways. An Ohio-based adoption agency recently was shut down due to allegations it charged families for services it did not provide. Overseas, there have been scandals involving bribery, false documents and baby-selling.

Estimates vary widely as to how much adoption agency costs might rise under the new State Department policies. Most of those providing

input to The Associated Press said accreditation-related costs would at least double, and they worried that a new nonrefundable fee of \$500 for prospective adoptions — which would be passed on to parents — would be a deterrent for some families.

The State Department noted that the new fee would represent less than a 1.5 percent increase for families whose foreign adoptions cost more than \$35,000. However, Johnson said the burden on families could worsen as other new accreditation-related costs also are passed on.

Totaled up, the \$500 fees are expected to generate more than \$2 million in annual revenue for IAAME. Klarberg said that far exceeded the Council on Accreditation's typical annual budget.

Greg Eubanks, CEO of a large adoption agency known as WACAP, said he was dismayed that the fee increase was imposed without an opportunity for public comment.

"We all have confusion," he said. "It feels like it's

being rushed."

He said agencies might face other higher costs due to being billed by IAAME for travel and per diem expenses related to a beefed-up regimen of on-site inspections in the U.S. and overseas.

WACAP — based in Renton, Washington — processed more than 300 international adoptions in 2010, Eubanks said. That number has dropped to about 170 — mostly children with special medical or psychological needs.

"For some of these kids, this is a life-and-death issue," he said.

Critics of the new policies are puzzled why the State Department is tightening regulation of international adoptions at a time when the administration is deregulating other sectors.

"We're hopeful Congress and the administration will take a look at this issue and confirm if this is the direction they want to go — a direction that I believe will virtually end intercountry adoption as an option for U.S. families," he said.

Facebook forges ahead with kids app despite expert criticism

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

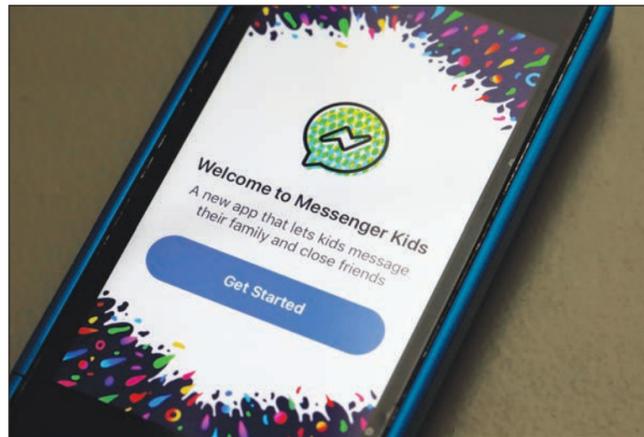
NEW YORK — Facebook is forging ahead with its messaging app for kids, despite child experts who have pressed the company to shut it down and others who question Facebook's financial support of some advisers who approved of the app.

Messenger Kids lets kids under 13 chat with friends and family. It displays no ads and lets parents approve who their children message. But critics say it serves to lure kids into harmful social media use and to hook young people on Facebook as it tries to compete with Snapchat or its own Instagram app. They say kids shouldn't be on such apps at all — although they often are.

"It is disturbing that Facebook, in the face of widespread concern, is aggressively marketing Messenger Kids to even more children," the Campaign For a Commercial-Free Childhood said in a statement last week.

Messenger Kids launched on iOS to lukewarm reception in December. It arrived on Amazon devices in January and on Android last Wednesday. Throughout, Facebook has touted a team of advisers, academics and families who helped shape the app in the year before it launched.

But a Wired report this week pointed out that more than half of this safety advisory board had financial ties to the company. Facebook confirmed this and said it hasn't hidden donations to these individuals and groups — al-



Messenger Kids lets kids under 13 chat with friends and family.
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though it hasn't publicized them, either.

Facebook's donations to groups like the National PTA (the official name for the Parent Teacher Association) typically covered logistics costs or sponsored activities like anti-bullying programs or events such as parent roundtables. One advisory group, the Family Online Safety Institute, has a Facebook executive on its board, along with execs from Disney, Comcast and Google.

"We sometimes provide funding to cover programmatic or logistics expenses, to make sure our work together can have the most impact," Facebook said in a statement, adding that many of the organizations and people who advised on Messenger Kids do not receive financial support of any kind. But for a company under pressure

from many sides — Congress, regulators, advocates for online privacy and mental health — even the appearance of impropriety can hurt. Facebook didn't invite prominent critics, such as the nonprofit Common Sense Media, to advise it on Messenger Kids until the process was nearly over. Facebook would not comment publicly on why it didn't include Common Sense earlier in the process.

"Because they know we opposed their position," said James Steyer, the CEO of Common Sense. The group's stance is that Facebook never should have released a product aimed at kids. "They know very well our position with Messenger Kids."

A few weeks after Messenger Kids launched, nearly 100 outside experts banded together to urge Facebook to shut down the app, which it has not

done. The company says it is "committed to building better products for families, including Messenger Kids. That means listening to parents and experts, including our critics."

One of Facebook's experts contested the notion that company advisers were in Facebook's pocket. Lewis Bernstein, now a paid Facebook consultant who worked for Sesame Workshop (the nonprofit behind Sesame Street) in various capacities over three decades, said the Wired article "unfairly" accused him and his colleagues for accepting travel expenses to Facebook seminars. He said he wasn't a Facebook consultant at the time he was advising it on Messenger Kids.

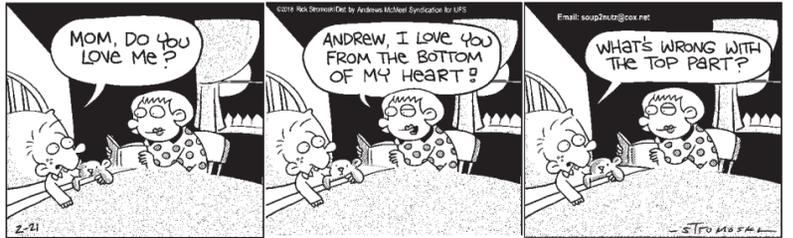
Bernstein, who doesn't see technology as "inherently dangerous," suggested that Facebook critics like Common Sense are also tainted by accepting \$50 million in donated air time for a campaign warning about the dangers of technology addiction. Among those air-time donors are Comcast and AT&T's DirecTV.

But Common Sense spokeswoman Corbie Kiernan called that figure a "misrepresentation" that got picked up by news outlets. She said Common Sense has public service announcements with commitments "from partners such as Comcast and DirecTV" that has been valued at \$50 million, which the group has used in other campaigns in addition to its current "Truth About Tech" effort, which it's launching with a group of ex-Google and Facebook employees and their newly formed Center for Humane Technology.

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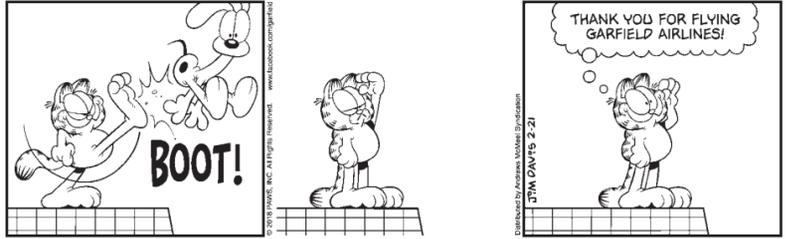
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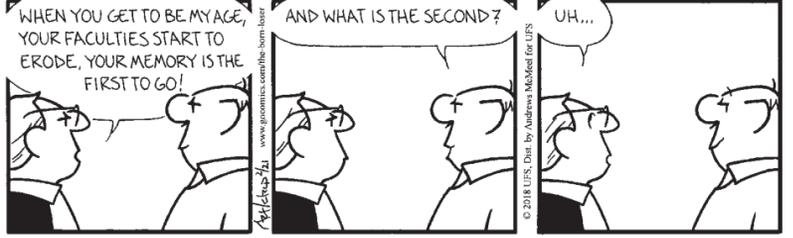
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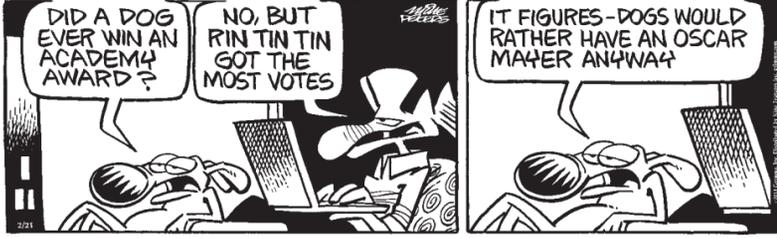
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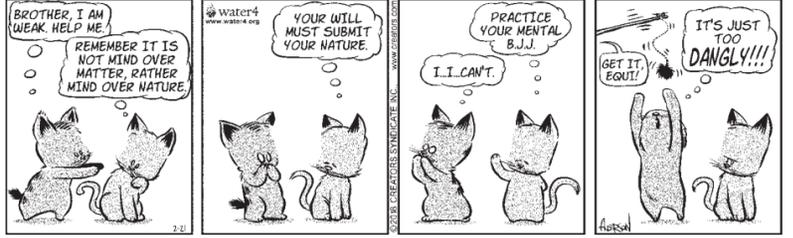
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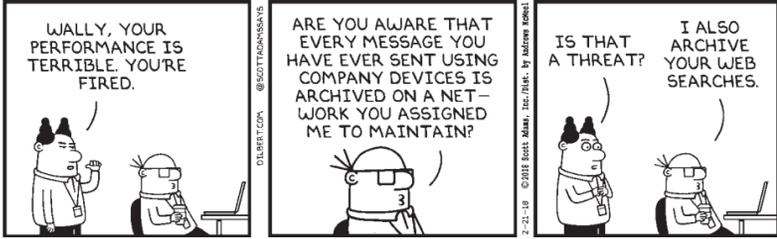
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Mother fears past abuser has now targeted her son



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I have a son from a previous relationship, and have been in a relationship with a man I'll call Bryan for a year. Not long ago, Bryan confided to me that he and his brother had been molested by a female relative. I don't know her. I have only met his parents. This female relative has been asking about my son on social media because she has seen him in pictures with Bryan's family. I want to tell her to back off, but so far, I have held off. I'm afraid if I

do, I will cause problems because his parents don't know what I know. My protective instinct has become very alert. I may be wrong, but I feel like she sees my son as a future target. What should I do?
Mama bear

DEAR MAMA BEAR — Listen to your protective instinct. Talk with Bryan and tell him the woman's questions are of concern to you, that you don't want her to have any information about or contact with your child, and then make sure your wishes are respected. If she receives any message to back off, it should come from him, not you.

DEAR ABBY — A couple years ago, when we moved to a

home with more privacy than our previous home, my husband decided to walk around naked all the time. It's not that I'm a prude, but I don't find his furry 60-year-old body attractive in broad daylight. Quite the opposite, in fact. I have asked him many times to please put something on, and he either ignores me or gets mad. I avert my eyes when he's sashaying by me. Is there anything else I can do to reason with him?
Seen enough already

DEAR SEEN ENOUGH — Probably not. Since you can't change him, why not join him one day a week? You have nothing to lose but your clothes — and it might solve the problem.

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.

LAMAL

SOYBS

ELOSSN

OPITTE

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(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: KOALA WOVEN TOWARD REDEYE
Answer: When teaching her kids about the Mariana Trench, she gave them the — LOWDOWN

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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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Amy Johnson 2/21/18

ACROSS

- 1 Your business is her business
- 6 Tiny cut
- 10 Jeans line
- 14 Spreadsheet program
- 15 Comes to the rescue of
- 16 "The Time Machine" race
- 17 Like a cowboy in denial?
- 20 Emotional wound
- 21 "At __, soldier!"
- 22 Quartet in "Whose woods these are I think I know"
- 23 Fodder for Forbes, initially
- 25 Play a part
- 26 Like an eager cowboy?
- 35 Riveting icon
- 36 Overplay a part
- 37 Mission lead-in
- 38 Potentially offensive, for short
- 39 Tends to the sauce
- 40 Nerve
- 41 Early 16th-century date
- 42 Earthquake
- 43 "Impression, Sunrise," painter
- 44 Like a cowboy out of retirement?
- 47 Ky. neighbor
- 48 Show stoppers
- 49 Limoges product
- 52 Entertainment show VIP
- 55 Builder's map
- 59 Like a cowboy in charge?
- 62 Area behind an altar
- 63 Wonder Woman's friend — Candy
- 64 Temporary tattoo dye
- 65 Get weepy, with "up"
- 66 State openly
- 67 More curious
- DOWN**
- 1 Trees that sound like sheep
- 2 Corporate VIP
- 3 Final Four letters
- 4 Marvelous
- 5 "Hidden Figures" actor
- 6 Mahershala
- 7 They may be fine points
- 8 Sit in traffic
- 9 Tire gauge no.
- 10 Tranquil
- 11 Periodic table listing: Abbr.
- 12 Limited choice
- 13 Fail to see
- 18 Vegas illuminator
- 19 Nook or cranny
- 24 Peach dessert
- 25 Many "Suits" characters: Abbr.
- 26 Busser's target
- 27 Maker of Clarity alternative fuel cars
- 28 Jelly made from meat stock
- 29 "Captive?"
- 30 Anabaptist descendants
- 31 Velvet-voiced Mel
- 32 Like most books
- 33 Recon goal
- 34 Palate
- 39 FedEx, say
- 40 "Safe travels!"
- 42 Egyptian peninsula
- 43 Satiric magazine since 1952
- 45 Less harsh
- 46 Fill and then some
- 49 Converse
- 50 Partner of pray
- 51 Ingrid's "Casablanca" role
- 52 "Tiny House Hunters" cable channel
- 53 Bart and Lisa's bus driver
- 54 Professor Higgins' creator
- 56 Swedish soprano Jenny
- 57 Hathaway of "The Intern" (2015)
- 58 Winter Palace resident
- 60 Org. for teachers
- 61 17th Greek letter

Previous Puzzle Solved

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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	2018 Winter Olympics Alpine Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Bobsled, Cross-Country Skiing. Alpine skiing (men's slalom); freestyle skiing (men's halfpipe); bobsled; cross-country skiing. (N) (Live)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:35) 2018 Winter Olympics Men's Alpine Skiing. (N) (Live)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition Houseguests vie to be Head of Household. (N)			The Amazing Race "It's Just a Million Dollars, No Pressure" (Season Finale) (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Sam Rockwell; J.J. Abrams; BORN. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Delicious Destinations" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs Adam tries making a movie about Pop.	Speechless Ray stays home alone for the first time.	Modern Family Gloria rushes Phil to the hospital.	(:31) American Housewife "Blonde-tourage"	Match Game Horatio Sanz; Amy Sedaris; Tim Meadows. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Kehinde Wiley: An Economy of Grace: Kehinde Wiley's paintings of women.		Nature "The Last Rhino" The northern white rhino. (N) (DVS)	NOVA "Secrets of the Sky Tombs" Mountain tombs in the Himalayas. (DVS)	Impossible Builds "The Floating Home" A multimillion dollar floating home. (N)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	NHK Newline		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Raj faces his loneliness.	The Big Bang Theory "The Financial Permeability"	The Resident "Identity Crisis" Nic searches for a patient's records. (DVS)	9-1-1 "Pilot" An emergency response team helps people.	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike tries to cheer Eve up.	Last Man Standing Mike thinks Kyle is going to propose.	Riverdale "Chapter Twenty-Three: The Blackboard Jungle" Jughead must transfer to Riverdale High.	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "I Dream of Genie Tube" Dennis Watkins; Jeff McBride; Kevin Li.	Dateline "Indiscretion" DNA leads to suspects in a cold case.	Dateline "Secrets on Shalimar Way" Friends seek justice for a dead woman.	The Game "Gifted" Melanie sends gifts to the team.			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	Storage Wars "The Hills Have Buys"	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	(:01) Rooster & Butch "Adios Amigos" A live social networking app is tested.	(:03) Storage Wars	(:33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars	
AMC	48	180	(6:00) *** "Bruce Almighty" (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	
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CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	
COM	57	136	South Park "Naghy-Ninjas"	South Park "Red Hot Catholic Love"	South Park "Christian Rock Hard"	South Park "Marjorine"	South Park "Butterballs"	South Park "C... Magic"	Corporate "The Long Meeting" (N)	South Park	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd Zuri and Jorge sneak out.	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws "Armageddon Returns" (N)	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball North Carolina at Syracuse. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Georgia Tech at Virginia. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	
FREE	20	131	(6:30) *** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez. A shrewish woman clashes with her son's fiancée.	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras. An event organizer has eyes for his biggest client's beau.	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras. An event organizer has eyes for his biggest client's beau.	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras. An event organizer has eyes for his biggest client's beau.	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras. An event organizer has eyes for his biggest client's beau.	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras. An event organizer has eyes for his biggest client's beau.	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras. An event organizer has eyes for his biggest client's beau.	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras. An event organizer has eyes for his biggest client's beau.	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras. An event organizer has eyes for his biggest client's beau.		
FSS	21	47	(6:30) College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	
HALL	52	183	Full House "Just Say No Way"	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	
HIST	45	110	The Curse of Oak Island	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	*** "Lincoln" (2012, Historical Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. Premiere. Lincoln takes measures to ensure the end of slavery forever.	
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Ghosts" A criminal makes a deathbed confession.	Law & Order "Age of Innocence" Woman on life support.	Law & Order "Life Line" A murdered prostitute was a reporter.	Law & Order "Birthright" An abusive mother dies.	Law & Order "House of Cards" Murdered mother, kidnapped infant.	Law & Order "New York Minute"	Law & Order "House of Cards" Murdered mother, kidnapped infant.	Law & Order "New York Minute"	Law & Order "House of Cards" Murdered mother, kidnapped infant.	Law & Order "New York Minute"	
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: Atlanta Chris' jealousy gets the best of him. (Part 2 of 2)	Little Women: Atlanta Tanya ponders her future with Devon. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot. (N)	
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	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow		
NICK	16	210	Hunter Street (N)	Knight Squad	*** "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015)	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	64	153	** "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	Waco (Part 5 of 6)	(:01) Cops	(:01) Cops	(:01) Cops	(:01) Cops	(:01) Cops	(:01) Cops	(:01) Cops		
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) *** "Mad Max: Fury Road" (2015) Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron. Mad Max must outrun a warlord and his men in a desert chase. (DVS)	The Magicians "Poached Eggs" Margo stands against the Fairy Queen. (N)	(:01) Channel Zero: Butcher's Block Alice has a terrifying encounter. (N)	(:01) *** "The Transporter" (2002) Jason Statham, Shu Qi. A mercenary changes his mind-set after meeting a woman.	Conan Actor Allison Janney; comic Pete Holmes.	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Conan Actor Allison Janney; comic Pete Holmes.	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee			
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory		
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Jezebel" (1938) Bette Davis, Henry Fonda. (DVS)	*** "The Three Faces of Eve" (1957, Drama) Joanne Woodward, Lee J. Cobb, David Wayne.	(:45) *** "Born Yesterday" (1950, Comedy-Drama) Judy Holiday, William Holden. A tycoon hires a tutor to teach his lover proper etiquette.	(:05) Dr. Pimple Popper "This is Zit" (N)	(:06) My 600-Lb. Life Lisa's struggle with her weight.	(:45) *** "Point Break" (2015, Action) Edgar Ramirez, Luke Bracey. Premiere. A young FBI recruit infiltrates a gang of daredevil thieves. (DVS)	(:45) *** "The Lion in Winter" (1968) Peter O'Toole.				
TLC	43	157	(:04) My 600-Lb. Life (Part 2 of 2)	My 600-Lb. Life "Lisa's Story" Lisa's struggle with her weight. (N)	(:05) Dr. Pimple Popper "This is Zit" (N)	(:06) My 600-Lb. Life Lisa's struggle with her weight.	(:45) *** "Point Break" (2015, Action) Edgar Ramirez, Luke Bracey. Premiere. A young FBI recruit infiltrates a gang of daredevil thieves. (DVS)	(:45) *** "The Lion in Winter" (1968) Peter O'Toole.					
TNT	23	158	(5:45) *** "The Expendables 3" (2014, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Antonio Banderas. Barney Ross brings in new blood to fight an old associate. (DVS)	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers		
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit The SVU uncovers a sex trafficking ring.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit The SVU investigates a spiritual healer.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A member of a church group is raped.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A hate crime against a Muslim family.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-sion works hard to make an arrest.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-sion works hard to make an arrest.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-sion works hard to make an arrest.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-sion works hard to make an arrest.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-sion works hard to make an arrest.		
WE	68	166	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot		
WGNA	8	172	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	*** "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (2002, Comedy) Mike Myers.	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		



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Singer Fergie performs the national anthem prior to an NBA All-Star basketball game on Sunday in Los Angeles.

Fergie's slow, bluesy national anthem confuses, amuses

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Fergie tried something different with her national anthem at the NBA All-Star Game, and not everybody was cheering. The Black Eyed Peas singer's slow, bluesy rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" on Sunday night wasn't particularly well received at Staples Center or on social media before the 67th edition of the NBA's annual showcase.

A low chuckle rumbled through the sold-out arena after Fergie finished the first line of the song with a throaty growl on "the dawn's early light." Fans throughout the star-studded crowd reacted with varying levels of bemusement and enthusiasm while her languid, 2½-minute version of the song continued. Although Fergie was on pitch, her tempo, musical accompaniment and sexy delivery were not exactly typical for a sporting event or patriotic song.

Golden State All-Star Draymond Green captured the mood — and became an instant GIF — when he was shown open-mouthed on the scoreboard and the television broadcast in apparent confusion over the unique vocal stylings. Green then chuckled to himself after realizing he was on TV.

After a forceful finish, Fergie finally got big cheers when she shouted, "Let's play some basketball!"

The Grammy Award-winning singer is from nearby

Hacienda Heights, California.

Famed basketball commentator Charles Barkley joked that he "needed a cigarette" after Fergie's performance.

Former Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal leaped to Fergie's defense, saying: "Fergie, I love you. It was different. It was sexy. I liked it. Leave her alone."

Others on social media weren't as kind, with criticism of the performance outpacing the positive reviews.

The Forum in nearby Inglewood, California, was the site of arguably the most famous national anthem in sports history during another NBA All-Star Game 35 years ago.

Marvin Gaye's touching rhythm-and-blues version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the 1983 game was initially criticized, but has since gained widespread acceptance as a groundbreaking musical performance.

Instead, Fergie is more likely to join the long list of curious versions of the anthem, even though she showed far more impressive vocal chops than the likes of Roseanne Barr or Carl Lewis.

'Amazing Race' wraps up 30th season with uncertain future

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

A winner emerges on the 30th season finale of "The Amazing Race" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG). Will there be a 31st? Good question.

It's a little sad to see CBS schedule the finale of this hardy series up against the Winter Olympics. In some ways, that reduces it to placeholder fodder like "Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" (8 p.m., CBS) or ABC's "The Bachelor Winter Games," distractions designed to wait out the end of the Winter Games and the return to normal network competition.

Unlike many reality shows, confined to a single island, house or mansion, "Race" offered a globe-spanning challenge, requiring intricate camerawork and multiple location shots. In some ways, its production can be as daunting as the Olympics. And that's entirely fitting because Bertram van Munster, the series' executive producer, director and co-creator, has extensive credits dating back to his work as a cameraman at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City.

"Race" has been nominated for or won Emmys in the reality competition category every year since 2003.

• Speaking of finales, "Nature" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) presents "The Last Rhino," profiling Sudan, the last male northern white rhinoceros in the world, and the researchers racing against the clock to save his subspecies from extinction. Sudan was discovered as a baby in a Central Africa game preserve and raised in a Czechoslovakian zoo.

Now 43, Sudan has been re-

located to Kenya, where he lives under the 24-hour-a-day protection of an armed guard. Whether or not his kind can be saved, Sudan has come to a rather sad end, living like a subject in witness protection for endangered species.

• Speaking of placeholder shows and Olympics counter programming, AMC offers two consecutive chances to catch the 1990 Cinderella fantasy "Pretty Woman" (8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.). Is there anybody alive who hasn't seen this redemption romcom 10 times? It's fun to see Jason Alexander play a heel in this before he was famous for playing George Costanza on "Seinfeld."

• Look for performances by Justin Timberlake, Foo Fighters, Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith and others at the Brit Awards 2018 (9 p.m., AXS), the British equivalent of the Grammy Awards.

• "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story" will not air tonight and returns next Tuesday.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Coverage of the 2018 Winter Olympics (7 p.m., NBCSN) includes women's curling. On NBC (8 p.m.), events include alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, bobsled and cross-country skiing.

• Chaos in the ER causes Conrad to make a horrible mistake on "The Resident" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

• "NOVA" (9 p.m., PBS, r, TV-PG, check local listings) explores the origins of the earliest human settlements in the Himalayas and theo-

ries about the beliefs and fears that drove people to settle in "the sky."

• Alec Baldwin hosts "Match Game" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Adam's oral history project fizzles on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Jughead transfers to a new school that's closer to the rumor mill on "Riverdale" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * J.J. schemes on "Speechless" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Members of an emergency team have problems of their own on "9-1-1" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Phil ends up in the hospital on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Illusionists audition on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) * Taylor wants lighter locks on "American Housewife" (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

Ludacris appears on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Allison Janney, Pete Holmes and Daniel Sloss are booked on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Sam Rockwell, J.J. Abrams and Borns appear on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Allison Janney and Joel McHale appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Sweet and sour cabbage accompanying a pork chop is seen in New York. This dish is from a recipe by Sara Moulton.

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Pair pork, cabbage for a tasty main dish

BY SARA MOULTON
The Associated Press

If you're tired of the same old vegetable side dishes, here's a recipe that promotes the lowly red cabbage from side dish to protein partner. All you have to do is cook it up sweet and sour and — voila! — your side dish is now ready to walk down the aisle arm in arm with pork in any form: chops, smoked chops, roast, ham, Canadian bacon, kielbasa, Italian sausages. Really, there's nothing required — no sauces, no extras — other than cooking the pork and lowering it onto the cabbage. What makes this dish such a good partner for pork? Its sourness cuts right through the meat's natural fattiness.

Consisting of just six ingredients, this recipe is a snap to make — and

the balance of sweet and sour is up to you. My sourpuss family isn't a fan of sugar in savory dishes, so I added just a single tablespoon of brown sugar to the cabbage. But if the dish then strikes you as too tart, by all means add a second tablespoon or even a tad more.

And by the way, combining red cabbage with an acid — balsamic vinegar, in this case — turns its color from dull blue-ish red to jewel-like pink. All of a sudden, this veggie is scoring an A-plus in visuals — a welcome bonus even if it's not a very cabbage-y thing to do.

Finally, Sweet and Sour Cabbage can be made a few days ahead and is equally good served hot or cold. In other words, it's not just a wintertime food. Try it in the summer as a tangy alternative to coleslaw. Grilled hot dogs topped with sweet and sour cabbage anyone?

SWEET AND SOUR CABBAGE

Start to finish: 1 hour (25 active)
Servings: 4

- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 to 2 tablespoons brown sugar (light or dark), or to taste
- 4 cups shredded red cabbage
- One 14.5-ounce can chopped tomatoes, preferably fire-roasted
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper

In a large skillet, cook the garlic in the oil over medium heat, stirring until fragrant, about 1

minute. Add the vinegar and sugar and cook, stirring until the sugar is melted. Add the cabbage, tomatoes and 1/2 teaspoon salt and bring the liquid to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover tightly and cook, stirring occasionally, until the cabbage is very tender, about 30 minutes. If there is still a lot of liquid in the pan, increase the heat to medium-high and simmer, uncovered, until most of the liquid is reduced. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Nutritional information per serving: 130 calories; 48 calories from fat; 5 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 364 mg sodium; 17 g carbohydrates; 3 g fiber; 13 g sugar; 2 g protein.

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