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Clarendon County deputies rescue woman from submerged vehicle

BY JIM HILLEY
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"Somebody was looking out for her," said Maj. Don Drose of the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office.

On Sunday, April 30, Drose was at his home near Highway 260 between Manning and Lake Marion, a place locals call "First Water." He heard a call come over his police scanner about a submerged vehicle near Highway 260 and Herring Drive. An alert passerby had noticed the car and called 911 immediately.

Drose rushed to the scene and arrived at about the same time CCSO Cpl. Keven Wilson and Sgt. Clay Conyers arrived after receiving the call.

"They got there a little bit before I did, but we all got there at about the same time," Drose said. "The two of them were actually on a call about 2 miles away on the other side of Jordan, and I was actually at my house, directly across the street from there."

The vehicle was entirely submerged in water about neck deep and about 75 yards from the shore, he said.

Drose and Conyers swam to the car,

with Conyers going to the passenger's side and Drose to the driver's side.

"As soon as I opened the driver's side door, I reached in the car and I felt her legs," Drose said. She had apparently gotten out of her seatbelt because she was floating near the roof.

"I pulled her out by the legs and turned her around and got her above the water," he said. "By that time (Conyers) had come around the car and helped get her up."

Keeping her head above water, the two began dragging the unconscious woman to the shore.

"Sgt. Conyers was actually pushing on her chest, kind of doing compressions while I was toting her to the beach," Drose said.

Meanwhile, Cpl. Wilson had waded out and met the pair about halfway out.

"When we got her up on the beach, Wilson took over the CPR and me and Sgt. Conyers returned to the car to see if there was anybody else in it," Drose said.

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Prom Promise



JOE PERRY / SUMTER COUNTY

Lakewood High School students watch as a firefighter cuts open the door of a vehicle while responding to a simulated crash scene on the school grounds during the Prom Promise program on May 5. Personnel from Sumter Fire Department, Sumter County Emergency Medical Services and Sumter County Sheriff's Office responded to the simulation as they would at an actual wreck. The purpose of the program is to educate students on the dangers of distracted or impaired driving as they were preparing for prom on May 6.

Sumter career center to launch aerospace engineering program

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter School District high school students will soon have access to aerospace engineering classes.

Last week, state education officials announced that Sumter County Career and Technology Center is one of five high schools in South Carolina that will be implementing an aerospace curriculum this fall for the 2017-18 school year.

In the process of trying to revamp and broaden course offerings at the center, Principal Shirrie Miller was made aware of the program offering, and with Shaw Air Force Base, McEntire Air National Guard and Boeing all



in relatively close proximity to Sumter, she thought the aerospace engineering program would be a great fit for the district's students.

The high school curriculum was developed as part of a multi-state consortium by the Southern Regional Education Board to improve career and technical education. According to state education officials and Miller, the curriculum was established to appeal to stu-

dents who are curious about the design and flight of aircraft and spacecraft and related careers. Miller said she's looking for students interested in subject matter in science, technology, engineering and math.

The new aerospace engineering curriculum is also classified as an Advanced Career honors-level program that combines a rigorous academic core with challenging hands-on projects and advanced technology. Miller said the curriculum will be the first honors-level program at the career center.

"Sometimes we have students who

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State's public records law loopholes may be closed

BY SEANNA ADCOX
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Legislation closing loopholes in South Carolina's open records law is poised to become law without a "crown jewel" provision that would have made it easy and inexpensive for people to force obstinate government agencies to turn over public documents.

An 89-0 vote Thursday in the House sent the bill to Gov. Henry

McMaster. He says he'll sign it, capping a seven-year effort to strengthen public access to government records.

The Senate approved the bill hours earlier after stripping out the section creating a state hearing officer to settle disputes over requested information.

Sen. Margie Bright Matthews, whose objections killed a nearly identical bill last year, insisted on the change. The Walterboro Democrat says she opposes the estimated \$140,000 cost of creating a new division in the Administrative Law Court. Senate rules allow a single senator to block legislation.

The bill's House co-sponsors were disappointed, but with just one hour left in the regular legislative session, they urged their colleagues to lose the "crown jewel" rather than risk it dying again.

Reps. Weston Newton and Bill Taylor say the amended bill still represents progress.

"Now there's a deadline, and that's huge," said Taylor, R-Aiken, a former TV reporter and media consultant whose bills



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Lake View man dies during collision with 18-wheeler

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A 29-year-old man died as a result of a wreck involving two vehicles and a semi-truck on U.S. 15 near Airport Road about 8:10 a.m. on Thursday.

Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker identified the deceased as Jack Ross II of Lake View.

According to South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. David Jones, all three drivers were wearing seat belts.

He said Ross, driving a 2005 Toyota four-door vehicle, and the driver of a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe were traveling south bound on U.S. 15 while the 2007 Freightliner tractor trailer was traveling north bound.

Jones said Ross crossed the center line and struck the semi-truck head on. The semi-truck driver then lost control of the vehicle, crossed the center line and side-swiped the Tahoe, he said.

Ross was deceased at the scene, he said.

Both the driver of the semi-truck, a resident of Washington state, and the Tahoe driver, a Sumter resident, were transported to an area hospital with minor injuries, Jones said.

An autopsy for Ross is scheduled for today.

The wreck is still under investigation by highway patrol.

LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gallery renews annual Spring Ceramics Sale

Sumter County Gallery of Art announces the return of its annual Spring Ceramics Sale, in which hundreds of pieces of handmade pottery in a wide variety of sizes and colors will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the sale go to benefit the Gallery's children's and adult's ceramics programs.

The sale will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Gallery, which is located located in the Sumter County Cultural Complex at 200 Hasel St. downtown, adjacent to Patriot Hall. Anyone wishing to know more is asked to call the Gallery at (803) 775-0543 or email education@sumtergallery.org.

CORRECTION

Sunday's concert by the Sumter Community Concert Band will begin at 3 p.m. in the Patriot Hall auditorium, 135 Haynsworth St.

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'It takes up the whole river!' Charleston among ports to welcome giant ship

SAVANNAH — The largest cargo ship ever to visit ports on the U.S. East Coast is so long the Statue of Liberty and Washington Monument could fit end-to-end along its deck and still leave room for Big Ben.

The COSCO Development arrived Thursday at the Port of Savannah after cruising past dozens of onlookers who cheered and took photos of the mammoth vessel from Savannah's downtown riverfront. Its first East Coast voyage marks a new era for U.S. ports that, despite years spent anticipating the supersized ships, will struggle to accommodate them without major infrastructure improvements.

"It takes up the whole river!" Andrew Evans, who served as a ship's officer in the 1960s, exclaimed to his wife as the ship slowly lumbered into view, the cargo containers stacked on its deck towering above trees on the shore.

"The largest ships I was on, you could fit 10 of them on that ship," Evans said. "Maybe more."

At 1,200 feet bow-to-stern, the COSCO Development is longer than the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford. It can carry 13,000 cargo containers measuring 20 feet long apiece. That's 30 percent more capacity than the last record-breaking ship that sailed into Savannah last summer.

The big ship, flagged out of Hong Kong and owned by China-based COSCO Shipping Lines, is also the largest to pass through the Panama Canal following a major expansion last year. Its arrival on the East Coast



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A crowd of well-wishers along River Street welcomes the container ship COSCO Development on Thursday morning in Savannah as the vessel sails up the Savannah River to the Port of Savannah. The ship, the largest vessel ever to call on the U.S. East Coast, is expected in the Port of Charleston on Saturday, according to South Carolina State Ports Authority.

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Head to the S.C. State Ports Authority website to track the vessel as it moves toward the Port of Charleston. www.scsipa.com/big-ship-ready

shows shippers aren't waiting for the seaports scrambling to deepen their harbors so the larger ships can pass fully loaded at low tide.

The Port of Virginia, where the ship docked earlier this week, is one of only four East Coast ports with the desired 50 feet of depth at low tide. A \$973 million deepening of Savannah's shipping channel started in 2015 but won't be finished for about five more years. The Port of Charleston, where the big ship is expected to arrive Saturday before returning to Hong Kong, plans to start its own dredging this fall.

Overall, 15 U.S. seaports on the East and Gulf coasts

are seeking \$4.6 billion after being authorized by Congress to make room for bigger ships. Only three of those have cleared the permit requirements needed to start digging, said Jim Walker, navigation policy director for the American Association of Port Authorities.

Meanwhile, the largest ships using the Panama Canal must carry lighter loads or wait for higher tides before calling on most U.S. ports on the East Coast.

"Maybe it's a warning shot that these U.S. ports need to get these improvements finished," Walker said. "If you're having to light-load ships for this, it costs more."

Manuel Benitez, the Panama Canal Authority's deputy administrator, said the surge in ship traffic between the U.S. East Coast and Asia has exceeded expectations since the canal opened its expanded locks last June. The au-

thority initially thought two or three larger ships would pass through each day, he said, but the daily average has been nearly six.

The COSCO Development had to make its 39-mile trip up the Savannah River at high tide Thursday morning to ensure it would fit. Its cargo deck was about 80-percent full, said Griff Lynch, executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority.

Lynch said dockworkers using six cranes planned to load and unload about 5,600 total cargo containers — big metal boxes used to ship goods from consumer electronics to frozen chickens — from the giant ship. That's more than five times the cargo Savannah handles for a typical ship.

"It's everything we've talked about for years," Lynch said. "Now what you're going to see is one after the other. This is going to become more of the norm."

Surprise visit



Sumter Sertoma Club president Chuck Wilson, left, was surprised to get a visit from the National President Donald Bartelmy, center, and District Governor Dennis Saylor. The pair joined the weekly club meeting Wednesday at the Sunset Country Club. Part of their visit included recognition of the fastest growing Sertoma Club in the nation.

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New VA head: It'll take longer to end veteran homelessness

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The new Veterans Affairs chief shares the goal set by former President Obama's administration of ending homelessness among veterans, but he says it will take longer than his predecessor predicted.

Reducing the number of homeless veterans nationwide from roughly 40,000 to 10,000 or 15,000 is an "achievable goal" for President Trump's administration, VA Secretary David Shulkin told The Associated Press during a visit to Rhode Island last week.

"This is a continuous problem of people finding themselves in economically difficult situations and then being out on the street or going from shelter to shelter," Shulkin said.

Homelessness among veterans has been effectively ended in Virginia, Connecticut and Delaware and in more than 40 communities. The outgoing head of the VA, Robert McDonald, said in January that "we should be there" nationwide within a couple of years.

Shulkin, who formerly was VA undersecretary of health under Obama, said on Friday, "We're still looking at a multi-year process."

While advocates are encouraged to hear Shulkin's commitment, some wish he was more ambitious.

"My personal take is, the VA secretary is being cautiously optimistic about what can be achieved and not wanting to kind of set the administration up for a missed goal," said Lisa Vukov, who works to prevent and end homelessness in the Omaha, Nebraska, area. "I'm a firm believer in setting your goals big because you achieve more



AP FILE PHOTO

Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin said he thinks reducing the number of homeless veterans nationwide from roughly 40,000 to 10,000 or 15,000 is an "achievable goal" for the Trump administration.

that way."

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat, said veteran homelessness can be ended during the Trump administration.

"There's no reason we can't achieve it if enough resources are dedicated to the fight," said Blumenthal, a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Shulkin said some veterans offered housing by the VA prefer other alternatives and high real estate prices and a shortage of available housing in some parts of the country make it hard to house veterans there. He sees the biggest challenge in Los Angeles.

Democratic Mayor Eric Garcetti said that homelessness in Los Angeles is a long-term crisis, but that the city has housed more than 8,000 veterans since 2014 and he's fighting to ensure all veterans have a safe place to call home. Los Angeles voters approved a bond in November to raise \$1.2 billion for up to 10,000 permanent units.

To get homeless veterans into permanent homes, the Obama administration used a program that was created in 2008 and combines rental assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development with case management and clinical services from the VA, so-called HUD-VASH vouchers. Some areas of the country currently have a waiting list for a voucher, including Los Angeles.

While programs for helping homeless veterans received funding increases in fiscal 2017, there's less money for new HUD-VASH vouchers. There's \$40 million available, compared to \$60 million for new HUD-VASH vouchers in 2016 and \$75 million in 2015, according to HUD.

Shulkin said he's committed to maintaining the voucher program and continuing strategies that are working, such as housing people first and then pointing them toward help to confront the root cause of their homelessness.

Orlando tourism grew in 2016, despite some tragic headlines

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Visits to Florida's theme-park mecca continued to grow last year, despite tragic headlines from the region, enabling Orlando to keep its bragging rights as the most visited destination in the United States, tourism officials said Thursday.

Orlando tourism officials announced that more than 68 million visitors came to the area in 2016, a 3 percent increase over the previous year.

Last summer was tough on Orlando: In the span of a week, the Pulse nightclub shooting, the death of a toddler by an alligator at Disney World and the fatal shooting of singer Christina Grimmie after a concert raised fears that tourists would be scared away.

The Brexit vote in Great Britain, the weak Canadian dollar and economic difficulties in Brazil also raised concerns that Orlando's biggest sources of international visitors would be less eager to travel.

But George Aguel, the head of Visit Orlando, the regional tourism marketing agency, said the market for domestic visitors remained strong.

"There was a lot of attention on us in ways that could have been distracting," Aguel said in an interview.

"But we have an amazing emotional connection with families ... something that creates memories for them."

While the 3 percent growth rate last year was slower

than the 5.5 year-over-year growth rate in 2015, Aguel said it's normal to experience some fluctuations, and he said this year is off to a strong start, propelled by convention business.

On the international side, visitors from Canada and Britain stayed steady, and there are initial signs of Brazilian tourists coming back after their numbers dropped by nearly a quarter, according to tourism officials.

"We are starting to see a trend upward in the Brazilian market," Aguel said.

But there are other possible worries.

State lawmakers have put together a budget that reduces funding for the state tourism marketing agency, Visit Florida, from \$78 million to \$25 million, and the Trump administration has been fighting, so far unsuccessfully, to implement a travel ban targeting six predominantly Muslim countries.

Emirates airline started flying between Orlando and Dubai last year, but the number of flights was cut earlier this year due to weakened demand. Orlando tourism officials had viewed the Emirates flights as an opportunity to increase the number of visitors from the Middle East and Asia.

"We do worry about that because here in Orlando we value what Emirates does to our destination, for opening a gateway to not only that part of the world but other parts of the world," Aguel said.

POLICE BLOTTER

STOLEN PROPERTY

A desert-tan .45-caliber Rock Island Armory 1911 semi-automatic handgun with a cerakote coating, valued at \$450, was reportedly stolen from the glove box of a 2014 Subaru Forester while it was parked at a residence on Harby Avenue between May 1 and May 4.

A silver nickel-plated light-weight .32-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver valued at \$1,000 was reportedly stolen from a residence in the 1000 block of Babette Road on Tuesday.

A white 2005 Pontiac Vibe valued at \$8,000 was reportedly stolen while it was parked in a lot in the 1900 block of Thomas Sumter Highway between 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

An orange Stihl backpack leaf blower valued at \$600 and an orange Stihl weed eater valued at \$350 were reportedly stolen from the backyard of a residence in the 100 block of Hoyt Street about 2 a.m. on Tuesday.

A black 55-inch Panasonic flat-screen TV valued at \$2,000 and a gray safe, unknown brand, valued at \$200 were reportedly stolen from a residence in the 3400 block of Hill Road between noon and 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

A gray air-conditioning unit, unknown make, valued at \$2,200 was stolen from the yard of a residence in the 4300 block of Confederate Road on Wednesday.

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Approximately \$1,000 in damage was caused at a residence on Althea Circle when a rock was thrown through a sliding glass door about 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

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do not want to come to the career center because they're taking Advanced Placement classes or honors-weighted classes, and we didn't have any at the career center," Miller said. "So this kind of takes care of two areas: expanding the curriculum as well as adding honors-level programs to the career center."

The curriculum is designed with four courses, split between students' junior and senior years. Those courses include fundamentals of aerospace technology, advanced aerospace technology, aeronautics engineering application and astronautics engineering applications.

Miller said because next school year is the first year, the pro-

gram will only consist of juniors.

Through various awarded grants, course equipment and instructor training are already paid for, Miller said. Miller also has a teacher on staff — in mechatronics instructor Lakia Gaines — who's certified to teach the curriculum. So all expenses are covered.

According to a news release, the aerospace curriculum was formally recommended to the state Department of Education by SC Aerospace, which is an industry cluster supported by the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness and the S.C. Department of Commerce. Both agencies have a focus on workforce development in K-12 public edu-

cation. According to employment data, the aerospace industry cluster is growing in the state.

The four other South Carolina schools launching the program this fall include Battery Creek High School in Beaufort, Edisto High School in Cordova (Orangeburg County), Emerald High School in Greenwood and R.B. Stall High School in Charleston. Pickens County Career and Technology Center will begin the program in the 2018-19 school year.

According to the S.C. Council on Competitiveness, there are just nine other schools in the U.S. using the Aerospace Advanced Career curriculum. Those schools are spread between five states: North Carolina, Alabama, Ohio, Delaware and West Virginia.

South Carolina session ending, but work on budget will continue

COLUMBIA (AP) — Moped drivers could be charged with drunken driving and penalties would be strengthened for speeding in highway construction zones under two of the bills approved in the waning hours of South Carolina's legislative session.

The session that began Jan. 10 officially ended at 5 p.m. Thursday, but the Legislature will return later this month to finish work on the state budget.

Legislators have yet to agree on a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. A six-member panel of House and Senate members will meet next week to try to craft a compromise between the chambers' roughly \$8 billion spending proposals.

Legislators will meet in a three-day special session, starting May 23, to take up the budget and potential compromises on differing versions of other bills passed by both chambers.

Beyond the budget, nine bills have been sent to legislative panels for negotiation.

Proposals that could still become law this year would consolidate crime victim services in the attorney general's office; require health care professionals to report when newborns show symptoms of neonatal drug exposure; and provide limited immunity from prosecution for people trying to get medical help for someone who's overdosing.

Bills sent Thursday to Gov. Henry McMaster's desk include a moped safety bill similar to the one his predecessor, Nikki Haley, vetoed last year.

It requires mopeds to be registered and allows them only on roads where the posted speed limit is below 55 mph. It would allow officers to charge intoxicated moped drivers with drunken driving. State law currently excludes mopeds.

Another bill heading to McMaster aims to slow down drivers in highway construction zones by increasing penalties and state troopers' presence. The legislative effort began after a 22-year-old highway worker was killed along Highway 41 in Williamsburg County in 2013 in his third week on the job as a flag operator.

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have died repeatedly in the Senate since he first proposed strengthening the state's Freedom of Information Act in 2011.

Public bodies in South Carolina have had 15 business days to respond to a FOIA request, but that can include simply acknowledging receipt. There's no timeline for actually providing the information, essentially allowing requests to be ignored indefinitely.

The bill requires a yes or no decision within 10 business days, and a month more to actually provide the information in most cases. If the data requested is more than two years old, agencies will have 20 days to decide and 35 days to deliver.

"This is a major loophole that's been closed," Taylor said.

Currently, the only way to force a public body to comply with the law is to sue in circuit court, which means hiring a lawyer and possibly waiting years for a decision. While the law allows offenders to be charged with a misdemeanor, no one's ever been convicted. The bill doesn't change this process, but it does speed it up.

Bright Matthews said her amendment expedites matters by requiring an initial hearing within 10

days, and a decision within six months, unless a judge extends a case for "good cause."

But people and news outlets would still have to pay thousands to challenge a refusal in court, said South Carolina Press Association director Bill Rogers.

"This does not lower the hurdle for folks' access by essentially creating a people's court tribunal," said Newton, R-Bluffton. But "this is a significant step forward."

The bill also limits government fees to the actual cost of producing the records. Information in digital form must be provided at no additional expense, and excessive rates for copies will be prohibited.

At a 2013 legislative hearing, Alberta Wasden of Wagener testified the town of Swansea tried to charge her \$9,996 for copies of four years' worth of town budgets and board minutes from 10 meetings. She ended up paying more than \$500 after media reported the charge.

The bill's supporters say it should end such absurdity.

McMaster spokesman Brian Symmes said the governor will sign the bill, though he'd hoped to sign the version the House passed 93-0 in March.

"He will always support any legislation that makes government more open and transparent," Symmes said.

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Fortunately, the woman had been the only occupant.

Daishawn "Curtis" McFadden of the Clarendon County Fire Department, was also nearby and showed up to help shortly after they got the woman out of the car, Drose said.

When the Clarendon County EMS ambulance arrived several minutes after Wilson started CPR, McFadden guided them to the scene, Drose said.

"They said that she had a pulse, started working on her and took her in the ambulance," Drose said.

He said he has seen a lot of people pulled out of similar situations who didn't make it.

"I was pretty certain she

was one of them when we pulled her out of the car," he said.

The accident victim, whose name has not yet been released, was taken to McLeod Health Clarendon and then to McLeod Regional Medical Center of the Pee Dee in Florence, where she remained in a coma for several days.

A few days later, she revived from the coma and Drose and Wilson were able to travel to Florence and speak with her.

"She said she remembers going in the water and not being able to get the door open," Drose said. "Then she started screaming and blowing the horn."

How long the woman would have had an air pocket inside

the car is something Drose has been thinking about, he said.

"We've been discussing that; if you find out the answer, let me know," he said. "I am just glad she is alive and kicking — somebody was looking out for her."

Drose said he doesn't think he did anything his fellow of-

ficers wouldn't do.

"That's what we do," he said. "I think anybody here (at the sheriff's department) would have probably done the same thing."

Sheriff Tim Baxley echoed Drose's thoughts.

"I am as proud as I can be of my men," he said, "but that's what they are trained to

do. They don't worry about themselves."

Baxley said the department just completed training in CPR.

"They were all recertified," he said.

"When we pulled her out of the car, I did not think she was going to make it," Drose said. "It's a miracle."

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Government to begin seismic surveys in Atlantic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration said Wednesday it is moving forward on seismic surveys in the Atlantic Ocean, the first step toward offshore drilling in a region where it has been blocked for decades.

The Interior Department said it is reviewing six applications by energy companies that were rejected by the Obama administration.

Environmental groups and many East Coast lawmakers oppose the surveys, saying loud sounds from seismic air guns could hurt marine life.

The oil and gas industry has pushed for the surveys, which map potential drilling sites for oil and natural gas. No surveys have been conducted in the mid- and south-Atlantic regions for at least 30 years.

The regions, as defined by the Interior Department, stretch from northern Florida to Delaware. Any new drilling activity is expected to be limited to the coasts of Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia.

President Trump signed an executive order last month aimed at expanding drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, part of his promise to unleash the nation's energy reserves in an effort to reduce imports of foreign oil.

Trump's order reversed an action by former President Obama and faces fierce opposition from environmental activists and many Democrats, who say offshore drilling harms whales, sea turtles and other marine life and exacerbates global warming.

The Interior Department



AP FILE PHOTO

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said in a statement that the surveys are needed to update information about the Outer Continental Shelf that was gathered more than 30 years ago, "when technology was not as advanced as today."

In addition to providing data on potential sites for offshore oil and natural gas production, seismic surveys are also used to locate sites for offshore wind structures, pinpoint potential seafloor hazards and locate sand and gravel resources for beach restoration, the department said.

Data from seismic surveys also assists officials in determining fair market value of offshore resources.

The surveys help "a variety of federal and state partners better understand our nation's

offshore areas ... and evaluate resources that belong to the American people," said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Industry groups hailed the announcement, while environmentalists warned of potential oil spills that could cripple coastal tourism.

Seismic surveys have been conducted in the U.S. and

around the world for decades, and "there has been no documented scientific evidence of noise from these surveys adversely affecting marine animal populations or coastal communities," said Randall Luthi, president of the National Ocean Industries Association.

"Seismic testing is not only dangerous on its own, but it

will lead to offshore drilling that could threaten our coasts even more," said Jeff Tittel, director of the New Jersey Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has vowed to challenge any attempt to drill off the Atlantic coast in court.

Last year, Obama designated the bulk of U.S.-owned waters in the Arctic Ocean and certain areas in the Atlantic as indefinitely off limits to oil and gas leasing. The December designation was in addition to a five-year drilling plan announced in November that also blocked Atlantic drilling.

Environmental groups hope the indefinite ban, which relies on an arcane provision in a 1953 law, will be difficult for Trump or other presidents to reverse. The Obama administration said at the time it was confident the president's order would withstand legal challenge. The 1953 law provides no authority for subsequent presidents to undo so-called permanent withdrawals of oil and gas leases from the Outer Continental Shelf.

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'I think I have been led all the way'



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Virginia "Ginny" Durant continues to play organ each Sunday at Clarendon Baptist Church in Manning.

Playing organ still a love for 91-year-old mother

BY JIM HILLEY
jim@theitem.com

Virginia "Ginny" Durant will be 92 in June, but each Sunday, she can be found playing the organ at one of two services at the Clarendon Baptist Church in Manning.

"She is a wonderful mother and a wonderful Christian lady," said her oldest son, Dr. James "Jimmy" Durant Jr., a pediatric physician in Sumter.

"She is a wonderful example of living with the Lord."

Ginny Durant, who seemed a bit uncomfortable about receiving any extra attention, said she has lived a quiet life and raised her children.

"It's been a long 92 years, but it seems shorter," she said. "I think I have been led all the way."

Born Virginia Burke in Acolu, she married James "Jack" Durant in 1948 after he returned from military

service.

They had four children: James; Sarah Wells, who is a nurse with the South Carolina Department of Health; George, a CPA in Columbia; and Nancy Hubbard, who teaches at Laurence Manning Academy.

"My husband wouldn't let me work until they were all in school," she said.

Beginning in the early 1960s, she began work as a nurse in the office of Dr. Joe

King, Jimmy Durant said, and later for Dr. Ramon Sy, before retiring at age 87.

"She didn't want to retire then," Jimmy Durant said.

Ginny Durant became a widow in 1986, when James Durant Sr. died of a brain tumor. She is a cancer survivor, having had breast cancer, Jimmy Durant said.

"I wouldn't have made it without my faith," she said.

Jimmy Durant said playing the organ is one of the things she loves to do.

"She has been faithful to the Clarendon Baptist

Church," Jimmy Durant said, and all four children were taught their faith in the Manning landmark.

Ginny Durant said she began to play music in high school, and the teacher would give her songs to play that Sunday in church.

After more than 70 years of playing the organ at church, does Mrs. Durant have a favorite hymn?

"All of them," she said.

"Each one has a message." Happy Mother's Day, Virginia "Ginny" Mae Burke Durant.

School districts present budgets to Clarendon County Council

BY JIM HILLEY
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The three Clarendon County school districts presented preliminary budget reports to the Clarendon County Council at its meeting Monday at the Clarendon County Administration Building, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning.

Clarendon County School District 1 Superintendent Rose Wilder told Council the district has eliminated seven positions in the current year to stay within budget and is aggressively pursuing grant funding to bolster the district finances. CCSD 1 Director of Finance Renee Jeffcoat said increases in the cost of the employee contribution to the state pension fund led to the school district to ask for a 1.64 mill increase to raise an additional \$49,000.

She said the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget, which begins July 1, was not yet balanced. Jeffcoat said the current fund balance was \$2.3 million but the district had been using the fund to balance the budget. The district will not be seeking a Tax Anticipation Note, which allows districts to borrow money against expected revenue from taxes.

CCSD 2 Finance Director Cathy Williams said the district has also been balancing its budget using the current fund balance. She said the district would see a millage increase from 131.6 to 134.4, and like CCSD 1 would not be needing a TAN.

CCSD 3 Finance Director Laura Fleming said the district ended the last fiscal year with revenues exceeding expenditures and had \$781,362 in the current fund balance but needed to have about \$1.3 million.

She said the district was presenting a balanced budget for fiscal year 2018 but the figure was based on the Base Student Cost proposed in the South Carolina Senate budget bill (\$2,435) and not the lower Base Student Cost in the House bill (\$2,400).

The finance directors from the other districts said they were making the same assumption.

"If the House bill is approved, we will have to make some changes," Fleming said.

She said CCSD 3 will be asking for a Tax Anticipation Note but will not be seeking a mill increase because the value of a one mill increase in the district is only \$6,000.

Councilman Benton Blakely, who represents the Turbeville area on County Council, said he was proud of what CCSD3 and the other districts do with limited resources.

"We may not be black and gold like

some people, but all three districts have students of gold," he said.

In other action, Council approved the second reading of the county budget for fiscal year 2018 and approved a zoning request at Hamilton Road and I-95.

Council also had the final reading of an ordinance to issue a \$750,000 general obligation bond.

County Administrator David Epperson said the county was still working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to secure reimbursement for costs from the 2015 flood. Some in the area received more than 20 inches of rain in a three-day period in what has been called a 1,000-year flood. He said paperwork previously turned into FEMA and the state was missing and the county was having to recreate the documentation.

"We'll resubmit," he said.

CLARENDON BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Volunteers needed for GAL program

As Mother's Day approaches, there are many abused or neglected children who do not have a positive mother or mother figure in their lives, but people with a desire to serve children can change that.

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Volunteers must be 21 years old, able to pass a background check and complete the man-

datory 30-hour training.

The next free training begins Thursday, June 1.

For more information, contact the Guardian ad Litem Clarendon County Office at (803) 435.8012 or visit www.sccgal.org.

Clarendon library board meets on Monday

The Harvin Clarendon County Library Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. Monday at the Clarendon County Administration Building, 411

Sunset Drive.

The agenda includes a presentation from Leesa Aiken from the South Carolina State Library and a financial report. The board will also consider closing the library for a half day Thursday, May 25, for staff training.

For more information, call (803) 435-8633.

Camp Happy Days right around the corner

Camp Happy Days, held annually during the first

week in July, is once again preparing for this great event. Camp Happy Days is a weeklong event helping hundreds of cancer patients and their siblings spend time in an atmosphere of fun, laughter and fellowship on beautiful Lake Marion. This is a great escape from the everyday struggles these young patients face. Donations of caps, T-shirts, sunscreen and funds are being collected. If you or your business can help in any way, please contact Bill Ellis at (803) 460-7666

Clarendon Pets of the Week

If you're looking for a sweet little kitten to add to the family, check out Armani. She is an 11-week-old female domestic short hair calico kitten. She is very playful and also loves to be held. She is current on her vaccines and tested negative for feline leukemia. Armani's adoption fee is \$100 with an approved application, and she will be spayed before adoption. If you think she'd be perfect for your household, visit the shelter's website and fill out an application. While you're there, check out Armani's siblings, Badger, Bangs and Tonka.



Izzy is a 1½-year-old white with black spots female husky mix weighing around 48 pounds. She is a very gentle girl who loves attention and being petted. She walks well on a leash. Because she is food aggressive, she is not recommended for a home with small children. Izzy is current on her shots, has been spayed and tested negative for heartworms.



Stop by to see Armani, Izzy and their friends on Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at A Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway (U.S. 301), which has numerous pets available for adoption. To drop off an animal, call (803) 473-7075 for an appointment. If you've lost a pet, check www.ccanimalcontrol.webs.com and www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com.

Get healthier, fitter for Mother's Day

HEALTHY FIT — SIZE IT UP

At the beginning of the year, we all focus on making our New Year's resolutions and hope you included a healthy health plan. Well, let's focus on the month of May for a healthy fit.



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Happy Mother's Day! It's that time again to make your resolutions for a healthier body; let's get started with healthy plans.

To put your healthful eating plan into action, you need to know what one serving looks like. The portion or amount of food that you choose to eat may be more or less than one serving. If you choose a large portion, it may count as two servings — a small

portion may only be a half of a serving. Learning to judge a "serving size" takes a little practice. And since carrying around measuring cups and a scale just isn't practical, here are some visual examples to help you make quick estimates:

ITEMS EQUIVALENT

- 3 oz. meat, poultry or fish Deck of playing cards; palm of woman's hand
- 1 oz. meat, poultry or fish Matchbox
- 1 cup fruit or yogurt Baseball
- ½ cup chopped vegetables Three regular ice cubes
- 1 medium potato Computer mouse
- 1 cup potatoes, rice or pasta Size of a fist or tennis ball
- 1 medium orange or apple Baseball
- 1 standard bagel Hockey puck
- 1 cup chopped fresh leafy greens 4 lettuce leaves
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter golf ball
- 1 ounce of cheese 4 dice or a tube of lipstick
- 1 slice cheese 3.5 inch computer disk

GOOD DIET

The best foods to eat are the ones that add up to a nutritious diet. A diet is all the foods and beverages you consume, and a nutritious diet is a diet that provides all the energy and nutrients you need in the amounts you need. Let's take a look at a good diet to help get started for the New Year:

Low fat diet is a good diet. The amount of fat

in the diet has a very important role in how all of the fats are digested and metabolized.

What foods are high in fat?

Dairy foods (whole milk, ice cream, creams); fatty red meats; butter is not only high in fat, but saturated fat as well; oils are fat, although some may have lower saturated fat; egg yolks, which are particularly high in cholesterol; cheese (sorry, there are some that are better than others); processed meats (sausage, salami, hot dogs, bologna).

Treat her to breakfast in bed on her special day

Hey, family! Mother's Day will be here on Sunday. Why don't you surprise your special Lady/Mom by serving her breakfast in bed.

You can do it. Imagine the look on her face when you wake her with the aroma of a fresh pot of coffee and French toast, muffins or pancakes with fresh fruits such as strawberries, cantaloupe or grapes on the side.

French toast isn't hard to make. Just dip sliced bread into a mixture of beaten eggs and milk. You could add a touch of vanilla to the wet ingredients, too, for extra flavor.

Lay the dipped bread into a hot pan coated with non-stick spray and cook over medium heat on each side until the bread is lightly browned.

Put the French toast in the center of Mom's plate, and drizzle over it honey or Maple syrup. Surround it with pieces of fresh fruit. Put the plate on a tray, add a fresh flower and serve your surprise.

Oh, if you really want to say "I love you, Mom," be sure to clean up the dishes afterward.

Baked Apple Dumpling

- 1 teaspoon raisins, 2 tablespoons orange juice, ½ teaspoon sugar replacement, 1 small apple

Combine raisins and orange juice in saucepan. Heat to a boil. Add sugar replacement. Cover, allow to rest while preparing remaining ingredients. Core apple; with fork or toothpick, prick the inside of the apple cavity. On floured board, roll biscuit dough very thin and large enough to wrap around apple. Place apple in center of dough. Fill apple cavity with raisin mixture. Wrap dough around apple and secure at top. Place in baking dish at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Enjoy!

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City of Manning Public Hearing

Manning City Council will hold a public hearing at Manning City Hall, located at 29 West Boyce Street, on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. on the following proposed zoning amendment to the City of Manning Zoning Ordinance:

- 1) A proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to re-zone property located at 106 N. Boundary Street, Tax Map # 169-15-08-016-00, owned by Michael Miller from Office Commercial (OC) to General Commercial (GC).

Documents related to the amendment are available for public inspection at Manning City Hall, 29 West Boyce Street, Manning, S.C. during regular office hours.

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Public Notice

The City of Manning will hold a public meeting on June 19, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the council chambers on the second floor of Manning City Hall, which is located at 29 W. Boyce Street, Manning, SC.

The purpose of the meeting is to give an opportunity to become acquainted with a proposed Rural Development project consisting generally of the purchase of three police vehicles.

Citizens will have the opportunity to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area and alternatives to the project. For more information individuals may contact Scott Tanner, City Administrator at Manning City Hall (803) 435-8477, extension 5115.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case Number: 2017-CP-14-00088

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON

Antioch Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church, Plaintiff,

vs. Trustees, Antioch M.E. Church; to wit, By Sharper Benjamin, Galoway James, Gabriel Bracey, James Cannady, William Green, Shely Wells, William Bradley, James Sinclair and Henry Thomson, their successors and assigns; Antioch Reform Methodist Union Episcopal Church, by its Trustees, Moses Sinkler, Sr., Rev. Frank Hatcher, Johnnie Hampton, Gordon X. Green, Sr., James A. Green, Boston Dow, and Rev. Geo. Vanderhorst, Minister-in-Charge, their successors and assigns; Irma M. Weinberg, her heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators; Charles Hampton, Pastor Steward; James Hampton, Chairman of Trustees; and James Sinkler, Trustee, of Antioch R.M.U.E. Church (said officers being Named Defendants Individually and in their respective official capacities), their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns; John Doe and Jane Doe, as Representatives of all successor Trustees of Antioch M.E. Church; successor Trustees of Antioch Reform Methodist Union Episcopal Church; and as Representatives of the Heirs, Executors, and Administrators of Charles Hampton, James Hampton and James Sinkler, and of their Successor Pastor Stewards, Chairmen of Trustees, and Trustees of Antioch R.M.U.E. Church, and also as representatives of all heirs of Irma Weinberg and all other persons entitled to claim under or through her and/or through any of the deceased Defendants named individually; any unknown adults being, as a class, designated as Richard Roe and Mary Roe, and any unknown infants or persons under disability or persons in Military Service designated, as a class, as Richard Roe, all other persons and/or entities unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in, to and upon the real property described in the Complaint, or any claim adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud on title thereto, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office at 26 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

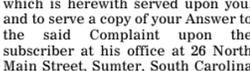
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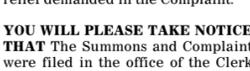
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Summons & Notice

Pleas for Clarendon County, South Carolina, by the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendants to remove any cloud upon, to quiet title to, and to confirm the transfer of title and vesting of certain real property described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT A: TAX MAP NUMBER: 014-04-03-008-00

All that piece, parcel or lot of land with the building thereon, lying, being and situate in the County of Clarendon County, State of South Carolina, containing one (1.00) acre, more or less, bounded now or formerly as follows: on the North by lands of A. S. Richardson, on the South by lands of H. B. Richardson; on the East by lands of A. S. Richardson, and on the West by the Charleston and Camden Road. This is the same property conveyed to Trustees, Antioch M.E. Church, by Annie S. Richardson by deed dated July 14, 1881, and recorded August 2, 1881, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Deed Book BB at Page 195.

LOT B: TAX MAP NUMBER: 013-01-02-001-00

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, lying and being situate in the Village of Rimini, County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 1 on a map of the building lots of the Town of Rimini prepared by G. T. Floyd, Engineer, dated December 24, 1924, and recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 164 in the records of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County. Said lot being bounded and measuring, now or formerly, as follows: On the North by a road, and measuring thereon two hundred ten (210.0) feet; on the East by Lot No. 2, said plat and measuring thereon one hundred forty-four (144.0) feet; on the South by Lot No. 29, said plat, and measuring thereon one hundred seventy-six (176.0) feet; and on the West by Road 14-76, known as old River Road, and measuring thereon one hundred forty-four (144.0) feet. Be all said measurements a little more or a little less and according to aforesaid plat. This is the same property conveyed to Charles Hampton, Pastor Steward; James Hampton, Chairman of Trustees; and James Sinkler, Trustee, of Antioch R.M.U.E. Church, and also as representatives of all heirs of Irma Weinberg and all other persons entitled to claim under or through her and/or through any of the deceased Defendants named individually; any unknown adults being, as a class, designated as Richard Roe and Mary Roe, and any unknown infants or persons under disability or persons in Military Service designated, as a class, as Richard Roe, all other persons and/or entities unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in, to and upon the real property described in the Complaint, or any claim adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud on title thereto, Defendants.

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R.M.U.E. Church by Ruth Touchberry by deed dated October 28, 1999, and recorded November 9, 1999, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Book A-390 at Page 29.

LOT C: TAX MAP NUMBER: 013-01-02-002-00(P)

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate, lying, and being in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, containing sixty-eight one-hundredths (0.68) of an acre and being shown on that certain plat by DuValle W. Elliott, R.P.L.S., dated April 1, 2008, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Plat Book 1088, at Page 6. Pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, reference to said plat is hereby craved for the metes, bounds, courses and/or distances of the property delineated thereon. This is the same property conveyed to Charles Hampton, Pastor Steward; James Hampton, Chairman of Trustees; and James Sinkler, Trustee, of Antioch R.M.U.E. Church, by Eugene Freeman by deed dated December 21, 2009, and recorded December 21, 2009, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Book A-752 at Page 146.

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ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI AND FOR PUBLICATION

For good cause shown and upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Garryl L. Deas, Esquire, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi to protect the interest of unknown Defendants, minors, Defendants who may be under legal disability, and as Attorney to represent persons on active duty in Military Service, and it appearing that Garryl L. Deas, Esquire, is a fit and proper person to serve in such capacities, and that he has consented to said appointment, pursuant to Rule 17, South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, it is hereby

ORDERED That Garry L. Deas, Esquire, of the Sumter Bar, whose address is The Deas Law Firm, 109 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150, Telephone Number (803) 775-7004, be and he is hereby appointed Guardian Ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown persons who may have or may claim to have some interest in or claim to the real property described in the Complaint filed in this action, all persons entitled to claim under or through them; any unknown adults being, as a class, designated as John Doe and Janie Doe, and any unknown infants or persons under disability designated, as a class, as Richard Roe and Mary Roe and persons who may be on active duty in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such,

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entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, formerly called the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, any and/or all of whom may have or claim to have some interest in these proceedings; and it is further

ORDERED that Garryl L. Deas, Esquire, be and here hereby is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and to represent said Defendant(s) unless the said Defendant(s), or someone on their behalf shall, within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians Ad Litem for the said Defendant(s); and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be forthwith served upon said Defendants by publication in the Clarendon Sun, a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated with The Item, in the Counties of Clarendon and Sumter and the surrounding communities in the State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons, and Notice of Filing.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED!

Beulah G. Roberts Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Clarendon County, South Carolina

Estate Notice Clarendon County

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A political ax murder

WASHINGTON — It was implausible that FBI Director James Comey was fired in May 2017 for actions committed in July 2016 — the rationale contained in the memo by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

It was implausible that Comey was fired by Donald Trump for having been too tough on Hillary Clinton, as when, at that July news conference, he publicly recited her various email misdeeds despite recommending *against* prosecution.

It was implausible that Trump fired Comey for, among other things, reopening the Clinton investigation 11 days before the election, something that at the time Trump praised as a sign of Comey's "guts" that had "brought back his reputation."

It was implausible that Trump, a man notorious for being swayed by close and loyal personal advisers, fired Comey on the recommendation of a sub-Cabinet official whom Trump hardly knew and who'd been on the job all of two weeks.

It was implausible that Trump found Rosenstein's arguments so urgently persuasive that he acted immediately — so precipitously, in fact, that Comey learned of his own firing from TVs that happened to be playing behind him.

These implausibilities were obvious within seconds of Comey's firing and the administration's immediate attempt to pin it all on the Rosenstein memo. That was pure spin. So why in reality did Trump fire Comey?

Admittedly, Comey had to go. The cliché is that if you've infuriated both sides, it means you must be doing something right. Sometimes, however, it means you must be doing everything wrong.

Over the last year, Comey has been repeatedly wrong. Not, in my view, out of malice or partisanship (although his self-righteousness about his own probity does occasionally grate). He was in an unprecedented situation with unpalatable choices. Never in American presidential history had a major party nominated a candidate under official FBI investigation. (Turns out the Trump campaign was under investigation as well.) Which makes the normal injunction that FBI directors not interfere in elections facile and impossible to follow. Any course of action — disclosure or silence, commission or omission — carried unavoidable electoral consequences.

Comey had to make up the rules as he went along. He did. That was not his downfall. His downfall was mak-

ing up contradictory, illogical rules, such as the July 5 non-indictment indictment of Clinton.

A series of these — and Comey became anathema to both Democrats and Republicans. Clinton blamed her loss on two people. One of them was Comey.

And there's the puzzle. There was ample bipartisan sentiment for letting Comey go. And there was ample time from Election Day on to do so. A simple talk, a gold watch, a friendly farewell, a Comey resignation to allow the new president to pick the new director. No fanfare, no rancor.

True, this became more difficult after March 20 when Comey revealed that the FBI was investigating the alleged Trump-Russia collusion. Difficult but not impossible. For example, just last week Comey had committed an egregious factual error about the Huma Abedin emails that the FBI had to abjectly walk back in a written memo to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Here was an opportunity for a graceful exit: Comey regrets the mistake and notes that some of the difficult decisions he had previously made necessarily cost him the confidence of various parties. Time for a clean slate. Add the usual boilerplate about not wanting to be a distraction at such a crucial time. Awkward perhaps, but still dignified and amicable.

Instead we got this — a political ax murder, brutal even by Washington standards. (Or even Roman standards. Where was the vein-opening knife and the warm bath?) No final meeting, no letter of resignation, no presidential thanks, no cordial parting. Instead, a blindsided Comey ends up in a live-streamed O.J. Bronco ride, bolting from Los Angeles to be flown, defrocked, back to Washington.

Why? Trump had become increasingly agitated with the Russia-election investigation and Comey's very public part in it. If Trump thought this would kill the inquiry and the story, or perhaps even just derail it somewhat, he's made the blunder of the decade. Whacking Comey has brought more critical attention to the Russia story than anything imaginable. It won't stop the FBI investigation. And the confirmation hearings for a successor will become a nationally televised forum for collusion allegations, which up till now have remained a scandal in search of a crime.

So why did he do it? Now we know: The king asked whether no one would rid him of this troublesome priest, and got so impatient he did it himself.

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COMMENTARY

Comey is the Clintons' latest victim

Why did President Donald Trump fire FBI Director James Comey now? The answer, as my Washington Examiner colleague Byron York has argued, is that he waited until after his impeccably apolitical deputy attorney general, Rod Rosenstein, was in place as Comey's direct superior.

Rosenstein was confirmed April 25, and his memorandum titled "Restoring Public Confidence in the FBI" was appended to Trump's firing letter exactly two weeks later.

In that document, Rosenstein characterized Comey's July 5 statement on the FBI's investigation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's secret email system as "a textbook example of what federal prosecutors and agents are taught not to do."

In support of that proposition, he cited comments from five former deputy attorneys general and four former attorneys general of both major political parties (including Eric Holder, who held both offices).

Who is Rosenstein? He started off as a career Justice Department lawyer and was appointed U.S. attorney for Maryland by George W. Bush in 2005. He was one of only three — out of 93 nationwide — U.S. attorneys kept on during the Obama administration. This could not have happened without the approval of Maryland's Democratic senators, Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin.

Both of them are paragons of integrity with long experience in the swampland of Maryland politics. Mikulski was elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1971 and to Congress in 1976. Cardin was elected to the state Legislature in 1966 and to Congress in 1986. Both saw successive Maryland governors, Spiro Agnew and Marvin Mandel, ousted from office under criminal charges. Both surely wanted a competent and apolitical federal prosecutor and believed they had one in Rosenstein.

This makes mincemeat of Democrats' cries that

'One can understand why Comey could have felt miffed when Lynch left him publicly exposed as the one who would decide whether the putative Democratic presidential nominee would be criminally prosecuted.'

Trump fired Comey to kill any investigation of Russian collusion in the presidential election. Rosenstein will be in charge of that, seeing as Attorney General Jeff Sessions has recused himself. And Trump's nominee for FBI director will receive close scrutiny from the Senate.

It's similarly far-fetched to compare this to Richard Nixon's firing of special prosecutor Archibald Cox in 1973. For some Democrats and journalists, every Republican military initiative is Vietnam and every possible scandal Watergate. That's a measure of the nostalgic perspective of the baby-boom generation. We're as many years away from Vietnam and Watergate as they were from the 1920s.

Can something be said in defense of Comey? He was put in a terrible position by Bill and Hillary Clinton and the Obama Justice Department. Justice officials downplayed the criminal nature of the investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails and granted immunity to Clinton aides rather than summon them before a grand jury. That amounts to weighting the scales of justice in favor of the administration's preferred candidate for president.

So does the June 27 meeting on the Phoenix airport tarmac of Bill Clinton and then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch, who revealed herself to be a shameless political hack. That meeting was surely intended to be secret, as was the illegal Hillary Clinton email setup, with which she sent easily hackable classified information.

When the meeting was revealed, Lynch said she would go along with the FBI's decision on prosecution but didn't formally recuse herself. One question never answered is why she didn't do so and let Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates (the latest liberal "hero" for her bewildering congressional

testimony this week) make the decision.

One can understand why Comey could have felt miffed when Lynch left him publicly exposed as the one who would decide whether the putative Democratic presidential nominee would be criminally prosecuted. If an FBI director shouldn't decide who gets prosecuted, as Rosenstein correctly argued, he certainly shouldn't have to make that call when the decision could determine who will be elected president of the United States.

Comey's July 5 statement made clear that Hillary Clinton had violated Title 18, Section 793(f) of U.S. Code, put in place by the Espionage Act. But he added to the words of the statute an intent requirement and so recommended that she not be prosecuted. It's not hard to imagine that he felt entitled to inflict political damage on someone for whom the Obama Justice Department had put in the fix.

That makes Comey only the latest victim of the Clintons, who, like F. Scott Fitzgerald's Tom and Daisy Buchanan, smash up "things and creatures" and then retreat "back into their money or their vast carelessness, or whatever it (is) that (keeps) them together, and let other people clean up the mess they (have) made."

The mess continues, as Democrats howl against the removal of an official whose removal they demanded up through lunchtime Tuesday and continue to search, Ahab-like, for evidence that Russia somehow stole the election.

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Following

In SC, it's time for every Legislature's favorite Latin phrase, Sine Die, which I think translates to "see you, wouldn't want to be you"

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Researchers seek better ways to farm a popular Pacific fish

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP) — The dark gray fish prized for its buttery flavor live deep in the ocean, so researchers keep their lab cold and dark to simulate ideal conditions for sablefish larvae.

A biologist shines his dim red headlamp and uses an ultrasound to scan the belly of an anesthetized sablefish about the length of his forearm to tell if it's female and has eggs to collect. He gently squeezes out hundreds of tiny, translucent eggs into a glass beaker.

After the eggs are fertilized externally, they'll grow in large indoor tanks and some in floating net pens in Washington state's Puget Sound to be used for research.

At this federal marine research station near Seattle, scientists are studying sablefish genetics and investigating ways to make it easier and more efficient to commercially grow the fish.

It is part of a larger effort by the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration to support marine aquaculture as a solution to feed a growing demand worldwide for seafood.

People are consuming more fish than in previous decades, with average worldwide per capita consumption hitting 43 pounds a year, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Fish consumption is expected to grow even more in coming years.

NOAA says aquaculture can relieve pressure on fishing populations and promote economic growth.

Fishermen along the U.S. West Coast, mostly in Alaska, catch millions of pounds of wild sablefish each year but no commercial sablefish net-pen farming exists in the U.S.

Sablefish, also known as black cod or butterfish, are long-lived species that is native to the northeast Pacific Ocean and highly valued in Asia for its beneficial nutrients and delicate flavor. The

fish are grilled, smoked, poached, roasted or served as sushi.

Michael Rubino, who directs the NOAA aquaculture program, noted that practices for farming fish in the U.S. meet very strict environmental regulations.

But some critics worry large-scale farms could harm wild fish stocks and ocean health, and some commercial fishermen worry about potential competition.

"This would be a big threat for us," said Robert Alverson, executive director of the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, a Seattle-based group that represents about 95 commercial fishermen.

In 2015, fisherman harvested about 35 million pounds of sablefish worth \$113 million in the United States, all along the U.S. West Coast.

Nearly half of the sablefish caught in the United States is exported, with a majority going to Japan.



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A few hundred people chanted slogans and made speeches to protest the presence of U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in Fairbanks, Alaska, on Wednesday, where high-level officials from the world's eight Arctic nations, including Tillerson, will meet in Alaska amid concerns about the future of the sensitive region after President Trump called for more oil drilling and development.

Officials from Arctic nations meet amid drilling concerns

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — High-level officials from the world's eight Arctic nations will meet in Alaska amid concerns about the future of the sensitive region after President Trump called for more oil drilling and development.

Among those expected to attend the meeting of the Arctic Council beginning Thursday in Fairbanks are U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who met Wednesday with Trump and Tillerson in Washington.

No formal discussions were set in Alaska but key issues such as climate change, development and drilling will provide a backdrop as the chairmanship of the council passes from the U.S. to Finland.

"We are unsure what the Trump administration thinks about the Arctic region in general, about the Arctic Council in particular and about its role," said Victoria Herrmann, president of The Arctic Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based group that provides research to shape Arctic policy.

The Arctic Council is an advisory body that promotes cooperation among member nations and indigenous groups. Its focus is sustainable development and environmental protection of the Arctic.

It does not make policy or allocate resources, and its decisions must be unanimous.

"In terms of being a reflection of a nation's priorities, it can only go so far since all eight have to agree to the same thing," said Nils Andreassen, executive director of the Anchorage-based Institute of the North, a non-partisan organization focused on Arctic resources.

Tillerson arrived late Wednesday afternoon in Fairbanks and immediately held a meeting with a congressional delegation as well as Arctic representatives from Alaska's indigenous people.

Protesters gathered in a city park nearby to denounce the presence of Tillerson, who

was president of Exxon Mobil Corp.

"My message for Rex Tillerson is: Alaska shouldn't be for sale for what's in our earth," said Hannah Hill, 36, who works at a Fairbanks soup kitchen. "This place is beautiful, and this place is delicate, and what already is happening on in the Arctic will affect the rest of the Earth. And that is science."

Pat Lambert, a retired University of Alaska math professor, attended the rally because he thinks climate change is a serious problem.

After the rally, the protesters marched behind a sign reading, "Welcome to the frontline of climate change," to the building where the Arctic Council welcoming celebration was being held.

The United States — an Arctic country because of the state of Alaska — is joined on the council by Canada, Russia, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

The U.S. began chairing the council two years ago. Much of the council's work during that time stemmed from the policies of President Obama, who made climate change and the Arctic priorities of his administration.

The U.S. highlighted three areas during its two-year chairmanship — improved living conditions and economies for those living in the Arctic, stewardship of the Arctic Ocean and climate change.

David Balton, a deputy assistant secretary of State, said other accomplishments included an agreement for scientific cooperation among Arctic nations, an assessment of improvements needed for better telecommunications, and implementation of a database of ships passing through the Arctic.

One of the council's last official acts before the chairmanship is handed to Finland will be issuing the Fairbanks Declaration, which in part will outline the focus of upcoming work by the Arctic Council during the next two years.

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The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will hold a dinner fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 19, at the Lincoln High School cafeteria, Council Street. Cost is \$9 per dinner and will consist of turkey wing, seasoned rice, butter beans, dessert, roll and a drink. Dine in or take out. Call James L. Green at (803) 968-4173.

A "Footsteps of Dr. Bethune" historical walk-a-thon will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. This will be a 5K walk from Mayesville to Dr. Bethune's birth site, which is now the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Park, 1175 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Road, Mayesville. Entry fees: \$1.50 / age 7-18 years old; \$15 / adult; \$50 / Legacy Board recipients. Teams of 5 to 15 people may also participate for \$13 per participant. Contact Ruby Gibbs-Williams at (803) 468-8340 or rubycgwiliams@gmail.com.

An Evening of Pure Elegance with Carole Glover will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday,

May 20, at the North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Enjoy an evening of food, fun, fashion and entertainment. Tickets for this St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fundraising event are \$25 each. R&B singer, actress and American Idol Season 12 winner Candice Glover will provide entertainment. Contact Carole Thomas at (803) 410-1371 for advance tickets.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, at the Lincoln High School cafeteria, Council Street. Call James L. Green at (803) 968-4173.

The Sumter County Veterans Association will present its annual "get out the flags at the fairground farmers market at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 27. All churches with cemeteries in Sumter County are requested to send a representative to this event. Any other organizations wishing to help are welcome. Donuts and coffee will be available. Call Johnny Goodley at (803) 236-0488.

The Sumter County Veterans Association Memorial Day Program will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 29, at Mabry Memorial Park on U.S. 76/378 east of Shaw Air Force Base. The public is invited to attend this program honoring all veterans, living and deceased, from all conflicts the United States has been engaged in. Contact Larry Huff, chairman, SCVA at (803) 494-2894 or (803) 236-1203.

The last word in astrology

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Speak up if there is

you feel is fair and doable. Use diplomacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel plans or educational pursuits will give you the incentive and knowledge you need to explore and pursue a new endeavor. Working alongside someone who is as dedicated as you will inspire you to do your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll face emotional confusion when dealing with people from your past or the baggage you carry from your younger years. Address matters head-on and you will discover you are the master of your destiny. Take control and move forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make an offer to host an event or open your doors to family and friends. Your generosity will lead to interesting conversations with someone who would like to work with you. A chance to prosper looks promising. Romance is highlighted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be tempted by an offer that is dangled in front of you. Step back and consider the validity of the sales pitch. You are better off avoiding anything extravagant, indulgent or excessive in any way shape or form.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your family and friends first. Host a gathering. Your enthusiasm will be infectious, giving you an opportunity to present your ideas and entice someone you love to take a greater interest in what you are doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll receive mixed messages and find it difficult to understand why someone you care about is being argumentative. Listen attentively, but don't get in a spat. Confusion and delays while traveling can be expected. Keep the peace.

something you want. Your negotiating skills, intelligence and the ability to adapt to the changes going on around you will put you in a good position to advance. Celebrate with someone you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take more interest in what your personal or professional partner is up to. If you get involved, you will demonstrate that you have an interest and are willing to do your part. Your enthusiasm will be rewarded.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Channel your emotional energy into something positive. Getting upset over unverified information will only lead to anger. Take out any frustration you feel at the gym or through any other activity that allows you to use your physical abilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be called upon to do something that isn't likely to sit right with you. Back away if someone is acting erratic or pushing you in a direction that doesn't suit your needs. Protect against financial, emotional and physical damage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't back down. You have more control than you realize. Travel plans, getting together with people you find mentally stimulating and taking on a challenge that will bring about progressive changes are all in your best interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional deception or disillusionment will set in if you can't agree with someone you live or work with. If you don't like the demands being put on you, speak up and offer what

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TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

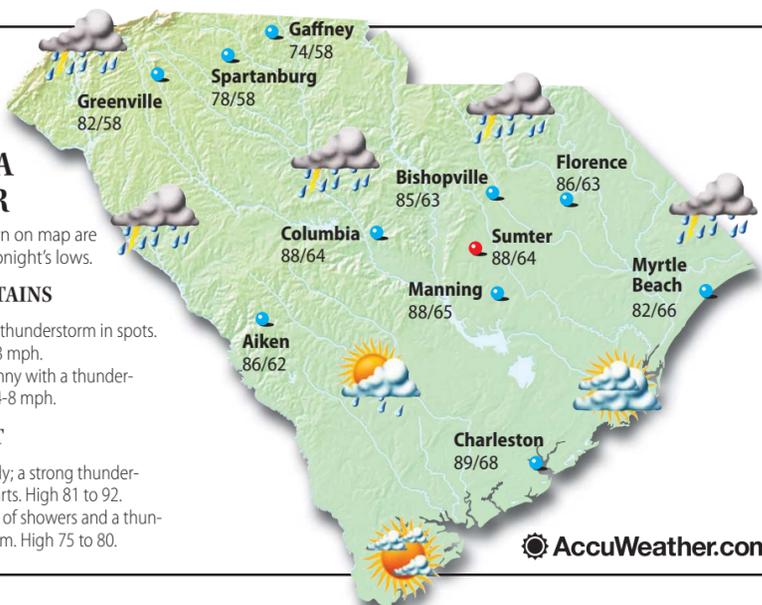
Today: A shower or thunderstorm in spots. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny with a thunderstorm. Winds north 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly cloudy; a strong thunderstorm in northern parts. High 81 to 92.

Saturday: A couple of showers and a thunderstorm; not as warm. High 75 to 80.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature
High 85°
Low 67°
Normal high 81°
Normal low 56°
Record high 94° in 1963
Record low 39° in 1977

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.
Month to date	1.21"
Normal month to date	1.07"
Year to date	15.24"
Last year to date	17.67"
Normal year to date	15.42"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.17	-0.04
Marion	76.8	75.59	-0.04
Moultrie	75.5	75.20	-0.03
Wateree	100	97.60	-0.15

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.23	-0.05
Congaree River	19	4.82	-0.43
Lynches River	14	7.92	+0.20
Saluda River	14	3.42	-0.35
Up. Santee River	80	78.34	-0.08
Wateree River	24	11.58	-0.27

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:23 a.m.	Sunset	8:14 p.m.
Moonrise	9:51 p.m.	Moonset	7:46 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
May 18	May 25	June 1	June 9

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:48 a.m.	2.7	5:36 a.m.	0.1
	11:15 p.m.	3.2	5:27 p.m.	0.2
Sat.	11:25 a.m.	2.7	6:14 a.m.	0.2
	11:51 p.m.	3.2	6:02 p.m.	0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	82/63/t	76/59/t
Chicago	65/44/pc	75/50/pc
Dallas	79/60/pc	83/61/s
Detroit	63/45/pc	68/48/pc
Houston	87/63/pc	86/63/s
Los Angeles	72/56/pc	73/55/pc
New Orleans	79/64/t	79/64/s
New York	59/50/c	54/48/r
Orlando	92/66/pc	90/65/pc
Philadelphia	59/49/c	55/50/r
Phoenix	98/73/s	98/69/s
San Francisco	64/49/pc	64/49/s
Wash., DC	59/51/r	58/49/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	70/56/t	68/48/c	Florence	86/63/t	73/54/t
Athens	85/61/t	76/54/t	Gainesville	88/65/pc	83/62/t
Augusta	91/66/c	78/57/t	Gastonia	70/57/c	71/51/pc
Beaufort	92/68/pc	80/60/t	Goldboro	71/61/t	71/54/t
Cape Hatteras	77/67/t	76/58/t	Goose Creek	90/67/pc	76/57/t
Charleston	89/68/pc	78/60/t	Greensboro	62/54/t	68/51/pc
Charlotte	70/57/c	70/52/pc	Greenville	82/58/c	74/52/t
Clemson	83/61/t	76/53/t	Hickory	66/56/c	71/52/pc
Columbia	88/64/t	76/57/t	Hilton Head	87/70/pc	78/60/t
Darlington	83/63/t	70/53/t	Jacksonville, FL	91/65/pc	83/62/t
Elizabeth City	65/61/r	72/54/t	La Grange	83/63/t	79/54/t
Elizabethtown	79/63/c	71/53/t	Macon	86/63/c	78/56/t
Fayetteville	75/63/t	73/55/t	Marietta	81/60/t	74/52/pc
			Marion	71/56/t	72/48/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	88/69/pc	77/59/t
			Myrtle Beach	82/66/t	75/58/t
			Orangeburg	89/65/c	75/55/t
			Port Royal	89/69/pc	79/61/t
			Raleigh	65/57/t	69/52/pc
			Rock Hill	76/59/c	71/50/pc
			Rockingham	75/61/c	71/52/t
			Savannah	94/67/pc	81/61/t
			Spartanburg	78/58/c	73/51/pc
			Summerville	90/66/pc	76/56/t
			Wilmington	81/65/t	75/55/t
			Winston-Salem	62/55/r	69/51/pc

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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JUMBLE

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George V ruled Britain from 1910 until he left for this in 1936 — KINGDOM COME

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



Baileys, left, is a 12-week-old gray-and-white male American shorthair. He is active, playful, cuddly and fun and enjoys chasing cat toys and playing with other kittens. Baileys is very loving and affectionate and would be great for a family with children or other pets. The SPCA has many new kittens in all colors, ages and breeds from shorthair to longhair, tabbies, calicos, Siamese and tuxedos available for adoption.

Rooney, right, is a 5-month-old tricolored female shepherd mix. She is very sweet, energetic and playful. Loves to run and play with other pups. Rooney lives for attention and would make a super buddy for any family with children and other dogs.

The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit the website at www.sumter-scspca.com.

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

YOUTH GYMNASTICS

Miss Libby's Elite Stars eye more success in Myrtle Beach

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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It has already been a good year for Miss Libby's Elite Stars gymnasts. They are hoping to make it a great year this weekend in Myrtle Beach.

Miss Libby's Silvers team earned its way into the Region 8 competition and Taylor Flaminio will be representing South Carolina on the 8-person Diamond state team.

"It's a really tough competition," said Katie Jones, one of the Miss Libby's coaches, of the state teams. "You've got eight states competing (the others being North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee) and you've got the best girls out of each state. These girls have all been working really hard to get to this point."

Flaminio is a 15-year-old

sophomore at Sumter High School who started taking gymnastics when she was three and starting competing when she was five.

"It takes a lot of dedication to be at the gym," said Flaminio, who trains 15 hours a week. "This is a lot of fun though. This is our biggest meet of the



FLAMINIO

year. You want to represent the state well. You know how good you did to get there."

Flaminio was the Diamond all-around state champion with a score of 37.1 and was the bars and beam state champion as well.

Three other Miss Libby's gymnasts won all-around state titles. Liz Majors and Dolly O'Connell won at Level 3 and Lori Flemming won in Level 6.

Flemming and Irene Moxley both competed in a Level 6 Regional in Mobile, Alabama, April 20-23. The 11-year-old Flemming placed second overall with a score of 37.625. Moxley finished with an all-around score of 37.025.

Flemming, a sixth-grader at Wilson Hall, didn't start taking gymnastics until she was 8 years old.

SEE ELITE STARS, PAGE B3

PREP BASEBALL

End of the line

Cardinal Newman holds off Wilson Hall 8-7 to reach 3A state championship series

BY PATRICK ENZOR
Special To The Sumter Item

With a spot in the SCISA 3A baseball state championship series on the line at Baron Field on Thursday, Cardinal Newman and Wilson Hall let their bats do the talking.

In a back-and-forth affair, the Cardinals were able to hold off the Barons 8-7 in the deciding game of their best-of-3 semifinal series to advance to the final. CN will face Laurence Manning Academy in a best-of-3 series beginning on Monday in Manning.

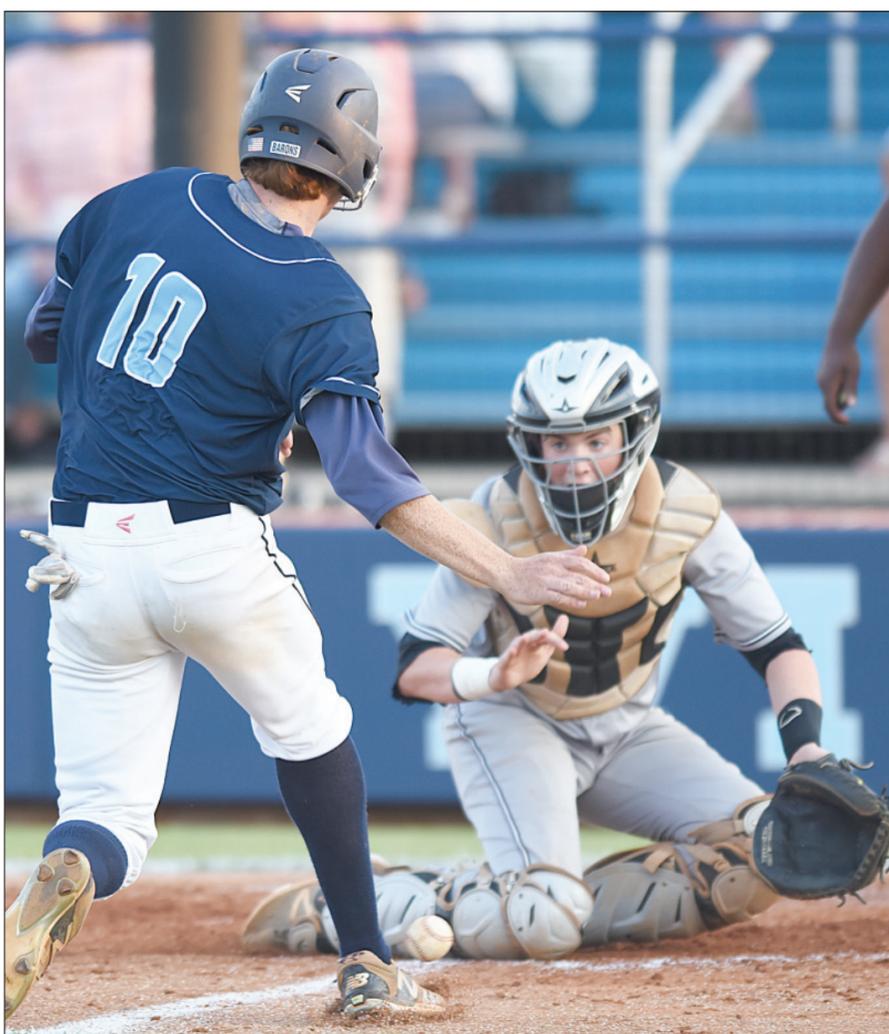
The Cardinals opened the game with two runs in the first, despite not getting a hit out of the infield. Two runs scored on an infield single that Barons shortstop McLendon Sears was only able to stop from getting to the outfield with two outs.

The Barons got one back in the bottom half on back-to-back doubles from Daulton Dabbs and Charlton Commander.

It was a sign of things to come. The teams combined for 14 hits.

Wilson Hall took a 3-2 lead in the second thanks to a single from Josh Knowlton, scoring Drew Talley and Trent Elmore came home on an error by CN shortstop AJ DePalma.

Cardinal Newman answered in the top of the



Wilson Hall's Drew Talley (10) scores after the ball bounces away from Cardinal Newman catcher Tanner Garrison during the Barons' 8-7 loss on Thursday at Baron Field in the deciding game of a SCISA 3A state playoffs semifinal series.

third with two more runs, one on an error and another from an RBI single by Tanner Garrison to take a 4-3 lead.

Once again, the Barons

answered the bell and tied it up in the bottom half of the inning with a sacrifice fly from Elmore. The Barons had the bases loaded with just one out, but only man-

aged the one run.

The first of two scoreless innings came in the fourth, but CN pushed the lead to

SEE END, PAGE B3

PREP TRACK & FIELD

Scott's Branch boys, girls aim for state titles

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Both the girls and boys track and field teams from Scott's Branch High School defended their 1A lower state titles last weekend on their home track at Spann Stadium in Summerton.

Their goal on Saturday at Spring Valley's Harry Parone Stadium in Columbia is to remove "lower" from the title and simply be called 1A state champion.

"We really feel like both of the teams have a really good shot at winning a state championship," said Scott's Branch head coach Wayne Farmer, whose boys team finished second in last year's state meet while the girls finished seventh. "We'll have to go out and see what happens, but we feel good about our chances."

The 1A state meet will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday and will be run in conjunction with the 2A meet. The 5A, 4A and 3A meets will begin today and will conclude early on Saturday afternoon.

Both teams dominated the lower state meet. The SB boys won with 202.50 points while Military Magnet was second with 94. The Lady Eagles won with 163 points while Baptist Hill had 83.

More important is the fact that the boys qualified for 23 spots in the state meet while the girls qualified in 19 positions. The top four finishers in the lower state and upper state meets earned a berth in the state meet.

SEE SCOTT'S BRANCH, PAGE B2

RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Robert E. Lee Academy's Bryce Barrett gets a base hit during the Cavaliers' 10-9 victory over Hilton Head Christian on Thursday at the REL field in the deciding game of a SCISA 2A playoffs semifinal series.



PREP BASEBALL

Kennedy's stellar relief effort helps REL battle back to reach title series

Freshman allows no runs over final 4 frames, Cavs walk-off in eighth inning

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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BISHOPVILLE — After hammering Hilton Head Christian Academy 11-1 in the opening game of the SCISA 2A baseball state playoffs semifinal series on Monday, the hope of playing

for a state title appeared to be fading quickly for Robert E. Lee Academy on Thursday.

The Cavaliers lost to HHCA 5-1 and were trailing 9-5 in the middle of the fourth inning of the deciding game at the REL field. However, freshman relief pitcher Dustin Kennedy threw shutout ball over the final four innings and Robert E. Lee scored the game's final five runs for a 10-9, 8-inning victory.

The Cavaliers, who are 24-8

on the season, will face Pee Dee Academy in the best-of-3 series beginning on Monday.

"I'm proud of my guys the way they kept battling back," Rankin said. "They were a couple of times where we could have quit, but we kept working our way back."

REL actually took the early lead, going up 2-0 in the bottom of the first. The Eagles, who finish the year at 20-6, rebounded

SEE REL, PAGE B3

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

6 a.m. - Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Quarterfinal Matches from Madrid, Spain (TENNIS).

8 a.m. - Formula One Racing: Spanish Grand Prix Practice from Barcelona, Spain (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

11 a.m. - Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Quarterfinal Matches from Madrid, Spain (TENNIS).

11:30 a.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Go Bowling 400 Practice from Kansas City, Kan. (FOX SPORTS 1).

Noon - College Softball: Colonial Athletic Association Tournament Championship Game from Harrisonburg, Va. (SPECTRUM 1250).

1 p.m. - College Softball: Big East Conference Tournament Semifinal Game from Rosemont, Ill. - Butler vs. St. John's (FOX SPORTS 2).

1 p.m. - College Softball: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Semifinal Game from Chapel Hill, N.C. (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

1 p.m. - PGA Golf: The Players Championship Second Round from Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (GOLF).

1:30 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Go Bowling 400 Practice from Kansas City, Kan. (FOX SPORTS 1).

2:30 p.m. - College Softball: Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament Elimination Game from Fairfax, Va. (SPECTRUM 1250).

2:55 p.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Chelsea vs. West Brom (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

3 p.m. - NBA Basketball: NBA Draft Combine 2017 from Chicago (ESPN2).

3 p.m. - College Softball: Southeastern Conference Tournament Semifinal Game from Knoxville, Tenn. (ESPN).

3:30 p.m. - College Softball: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Semifinal Game from Chapel Hill, N.C. (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

4 p.m. - College Softball: Big East Conference Tournament Semifinal Game from Rosemont, Ill. - Villanova vs. DePaul (FOX SPORTS 2).

4:30 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Toyota Tundra 250 Pole Qualifying from Kansas City, Kan. (FOX SPORTS 1).

5 p.m. - College Softball: Southeastern Conference Tournament Semifinal Game from Knoxville, Tenn. (ESPN).

5 p.m. - College Softball: Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament Semifinal Game from Fairfax, Va. (SPECTRUM 1250).

6:05 p.m. - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).

6:30 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Go Bowling 400 Pole Qualifying from Kansas City, Kan. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).

6:30 p.m. - College Baseball: Louisville at Clemson (WPUB-FM 102.7).

7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

7 p.m. - College Baseball: Vanderbilt at Arkansas (SEC NETWORK).

7:30 p.m. - College Baseball: South Carolina at Missouri (WNKT-FM 107.5).

8 p.m. - College Baseball: Portland at Brigham Young (BYUTV).

8 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game Six - Boston at Washington (ESPN).

8 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis or Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado (MLB NETWORK).

8:30 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Toyota Tundra 250 Pole Qualifying from Kansas City, Kan. (FOX SPORTS 1).

9 p.m. - College Baseball: California-Santa Barbara at Cal State Fullerton (ESPN).

9 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Western Conference Final Series Game One - Nashville at Anaheim (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10:30 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game Seven - Houston at San Antonio (if Necessary) (ESPN).

SATURDAY

7:25 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Leicester City vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

8 a.m. - Formula One Racing: Spanish Grand Prix Pole Qualifying from Barcelona, Spain (CNBC).

9:30 a.m. - International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match - Bayern Munich vs. Leipzig (WACH 57).

9:30 a.m. - International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match - Borussia Dortmund vs. Augsburg (FOX SPORTS 1).

9:30 a.m. - International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match - Hoffenheim vs. Werder Bremen, Ingolstadt vs. Freiburg and Borussia Monchengladbach vs. Wolfsburg (FOX SPORTS 2).

10 a.m. - Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Semifinal Match from Madrid, Spain (TENNIS).

Noon - College Softball: American Athletic Conference Tournament Championship Game from Greenville, N.C. (ESPN).

Noon - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from State College, Pa. - Towson vs. Penn State (ESPN).

12:25 p.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Arsenal vs. Stoke City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

1 p.m. - College Softball: Conference USA Tournament Championship Game from Hattiesburg, Miss. (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

1 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Houston at New York Yankees or Seattle at Toronto (MLB NETWORK).

1 p.m. - College Baseball: Auburn at Louisiana State (ESPN).

1 p.m. - College Softball: Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament Championship Game from Fairfax, Va. (SPECTRUM 1250).

2 p.m. - PGA Golf: The Players Championship Third Round from Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (WIS 10).

2 p.m. - College Softball: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Championship Game from Chapel Hill, N.C. (ESPN).

2:30 p.m. - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from Baltimore - Duke vs. Johns Hopkins (ESPN).

2:30 p.m. - College Softball: Big East Conference Tournament Championship Game from Rosemont, Ill. (FOX SPORTS 2).

3 p.m. - College Baseball: Portland at Brigham Young (BYUTV).

3 p.m. - College Baseball: Texas Christian at Oklahoma (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

3 p.m. - College Baseball: South Carolina at Missouri (WNKT-FM 107.5).

3:30 p.m. - IRL Racing: IndyCar Grand Prix from Indianapolis (WOLO 25).

3:30 p.m. - College Baseball: Houston at Tulane (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

3:30 p.m. - NWSL Soccer: Sky Blue at Houston (LIFETIME).

3:30 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Semifinal Match from Madrid, Spain (TENNIS).

3:30 p.m. - College Softball: Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament Championship Game from Fairfax, Va. (if Necessary) (SPECTRUM 1250).

4 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis (FOX SPORTS 1).

4 p.m. - College Baseball: Mississippi State at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).

4 p.m. - Major League Soccer: San Jose at Colorado (UNIVISION).

4 p.m. - College Baseball: Louisville at Clemson (WPUB-FM 102.7).

5 p.m. - WNBA Basketball: Seattle at Los Angeles (ESPN).

5 p.m. - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from Denver - Air Force vs. Denver (ESPN).

5:30 p.m. - College Softball: Big 12 Conference Tournament Championship Game from Oklahoma City (FOX SPORTS 2).

7 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Final Series Game One (WIS 10).

7 p.m. - Arena Football: Tampa Bay at Washington (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Baltimore at Kansas City or Tampa Bay at Boston (MLB NETWORK).

7 p.m. - College Baseball: Texas A&M at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).

7:30 p.m. - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from Albany, N.Y. - North Carolina vs. Albany State (ESPN).

7:30 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Go Bowling 400 from Kansas

City, Kan. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).

7:30 p.m. - Track and Field: IAAF Diamond League Meet from Shanghai (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

8 p.m. - College Softball: Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship Game from Knoxville, Tenn. (ESPN).

9 p.m. - Major League Soccer: Seattle at Chicago (ESPN2).

10 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Detroit at Los Angeles Angels or Oakland at Texas (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

10:30 p.m. - International Hockey: IIHF World Championship Group Play Match from Cologne, Germany - Latvia vs. United States (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	10	.677	—
Baltimore	22	11	.667	—
Boston	18	16	.529	4½
Tampa Bay	17	20	.459	7
Toronto	13	21	.382	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	15	.545	—
Minnesota	16	14	.533	½
Detroit	16	16	.500	1½
Chicago	15	16	.484	2
Kansas City	13	21	.382	5½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	23	11	.676	—
Seattle	17	17	.500	6
Los Angeles	17	19	.472	7
Oakland	16	18	.471	7
Texas	15	20	.429	8½

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, ppd.
Seattle 11, Philadelphia 6
Houston 4, Atlanta 2

Oakland 3, L.A. Angels 1
Washington 7, Baltimore 6
Toronto 8, Cleveland 7

Tampa Bay 12, Kansas City 1
Texas 4, San Diego 3
Milwaukee 7, Boston 4

Arizona 7, Detroit 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Boston 4, Milwaukee 1
Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore at Washington, 7:05 p.m.

Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
San Diego at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Houston (McCutters 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Bergman 0-0) at Toronto (Biagini 0-1), 7:07 p.m.

Minnesota (Santana 5-1) at Cleveland (Tomlin 2-3), 7:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Cobb 2-3) at Boston (Porcello 2-4), 7:10 p.m.

Oakland (Hahn 1-2) at Texas (Cashner 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

San Diego (Chacin 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 3-2), 8:10 p.m.

Baltimore (Tillman 1-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 2-3), 8:15 p.m.

Detroit (Zimmermann 3-1) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 1-2), 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	22	12	.647	—
New York	16	17	.485	5½
Philadelphia	13	19	.406	8
Miami	13	20	.394	8½
Atlanta	11	20	.355	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	19	14	.576	—
Cincinnati	18	15	.545	1
Milwaukee	18	17	.514	2
Chicago	17	17	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	14	20	.412	5½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	22	13	.629	—
Los Angeles	20	14	.588	1½
Arizona	19	16	.543	3
San Diego	13	22	.371	9
San Francisco	12	23	.343	10

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Seattle 11, Philadelphia 6
San Francisco 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Houston 4, Atlanta 2

Colorado 3, Chicago Cubs 0
Washington 7, Baltimore 6
St. Louis 7, Miami 5

Texas 4, San Diego 3
Milwaukee 7, Boston 4
Arizona 7, Detroit 1

L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 2

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Boston 4, Milwaukee 1
Baltimore at Washington, 7:05 p.m.

San Diego at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia (Pivetta 0-2) at Washington (Roark 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Foltynewicz 0-4) at Miami (Urena 1-0), 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Harvey 2-2) at Milwaukee (Garza 1-0), 8:10 p.m.

San Diego (Chacin 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 3-2), 8:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Butler 0-0) at St. Louis (Leake 4-1), 8:15 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-2) at Colorado (Chatwood 3-4), 8:40 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Glasnow 1-2) at Arizona (Corbin 2-4), 9:40 p.m.

Cincinnati (Feldman 2-3) at San Francisco (Cueto 4-2), 10:15 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

SECOND ROUND

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland 4, Toronto 0

May 1: Cleveland 116, Toronto 105
May 3: Cleveland 125, Toronto 103
May 5: Cleveland 115, Toronto 94
May 7: Cleveland 109, Toronto 102

Boston 3, Washington 2

April 30: Boston 123, Washington 111
May 2: Boston 129, Washington 119, OT
May 4: Washington 116, Boston 89
May 7: Washington 121, Boston 102

Wednesday: Boston 123, Washington 101
Today: Boston at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Monday: Washington at Boston, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 3, Houston 2

May 1: Houston 126, San Antonio 99
May 3: San Antonio 121, Houston 96
May 5: San Antonio 103, Houston 92
May 7: Houston 125, San Antonio 104
May 9: San Antonio 110, Houston 107, OT

Thursday: San Antonio at Houston (late)
x-Sunday: Houston at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.

Golden State 4, Utah 0

May 2: Golden State 106, Utah 94
May 4: Golden State 115, Utah 104
May 6: Golden State 102, Utah 91
May 8: Golden State 121, Utah 95

NHL PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

CONFERENCE FINALS

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Ottawa vs. Pittsburgh

Saturday: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Monday: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Wednesday: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 8 p.m.
May 19: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 8 p.m.

x-May 21: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
x-May 23: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 8 p.m.
x-May 25: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Nashville vs. Anaheim

Today: Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Sunday: Nashville at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Thursday: Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
x-May 20: Nashville at Anaheim, 7:15 p.m.
x-May 22: Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
x-May 24: Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

SPORTS ITEMS

Hughes, McGirt tied for lead at Players

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Canadian rookie Mackenzie Hughes played bogey-free in his debut at The Players Championship and shot a 5-under 67 to share the lead with William McGirt.

Hughes had one of only four bogey-free rounds at TPC Sawgrass. McGirt had a pair of eagles on the back nine for his 67.

Spain's Jon Rahm was among the players who shot a 68.

ROYALS 6

RAYS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Major league ERA leader Jason Vargas went seven more scoreless innings, Salvador Perez had a 2-run double during a 5-run eighth inning and the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-0 on Thursday.

Vargas (5-1) scattered three hits and dropped his ERA from 1.19 to 1.01.

RED SOX 4

BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Mookie Betts' 3-run home run in the ninth inning Thursday lifted the Boston Red Sox to a 4-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

It was Betts' third homer in his last four games, and helped Boston salvage one win in the 3-game series.

WEDNESDAY

CELTICS 123

WIZARDS 101

BOSTON — Avery Bradley scored a playoff career-high 29 points, and the Boston Celtics beat the Washington Wizards 123-101 on Wednesday night to take a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Al Horford added 19 points, seven assists, and six rebounds. Isaiah Thomas had 18 points and nine assists.

From wire reports

STATE TRACK & FIELD MEETS

COLLEGE BASEBALL

USC erases 5-run deficit to beat Liberty on Wednesday

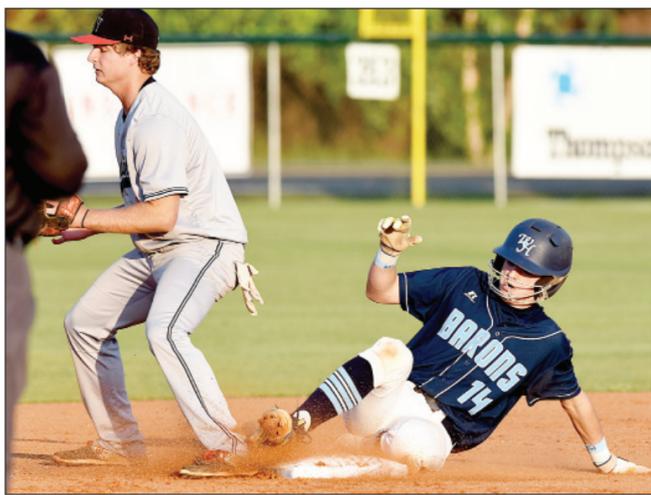
FROM LOCAL REPORTS

COLUMBIA — Sizzling offense erased a 5-run deficit Wednesday night at Founders Park as 30th-ranked South Carolina (29-19) scored six runs in the fifth inning en route to a 10-7 win over Liberty (29-18).

Home runs by Danny Blair, Riley Hogan and Carlos Cortes helped spark the

Gamecocks in the middle of the game and right-hander and former University of South Carolina Sumter standout Colie Bowers allowed just one run in three innings of relief to earn the victory.

Bowers struck out six batters to improve to 4-1 on the year. Liberty reliever Cody Gamble took the loss to move to 2-3 on the season. He allowed two runs on two hits and only faced three batters in the fifth inning.



Wilson Hall catcher Daulton Dabbs (14) stretches out a double during the Baron's 8-7 loss to Cardinal Newman on Thursday at Baron Field inn the deciding game of a SCISA 3A state playoffs semifinal series.

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7-4 in the fifth behind two walks, two hits, an error and a hit batter. They made it 8-4 in the sixth on a sacrifice fly from Patrick Parnell.

The Barons rallied in the bottom of the sixth, scoring three runs thanks to two passed balls and a wild pitch. Commander also had a sacrifice fly in the inning.

Wilson Hall got the tying run on base in the final frame with one out, but wasn't able to get him home.



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM



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Miss Libby's Silvers gymnastics team will be competing in a regional meet in Myrtle Beach this weekend. Members of the team are, left to right, Bailey Champion, Brooklyn Collins, Laken Purdy, Madison Lowder, Madison Dagesse and Leila Shuping. Not pictured are Anna Alan and McKenzie Gray Mills.

ELITE STARS

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"When I was 9, I went to Level 3 and then Level 4," Flemming said. "It is great to have the chance to compete (in the regional). It means that we all have something special and we put in 100 percent every day."

Moxley is a 12-year-old who is in the seventh grade at Alice Drive Middle School. She started gymnastics when she was 7.

"It's amazing to know that I was able to get this chance," Moxley said. "It (competing in the regional) was really exciting because I had never done it before."

The Silvers team includes Bailey Champion, Brooklyn Collins, Laken Purdy, Madison Lowder, Madison Dagesse, Leila Shuping, Anna Alan and McKenzie Gray Mills.

"It's really fun getting this chance," said Shuping, a 12-year-old in the sixth grade at ADMS. "It feels good to get the chance to compete in the regional. It's an amazing feeling to be a state champion."

Shuping won a beam state title along with Liz Majors, Moxley, Flemming and Fla-



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Irene Moxley, left, and Lori Fleming competed in the Level 6 Regionals held in Mobile, Ala., April 20-23. Moxley had a score of 37.025 and Fleming had a score of 37.625.

minio. O'Connell and Flem-
ming won state titles in floor,
Karsen Jones, Abby Bradley
and Flaminio won in bars and
Nyah Padilla, Amber Davis,
Amelia Godfrey, Bradley and

Flemming won in vault.
"These girls have all worked
really hard for this opportuni-
ty," said coach Tiffany Butler.
"They have fun, but they put in
a lot of work to achieve this."

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Competes in Myrtle Beach this weekend

Silvers
Bailey Champion — 10 years old
Brooklyn Collins — 12 years old
Laken Purdy — 10 years old
Madison Lowder — 12 years old
Madison Dagesse — 13 years old
Leila Shuping — 12 years old
Anna Alan — 8 years old
McKenzie Gray Mills — 10 years old

Diamond

Taylor Flaminio — 15 years old
Competed in Mobile, Ala.
Irene Moxley — 12 years old
Lori Fleming — 11 years old
Mobile, Ala., Level 6 Regional Results
Irene Moxley
Vault — 9.275

Bars — 8.925
Beam — 9.4
Floor — 9.425
All Around — 37.025

Lori Fleming

Vault — 9.325
Bars — 9.35
Beam — 9.4
Floor — 9.55
All Around — 37.625

State Champions

Vault
Nyah Padilla — Bronze — 9.525
Amber Davis — Bronze — 9.7
Amelia Godfrey — Level 3 — 9.2
Abby Bradley — Level 4 — 9.025
Lori Flemming — Level 6 — 9.575

Bars State Champion

Karsen Jones — Bronze — 9.625
Abby Bradley — Level 4 — 9.55
Taylor Flaminio — Diamond — 9.125

Beam State Champion

Leila Shuping — Silver — 9.6
Liz Majors — Level 3 — 9.5
Irene Moxley — Level 6 — 9.475
Lori Fleming — Level 6 — 9.775
Taylor Flaminio — Diamond — 9.45

Floor State Champion

Dolly O'Connell — Level 3 — 9.375
Lori Fleming — Level 6 — 9.475
All-Around State Champion
Liz Majors — Level 3 — 37.675
Dolly O'Connell — Level 3 — 37.375
Lori Fleming — Level 6 — 37.3
Taylor Flaminio — Diamond — 37.1

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though, scoring four runs in the second off of Robert E. Lee starting pitcher Gavin Melton. The Cavaliers got a run in the bottom of the inning to make it 4-3 before Hilton Head Christian scored two runs in the third to go up 6-3.

REL sliced the lead to 6-5 in the bottom of the inning on consecutive solo home runs from Nick Stokes and Austin Windham off of HHCA starter Dargan Cherry. The Eagles bounced back with three runs in the fourth off of Kennedy, the third Robert E. Lee pitcher.

Kennedy would be the final Cavalier to toe the rubber though. The right-hander didn't allow another run over the final four innings. He retired the side in order in both the seventh and eighth.

"What more can you say about my freshman pitcher," Rankin said. "He really settled in and pitched well for us down the stretch."

He's pitched in spurts for us, like when we had a 3-game week. He really pitched well."

That allowed REL to get back in the game. Harry Cook smacked a 2-run homer in the fourth to make it 9-7. Robert E. Lee made it 9-8 in the fifth when Stokes walked with the bases loaded and tied it in the sixth when Melton drew a bases-loaded walk.

The Cavaliers loaded the bases again in the seventh, but couldn't score. They won it in the eighth though by again loading the bases.

Bryce Barrett reached on a 2-base error to start the inning. After he was sacrificed to third, HHCA made the decision to intentionally walk Cook and Stokes to load the bases. Windham delivered a deep fly ball to center field for a sacrifice fly to score Barrett with the winning run.

The Cavaliers finished with 13 hits. Barrett, Cook, Windham, Matthew Tidwell, Tyler Hardin and Willam Corbett each had two hits.



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Robert E. Lee Academy starting pitcher Gavin Melton throws during the Cavaliers' 10-9 victory over Hilton Head Christian in eight innings on Thursday at the REL field in the deciding game of a SCISA 2A state playoffs semifinal series.

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RECRUITING

N.J.'s Minaya plans to sign with USC basketball

Justin Minaya, a 6-foot-7-inch basketball player from Harrington Park, N.J., announced his plans to sign with the University of South Carolina on Wednesday and join head coach Frank Martin's 2017 recruiting class.

Minaya becomes the fifth member of the class and is coming in as a big guard.

Minaya boiled his decision down to USC and Brewster Prep Academy in New Hampshire. He also had major college interest from Seton Hall, Temple and Illinois.

Minaya made an official visit to USC earlier this month, and after the visit he had a good feeling that Martin's program might be a good fit.

"I loved how it was really a family environment and I could see myself fitting in as a big guard who brings a lot of versatility to the team," Minaya said on Wednesday. "I think it'll be amazing (playing for Martin). He obviously has been very successful as a coach and I definitely have a lot of trust in him."

Minaya, who is the son of former New York Mets general manager Omar Minaya, averaged 20 points, 11 rebounds, five blocked shots and three assists per game last season.

The younger Minaya said he will sign his letter of intent today.

FOOTBALL

USC

A 2-commitment week boosted the USC '18 class to a half-dozen, and seven if you count '17 holdover defensive end Tyreek Johnson of Lakewood High School.

Running back Deshaun Fenwick (6-2, 208 pounds) of Bradenton, Fla., committed to USC over Georgia, and his head coach at Braden River High said USC is getting a back with excellent size and speed.

Fenwick rushed for 755 yards, averaging 10 yards per carry, and six touchdowns last season. He also had 14 receptions for 278 yards and four TDs.

"He can catch the ball out of the backfield, he's a power back and he does very well in pass protection and blocking," said head coach Curt Bradley. "He's a complete back and at 212, 216 pounds — wherever he's at — he can do it all on the football field. He's got solid speed.

"The biggest thing in that league (the Southeastern Conference) is about breaking tackles and carrying the load, and he's solid enough and big enough to withstand the pounding and break tackles. He's got great balance and body control to shed tackles and get more yards after contact."

Fenwick also had offers from Kentucky, Boston College, Iowa State, Missouri, Mississippi, Central Florida and South Florida.

Linebacker Ernest Jones IV (6-2, 205) of Waycross, Ga., chose USC over Florida and Duke. Jones made a couple of visits to USC in the spring, for a practice and for the spring

game, and said those visits gave him the comfort zone he was seeking.

"It just felt like home and I loved the way the staff was talking to me," Jones said. "To see South Carolina struggling lately, it just felt I just needed to be there to change things around. I see that they produce a lot of NFL (National Football League) talent and they will develop you as a player. They will get you ready for the next level. Not only that, they will teach you to become a man."

Jones expects to play middle LB with USC. "I bring a lot of versatility and can play the outside linebacker position and can cover receivers and tight ends, but if you need me in the middle, I'm a thumper," he said. "I love contact and am ready to hit anything."

Jones also had offers from Auburn, Georgia Tech, Louisiana State, Tennessee, Mississippi State, Oregon, UK and others.

Quarterback Dakereon Joyner of Fort Dorchester High in Summerville, whose offer list at one time consisted of USC, Clemson, Tennessee, North Carolina, UGA, Alabama, Auburn, UF, Louisville, Oregon and Notre Dame, has told the schools of his decision. He plans to publicly reveal his choice on Father's Day, which is Sunday, June 18.

On Saturday, he announced the final two as USC and North Carolina State. "I do know," Joyner said. "I guess, whenever you know, you just know. I just knew and it was kind of getting kind of stressful coming down to it."

Joyner said USC assistant coach Pat Washington and QB coach and offensive coordinator Kurt Roper were by on separate days last month.

"With the rules they can't really talk a lot while they are there, so I actually called Coach Roper that night and we talked a little bit," Joyner said. "I'm in touch with them every day."

Joyner said his NCSU recruiter has told him he will come by during spring practice, which started for him on Monday.

USC continued its work with QB Tyler Shough of Chandler, Ariz. last week when Roper paid him a visit to watch him throw. USC was the first Power 5 conference offer for Shough, and he continues to give USC strong consideration as offers from Michigan, UGAS, Alabama, Mizzou, FSU and Oregon State have rolled in.

"We have been talking a lot and he said he loved watching me and was extremely impressed," Shough said of Roper. "They are high on my list."

Shough said recruiters from Alabama, Michigan, Southern California, Mizzou, Michigan State, Arizona State and Arizona have been through to check him out this spring. He plans to visit Michigan and Indiana soon and make a decision over the summer.

USC already has an offensive lineman commitment from the state of Tennessee and continues to work hard



Phil Kornblut
RECRUITING
CORNER

he talks with USC OL coach Eric Wolford almost every day and he expects to see him soon.

"He emphasizes that he coached in the NFL and he knows what it takes to get there," Carvin said. "He really emphasizes the family feel at South Carolina. He said he could have been back in the NFL, but he chose South Carolina over the NFL."

Carvin said he plans to release a top list of eight or 10 soon, probably after his spring practice, and reduce that to five by the start of his season. He's confident USC will make his top eight.

"I just liked it when I went down there for their spring game," he said. "I got a good feel, a good vibe from the campus, I was in the locker room after the game and talked to some of the player. It was great. It was up there with some of the best visits I've been on."

Carvin said he wants to take all of his official visits and make his decision around midseason or near the end of the season. He also has offers from Alabama, Virginia Tech, Arkansas, UK, Memphis, Mizzou, Colorado, UGA and UF.

USC DE target Dorian Gerald of College of the Canyons Junior College in California and who is from Florence, was offered by Alabama, another sign of his growth into a major recruit.

"When it happened it was crazy," Gerald said. "I'm still in shock. People dream for this offer, but I can't let that distract me because at the end of the day I have to make the right move for me. But yeah, this is the biggest and I don't think it can go any higher. I'm ecstatic."

Gerald also has offers from USC, Tennessee, Louisville, Texas Tech, Memphis, Washington State, Syracuse, Colorado State and Arizona State. He plans to visit USC when he's home this summer.

Defensive back DJ Ivey of Homestead, Fla., was offered by USC. He currently is a Miami commitment, but has not totally shut down his recruiting.

"It's (USC) another SEC school, so I know they see a lot of potential in me, but I haven't really thought about where schools fit in my recruitment yet," Ivey said. He also has offers from Auburn, UCF and others.

USC has been one of the long time recruiters of defensive lineman Rick Sandidge of Concord, N.C., and that due diligence paid off with a spot in his final 11. The others on the short list are Ohio State, NCSU, UNC, VT, Michigan, FSU, U, UGA, LSU and Miami. Wide receiver Demarcus

Gregory of Byrnes High in Duncan narrowed his list to FSU, NCSU, Ole Miss, Tennessee and West Virginia. He also has a USC offer.

USC offers last week went out to RB Asa Martin of Decatur, Ala., '19 DB Reddy Steward of Decatur, '19 LB King Mwikuta of LaGrange, Ga., '19 DB Jaylen McCollough of Powder Springs, Ga., '19 WR Knowledge McDaniel of Bradenton, Fla., '19 WR Quendaris Jefferson (6-1, 190) of Hillcrest High in Simpsonville, '19 WR Frank Lanson Jr. of Miami — currently a UF commitment — '19 DE Jamin Graham of Attalla, Ala., '19 OL Vincent Murphy of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and '20 WR Kobe Hudson of LaGrange, Ga.

CLEMSON AND USC

Athlete RJ Roderick of Cane Bay High in Summerville now plans to graduate early from high school and enroll in college in January of '18. As such, he is moving up his decision timetable.

On the paperwork for early graduation, he has until June 7 to identify his college of choice. He plans to make his decision before that, about two to three weeks from now. And Clemson has now entered the conversation for him.

"They are recruiting me as a running back," said Roderick, who plays QB and safety in high school.

He has been in touch with Clemson RB coach Tony Elliott. "I've been going back and forth with him on Twitter, talking about basic stuff and getting to know him," Roderick said. "He told me I was being recruited as a running back and he only has a certain number of offers to give out and he wanted to be sure I could fit the spot." Elliott was by Cane Bay recently to check in on Roderick, and he said he is considering taking an unofficial visit to Clemson this month. He's also planning to visit NCSU this month.

USC has been the leader for Roderick and is recruiting him as a safety. He said nothing has changed with USC's position as holding the lead.

"Yes, as of right now they do, but I'm still weighing my options and going over things," Roderick said. He most recently visited USC for the social event on April 29.

Besides Clemson's Elliott, Roderick said recruiters from GT, Eastern Kentucky, Furman, FSU and Miami (Ohio) have been by the school.

WR Bryce Thompson of Dutch Fork High in Irmo remains committed to VT and has pulled back the brake on his recruiting for now while he focuses on spring practice and summer camps. Thompson visited USC for a spring practice in March and that's the last time he's heard from

USC. He visited VT two weeks ago and he is holding to his commitment.

"It's looking pretty solid right now, but I still have a whole year so a lot of things can change," Thompson said.

UF, Clemson, Michigan, Ohio State and FSU have been in touch and are waiting on his Scholastic Aptitude Test score. He said he will camp at Clemson in late June and he also wants to go to FSU and Michigan. And a USC camp visit also is possible.

He's expecting NCSU, Wake Forest and VT to watch him practice this week.

CLEMSON

Clemson remains a factor with DB Verone McKinley II of Plano, Texas. The Tigers are in regular contact and McKinley said secondary coach Mike Reed is planning to scout him during spring practice this month.

"I definitely really like Clemson, still high on them," McKinley said. "I'm kind of seeing what's what and trying to make sure I make the right decision. He sees me coming in being like a Mackenzie Alexander, being able to cover well and be a leader as well, bring energy. I like them a lot."

McKinley has visited Clemson twice so far and doesn't have any plans for another visit at this point. Clemson is on his short list with Alabama, LSU, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Texas A&M and UCLA. McKinley has visited A&M and Oklahoma this spring. He will take more visits but none are scheduled. He will graduate early and plans to announce in May, possibly at his spring game on May 25.

DE Micah Parsons of Harrisburg, Pa., who recently decommitted from PSU, said Clemson, Alabama, FSU, Miami and Nebraska are potential visits before his senior season. Ohio State and Southern Cal also are in the mix.

WR Brennan Eagles of Houston recently visited Clemson and the Tigers are now included in his revised top 10. The others on his list are UF, FSU, Oklahoma, Southern Cal, LSU, Ohio State, Texas Christian, UGA and Texas.

Clemson is in the final five with DB Kyler McMichael of Duluth, Ga. He told Rivals Auburn site he has Clemson, Auburn, Tennessee, UGA and Alabama on his list.

Christopher Hinton, a '19 DE from Norcross, Ga., told Rivals his top schools right now are Clemson, California, UGA, Michigan, UNC and Stanford.

Clemson offers last week included DE Azeez Ojulari of Marietta, Ga., and '20 WR Kobe Hudson of LaGrange, Ga.

OBITUARIES

SARAH L. DWYER

Sarah L. Dwyer, 58, was born June 16, 1958, in Sumter to the late Malachi and Maebell Jennings Williams Sr.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Chanelle Williams; brother, David Williams; and two nephews, Michael D. Idlett and Denver Williams.

She departed this life on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Dwyer is survived by two sons, Cedric Williams and Corey (Rio) Dwyer; daughter, Saretta Dwyer (fiance', Marqus Pugh); five sisters, Earline (Jonah) Wright, Pearlle Idlett (Larry Morris), Carrie (Bill) Duffie, Dianne Williams (Stevie Commander) and Hannah (Anthony) Burgess; three brothers, Harrison (Rosa) Williams, Malachi (Pearlise) Williams and Benjie Williams; three grandchildren, Aiyanna and Zariah Pugh and Corey Mekhi Dwyer; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday from

Church of God by Faith, 609 Atlantic Ave., Sumter, with Elder Mack S. Wilson, pastor. Interment will follow in the Bradford Cemetery.

A public viewing will held from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Messages of hope can be left at www.whitesmortuary.net.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, 859 S. Harvin St., Sumter.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC, Sumter.

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JOHN H. RIDGEWAY

John Horace Ridgeway, 33, husband of Tiffany Ridgeway, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, May 7, 2017, in Summerton. Born on April 14, 1984, he was a son of John Lubrine Ridgeway and Robin Yvonne Penny.



RIDGEWAY

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the chapel of Summerton Funeral Home LLC.

Viewing will be from 3 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family will receive friends at the home of his sister, 2030 White Oak Drive, Manning.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC, 23 South Duke St., Summerton. Phone (803) 485-3755.

CHARLES W. ANDERSON

Charles Wendell Anderson, 74, husband of Helena Seamour, died Friday, April 24, 2017, at the Veterans Medical Center Hospital in Washington, D.C.



ANDERSON

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9124 Plowden

Mill Road, Alcolu.

The Rev. Alonza Washington will serve as pastor and eulogist, and the Rev. Dr. Franklin Colclough will officiate, with assistance from the Rev. Dr. Ella Busby, the Rev. Carnell Hampton and pastor Elijah W. Washington.

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

PINCKNEY MONTGOMERY

Pinckney Montgomery, 71, died Thursday, May 4, 2017, at Regency Hospital, Greenville. He was born Oct. 1, 1945, in



MONTGOMERY

Paxville, a son of the late James "Fine" and Mary Dinkins Montgomery.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Lakewood High School Auditorium, 350 Old Manning Road, Sumter.

Pastor Annie Lou Riley will serve as eulogist and pastor Robert Montgomery will preside with assistance from the Rev. Ollie Hannah.

Burial will follow in Calvary Zion Cemetery, 10075 Calvary Church Road, Pinewood. The family is receiving friends at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Kimbrea and Michael Walker, 2137 Avalon Drive, Sumter, and at his residence, 900 Fulton St., Sumter.

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

THEOLA R. BRUNSON

Theola Rosenburg Brunson, 68, daughter of the late Abie Rosenburg and Rita C. Rosenburg White was born on Oct. 13, 1948, in Manning.

She departed this life on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

Family will receive friends at the home, 102 Laurel St., Sumter.

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

SARAH WILSON

Sarah Wilson, wife of Edmond Wilson Jr., entered eternal rest on Thursday, May 11, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, S.C. 341, Lynchburg.

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

MARY ELLEN FRIES

Mary Ellen Fries, 79, peacefully departed this earth on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Manor Care Health Services, Largo, Maryland.

Born in Sumter County on April 19, 1937, she was the daughter of the late the Rev. David and Elmata Alston Ramsey.

She received her formal education in the public schools

of Sumter County. She graduated from cosmetology school in New York and worked as a beautician for several years. In her later years, she worked as a home health aide until her retirement.

She was united in holy matrimony to the late Edward Fries III.

Mary Ellen was one of Jehovah's Witnesses for many years. Introduced to the faith during her early years, she continued her devotion becoming a faithful member of Kingdom Hall of Lyman Road in Sumter.

She leaves to cherish her memories one daughter, Tuesday Fries of Bowie, Maryland; one son, Timothy (Angel) Fries; two sisters, Juanita (Elbert) Deas and Amelia (Dennis) Nickens; and two brothers, Louis Ramsey and Leroy (Marie) Ramsey, of Sumter; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Homegoing celebration services will be held at noon on Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 100 Lynam Road, Sumter.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amelia (Dennis) Nickens, 870 Mayfield Drive, Sumter.

The funeral procession will leave from the home at 11:20 a.m.

Services are 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 williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

Visit us on the web at www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com.

OPHELIA HOWARD

Ophelia Howard was born on Dec. 19, 1934, to the late Joshua Sr. and Ophelia Olden Fraiser in the Dalzell community of Sumter. She passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

She attended Stateburg and High Hills schools, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1954. Ophelia started at Morris College and furthered her education at Community College of Staten Island, New York.

On July 8, 1952, Ophelia united in holy matrimony to the late Harold Howard Jr. and they were blessed with three children.

Ophelia accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age and joined Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church where her faith journey began.

She participated in appropriate church activities until she left the area and moved to Bayonne, New Jersey, where she united with Wallace Temple A.M.E. Zion Church and faithfully supported several ministries, including senior choir, secretary of the trustee board, women's missionary society, stewardess board, conference workers, and served as delegate to several annual conferences.

When Ophelia returned to South Carolina, she became an active member and faithfully served as secretary of the Wilhelmenia "Sweetheart" Burgess Women's Missionary Society for eight years. She was also a member of stewardess board No. 1 and church school class No. 1.

She was exemplary in her faith as she believed and always encouraged others to "pray and trust God."

Ophelia's career path began in South Carolina as an aide for the children of the White/Anderson families. She was later employed by the state of New York as an occupational therapist at Willow Brook State School in Staten Island, New York, retiring in 1988.

Ophelia was a joyful, kind-hearted person who did not mind rendering any service she could to those who needed her. Her love for cooking, baking and making others laugh will be remembered for the many people she nurtured because she was organized in every aspect of her life, always keeping a positive attitude while dealing with her family and friends.

At Delaine Community Center, she enjoyed participating in crafts, games, interacting with the members and faithfully attending bible study.

Precious memories will be shared by her two children, Mary L. Howard of Bayonne, New Jersey, and Joseph L.

(Mary Ellen) Howard of El Paso, Texas; three granddaughters, Natcha (James) Johnson of Joshua, Texas, Joetta L. Howard of Atlanta, Georgia, and Tia M.O. Howard of Baltimore, Maryland; one grandson, Dennis Dortch of Los Angeles, California; three great-grandchildren, Semaj E. Johnson, Zion Johnson and Trinity L. Howard; two sisters, Josephine Fraiser and Janie L. (John) Colbert Sr., both of Sumter; two special brothers, Thomas Brown and Richard (Ruth) Brown, both of Sumter; one daughter-in-law, Janie Moultrie of Pineville; three sisters-in-law, Dorothy Howard of Sumter, Joan Fraiser of Paterson, New Jersey, and Geneva Fraiser of Bayonne, New Jersey; special niece and nephew, James and Merna Johnson of Wedgefield; a dear cousin, the Rev. Robert Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Harold Howard III; sister, Mary E. Hunter; three brothers, Joshua Jr. Powell, James and John Henry; and nieces, Priscilla Vera Fraiser White Russ and Patricia Ann Fraiser.

Public viewing will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Howard will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Wayman A.M.E. Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Broughton Jr. officiating.

Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Park.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 5570 Cane Savannah Road, Wedgefield.

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

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

J.C. AMOS SR.

J.C. Amos Sr., son of the late Johnnie and Josephine Amos, died on Monday, May 8, 2017. He was born on Jan. 22, 1934.

He was educated in the segregated school system of Clarendon County.

J.C. Amos Sr. was united in marriage to the late Sallie Scott Amos. During this union, the couple were successful owners of the Amos Store, Amos Florist and Green House.

At an early age, J.C. accepted Christ as his personal savior. He became a member of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where he served on the trustee board.

The light of J.C. Amos Sr. will shine through his three children, Matthew Amos of Sumter, J.C. (Marie) Amos Jr. of Columbia and Lou Ada (Herbert) Nelson of Sumter; three grandchildren, Todd Amos and Sentell Amos, both of Sumter, and April (Jean) Fortin of Sanford, Florida; two great-grandchildren, Daniel L. Fortin and Deon Amos; one brother, James Amos of Sumter; one sister-in-law, Ola Mae Amos of Orlando, Florida; two brothers-in-law, Byrd Scott and Tyrone Scott, both of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sallie Scott Amos.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the chapel of Sumter Funeral Service Inc., with pastor Willie A. Wright Jr. officiating and assistance by the Rev. Leroy Blanding.

The funeral cortege will leave the home of his daughter, Lou Ada Nelson, 680 Bowen Drive, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The family will receive friends at the chapel from 3 until 6 p.m. today.

Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

JOHN W. ROBINSON

John Wilson Robinson, 76, husband of Donna Jones Robinson, died Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at the VA Medical Center in Charleston.

Born in Manning, he was a son of the late Preston and Harriett Bryant Robinson.

Robinson was retired from Santee Print Works. He was a U. S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Surviving are his wife of Sumter; two sons, Scott Robinson of Tennessee and Shannon Robinson (Rose) of Charleston; a brother, Julian Baird of Johnsonville and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home, with the Rev. Gene Gilbert officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

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

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



9386.

THELMA M. JAMES

Minister Thelma McFadden James, wife of the Rev. Roosevelt McFadden Jr., departed this life on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at MUSC Ashley Tower, Charleston. She was born on Aug. 9, 1958, in Sumter.

She was the sixth child and fifth daughter of the late Isaiah and Cecelia Martin James.

She was educated in the public schools of Sumter and was a graduate of Sumter High School Class of 1977.

Thelma was employed with Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority for almost 39 years.

She accepted Christ as her savior at an early age, being reared in a Christian environment at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Pinewood. On May 18, 2006, she took it to another level and rededicated her mind, body and soul to Jesus and had been running ever since.

Thelma was the first lady of Pearson Chapel Nondenominational Church. She was also a church family member of Good Shepherd Outreach Ministries, under the leadership of pastor Richard and prophetess Joan Hampton.

Thelma's favorite scripture that she loved to read was Psalm 27.

She leaves to cherish her memories her loving husband, the Rev. Roosevelt McFadden of the home; one son, Charles Travis Chaney of Columbia; two grandsons, Tyron Dennis of Sumter and Christopher Chaney of Charlotte, North Carolina; two sisters, Shirley Spaulding of Brunswick, Georgia, and Gladys Jefferson of Sumter; one brother, Isiah James Jr. of Columbia; two brothers-in-law, George (Renata) McFadden of Lexington and Robert (Everleen) McFadden of Sumter; one sister-in-law, Annie (Apostle Johnny) Lewis of Hillcrest, New York; four aunts, Virginia Jackson, Molly Ross, Ethel Bracey, and Mary Gibson, all of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Loretta James, Iona Dingle and Viola Noel.

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

Minister McFadden will be placed in the church for viewing at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Richard Hampton officiating.

Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 369 Gatewood St., Sumter.

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

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

ELIZABETH D. THOMPSON

Elizabeth Davis Thompson (Liz), widow of Henry Lee Thompson Sr. and daughter of the late Hazel and Inez Kennedy Davis, was born in Sumter County on Nov. 22, 1938. She entered eternal rest on Monday, May 8, 2017, at her residence.

Liz received her education in the Sumter County public school system.

She was a member of Salem Baptist Church, which she loved attending. She was also a faithful member of the women's missionary society.

Liz was employed as a cook at Solomon's Kitchen for many years. She loved to cook large meals for her family and anyone else who showed up at her home. She was such a giving person that if you ever needed a helping hand or a place to lay your head, you could find one at her home. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family and friends.

Her precious memories will be cherished by one son, Charles Thompson; one daughter, Theresa Thompson Bracey (Anthony); 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Frank Davis; a faithful friend, Marion Ruth; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin L. Davis and Henry Lee Thompson Jr.; and two brothers, Herbert Davis and Hazel Davis Jr.

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

Thompson will be placed in the church today at noon for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today at Salem Baptist Church, 320 W. Fulton St., Sumter, with pastor Cartrell Woods Jr. officiating and the Rev. Rossi Ramsey as eulogist.

Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 7 W. Bee St., Sumter.

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

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

MARION MARTIN SR.

Marion Martin Sr., 83, departed this earthly life on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at his home. Born Dec. 22, 1933, in Sumter County, he was the son of the late Rochelle Martin Sr. and Bertha Abrams.

He attended the public schools of Sumter County. He was employed at the Coke-Cola Plant and Korns Inc., V. B. Williams, ACE Parker Tire and Sumter City Public Works, where he retired after becoming ill.

At an early age, he joined Mt. Olive AME Church. He was a member of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 53 years, Aleane Jenkins Martin; three daughters, Bertha Leonard, Janie Mae Martin and Shirley Ann (Kenny) McMillian, all of Sumter; a stepdaughter, Mary Ann Jenkins of Alexandria, Virginia; two sons, Marion Martin Jr. of Sumter and Timothy Abrams of Wedgefield; a stepson, Joe Jenkins of Sumter; seven brothers, Edward (Jeanett) Richardson, Leroy (Lilly Mae) Richardson, Rochell (Ella Mae) Martin Jr., Samuel (Betty) Martin, Raymond (Camilla) Martin, William Martin, all of Sumter; and James Martin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Bertha Mae Bradley and Ada Brunson, both of Sumter; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Homegoing services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with minister Jake Sanders III officiator and eulogist.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4250 Cotton Road, Sumter. The procession will leave from the home at 2:20 p.m.

Burial will be in the Mt. Olive Memorial Garden, Pear Street, Woodrow.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

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Patio furniture, yard tools, dishes, cookware, TV, DVD player, towels, books, lots of household items, and tools, all priced to sell.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CIVIL ACTION NO: 2016-CP-43-02295

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Santee Lynches Community Development Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
Williba Brogdon, Annette N. Blair, Richard Nathaniel, Bernice Nathaniel aka Denise Bernice Nathaniel, Sharon Nathaniel, Joyce Balls, Pamela Riley, Sherel Balls, and Ondra Nathaniel, and any children and heirs at law, distributees and devisees, and if any be deceased, then any persons entitled to claim under or through them; also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest in or lien upon the real property described in the complaint herein, designated as **John Doe,** and any minors or incompetent persons or person in the military, designated as **Richard Roe,**
Defendants.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint upon the subscriber, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff against the Defendants, to quiet title to property described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel, tract or lot(s) of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City and the County of Sumter, South Carolina, and being shown and designated as Lots 7 & 8, as shown on a map of "part of the Leila E. Wright Estate," made by Harry A. Boggs, C.E., dated January 30, 1920 and recorded in the ROD for Sumter County in Plat Book O-4 at Page 206.

This lot is designated on the Auditor's Tax Map for Sumter County as Parcel 2270304024 and is known as 525 Dingle Street.

This is the same property conveyed to Williba Brogdon by deed of Carolina B. Richardson, Sumter County Treasurer and Tax Collector, dated July 30, 2015 and recorded July 31, 2015 in the ROD office for Sumter County in Volume 1215 at Page 3701.

NOTICE OF FILING AND OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

Summons & Notice

Please take notice that an action has been commenced and is now pending to quiet title to property as described above. James A. Stoddard, Sumter attorney, has been appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi for unknown defendants.

The Plaintiff will move to refer the case to the Master in Equity with any appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The pleadings in this case are on file in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County.

A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr.,
SC Bar #: 6013
Attorney for Plaintiffs
P.O. Box 2446
Sumter, SC 29151
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SUMMONS AND NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2016-CP-43-00737

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Champion Mortgage Company,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.

Kenneth Mae Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; William D. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Karen Y. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Kelly B. Mitchell-Baynes, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as **John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as **Richard Roe;** **Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased; Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased; Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased;****

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DEFENDANT(S).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-2065, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-In-Equity or Special Referee for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 (e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-In-Equity or Special Master is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.

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YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian Ad Litem Nisi, Anne Bell Fant, made absolute.

NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on April 25, 2016.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Anne Bell Fant, whose address is PO Box 796, Simpsonville, SC 29681, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Abraham Mitchell and Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on the 21st day of April, 2017.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute.

AMENDED LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendants above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Abraham Mitchell and Kathryn W. Mitchell to One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, dated June 25, 2009, recorded September 24, 2009, in the office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Sumter County, in Book 1129, at Page 2690; thereafter, said Mortgage was assigned to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment instrument dated June 25, 2009 and recorded September 24, 2009 in Book 1129 at Page 2719; thereafter, assigned to Champion Mortgage Company by assignment instrument dated February 19, 2013 and recorded February 22, 2013 in Book 1183 at Page 2608.

The description of the premises is as follows: All that piece, parcel or tract of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Rafting Creek Township, Sumter County, South Carolina, and being designated as Tract 1B on a plat of F. H. Murray, C.E., dated March 19, 1952, or record in the Office of the Clerk of Court for

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Sumter County in Plat Book Z-10 at Page 123, and having such metes, bounds and distances as by reference to said plat will more fully appear. This tract of land is that allotted to Jessie Workman on said plat and is bounded on the North by lands now or formerly of Wade and/or Workman, on the East by lands now or formerly of Stavis; on the South by lands now or formerly of Pollard and on the West by lands now or formerly of McColl.

This being the same property conveyed to Katherine Dennis, Lurine Sanders, Varine Davis and Margaret Davis by deed of Jessie Workman, dated July 28, 1978 and recorded August 3, 1978 in Book 1-10 at Page 1397; subsequently, Lurine Sanders and Varine Davis conveyed their interest in the subject property to Katherine D. Mitchell and Abraham Mitchell by deed dated June 30, 1983 and recorded July 1, 1983 in Book 339 at Page 455; subsequently, Margaret Davis conveyed her interest in the subject property to Abraham Mitchell and Katherine D. Mitchell by deed dated July 17, 1984 and recorded July 18, 1984 in Book 374 at Page 749; subsequently, Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell conveyed her interest to Abraham Mitchell and Kathryn W. Mitchell by deed dated June 25, 2009 and recorded September 24, 2009 in Book 1129 at Page 2696; subsequently, Abraham Mitchell died April 13, 2015, leaving his interest in the subject property to his heirs and/or devisees, namely, Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Kenneth Mae Mitchell, William D. Mitchell, Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, Karen Y. Mitchell, Kelly B. Mitchell-Baynes, and Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell. No probate case has been opened in the Probate Court records for Sumter County. If any party has any information as to the existence and/or opening of a probate court file for the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, it is required that you contact counsel for Plaintiff immediately with that information.

Subsequently, Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell died November 14, 2015, leaving the subject property to her heirs and/or devisees, namely, Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, and Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell. No probate case has been opened in the Probate Court records for Sumter County. If any party has any information as to the existence and/or opening of a probate court file for the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, it is required that you contact counsel for Plaintiff immediately with that information.

TMS No. 089-00-04-016

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO.: 2016-CP-43-02034

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

STATEBRIDGE COMPANY, LLC Plaintiff,
v.
LEE H. MAJOR; HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA, INC., Defendants.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

It appearing to my satisfaction from the Affidavit of Plaintiff's attorney, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann §15-9-710 (Law CO-OP - 1976 as amended), and the affidavit of non-service filed with this Court, that a cause of action exists in favor of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendants affecting title to real estate in the State of South Carolina, the same being shown by the Complaint filed herein; that the whereabouts of Defendant Lee H. Major, cannot be ascertained with reasonable diligence by Plaintiff's attorney; and that the said named Defendant is a proper party to the action.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Summons in the above entitled action, together with the Lis Pendens and Notice of Filing the Complaint, be served upon Defendant Lee H. Major, by publication of the same in The Item, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. I find that The Item is the newspaper most likely to give notice to the Defendant sufficiently.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the Lis Pendens, Summons and Complaint be deposited in the U.S. Mail as provided in §15-9-740 of the S.C. Code Ann. (1976) to the last known address of Defendant Lee H. Major.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.
March 9, 2017
James C. Campbell, Sumter County Clerk of Court

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant for the foreclosure of that certain Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of Real Estate given by Lee H. Major to

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Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Community Resource Mortgage Inc., dated September 3, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on September 8, 2003, in Mortgage Book 907 at Page 787.

Subsequently, the Mortgage was assigned to the Plaintiff herein. Plaintiff is the holder of the Note and Mortgage.

At the time of the filing of this notice, the premises affected by the said action was situated in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot Nos. 1, 2 & 3 of Block "F", as shown on that certain Plat of Ben J. Makela, R.L.S., dated November 9, 1993 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 93 at Page 1994, and having such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, reference to which is hereby made pursuant to authority contained in § 30-50-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. This property is known as 39 Palmer Drive, Sumter, SC.

This being the same property conveyed to Lee H. Major herein by deed from Lawrence F.C. Baum dated November 19, 1993 and recorded November 19, 1993 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Volume 586 at Page 1036.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 39 Palmer Drive, Columbia, SC 29150 TMS#: 228-07-01-005

For a complete description of the property encumbered by the Mortgage, the undersigned craves reference to the Mortgage, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.
Date: October 28, 2016

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lis Pendens, Summons and Complaint were e-filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on October 29, 2016.
Date: March 7, 2017

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AMENDED SUMMONS

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO. 2016-CP-14-00057

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLarendon

Santee Leasing, Inc., Plaintiff,
v.
Cleveland Benjamin Bellamy and Lisa Marie Bellamy, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Amended Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Amended Complaint on the subscribers, The Law Offices of William H. Johnson, LLC, at their offices, Post Office Box 137, Manning, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, and if you fail to answer the Amended Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff(s) will apply to the Court for a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

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Attorney for the Plaintiff

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE FAMILY COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Docket Number: 2016-DR-43-687

Terette Smith Amin, Plaintiff,
vs.
Henry Jones, Defendants.

TO: HENRY JONES
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Temporary Hearing has been scheduled in the above captioned matter to be held on **June 6, 2017, at 10:30 o'clock p.m.** at the Sumter County Family Court located at 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter South Carolina.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Summons and Complaint, and Order For Publication in the above captioned matter were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, the object and prayer of which is an action for child custody and other related relief as set forth in the Complaint.

John S. Keffer, Esquire
Attorney for Plaintiff
10 Law Range
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SUMMONS AND NOTICES IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2016-CP-43-00737

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Champion Mortgage Company, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

Kenneth Mae Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; William D. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Karen Y. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Kelly B. Mitchell-Baynes, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased; Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, Karen Y. Mitchell, Kelly B. Mitchell-Baynes, and Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell, Deceased; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Jane Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Rachel Roe; Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP; and The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,

DEFENDANT(S).

(161145.00006)
TO THE DEFENDANT(S) MARTHA WORKMAN A/K/A MARTHA A. D. WORKMAN, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS LEGAL HEIR OR DEVISEE OF THE ESTATE OF ABRAHAM MITCHELL, DECEASED; AND MARTHA WORKMAN A/K/A MARTHA A. D. WORKMAN, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS LEGAL HEIR OR DEVISEE OF THE ESTATE OF KATHRYN W. MITCHELL A/K/A KATHERINE D. MITCHELL A/K/A KATHERINE DENNIS A/K/A KATHRYN WORKMAN MITCHELL, DECEASED ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve copy of your answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, P.O. Box 2065, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within

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the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on April 25, 2016.

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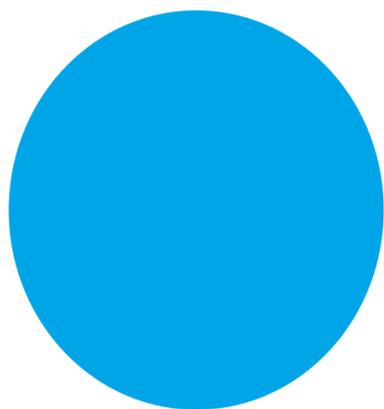
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It's raining money for 2018 midterms

House seats in Georgia, Montana are early tests as both sides mobilize

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON Political parties and independent groups have unleashed more than \$20 million in federal races this year in a preview of the massive spending that will buffet the 2018 midterm contests for the House of Representatives.

The Congressional Leadership Fund, a super-PAC affiliated with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., tops the organizations active in early races. The group has reported spending

more than \$5 million to protect Republican-held House seats in three elections this year, a USA TODAY tally of Federal Election Commission records shows.

Corry Bliss, the super-PAC's executive director, predicts the group will spend a total of \$8.6 million on two fast-approaching special elections: the May 25 contest to fill an open House seat in Montana and the June 20 election for the suburban Atlanta seat vacated by House and Human Services Secretary Tom Price. The Georgia race, now down to a runoff between Democrat Jon Ossoff and Republican Karen Handel, already is on track to be the nation's most ex-



JOE RAEDLE, GETTY IMAGES



DAVID GOLDMAN, AP

Democrat Jon Ossoff faces off against Republican Karen Handel in Georgia's special election June 20 for what's shaping up as the nation's most expensive contest for the House in 2018.

pensive House contest.

The leadership fund is looking ahead to the 2018 midterms, when all 435 House members are up for re-election, and has committed to spending \$100 million for those elections — twice its 2016 budget.

Officials also plan to open 20 to 30 field offices in competitive House races around the country. It's the first time the super-PAC, which can raise unlimited sums, has added a voter-turnout operation to its election arsenal and a sign of the midterms' high stakes for the party.

With the special elections, "we are just getting warmed up," Bliss said.

The president's party general-

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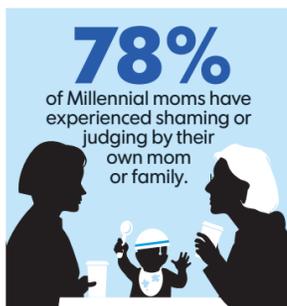
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President Trump

The controversy over the firing of FBI Director James Comey continued Thursday when President Trump told NBC's Lester Holt, "I was going to fire regardless of (their) recommendation." That contradicts White House assertions, and lawmakers in both parties expressed confusion — and concern — about the conflicting accounts of Trump's decision.

Congress investigates misconduct at prison

Kevin Johnson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON A House committee launched an investigation into the federal Bureau of Prisons' handling of "egregious" misconduct at the largest government-run detention facility — where the warden and other officials were awarded thousands of dollars in bonuses despite female staffers' persistent allegations of sexual harassment.

In letters to the BOP and the FBI, House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, highlighted the case of Antwon Pitt, who "repeatedly harassed and threatened staffers that he would rape and kill them" while he served a 24-month sentence for robbery at the U.S. Penitentiary in Coleman, Fla.

Pitt was never prosecuted for his actions against prison staffers. After his release in 2015, he was convicted of raping a Washington woman during a break-in at the victim's home. It is unclear, Chaffetz said in his letter late Wednesday, whether the BOP informed Washington officials in charge of Pitt's post-release supervision of his misconduct as an inmate.

Chaffetz's letters cite reporting by *The Washington Post*, which highlighted Pitt's case last year, and by USA TO-

Female staffers allege they were harassed at facility where bosses were rewarded

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Sandra Parr, prison workers union official

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Zlati Meyer
USA TODAY

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American Green, a Phoenix-based medical-cannabis technol-

ogy company, has unveiled a prototype for a vending machine that uses biometric verification technology to sell controlled and age-restricted items.

Besides dope, it can dispense other items where positive identification is a purchasing prerequisite: pharmaceuticals, casino chips, alcoholic beverages or even guns.

The device would be ideal for casinos that want to go cashless; drugstores looking to sell controlled items, such as Claritin D, off-site; pot dispensaries; and ballparks, according to COO Stephen Shearin. The machine is

outfitted with a camera.

A user would set up an account with a government-issued ID and, when needed, a medical prescription. A scan of the account holder's finger would verify the person's identity.

Erik Altieri, executive director of the marijuana legalization advocacy group NORML, sees this as a good option for, say, a senior center, where older people who need pot could get it easily without having to go all the way to a dispensary. Of the 29 medical marijuana states in the country, some, such as Louisiana, allow sales only in dispensaries. California is OK with

off-site transactions.

"If it's done in a responsible and safe way, then it's an interesting and useful way to deploy technology to make access to medical marijuana more convenient," he said.

Altieri warned against placing such vending machines in places where children would see them and against stocking weed and alcohol together.

Don't even think about cutting off someone else's finger to gain access to his or her account. Shearin explained that the finger scanner looks at vein architecture, and if there's no blood flow-

ing through the dismembered digit, nothing will show up.

Tim Sanford, editor in chief of *Vending Times*, pooh-poohed concerns that a vending machine full of marijuana would be a tempting target for thieves. It would need to be placed in a safe, heavily trafficked area, where there would be no time to use high-voltage cutters to break into enforced steel boxes.

"If people are going to steal products out of a vending machine, they could probably find a better place to steal it from," he said. "You could break into a liquor store."

Ukraine says it has Trump's support

Envoy seeks a strong U.S. stance as Russia expands its influence

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WASHINGTON Ukraine's foreign minister said he received assurances of support from President Trump and Vice President Pence as Russia expands its influence in separatist-held eastern Ukraine.

In an interview with USA TODAY, Pavlo Klimkin said, "Without U.S. engagement, it's not possible to sort this out, because Russia has respect for the United States."

Klimkin's visit Wednesday to the White House was overshadowed by Trump's meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

Trump expressed his desire to work with Ukraine "to peacefully resolve the conflict," the White House said in a statement. Pence emphasized that the negotiated cease-fire agreements "remain the most viable path toward peace."

"It was very important to hear," Klimkin said. Russia's actions in eastern Ukraine are making peace harder to achieve, he added.

For example, Russian rubles must now be used as currency in the Donbas region, instead of Ukrainian hryvnas, for all transactions, including paying employees of Ukrainian companies. That mandate, which has been in place since March 1, required transferring large amounts of currency from Russia, which Klimkin said could not have happened without Russian approval and involvement.

In addition, Russian President Vladimir Putin issued a decree Feb. 18 recognizing passports and other documents issued by the self-described People's Republic of Donetsk and People's Republic of Luhansk.

On March 17, separatist authorities seized private and Ukrainian state-owned factories and mines, Klimkin said. One result is that owners in Ukraine have no legal way to communicate with Ukrainian companies in the Donbas, he said, and commodities such as coal and iron ore produced in the separatist-held areas are being illegally transferred and sold in Russia.

And, Klimkin said, Russian state-owned media and the



President Trump, Vice President Pence and Ukraine's foreign minister, Pavlo Klimkin, meet Wednesday in the Oval Office on the conflict in separatist-held eastern Ukraine. "Without U.S. engagement, it's not possible to sort this out," Klimkin said.

separatist-held region also have begun "talking about 'the nation of Donbas,' which never existed."

"It's not a random sequence of actions," he said. "It's an intentional sequence to bring the occupied Donbas far, far away from Ukraine."

The fighting in eastern Ukraine, which started after dem-

onstrators ousted a pro-Russian government in February 2014, has escalated in recent months despite cease-fire agreements negotiated with Russia, Ukraine, France and Germany in Minsk, Belarus. While Russia denies arming the separatists, Ukrainian, U.S. and other Western authorities have documented Russian military support and di-

rect involvement in the conflict that has resulted in 10,000 Ukrainian deaths.

The U.S. and the European Union have imposed sanctions on Russia for its actions in Ukraine. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson told Lavrov on Wednesday that U.S. sanctions won't be lifted until Russia reverses its actions.

The Minsk agreement requires the withdrawal of heavy weapons and the restoration of Ukrainian law in the separatist-held regions.

The deal also calls for Ukraine to establish a "special status" for the Donetsk and Luhansk regions that includes self-governance and cross-border cooperation with Russia. While fighting continues, that special status provision will not be accepted or adopted by Ukraine, according to Oksana Syroid, deputy speaker of the Ukrainian parliament.

Ukrainians "will not allow it," Syroid said last week in Washington. "It's against human dignity."

Klimkin said Russia maintains 6,000 military troops, 2,000 tanks and other heavy weapons in the separatist-held area of Ukraine. Unless the recent changes are reversed, he warned that the situation there would become permanent.



Rep. Jason Chaffetz says the Bureau of Prisons rewarded administrators of a prison where staffers say they were harassed.

Prison employees allege sexual threats

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DAY, which reported last month that the BOP paid more than \$2 million in bonuses to top administrators during the past three years. That included tens of thousands of dollars to four executives who held senior leadership posts at the Coleman prison where Pitt served time.

The payments — including a \$34,000 bonus to Coleman's warden, Tamyra Jarvis — spanned the time of Pitt's incarceration and a sexual harassment lawsuit involving

hundreds of current and former staffers, who alleged that prison managers repeatedly failed to protect them from years of sexual harassment and threats from inmates.

Jarvis retired in January and was recently appointed corrections director in Escambia, Fla.

A \$20 million settlement of the legal action is pending before a federal judge.

"Despite these allegations of inmate sexual misconduct against staff, the BOP continued to award bonuses to top administrators at USP Coleman," Chaffetz said.

Chaffetz's panel requested a series of documents, including reports of misconduct during Pitt's incarceration. The committee seeks records of communication between the BOP and Washington supervisors of newly released inmates and documents detailing all bonus payments and other incentives provided to BOP employees during the past four years.

The bonus payments, especially those approved for top administrators at Coleman, prompted outrage from union officials who were instrumental in bringing the legal action on behalf of more than 500 female staffers.

Many of the victims were subjected to sexually charged threats and abuse during the course of 16 years, according to court documents. Sandra Parr, a vice president of the national union of prison workers, said the Coleman bonus recipients were aware of the problems at the prison "but did nothing to fix anything."

"These people got bonuses off the backs of people who were actually dealing with the predators," Parr told USA TODAY.

Joe Rojas, president of a union that helped gather much of the evidence in the harassment lawsuit, said there was "no justification at all — none that I can think of — for these people to be rewarded" with bonuses.

Bureau of Prisons spokesman Justin Long acknowledged the bonuses. He said they were authorized by the Office of Personnel Management guidelines.

Special elections seen as a test of strength

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ly loses ground in midterm elections, and Republicans are moving early to protect their majority in the House. Democrats need 24 seats to retake the chamber and hope they can capitalize on President Trump's near-record unpopularity and a contentious vote this month in the House to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Democrats view the upcoming special elections as an early test of party strength.

"The enthusiasm here is off the charts," Nancy Keenan, executive director of the Montana Democratic Party, said of the race for the state's at-large House seat.

The seat had been held by Republicans for two decades, and the Republican nominee, Greg Gianforte, who ran unsuccessfully for governor last year, is considered the favorite.

But polls show a tightening race. And the Democratic nominee, musician Rob Quist, recently raised more than \$500,000 in just four days, Keenan said.

Quist and Gianforte also face Libertarian Mark Wicks in the election to fill the seat vacated by former Montana congressman and current Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Democrats face a steep climb in a rural state that Trump won by nearly 21 points last year. In one sign of the race's importance, however, Vice President Pence is set to stump for Gianforte on Friday in Billings. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, meanwhile, has pledged to campaign for Quist.

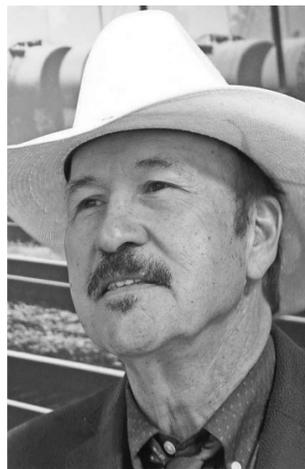
HIGH STAKES IN GEORGIA

Democrats and Republicans are training most of their firepower on the special election still more than a month away in Georgia. Ossoff, a 30-year-old former congressional aide and documentary filmmaker, has raised big sums in his quest for a seat once held by former House speaker Newt Gingrich.

Ossoff collected an eye-popping \$8.3 million ahead of the first round of voting in mid-April. He has not yet released fundraising totals for next month's runoff with Handel. But Ossoff's campaign said he took in \$500,000 on April 19, the day after his first-place finish in the April 18 special election.

He earned 48.1% of that vote, just shy of the 50% needed to capture the seat outright. That forced the June 20 runoff with Handel, the top Republican vote-getter.

The Congressional Leadership Fund spent \$3 million in the first round of the Georgia special election and will spend another \$3.5 million by Election Day, Bliss said. The super-PAC



BOBBY CALVAN, AP



MATT VOLZ, AP

In Montana's May 25 special election for an open House seat, Democrat Rob Quist, top, is ramping up fundraising in the tightening race against Republican Greg Gianforte, who's considered the favorite.

is testing its new field operation in the race, deploying 90 full-time door knockers with the goal of talking to 200,000 additional voters.

Ossoff's team also has assembled a get-out-the-vote operation, with 150 people working in six field offices, his aides say. The campaign's staff and volunteers had knocked on more than 250,000 doors ahead of the April 18 primary alone, they said.

A WAR OF WORDS, TOO

The super-PAC has sought to cast Ossoff as out of step with Georgians and more in line with national Democratic figures, such as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Republicans also have targeted him for living outside the district he hopes to represent. Ossoff has said he and his fiancée, Alisha Kramer, are temporarily living closer to Atlanta's Emory University, where she is a medical student.

The president's party generally loses ground in midterms, and Republicans are moving early to protect their majority. Democrats need 24 seats to take the House.

TOP SPENDERS

These three groups have reported the highest independent expenditures in federal elections this year.

(in millions)	
Congressional Leadership Fund	\$5.09
National Republican Congressional Committee	\$4.37
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee	\$2.27

SOURCE: Federal Election Commission records through Wednesday
GEORGE PETRAS, USA TODAY

Handel, a former county commissioner, "has lived and worked and accomplished in the district for years," Bliss said. "The only thing Jon Ossoff ever did in the district was be born to really rich parents."

Ossoff "knows the district; he grew up in the district, and he's extremely familiar with the issues," countered his spokeswoman, Sacha Haworth.

Ossoff's team contends that the leadership fund represents the real outsiders in the race.

Although super-PACs have to disclose donors' identities, \$3.5 million of the nearly \$4.5 million the Congressional Leadership Fund reported raising through March 29 came from its non-profit arm, the American Action Network, Federal Election Commission records show. The network does not identify its donors.

That shows, Haworth said, that Republicans are relying "on anonymous donations of dark money" to keep the seat.

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USA TODAY LIFE

MOVIES

In theaters this weekend

Compiled from reviews by USA TODAY film critics

Beauty and the Beast ★★★☆ 2 hours, 9 minutes

Plot: A young village girl (Emma Watson) falls for a Beast (Dan Stevens) who takes her captive in his nearby castle.
Director: Bill Condon



Rating: PG
Upside: The live-action remake actually improves on the 1991 cartoon classic, with new tunes and a better story.
Downside: Watson's singing isn't exactly strong, and the film is a little long.

DISNEY

The Circle ★☆☆☆ 1 hour, 50 minutes

Plot: A young woman (Emma Watson) is grateful when she's hired at the world's largest tech company. But when the charming CEO (Tom Hanks) brings her into his inner circle, she learns something darker is at play.
Director: James Ponsoldt



Rating: PG-13
Upside: Tom Hanks makes Steve Jobs-like speeches.
Downside: The "futuristic" plot is too reminiscent of privacy and ethics issues Internet users are already facing today.

STX FINANCING

The Fate of the Furious ★★★☆ 2 hours, 16 minutes

Plot: Heroic outlaw Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) breaks bad and alienates his crew when recruited by a villainous hacker (Charlize Theron).
Director: F. Gary Gray



Rating: PG-13
Upside: It impressively lives up to the over-the-top action that is the franchise's signature.
Downside: The presence of the late Paul Walker is sorely missed with no shortage of alpha males in the film.

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Get Out ★★★☆ 1 hour, 45 minutes

Plot: A black photographer (Daniel Kaluuya) is faced with a strange situation when he visits his white girlfriend's family estate.
Director: Jordan Peele



Rating: R
Upside: Peele proves he's an essential new voice in horror with his scary exploration of race and culture.
Downside: Clichés infect the back half of the movie, though the end is satisfyingly strong.

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Gifted ★★★☆ 1 hour, 41 minutes

Plot: The uncle (Chris Evans) of a child prodigy (Mckenna Grace) tries to keep her life as normal as possible.
Director: Marc Webb



Rating: PG-13
Upside: Evans shows off his chops and a winning chemistry opposite the precocious Grace.
Downside: It's decidedly manipulative and some of its header themes are buried by fluff.

FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ★★★☆ 2 hours, 18 minutes

Plot: Star-Lord (Chris Pratt) gathers his misfit crew to save the cosmos again, while meeting his dad (Kurt Russell).
Director: James Gunn



Rating: PG-13
Upside: Gunn puts together a hysterical and surprisingly touching next chapter.
Downside: The sequel is missing some of the original film's underdog charm.

DISNEY-MARVEL

King Arthur: Legend of the Sword ★☆☆☆ 2 hours, 6 minutes

Plot: Would-be king Arthur (Charlie Hunnam) learns his lineage and gets a magical sword to defeat his evil uncle (Jude Law).
Director: Guy Ritchie



Rating: PG-13
Upside: Hunnam's ramshackle, rule-breaking hero has muscular charisma.
Downside: Fight scenes have so much CGI that they become an indecipherable mess.

WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Kong: Skull Island ★★★☆ 2 hours

Plot: A group of surveyors and soldiers (including Tom Hiddleston and Brie Larson) run afoul of King Kong when they arrive on his uncharted island home.
Director: Jordan Vogt-Roberts



Rating: PG-13
Upside: The creature effects are amazing, as is John C. Reilly's kooky castaway.
Downside: There's not enough King Kong for a movie bearing his name.

WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Logan ★★★☆ 2 hours, 15 minutes

Plot: The aging title hero (Hugh Jackman) takes on a mission to protect a young girl with powers.
Director: James Mangold



Rating: R
Upside: The mutant-filled 'X-Men' franchise finally has its 'Dark Knight.'
Downside: Kids will want to go, but the violence is brutal.

BEN ROTHSTEIN

Snatched ★☆☆☆ 1 hour, 37 minutes

Plot: A self-centered daughter (Amy Schumer) and her overprotective mom (Goldie Hawn) get kidnapped in South America.
Director: Jonathan Levine



Rating: R
Upside: The comedy boasts a deep bench of great supporting characters.
Downside: The two leads are the weakest links, wasting their talents and the audience's time.

20TH CENTURY FOX

Unforgettable ★☆☆☆ 1 hour, 40 minutes

Plot: Stepford-style single mom Tessa (Katherine Heigl) is driven to madness by jealousy of her ex-husband's new girlfriend Julia (Rosario Dawson).
Director: Denise Di Novi



Rating: R
Upside: Heigl kills it, giving a deliciously psycho performance.
Downside: A slightly cheesy concept, but it's still a totally fun popcorn fest.

WARNER BROS. PICTURES

The Zookeeper's Wife ★☆☆☆ 2 hours, 5 minutes

Plot: Based on the best-selling book, Jessica Chastain plays Antonina Zabinski, a woman who with her husband hid hundreds of Jews in the Warsaw Zoo during World War II.
Director: Niki Caro



Rating: PG-13
Upside: Chastain gives an incredibly nuanced performance, delivering a film that feels uncomfortably timely in today's political climate.
Downside: 'Zookeeper' fails to deliver the emotional punch it aims for.

FOCUS FEATURES

LIFELINE

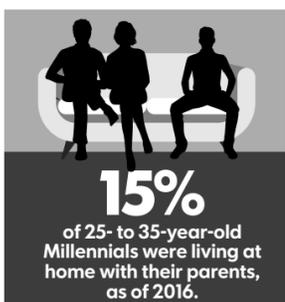
CAUGHT IN THE ACT

This takes the, ahem, cake. Britain's Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, views a confection with a cycling design as she tours a cycling festival during a one-day visit to Luxembourg.



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Slow to move out



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HOW WAS YOUR DAY?

GOOD DAY 'VOICE' FANS

Come fall, 'The Voice' contestants will have a new judge to impress: Ms. Jennifer Hudson. The singer who rose to fame on Season 3 of 'American Idol' (getting a revival on ABC), shared the news on Instagram Wednesday evening with her nearly 2 million followers.



BAD DAY 'TIMELESS,' 'LAST MAN STANDING' FANS

'Timeless,' the top pick in USA TODAY's Save Our Shows survey, won't return for a second season. Another show that received high support for renewal in the tally, ABC's 'Last Man Standing,' also is being canceled. The Tim Allen comedy is in its sixth season. Time-travel fantasy 'Timeless,' which has been off the air since February, was a modest performer behind 'The Voice,' and aired only a 16-episode first season. Though its ratings perked up with delayed viewing, and producers made a valiant effort to save it, its demise came down to dollars and cents: Unlike much of NBC's programming, the series was produced by an outside studio, Sony Pictures Television, so NBC had fewer chances to profit from its success.

'I Love Dick' finds comedy in art, sexual obsession

Awful characters worth the trip to Marfa, Texas

When it comes to our own stories, we all want to be the artist in charge.

That hasn't always happened in TV for women or people of color, who so often saw their stories bought, chopped up and repackaged by white male writers and executives. But new outlets have opened new opportunities — allowing women such as Jill Soloway (creator of *Transparent*) and Sarah Gubbins to turn a female artist's memoir into an Amazon series, and staff that series exclusively with women writers.

The show — *I Love Dick* (streaming Friday, ★★★☆ out of four) — will not speak to everyone. But for those willing to listen, there's a fascinating story here about the power of art to open our eyes, and the power of an artist to transform herself and the world around her.

For some, no doubt, an initial hurdle will be that title, which comes directly from Chris Kraus' highly praised 1997 novel and serves as something of a Rorschach test. If you see it and think "clever," "funny" and "bold," this is the show for you. If you think "vulgar," "trite" and "embarrassing," maybe not — particularly because those adjectives can apply to more than just the title of this sometimes smug, self-conscious series. But



Sylvere (Griffin Dunne) and Chris (Kathryn Hahn) test the bounds of marriage and their own independence in *I Love Dick*.

there's more here, as well, in Kathryn Hahn's funny, no-holds-barred performance as a woman who is tired of being overlooked — and finds freedom and art in being the one who does the looking.

Hahn plays Chris, a filmmaker of indeterminate talent whose work and life are overshadowed by her condescending husband Sylvere (Griffin Dunne). Chris' plan is to drop Sylvere off in Marfa, a Texas artists' colony, and fly to Venice, where her latest movie has been accepted for the film festival. And then Venice drops her film, and her plans change.

Enter Dick (a perfectly cast and just perfect Kevin Bacon): cowboy, artist and Marfa's leader, who immediately belittles Chris' work. She responds by writing a series of letters proclaiming her obsession with him. When the letters become public, they change the way people see Chris,

Dick and each other, unleashing a sexual tidal wave.

Though unlike in tone, in a way *Dick* works as a companion piece to Amazon's *Mozart in the Jungle*. Neither show is afraid to present its artists as pretentious, annoying or buffoonish — but both take art and the desire to create seriously, a rarity on TV.

The major difference is that while the characters on *Mozart* are conventionally likable, those on *Dick* are not. As viewers of *Transparent* know, Soloway specializes in self-obsessed characters who somehow manage to be both awful and empathetic. It's not always clear that Soloway or her actors know how awful these characters are — but the mix works because they remain believable and because they're not asking for our approval.

Like Chris, and like *Dick*, they demand to be seen. Try giving in.

FRIDAY EVENING MAY 12

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	First Dates "You Wrote a Song About My Plant?" A dater brings a game on the date. (N)	Dateline NBC (N)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Derek Jeter; Katherine Langford. (N)		
WLTX	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Undercover Boss "Celebrity Undercover Boss: Darius Rucker" Darius Rucker goes under cover. (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono" (Season Finale) Five-0 rescues sex trafficking victims. (N)	48 Hours: NCIS "Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness" (N)			News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Tracy Morgan; Timothy Simons. (N)	
WOLO	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Spa Getaway" (N)	Jeopardy! "Teachers Tournament: Week 1" (N)	The Toy Box "Episode 105" Toy inventions include a candy press. (N)	Shark Tank (Season Finale) Franchised art studios. (N) (DVS)	(:01) 20/20			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Mehmet Oz; Sean White; Kings of Leon" Dr. Mehmet Oz; Sean White.	
WRJA	11	14	Travels With Darley Bridger Teton National Forest.	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week (N)	Charlie Rose -- The Week (N)	Bill Murray: The Mark Twain Prize: Bill Murray receives Mark Twain Prize.	Washington Week		Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N)
WACH	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Penny goes for an interview.	The Big Bang Theory	Lucifer "Deceptive Little Parasite" Lucifer must ignite the flaming sword. (DVS)	Lethal Weapon "As Good as It Getz" Riggs and Murtaugh protect an attorney. (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)			Sports Zone	2 Broke Girls Max and Caroline take office temp jobs.	Mike & Molly Mike's ego takes a hit during a date.
WKTC	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve criticizes Vanessa's job.	Last Man Standing Boyd decides to stop eating meat.	The Originals "Voodoo in My Blood" Hayley and Klaus meet Klaus' former foe. (N)	Reign "The Shakedown" An earthquake hits Scotland. (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Orlando Finals" Obstacles include Cannonball Alley. (DVS)			American Ninja Warrior "Orlando Finals" Obstacles include Cannonball Alley. (DVS)	Hot in Cleveland "Love Is All Around"	
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 05.06.17" Riding along with law enforcement.	Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 16" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 05.12.17" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)						Live PD "Live PD -- 05.12.17"	
AMC	48	180	(6:00) *** "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.	*** "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. Freedom fighters revolt against machines.			*** "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. Freedom fighters revolt against machines.			*** "The Matrix Revolutions"		
ANPL	41	100	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition Erika Girardi and Theresa Caputo. (N)	Tanked: Unfiltered (N)			Tanked "Alyssa's Charmed Tank" (N)			The Vet Life		
BET	61	162	(5:30) ** "Think Like a Man" (2012, Romance-Comedy) Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara. Men use an advice book to turn the tables on their gals.	** "Two Can Play That Game" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Vivica A. Fox, Morris Chestnut, Anthony Anderson. A woman claims to have complete control over her boyfriend.			Rebel "Breaking Point" Rebel and Cheena track a new lead.			Rebel "Breaking Point" Rebel and Cheena track a new lead.		
BRAVO	47	181	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.			** "A Cinderella Story" (2004) Hilary Duff. A teenager meets a high-school quarterback online.			** "A Cinderella Story" (2004) Hilary Duff. A teenager meets a high-school quarterback online.		
CNBC	35	84	American Greed "Easy Being Green"	American Greed "The Cash King"	American Greed	American Greed "Family Fortune Feud"	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	United Shades
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park	(:25) South Park "Fun With Veal"	South Park "A Million Little Fibers"	South Park "The Snuke"	South Park "The Magic Bush"	South Park	South Park "Eat, Pray, Queef"	South Park "Eat, Pray, Queef"	South Park "Eat, Pray, Queef"	Amy Schumer: Mostly Sex Stuff: Comic Amy Schumer performs.
DISN	18	200	K.C. Undercover	(:33) Bizaardvark A rich fan helps out.	Stuck in the Middle	Andi Mack (N) (DVS)	** "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" (2014) Steve Carell, Jennifer Garner.	Andi Mack	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Liv and Maddie
DSC	42	103	Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)	Deadliest Catch: On Deck "Bad Moon"	Yukon Men "Less Than Zero" (N)	Homestead Rescue	Hacks Revealed	(:02) Alaska: The Last Frontier	Last Frontier			
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Washington Wizards. (N) (Live)	NFL Live (N)			NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27	39	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	NFL Live (N)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)				
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Ginormous Food	Ginormous Food	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
FOXN	37	90	The Story (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	The Five (N)	Hannity (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight	The Five				
FREE	20	131	(6:30) ** "She's All That" (1999) Freddie Prinze Jr. A high-school student wagers he can remake a plain Jane.	** "What a Girl Wants" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth, Kelly Preston. A plucky teenager goes to London to meet her father.			** "Post Grad" (2009)					
FSS	21	47	Atlanta United	RMG's Hydro Zone	Fight Sports: In 60 From May 1, 2010.	Fight Sports: In 60 From June 19, 2011.	3 Wide Life (N)	Raceline (N)	Driven	Future Phenoms	ACC All-Access	
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing "Daddy Dearest"	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	The Middle "The Prom"	The Middle "The Bridge"	The Middle "Back to Summer"	The Middle (Part 1 of 2)	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	39	112	House Hunters	House Hunters	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "Destination Mars"	Ancient Aliens "Dark Forces"	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	(:03) Ancient Aliens	(:03) Ancient Aliens	(:03) Ancient Aliens	(:03) Ancient Aliens	(:03) Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Gov Love" Spousal confidentiality in gay marriage.	Law & Order "Cry Wolf" A radio personality is shot.	Law & Order "All in the Family" A philanthropic jeweler is shot.	Law & Order "Enemy" An Afghan warlord is suspected.	Law & Order "Enemy" An Afghan warlord is suspected.	Saving Hope "Knowing Me, Knowing You" Charlie and Manny treat a couple.	Saving Hope "Knowing Me, Knowing You" Charlie and Manny treat a couple.	Saving Hope "Knowing Me, Knowing You" Charlie and Manny treat a couple.	Saving Hope "Knowing Me, Knowing You" Charlie and Manny treat a couple.	
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) ** "Just Wright" (2010) Queen Latifah, Common.	** "Jumping the Broom" (2011, Comedy) Angela Bassett, Paula Patton, Laz Alonso. Premiere. A bride and groom's parents clash at the wedding.	Angela Bassett, Paula Patton, Laz Alonso. Premiere. A bride and groom's parents clash at the wedding.	(:02) "Love by the 10th Date" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Meagan Good, Kelly Rowland, Keri Hilson. Friends balance dating and career ambitions.	(:02) "Love by the 10th Date" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Meagan Good, Kelly Rowland, Keri Hilson. Friends balance dating and career ambitions.	(12:02) "Jumping the Broom" (2011)				
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow				
NICK	16	210	*** "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" (2004)	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SPIKE	64	153	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
SYFY	58	152	(4:57) ** "Armageddon" (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis. (DVS)	*** "Hook" (1991, Children's) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams, Julia Roberts. Premiere. Lawyer turns into Peter Pan to save kids from Captain Hook.			ELeague "Street Fighter V- Group D" Street Fighter V Invitational playoffs. (N) (Live)			** "Grudge Match" (2013)		
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Virgin Opera"	Seinfeld "The Virgin Opera"	** "Get Hard" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart, Craig T. Nelson. Premiere. A prison-bound millionaire asks a black man for advice. (DVS)	*** "In the Heat of the Night" (1967, Crime Drama) Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger. A Southern sheriff and a black detective team up on a case.			*** "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"			
TCM	49	186	(6:45) ** "The Return of Doctor X" (1939) Wayne Morris, Humphrey Bogart.	*** "The Graduate" (1967, Comedy) Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft, Katharine Ross. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.			My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding			Gypsy Wedding		
TLC	43	157	Girl Starter "Prove It" (N)	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	
TNT	23	158	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Brian Cox. Jason Bourne fights back when the CIA tries to kill him. (DVS)	Impractical Jokers			Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	
USA	25	132	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family Alex tours Caltech.	Modern Family "The Cold"	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Mother's Day"	Modern Family "The Big Guns"	Modern Family "The Big Guns"	Modern Family "Starry Night"
WE	68	166	(5:52) *** "13 Going on 30" (2004)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	(:08) *** "13 Going on 30" (2004) Jennifer Garner.	Person of Interest		
WGNA	8	172	Person of Interest "No Good Deed"	Person of Interest "Firewall"	Person of Interest "The Contingency"	Person of Interest "Bad Code"	Person of Interest "Masquerade"	Person of Interest				

Families should feast on Netflix's enchanting 'Anne'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Netflix launches a new adaptation of Lucy Maud Montgomery's 1908 novel "Anne of Green Gables," an eight-part limited series from Canada, titled "Anne With an E." It's darker and grittier than some fans might expect. But, like its main character, it's also frequently funny in strange, unexpected and even enchanting ways.

Young actress Amybeth McNulty makes an indelible impression as the 13-year-old Anne, an orphan adopted entirely by mistake by unmarried brother and sister Marilla (Geraldine James) and Matthew Cuthbert (R.H. Thomson). They had wanted to get a boy to help with farm chores and do some of the heavy lifting for the pair, well into middle age and entirely too set in their ways. The arrival of the dreamy and irrepressibly talkative Anne turns their quiet lives upside down.

Anne simply chatters on, regardless of the gravity of any situation. She's besotted with moody historical romances and addicted to stories and powerful flights of fancy. As she states early on, she would "rather imagine than remember." And

dark flashbacks to her life as an orphan and hired hand show that she has much to forget.

In lesser hands, Anne's precocious behavior and fountains of flowery rhetoric, combined with her backstory as an abused orphan, would lead viewers to believe that the young character might be emotionally disturbed. But this Anne is simply hard not to love. The dark flashbacks add depth to a pleasant character who might otherwise seem insipid or overbearing.

The stoic and pious Marilla makes a show of resisting Anne's charms, but Matthew is smitten from the get-go. And I think viewers will be as well.

Amazon launches the dark comedy "I Love Dick," based on a 1997 novel by Chris Kraus. Kathryn Hahn stars as Chris, a frustrated filmmaker marooned with her pretentious author husband, Sylvère (Griffin Dunne), at an academic conference in a dusty Texas town. Chris seems on the verge of a nervous breakdown after a film festival rejects her latest effort but then falls under the spell of the art colony's enigmatic leader, Dick (Kevin Bacon).

A fierce New York feminist, Chris is strangely at-

tracted to this macho man of few words, most of them hostile, or at least passive-aggressive. Created by the team behind "Transparent," this has the feel of a serialized "indie" movie, filled with self-involved characters who are hard to love or even like.

Also launching today on Netflix, the second season of Aziz Ansari's comedy "Master of None," following the life of a sporadically employed 30-ish actor, often cast and typecast because of his Indian-American identity. The winner of a Critics' Choice, Peabody and Emmy Award.

Netflix also begins streaming the documentary "Get Me Roger Stone," a profile of a controversial political consultant whose career goes back decades to his work for President Nixon. Stone and the former host of "The Celebrity Apprentice" were mentored by Roy Cohn, a ruthless counsel for Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s and a lawyer for several New York Mafia families in the 1970s.

TONIGHT'S SEASON FINALES

- The squad breaks up a sex-trafficking ring on "Hawaii Five-0" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

- An entrepreneur proposes franchised art studios on "Shark Tank" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Baseball fans click on "First Dates" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- "Motherboard" (9 p.m., Viceland, TV-14) looks at smart gun technology.
- Charles Barkley hosts "American Race" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., TNT, TV-14) concluding tonight.
- Real-life cases on "48 Hours: NCIS" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

- TCM celebrates five films from 1967, classic movies turning 50 this year: "The Graduate" (8 p.m.), "In the Heat of the Night" (10 p.m.), "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (midnight), "The Dirty Dozen" (2 a.m.) and "The Producers" (4:45 a.m.).

SERIES NOTES

A rock star travels with his roadies on "Undercover Boss" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) ... Bottled-up feelings on

"Lucifer" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) ... A doll celebrates curly hair on "The Toy Box" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) ... Voodoo on "The Originals" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG).

"Dateline" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) ... A shady lawyer's last case on "Lethal Weapon" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) ... A disaster has aftershocks for Mary on "Reign" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) ... "20/20" (10 p.m., ABC).

LATE NIGHT

Tracy Morgan, Timothy Simons and Dan Auerbach are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jimmy Fallon welcomes Derek Jeter, Katherine Langford and Father John Misty on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) ... Dr. Mehmet Oz, Shaun White and Kings of Leon appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC, r).

Aidy Bryant, Ian McShane, RaeLynn and Lucius visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING MAY 13

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	NHL Hockey Conference Final: Teams TBA. NHL playoff action from the conference finals. (N) (Live)				Saturday Night Live (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Melissa McCarthy; HAIM" Host Melissa McCarthy; HAIM performs. (N) (Live)		
WLTX	19	9	9	Inside Edition Weekend	Paid Program Paid programming.	48 Hours	Training Day "Elegy" Frank breaks Kyle's trust. (N) (Part 1 of 2)	48 Hours		News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "Help Me Help You" An outspoken city council speaker. (DVS)		
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great Outdoors"	Jeopardy!	*** "Monsters University" (2013, Children's) Voices of Billy Crystal, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi. Animated. At first rivals, Mike and Sulley became the best of pals. (DVS)		(:07) 20/20 Saturday		ABC Columbia News at 11	American Ninja Warrior "St. Louis Finals" The finals course in St. Louis.		
WRJA	27	11	14	Victorian Slum House "The 1870s" Irish migrants arrive seeking work.	Father Brown "The Eve of St John" Father Brown struggles.	The Doctor Blake Mysteries "For Whom the Bell Tolls" Murder investigation.		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries "Dead-weight" A gang leader is found dead.		Austin City Limits "Gary Clark Jr.; Courtney Barnett" Gary Clark Jr.; singer Courtney Barnett.	Bluegrass Underground "Michael Martin Murphey"		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Lunar Excitation"	The Big Bang Theory "The Robotic Manipulation"	MasterChef "Junior Edition: The Muppets Take MasterChef: Junior Edition: Pop-Up Restaurant" The cooks make entrées for VIP guests. (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	The Middle "The Test" Sue tries out for cheerleading.	MasterChef "Junior Edition: An Extra Serving" Ramsay's favorite moments and meals. (DVS)		Ring of Honor Wrestling	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve spurns a holiday tradition.	Last Man Standing "The Puck Stops Here"	Rookie Blue "Might Have Been" Andy and Gail go under cover.	Leverage "The Boost Job" The world of master car thieves.	Anger Management Charlie is in trouble.	Anger Management	Bob's Burgers (Part 1 of 2)	Bob's Burgers (Part 2 of 2)	Tosh.0 Daniel helps a virgin score.	
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 05.05.17" Riding along with law enforcement.		Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 17" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 05.13.17" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)						Live PD "Live PD -- 05.13.17"	
AMC	48	180	(6:30) *** "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device.		The Son "Marriage Bond" Young Eli must navigate tribal politics. (N)		The Son "Marriage Bond" Young Eli must navigate tribal politics. (N)		*** "The Perfect Storm" (2000) George Clooney. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.				
ANPL	41	100	My Cat From Hell "Mayday! Mayday!"		My Cat From Hell: Scratch Tracks (N)	My Cat From Hell (N)	The Vet Life "Little Dog, Big Problem"		My Cat From Hell		The Vet Life		
BET	61	162	(5:30) *** "The Nutty Professor" (1996) Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett.		* "A Madea Christmas" (2013, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Kathy Najimy, Chad Michael Murray. Madea dishes out her own brand of Christmas spirit.	(3:2) ** "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield. A matriarch must keep the peace through family strife.							
BRAVO	47	181	(5:00) *** "Superbad" (2007)		*** "Crazy, Stupid, Love." (2011, Romance-Comedy) Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Julianne Moore. A suddenly single 40-something needs help finding his groove again.		*** "Crazy, Stupid, Love." (2011, Romance-Comedy) Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Julianne Moore. A suddenly single 40-something needs help finding his groove again.						
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "Roto-Rooter"		Undercover Boss "MGM Grand"	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss "Boston Market"	Undercover Boss "Family Dollar"	Undercover Boss			
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	Soundtracks		United Shades of America	United Shades of America	United Shades			
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park "Tweek x Craig"		(2:5) South Park "The Losing Edge"	South Park	South Park "Red Badge of Gayness"	South Park "Margaret" South Park "Goo-itaville"	** "We're the Millers" (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis, Will Poulter. A dealer goes to Mexico with a fake family to score drugs.				
DISN	18	200	Walk the Prank "Dino Safari VR"		Walk the Prank "Party Hearty"	MECH-X4	Lab Rats: Elite Force	*** "The Incredibles" (2004, Children's) Animated. A former superhero gets back into action.		Tangled: The Series	K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid XL "Shattered"		Cooper's Treasure "Secret Mission" (N)				Fast N' Loud "Mashed Up Mustang"		Fast N' Loud		
ESPN	26	35	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		College Softball SEC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)		
ESPN2	27	39	30 for 30		MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Chicago Fire. (N) (Live)		30 for 30		30 for 30		30 for 30		
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		Chopped "Thanks, Mom!"	Chopped "Mother's Day"		Chopped "Monumental"	Chopped "Sitcom Moms"	Chopped		Chopped	
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report		Watters' World	Justice With Judge Jeanine		The Greg Gutfeld Show	Watters' World (N)	Justice Judge			
FREE	20	131	(6:45) *** "Matilda" (1996, Children's) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito, Rhea Perlman. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.		College Baseball TCU at Oklahoma.		"Birthday Wish" (2017, Drama) Jessie Schram, Luke Macfarlane. A woman's birthday wish leaves her surprised at the outcome.		The Golden Girls "Old Friends"		The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	
FSS	21	47	3 Wide Life "Raceline"		College Baseball TCU at Oklahoma.		"Birthday Wish" (2017, Drama) Jessie Schram, Luke Macfarlane. A woman's birthday wish leaves her surprised at the outcome.		The Golden Girls "Old Friends"		The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	
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HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	Lakefront Bargain Hunt: Renovation (N)		Lakefront Bargain Hunt: Renovation (N)	Mountain Life (N)	Mountain Life (N)	Lakefront	Lakefront	
HIST	45	110	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars (N)	(:01) Counting Cars (:32) Counting Cars (:03) Counting Cars (:33) Counting Cars	(:03) Counting Cars (:33) Counting Cars	(:03) Counting Cars (:33) Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Locum" A 10-year-old girl goes missing.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Identifying a traumatized rape victim.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-shon and Stabler help a rape victim.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mer-chandise" Human trafficking ring.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A woman is found dead in a fountain.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "The Psycho She Met Online" (2017, Suspense) Charity Shea.		"Sometimes the Good Kill" (2017, Suspense) Susie Abromeit, Amanda Brugel. Premiere. Sister Talia investigates a mysterious death at the Abbey.		(0:2) "Under the Bed" (2017, Suspense) Hannah New, Beverly D'Angelo, Pat Healy. An obsessed stalker takes up residence under a woman's bed.		"Sometimes the Good Kill" (2017)				
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word	Lockup Orange County: Extended Stay		Lockup Special Investigation	Lockup Special Investigation	Lockup: Wichita-			
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger		Game Shakers (N)	Nicky, Ricky	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
SPIKE	64	153	Cops		Cops "Fight Night"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	The Book of Eli	
SYFY	58	152	(5:52) *** "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" A California boy befriends a homesick alien.		(1982) Henry Thomas	*** "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" (1982, Children's) Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace, Peter Coyote. A California boy befriends a homesick alien.	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Angie Tribeca (DVS)	** "Death at a Funeral" (2010)
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Angie Tribeca (DVS)	** "Death at a Funeral" (2010)		
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Chisum" (1970, Western) John Wayne, Geoffrey Deuel.		*** "East of Eden" (1955, Drama) James Dean, Julie Harris, Raymond Massey. Rebel Cal and twin Aron vie for their rigid father's love.	Nate & Jeremiah by Design (N)		(:01) Nate & Jeremiah by Design	(:03) Say Yes to the Dress	Nate & Jeremiah			
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress		Say Yes to the Dress (N)	Nate & Jeremiah by Design (N)		(:01) Nate & Jeremiah by Design	(:03) Say Yes to the Dress	Nate & Jeremiah			
TNT	23	158	(5:30) *** "The Bourne Identity" (2002, Action) Matt Damon. (DVS)		** "Olympus Has Fallen" (2013, Action) Freeman. A disgraced agent must rescue the president. (DVS)	(15) ** "Eagle Eye" (2008, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson. Two strangers become pawns of a mysterious woman.							
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	The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	NCIS "Mother's Day" Gibbs' former mother-in-law. (DVS)		NCIS "Double Identity" Investigation into a Marine's shooting. (DVS)	NCIS "The Penelope Papers" Evidence leads to McGee's grandmother.	NCIS "Life Before His Eyes" A man in a diner pulls a gun on Gibbs.	NCIS "The Good Son" The team investigates a murder. (DVS)	NCIS "The Good Son" The team investigates a murder. (DVS)	NCIS "The Good Son" The team investigates a murder. (DVS)	Inside the FBI: New York	Inside the FBI: New York	
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Second Opinion"		Law & Order "Family Values"	Law & Order "White Rabbit"	Law & Order "Competence"	Law & Order "Precious"	Law & Order "Precious"	Law & Order "Precious"	Law & Order	Law & Order	
WGNA	8	172	Blue Bloods "Forgive and Forget"		Blue Bloods Danny lands in hot water.	Blue Bloods "Loose Lips"	Underground "Soldier"	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	

Mother superiors and Mother's Day events

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Broadcast with minimal publicity, the 2017 thriller "Sometimes the Good Kill" (8 p.m. Saturday, Lifetime) sets a multiple murder whodunit in a Catholic abbey where many of the nuns are young and beautiful. Based purely on a 90-second tease floating around YouTube, I have a feeling this might become catnip for lovers of a certain brand of guilty pleasure.

Susie Abromeit ("Chicago Med," "Jessica Jones") stars as the fetching Sister Talia, who is charged by the Mother Superior to solve a string of gruesome murders among the nuns. Talia appears to have a tragic backstory, including scars on her wrists and a past where she had to "kill to survive." What's a good sister to do when she's fluent in handguns and haunted by memories? "The Singing Nun" this isn't.

"Kill" is hardly the first lurid tale set in an abbey. One of the most popular American books of the early 19th century had the unforgettable title "Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk, or, The Hidden Secrets of a Nun's Life in a Convent Exposed." Published in 1836, it reflected, or rather exacerbated, some of the anti-Catholic paranoia of its time. It was staggeringly popular, the best-selling book in American publishing history until "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was released in 1852.

TV has a funny relationship with holidays. Christmas and Halloween are observed — sometimes for months at a time. You can't fault the scheduling gods with forgetting Mother's Day. There's plenty of mom-centric programming to sample, from the heart-

warming to the "ironic." It simply wouldn't be Mother's Day if somebody wasn't airing "Mommie Dearest." IFC offers a 24-hour marathon of the caustic 1981 Joan Crawford biopic starring Faye Dunaway from 6 a.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday. That's a lot of wire hangers!

As for other Mother's Day offerings:

For musical fans, there's "Mamma Mia!" (9 p.m., HBO2), starring Meryl Streep. Jennifer Lawrence plays a blue-collar mom who builds her own business in the 2015 drama "Joy" (8 p.m., HBO Signature).

The true crime network ID devotes the day to wayward mothers, starting with two episodes of "Monsters" (9 a.m., TV-14), five helpings of "Deadly Women: Mothers Who Kill" (11 a.m., TV-14) and a 14-episode marathon of "Evil Stepmothers" (4 p.m. to 5 a.m., TV-14). For those who prefer scripted horrors, there's "Mommy's Prison Secret" (8 p.m., LMN) and "The Other Mother" (10 p.m., LMN).

Nat Geo Wild shares three new episodes of "Animal Moms" (8 p.m., TV-PG). Nia Long stars in "The Single Moms Club" (8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., OWN). Sandra Bullock discovers her mother's secrets in "Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood" (9 p.m., Pop) and becomes a nurturing figure to a promising football player in "The Blind Side" (9 p.m., CMT).

Martin Lawrence and Anthony Anderson star in "Big Momma's House" (8 p.m., VH1), and a writer recalls the sacrifices of her Norwegian immigrant mother in the 1948 melodrama "I Remember Mama" (8 p.m., TCM).

A composer channels his grief into a work of art in

the documentary "Requiem For My Mother" (1:30 p.m. Sunday, PBS, check local listings), creating a major new choral work, a Requiem, the traditional Catholic Mass for the dead, in honor of his mother, who instilled him with a love of music.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- NHL Conference Finals (8 p.m., NBC). Teams to be announced.
- Billy Crystal, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi and Helen Mirren lend their voices to the 2013 animated comedy "Monsters University" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- On two helpings of "My Cat From Hell" (Animal Planet): facing eviction (8 p.m.), couples counseling (9 p.m.).
- Young Eli learns tribal politics on "The Son" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-14).
- Expecting a proposal that does not arrive, a young woman makes a wish and faces the consequences in the 2017 romance "Birthday Wish" (9 p.m., Hallmark).
- Melissa McCarthy hosts "Saturday Night Live" (11:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14), featuring musical guest HAIM.

SUNDAY'S SEASON FINALES

- Sam takes desperate measures to save his family on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Henry's new nightmare on "Once Upon a Time" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- A construction site collapse may not have been an accident on "Chicago Justice" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): fears of a resurgent al-Qaida; reforming a Chicago jail.
- Tears and tiaras abound on the 66th annual Miss USA Pageant (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG).
- Henry negotiates with a doomsday cult on "Madam Secretary" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Based on a stage drama by Mike Bartlett, "King Charles III" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) speculates on the royal family after Queen Elizabeth II.
- "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown" (9 p.m., CNN) visits Laos.
- Cassie casts a soothing spell over quarrelling guests on "Good Witch" (9 p.m., Hallmark, TV-PG).
- The six-part weekly series "America's Secret Space Heroes" (9 p.m., Smithsonian) celebrates the engineers, mathematicians, designers and technicians behind America's trips to the moon and unmanned exploration of deep space.
- A professional networker invites his fabulous friends and clients to an exclusive vacation, where lives and relationships will be challenged on the new series "Invite Only Cabo" (9 p.m., Bravo, TV-14).
- A milestone looms on "The Leftovers" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Set in London's political underground in the 1970s, the six-part series "Guerilla" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA) concludes.

- Shadow has second thoughts about Wednesday on "American Gods" (9 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).
- Gang warfare on "Elementary" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- The search for a gangster's crooked books on "Shades of Blue" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Richard finds a new partner on "Silicon Valley" (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Selina attends a funeral for a Supreme Court justice and finds a site for her library on "Veep" (10:30 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau, Faizon Love and Kristin Davis star in the 2009 romantic comedy "Couples Retreat" (7:30 p.m. Saturday, E!). Directed by Peter Billingsley, best known for playing Ralphie in "A Christmas Story."

SATURDAY SERIES

Two helpings of "48 Hours" (8 p.m. and 10 p.m., CBS) ... Muppets came on a two-hour "MasterChef: Junior" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) ... Kyle catches Frank in a lie on "Training Day" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) ... "20/20" (10 p.m., ABC).

SUNDAY SERIES

Tango steps on "Little Big Shots" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-G) ... Alec Baldwin hosts "Match Game" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

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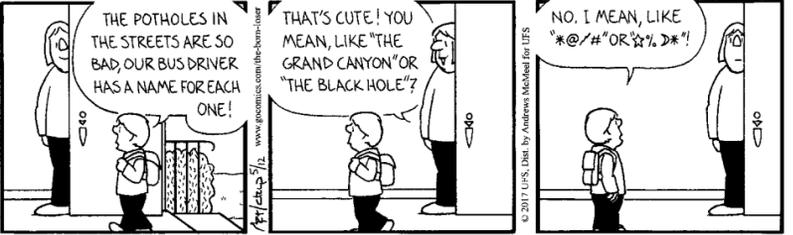
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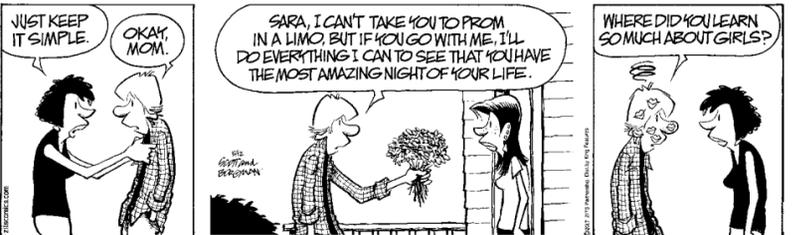
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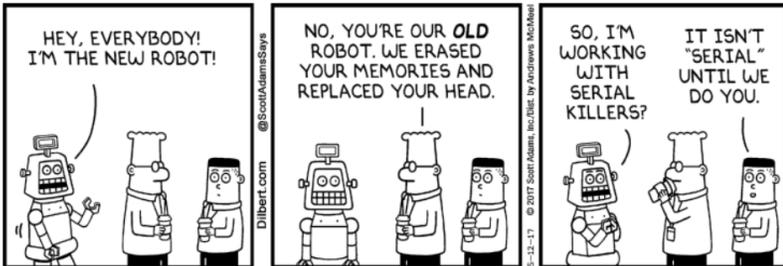
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Emotional work leaves man drained at home



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — When I was in my 20s I chose a career whose long-term effects I hadn't anticipated. I am charged with telling people they are dying and watching them die on a daily basis. While I know I am good at it, it leaves me emotionally drained.

young for that, although playing with them is some help) and there are tough days when I really need it. Advice?

Alone from my work

DEAR ALONE — You need a support group. Many people in the medical field find them to be a helpful outlet. Rather than blame yourself for your inability to "be there" for your co-workers and family members, joining a group might help you to relieve some of the stress you are experiencing by talking about it. If you do, I'm sure you will find you are far from alone. If there isn't a support group already there for you, please consider starting one, because airing those emotions you haven't been able to share would be extremely helpful.

ating this year. To celebrate, I would like to have dinner at a restaurant with a group of friends (adults) and their children. However, I'd like them to pay for their own meals. How do I address an invitation to such a get-together?

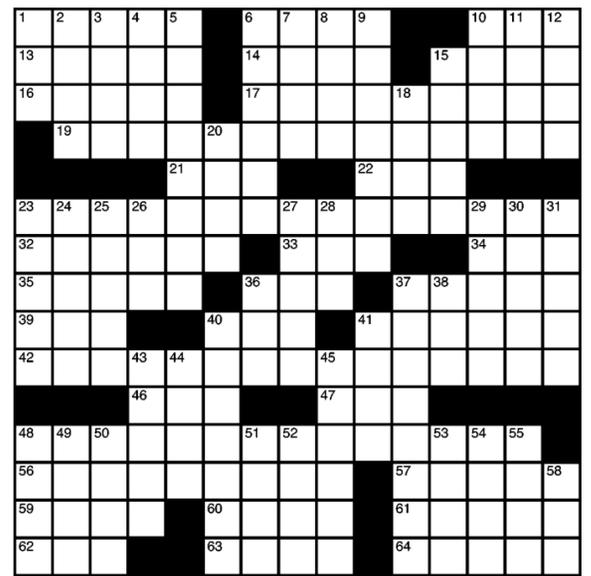
Not a free dinner

DEAR NOT A FREE DINNER — You could put on the invitation that this will be a "no host" celebration. Or, rather than issue a formal written invitation, simply call your friends and describe what you have in mind.

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DEAR ABBY — My son is gradu-

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By John Lampkin

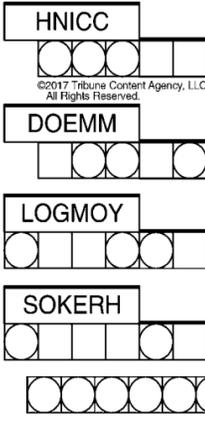
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "L'Arlesienne" composer
 - 6 Nutrients in nuts
 - 10 Silent signal
 - 13 Surface
 - 14 Facetious agreement
 - 15 Litter pickup spot?
 - 16 Parson's home
 - 17 Some shoulders
 - 19 Doppelgänger cast for a low-budget remake of "Ocean's 11"?
 - 21 Speck in la mer
 - 22 Sweet climber
 - 23 Usual night in the old town?
 - 32 Entomological case study?
 - 33 Repeated number of curls, say
 - 34 Bust gp.
 - 35 Whatever
 - 36 Fanny pack spot
 - 37 Banning strips
 - 39 Liszt's "— Préludes"
 - 40 Fish house freebie
 - 41 Sympathize
 - 42 Quality marsh output?
 - 46 Mayo is in it
 - 47 Fan noise
 - 48 Gold dust lid cover?
 - 56 Theo van Gogh, notably
 - 57 Orange variety
 - 59 Couth he is not
 - 60 Khartoum's waters
 - 61 Birds do it between
 - 62 Place to take a dip
 - 63 Hits up (for)
 - 64 Place to take a dip?
 - 11 Group with many barrels
 - 12 Office staple
 - 15 Bite playfully
 - 18 Editorial override
 - 20 Buck heroine
 - 23 It may be under a rug
 - 24 Bag carrier
 - 25 "— in point"
 - 26 Cambodia's Lon —
 - 27 Bits
 - 28 In like an old cat?
 - 29 Travel bag attachment
 - 30 Maestro Zubin
 - 31 Lightens up
 - 36 Gender-specific pronoun
 - 37 Non-suicidal migrants, contrary to myth
 - 38 Heidi got high on one
 - 40 Cheerful
 - 41 Julia of film
 - 43 "All in the Family" spin-off
 - 44 About
 - 45 Waldo forerunner?
 - 48 Cambodia neighbor
 - 49 Itch
 - 50 Bonus, in ads
 - 51 Lamb's alias
 - 52 Sharp bark
 - 53 Simba's love
 - 54 Far from harmless
 - 55 Cabs, say
 - 58 Lamb's place
- DOWN**
- 1 "Whap!"
 - 2 "Dies —"
 - 3 #30 on a table
 - 4 Canadian pump name
 - 5 "People" person, perhaps
 - 6 Cain was one
 - 7 Cry to a mate
 - 8 Ruler that doesn't work anymore
 - 9 Gender-specific beverage?
 - 10 Zilch
- Thursday's Puzzle Solved**
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HITCH MERGE SYRUPY ACCENT
Answer: The flock of birds was selling its roosts and hoped that other birds would — "PERCHES" THEM

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

2	4	7	9	1	8	3	6	5
3	1	8	7	6	5	4	9	2
6	5	9	4	2	3	7	8	1
9	8	2	3	7	4	5	1	6
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8	9	4	2	3	6	1	5	7
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1	6	3	5	4	7	9	2	8

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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