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FCC hosts meeting on prison phones

Corrections officials are 'encouraged' about solution

BY MEG KINNARD
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Corrections officials and members of Congress say they're hopeful a meeting this week with wireless industry representatives will lead to a solution that combats security issues posed by cellphones in the hands of the nation's inmates.

The Federal Communications Commission hosted the four-hour meeting Wednesday in Washington, making good on a promise last year by FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. Last year, Pai pledged to help facilitate the conversation among law enforcement, prisons officials and wireless providers, in hopes of battling the issue that corrections officers say is their chief

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Group petitions Morris College to consider Canty for its president

310 signatures submitted after deadline; no word from board

BY BRUCE MILLS
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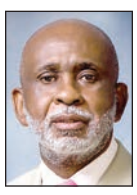
A local grassroots campaign last fall to get a Sumter leader to be considered as a candidate for the Morris College presidency is now taking its efforts to the next level.

WASHINGTON



CANTY

Sumter County resident Carlton Washington, leader of a petition campaign to have the Rev. Ralph Canty be considered for Morris' president opening, made his comments Thursday.

After submitting a petition to the college board's search committee in October with about 310 signatures for Canty to be considered as a candidate and not hearing any response to date, Washington on Thursday sent out a letter of appeal to each of Morris' 27 board of trustees members.

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Perfect day for PIZZA

Today marks what may be one of the most popular and most celebrated national holidays 'round the United States — National Pizza Day.

Like any other made-up "official" national holiday, it's an excuse to grab a slice (or four), ask your boss to taste test local specials and come up with cheesy jokes. Sorry. My pizza puns are a little crusty today.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Surveys Research Group, about one in eight Americans consumes pizza on any given day.

So, whether you're heading to your favorite pizza place, making your own (see below) or grabbing a frozen pie at the grocery store, we invite you to join us in celebrating National Pizza Day.

— Kayla Robins

BY THE SLICE

The Sumter Item employees argued ... debated ... uh, discussed and each got a vote on what is the best pizza topping. Do you agree? Go to our Facebook page to tell us what yours is.

Cheese:

Bacon:

Olives:

Pineapple:

Ground beef:

Mushrooms:

Sausage:

Pepperoni:

Skip takeout and create your own

BY MELANIE SMITH
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Mushrooms. Bell peppers. Onions. Grilled chicken pieces and pineapple (OK, that last one's for my onion-hating husband).

When I have a pizza craving, I want it now — and I want to feel a little healthier with my choices than always getting takeout.

Why wait for delivery on a busy Friday night when you probably have the ingredients you need to make your own pizza at home? And sure you could order a pizza with half your favorite toppings and half with your significant other's favorites, but oh my there might be an onion accidentally tossed on his side somehow, and the

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DEALS AND MORE

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Officer of the year award recipients stand with their agency leaders. From left are Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark III; police officers of the year, lead Cpl. Cameron Bryant and patrolman Joseph Kellahan; corrections officer of the year Cpl. Adrienne Richardson; sheriff's deputy of the year Cpl. Olivia Gibson; and Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis. South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper of the year, trooper Kevin Boland, is not pictured.

Rotary club honors law enforcement officers

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter's law enforcement officers reviewed what it takes to serve and how to get the most from their profession during the Rotary Club of Sumter-Palmetto's annual Law Enforcement Day Luncheon at The Restaurant at Second Mill on Thursday.

The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy is one of three in the country that provides officer training for the entire state, said Director Lewis "Jackie" Swindler, a 43-year veteran of law enforcement.

In taking on the responsibility of training most of South Carolina's officers, the state academy has implemented steps to make sure its graduates are ready to interact with the public they have been trained to serve.

The core values of the academy have not changed over the years, Swindler said. And after requests from the public, each new hire in the state is required to undergo a psychological exam that is reimbursed by the academy.

More than anything, becoming an officer means to respond to a calling, he said. If a person does not have a calling to serve, it is not the right profession.

To back up his assessment of what it takes to serve, Swindler recalled statistics stating that about 8 percent of graduates leave the profession one year after leaving the academy, and about 54 percent of graduates leave the profession five years after.

Lewis "Jackie" Swindler, director of South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, speaks during the annual Law Enforcement Day Luncheon hosted by Rotary Club of Sumter-Palmetto on Thursday.

After spending more than 30 years at the Newberry Police Department, the idea of changing careers is foreign to Swindler.

While serving as police chief, Swindler said he saw officers leave the Newberry department, but for other law enforcement agencies.

Some people are not ready for the amount of work, and some cannot live up to the standards expected of them, he said.

About 90 percent of the people officers encounter are cooperative, Swindler said, but sometimes officers will meet someone who is not.

Academy students are taught the best words to use to defuse situations and to avoid being perceived as angry.

"We're not angry. We're servants," he said. "It's a whole lot better to talk than to fight."

According to Swindler, maintaining a positive attitude and keeping a good sense of humor go a long way in the law enforcement profession.

"If I am sane it's because I have a sense of humor," he said.

You can't be sad all the time because your bad day can affect the people you come in contact with, he said.

Always imagine you're being recorded, Swindler said. There is no time today when someone is not watching you, he said, so always do the right thing.

Swindler's final message was for officers to enjoy their jobs while also enjoying the things they care about most.

When you get done with work, go home and love your family, he said.

"It's a good job, but it's not your life," he said.

You work long hours and in the end, Swindler said, you can never get back those days you could have been spending with your family.

Manning store owner faces 15 years for tax evasion

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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South Carolina Department of Revenue agents arrested a Clarendon County tobacco store owner on three counts of tax evasion Thursday after he allegedly under-reported gross store sales between 2014 and 2016.

Ibrahim Said, owner and operator of Express Discount Tobacco in Manning, evaded paying approximately $100,000 in state sales taxes after he failed to report approximately $1.2 million in gross sales for the business' monthly sales tax returns from 2014 to 2016, states a release from SCDOR. Said reported about $774,000 in gross sales when actual sales during that time amounted to a little more than $2 million.

Said is being held at Clarendon County Detention Center and faces fines up to $10,000 and/or a maximum of five years in prison for each count of tax evasion.

Manning Police Department assisted in the arrest.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

22 more people die from flu

COLUMBIA — State health officials say 22 more people have died from the flu in South Carolina.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control said Wednesday that 106 people have died from flu-related illnesses in South Carolina since the season began in October.

The season traditionally runs from October until May.

DHEC said there were more than 18,700 cases of flu last week. More than 500 people were admitted to hospitals with the flu.

The agency said more than 81,000 cases have been confirmed since the season started.

Greenville County leads the state in flu cases, with more than 3,000 last week.

Great white is coming home

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — A great white shark named for and tagged off the coast of South Carolina looks like he's coming home.

The Island Packet reports Hilton was located off the coast of Savannah, Georgia, on Wednesday morning, and is swimming toward the Lowcountry coast. The shark was tagged off Hilton Head Island as part of marine research group OCEARCH's "Expedition Lowcountry" last year.

Hilton's tracker pings when his dorsal fin breaks the water's surface. The 12-foot, 1,326-pound shark has pinged as far south as Vero Beach, Florida, and as far north as Sonora, Nova Scotia, traveling more than 7,400 miles up and down the Atlantic coast.

The Atlantic White Shark Conservatory says another great white tagged off Hilton Head Island, Amy, pinged Tuesday off Myrtle Beach.

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Schools donate to Oliver Gospel Mission

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Sumter High, Crestwood High and Hillcrest Middle schools participated in the Jr. Civitan Winter Service Project at Saluda Shoals Park, Irmo, recently. Items were donated to Oliver Gospel Mission in Columbia. The group learned about the needs of the homeless population and donated a total of 583 items. From left are Connor Parman and Jankie Patel of Lancaster High School and Lauren Feeney and Allison Sims of Hillcrest Middle School.

STATE BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

State lawmaker proposes delaying primary election

COLUMBIA — A South Carolina lawmaker has proposed delaying filing for this year's elections because the state has not passed a law to allow candidates for lieutenant governor and governor to run on the same ticket.

Republican Sen. Harvey Peeler of Gaffney on Thursday floated a proposal that would also put off this year's June primaries for a month while House and Senate conferees continue to meet.

The Senate passed a bill last year establishing the rules called for in a 2012 constitutional amendment that voters approved allowing governor and lieutenant governor hopefuls to run on a single ticket, starting in 2018.

But the House version includes a proposal to raise pay for other statewide officials and judges. Filing for this year's elections is scheduled to open in March.

Proposal would fine railroads that don't use safety system

BY MEG KINNARD
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A South Carolina lawmaker wants to fine rail companies that don't implement a safety system investigators say could have prevented a deadly weekend crash, complaining that delays and extensions have dragged on for a decade.

A bill proposed Wednesday by state Sen. Marlon Kimpson would levy fines of at least $2,500 per month against rail companies that don't have "positive train control" systems installed by the end of this year, in compliance with a current federal deadline.

"Unless they have some incentive to complete the project, they have every incentive to delay," Kimpson said.

A decade ago, Congress passed a law requiring railroads to adopt the technology on all tracks that carry passenger trains.

A requirement for liquid-hauling freight trains was prompted by a 2005 train wreck in Graniteville in which nine people were killed and more than 250 were treated for exposure to gases from a toxic chlorine spill.

Intended to prevent trains from colliding or derailing, the positive train control system relies on GPS, wireless radio and computers to monitor train positions and automatically slow or stop trains that are in danger of colliding, derailing from excessive speed or about to enter a track where crews are working.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators have said the system could have helped prevent an Amtrak passenger train from slamming into a CSX Corp. freight train parked on a siding early Sunday. The Amtrak conductor and engineer were killed in the crash near Cayce, and more than 100 passengers were injured.

Railroads were initially given seven years to start using the technology across the country's 20,000 locomotives and 60,000 miles of track.

But when it became clear that few if any railroads would meet the deadline, Congress extended it another three years to Dec. 31, 2018, with the option to grant railroads that show progress an additional two years to Dec. 31, 2020.

Several freight railroads have previously told the government they won't be able to meet the 2018 deadline.

Both industry experts and rail companies have attributed implementation delays to costs and the sheer size of the nation's rail system.

Kimpson, who worked on cases associated with the Graniteville crash, said that it's past time to act, before another catastrophe.

"I just want to move swiftly and act expeditiously," he said.

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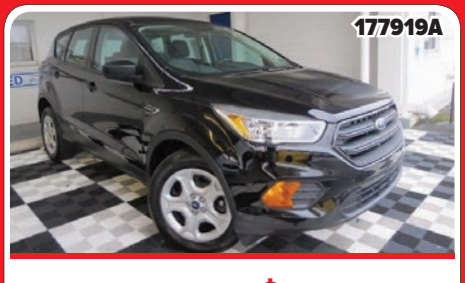
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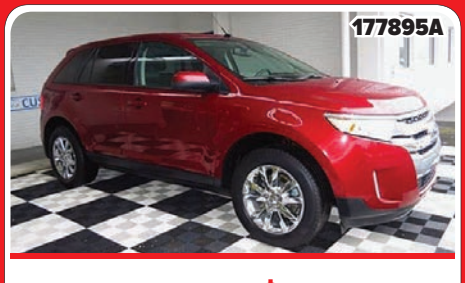
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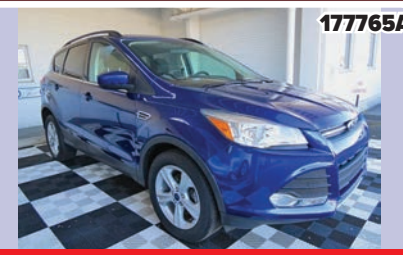
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Jesus talks to outsiders; Jesus talks to insiders

There are always outsiders who don't quite fit in. Outsiders may be outside by an inch: An odd quirk keeps them out of the inner circle. Outsiders may be outside by a mile: Their skin is the wrong color, or their religion is wrong, or their culture is a threat. We like to keep people outside our circle… well, outside. We push them to the margin. We blame them for their problems. When outsiders come to our church, our smiles are a little forced, and they pick up the cue: Go find your own people.

Jesus met outsiders in his day. Tax collectors were outsiders. Jesus met at least two. To Matthew he said, "Follow me." "Follow me" is the ultimate invitation to become an insider. To Zacchaeus, he said, "I'm going to stay at your house today."

Clay Smith

This is less an invitation, and more Jesus busting down the door of the outsider to say, "I've come to make you an insider."

In Jesus' day, women were outsiders. For Jewish males, foreign women were seen as exotic temptresses. Jewish women were thought by some to be of value only for bearing children. Jesus stopped to noticed women, not as sexual objects or reproductive agents. He gave hope back to a widow when he raised her son from the dead. When a woman who had ongoing bleeding touched the hem of his garment, he stopped to discover her and then pronounced her healed. He protected a woman caught in adultery from being stoned. His longest-recorded conversation was with a Samaritan woman at a well. He changed her life and her village.

Every time Jesus encounters the outsiders, he speaks to them invitingly. He notices them. He lets them know they matter to God.

There are always insiders who have position and power. Oddly, insiders often protest they are not insiders. Sometimes they do this so their power can stay hidden. Sometimes they protest because they are genuinely clueless about their privilege.

We all long to be inside. This longing is so deep, if we are deprived of it, we will create our own insider group to exclude others (usually people from another insider group that threaten us). Kids from dysfunctional families join a gang. A group at work forms to gossip about another group at work that gossips. We want to be inside.

Jesus met insiders too. Pharisees were insiders. Their keeping of the religious code made them the spiritual elite. Every time Jesus encountered a Pharisee, he challenged his ideas of superiority. When Jesus met Nicodemus, a Pharisee, he opened the discussion with a challenge: "You must be born again." Translation: Your insider status counts for nothing.

The rich young ruler was an insider, based on the fact he was rich, young and a ruler. Jesus loved him enough to tell him to sell everything he had, give it to the poor and follow him. A more radical challenge could not have been given. The rich young ruler couldn't do it. Being an insider was more important than following Jesus.

Every time Jesus met insiders, he challenged them. He challenged their convictions. He was fearless. He did not need or want their approval. He had no desire to enter their inner circle. He wanted insiders to turn away from the insider circles they had created to realize the radical change they needed.

Churches are supposed to speak like Jesus. Followers of Jesus need to speak invitingly and warmly to all outsiders. We need to say, "Come and see." Followers of Jesus need to speak confrontationally to insiders, especially to ourselves. There are too many opportunities to fool ourselves into believing we're special because we keep a religious code. Maybe instead of passing the peace of Christ, we should pass the challenge of Christ: "Are you humbly seeking Jesus each day?"

Don't miss the truth of Jesus: He loves the outsiders enough to invite them in. He loves the insiders enough to challenge them with the truth. Which way is he loving you?

Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter.

CHURCH NEWS

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

* Saturday — Elmina Castle and the Slave Trade dvd/video will be shown at 10 a.m. followed by a black history quiz bowl at 12:30 p.m.

* Sunday, Fe. 25 — Black history program at 3 p.m. James L. Felder will speak.

Bethel AME Church, 1605 S.C. 261, Wedgefield, announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 25 — Black history observance, fill a pew and soul food Sunday will be held beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 4319 Rowe Drive, Summerton, announces:

* Sunday — The eighth annual missionary program "A Taste of the ole South will be served" at 2 p.m. The Rev. Michael Collins, of Gum Spring Missionary Baptist Church of Summerton, will speak.

Clark United Methodist Church, 2980 U.S. 401 N., Oswego Highway, announces:

* Saturday, Feb. 24 — Free NACA home ownership workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

* Sunday, Feb. 25 — Black history program at 3 p.m.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 105 Dinkins St., Manning, announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 25 — Black history program at 11 a.m. U.S. Marshal Kelvin Washington, District of South Carolina, will speak.

First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 S. Washington St., announces:

* Saturday, Feb. 17 — Black history community celebration at 11 a.m. Dr. Wes Bellamy, city councilman of Charlottesville, Virginia, will speak.

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

* Saturday — Unity prayer breakfast with Elder Dameon Duffie at 10 a.m.

* Friday, Feb. 23 — Youth ministry worship service at 7 p.m.

Goodwill Presbyterian Church USA, 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 25 — Black history worship celebration at 11 a.m. followed by a soul food meal. Jeannette Dozier, of Columbia, will speak.

High Hills AME Church, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Saturday, Feb. 24 — Blood drive beginning at 8 a.m.

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

* Saturday-Sunday — The missionary ministry will hold its third health fair and women in red weekend as follows: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and 10:15 a.m. worship on Sunday. Evangelist Frances Bradley will speak.

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — The YWA anniversary will be observed during the 10:15 a.m. worship.

Hopewell Baptist Church, 3285 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — Black history program at 4 p.m. The Rev. Carnell Witherspoon, of Mount Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, will speak. Music will be provided by Mount Chapel MBC choir, Crestwood High School Choir and Gregory Jenkins. The youth department will perform black history skits. At old fashioned dinner will be served.

Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 803 S. Harvin St., announces:

* Saturday, Feb. 17 — "Eat to Educate" cultural extravaganza will be held at 1 p.m. at the M.H. Newton Family Life Center, 415 Manning Ave. This is an annual food event with local and international delicacies from Jamaica, Africa and the Philippines.

Joshua Baptist Church, 5200 Live Oak Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday — Junior Brotherhood's 19th worship service at 10 a.m. Minister Lee Burgess Jr. will speak.

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

* Saturday — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Adrian Renee Mills will speak. Ladies of all ages are invited. A love offering will be received. *knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com*

Mount Glory Missionary Baptist Church, 841 N. Main St., announces:

* Sunday — Pastor's 11th anniversary celebration and worship services at 4 p.m. Pastor Sammie Simmons will speak.

Mount Pisgah AME Church, 217 W. Bartlette St., announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — Family and friends day at 4 p.m. The Rev. Alvin Webb, of Unionville AME Church, Mayesville, will speak.

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

* Sunday — Youth black history month worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Norris Williams, assistant superintendent of Sumter School District, will speak.

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — Trustee Ministry's black history anniversary worship celebration at 10:45 a.m.

* Sunday, Feb. 25 — Golden Age Fellowship Ministry's black history anniversary worship celebration at 10:45 a.m.

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

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — The ACE League and black history observation at 11 a.m. Minister Jerell Wesley will speak.

Pinewood Baptist Church, 10 E. Fulton St., Pinewood, announces:

* Sunday, March 25 — The Jordan Family Band (*http://jordanfamilyband.com/*) will be in concert at 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be received. Nursery provided. Refreshments and the opportunity to meet the family will follow. Call (803) 452-5373 or visit *www.pinewoodbaptist.org*.

Reeseville AME Church, U.S. 521, Alcolu, announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — The 24th anniversary of the male chorus will be celebrated at 3 p.m.

Refreshing Springs Kingdom Outreach, meets at Colony Square, 741 Bultman Drive, Suite 21, announces:

* Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Fresh fire healing and deliverance service at 7 p.m.

* Saturday, March 31 — Kingdom United prayer breakfast at 10 a.m.

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

* Sunday — Family and friends worship at 3 p.m. The Rev. Robert Galloway, of Howard Chapel AME Church of New Zion, will speak.

Second Presbyterian Church, 1125 Old Pocalla Road, announces:

* Saturday, Feb. 17 — Black history celebration at 3 p.m. Dr. Maggie Glover, first black female ever elected to serve in the South Carolina Senate, will speak. Soul food refreshments will be served immediately after the celebration. The Payne Family will provide music. Theme: "Remembering the Past … Preparing for the Future."

St. Anne - St. Jude Catholic Church, 611 W. Oakland Ave., announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 25 — Black history program at 2:30 p.m. presented by the St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of St. Peter Claver. Carrie Sinkler Parker will speak. Music will be provided by St. Ann St. Jude School choir, Catholic youth of Sumter, St. Jude choir and the Benevolence Choir.

St. James United Methodist Church, 720 Broad St., announces:

* Sunday-Tuesday, Feb. 18-20 — Black history revival as follows: 6 p.m. Sunday, the Rev. Ryan Godfrey; 7 p.m. Monday, the Rev. Anthony Curbweb; and 7 p.m. Tuesday, the Rev. Annie H. Sisturnk.

St. John Baptist Church, 3944 Brewer Road, Manning, announces:

* Sunday, March 4 — Pastor's 11th anniversary celebration at 4 p.m. Pastor Jonathan Anderson, of Fellowship Baptist Church of Manning, will speak.

Sumter Free Will Baptist Church, 971 Boulevard Road, announces:

* Monday-Friday, Feb. 19-23 — Revival at 7:30 nightly. The Rev. Clarence Sanderson, of Maxton, North Carolina, will speak.

Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, 1130 Granby Lane, Summerton, announces:

* Saturday — Valentine gala will be held at 5 p.m. at the Taw Caw Outreach Center.

* Sunday, Feb. 25 — Black history program.

Triumph Ministries, 3632 Broad St. Ext., announces:

* Today — "Friday night live" featuring praise dancers, mime, gospel rap, etc. If you would like to participate, email Elder Beverly Richbow at *brichbow8@gmail.com*.

* Friday, Feb. 16 — Pastor appreciation kicks off at 7 p.m. Prophetess Sarafina Thompson, of Brooklyn, New York, will speak.

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — Pastor appreciation will continue with Prophet K. Ramsey, of Walterboro, speaking at 10 a.m. and Prophet Everett Roberson, of Ridgeland, speaking at 5 p.m.

Union Hall, 1171 Old Pocalla Road, announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — The 5th anniversary of Resurrection will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Tickets are $5 in advance or $7 at the door for adults; $5 for children 11 years and older; $3 for children 5-10 year of age; and free for children under 5.

Walker Avenue Church of God, 100 Walker Ave., announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 18 — Youth day program at 11 a.m. Brother Earl Alexander Wilson, manager of Arby's restaurant, will speak.

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With military parade, Kim Jong Un thumbs nose at U.S.

BY ERIC TALMADGE
The Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un presided over an extravagant military parade in Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square on Thursday, grabbing the spotlight on the eve of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in South Korea to thumb his nose at Washington while making a point of showing off his new-found restraint toward Seoul.

The parade itself had been anticipated for weeks.

North Korea announced last month that it would hold a big event to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of its military.

But instead of broadcasting the morning event live, North Korean television aired an edited version later in the day, giving it a somewhat lower profile than expected. The parade was also shorter and featured fewer missiles than the previous one, which was held in April last year and unveiled five new kinds of missiles — surprising analysts and generating headlines worldwide.

This time, Kim fine-tuned his more fiery rhetoric toward Washington.

Addressing tens of thousands of troops and civilians assembled on the square below him, Kim said the parade marks North Korea's emergence as a "global military power" despite facing the "worst sanctions." He called for his military to maintain a high level of combat readiness against the United States and its followers to keep them from infringing upon "the republic's sacred dignity and autonomy even by 0.001 millimeters."

He made no mention of the Olympics in the parts of his speech that were broadcast. It was unclear whether the North showed the entirety of his speech during the recorded coverage of the parade.

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In this image made from video by North Korea's KRT, military tanks are seen during a parade in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Thursday. North Korea held a military parade and rally on Kim Il Sung Square just one day before South Korea hosts the opening ceremony of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

The tone was in line with Kim's bigger strategy of late.

He has been making a major diplomatic push toward South Korea since he announced a last-minute proposal to send a delegation of athletes, officials and entertainers to the Pyeongchang games during his annual New Year's address.

The moves have been generally welcomed in the South.

Even as the missiles were rolling by his viewing stand, South Korean officials announced that Kim's younger sister, due to attend today's opening ceremony, will have a luncheon with South Korean President Moon Jae-in. That in itself is a major breakthrough for the Koreas. Kim Yo Jong is one of Kim Jong Un's closest confidants, and she will be the first member of the Kim family to visit the South.

Overshadowing most of the unease about the parade, South Korean TV networks have focused on groups of North Korean musicians practicing for congratulatory concerts during the games and a welcoming ceremony for the North's competitors at the athletes' village. With cameras filming it all, young South Korean men did a breakdance, and an all-female North Korean band played songs recognizable on either side of the Demilitarized Zone.

Kim's two-pronged strategy has put the United States in an odd position.

Vice President Mike Pence arrived in South Korea on Thursday vowing to send a strong message to the North that it must abandon its nuclear weapons. But that message may seem a bit off key to many South Koreans who are more open to see the North's recent moves as a positive step, though by no means a final solution, and are at times vociferously wary of American meddling.

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Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm

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A WORK IN PROGRESS

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A finished work of art is a beautiful thing…whether as simple as a child's painting…or as complex as an old master. The final product is complete when every stroke of color is in the right place. What about a work in progress? Each slight brush stroke must be placed exactly right to complete the whole picture. If a mistake is made and the paint dries, the artist may have to start all over again. We all make mistakes in our lives. God is forgiving; He allows us to try again. With His help we can make all the right "brush strokes" to complete a beautiful picture…a beautiful life. Worship in His House this week. When you falter, talk with the Master and He will allow you to try again.

Daily Devotional Reading

Hebrews	Hebrews	Joshua	Joshua	Joshua	Joshua	Joshua
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Want to celebrate National Pizza Day? Here are some of the best deals going on today. (We know some of these eateries are only in surrounding cities like Columbia and Florence, but pizza is a great lunch if you work there.)

Chuck E. Cheese

Printable coupons are always changing. Find them at *www.chuckecheese.com/deals-offers/coupons* based on your location. Current specials start at a package of a medium one-topping pizza, two soft drinks and 25 play points for $19.99.

Cici's Pizza

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza for less than $6 at participating locations.

Domino's

Current deals include:

- Choose two or more items from a select menu for $5.99 each. Includes medium two-topping pizzas.
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- Get one large three-topping pizza for $7.99.

Hungry Howie's

Get two medium one-topping pizzas plus Howie Bread for $15, plus other combo deals.

Papa John's

Get 25 percent off regular-priced menu items on *Offer.com*. Plus, find more BOGO specials and combo deals on their website.

Pizza Hut

Pizza Hut lists its current deals on its website, including an online-only special for a $7.99 large two-topping pizza.

* Source: *Offers.com*. Promotions may vary by location and franchise. Call ahead to check if these coupons and deals are valid at your local branch.

PIZZA FROM PAGE A1

whole thing's ruined. He can keep his warm, soggy pineapple though.

Skip all that. Save yourself the time and the topping arguments. It's easy to make your own individual pizzas from scratch, quicker than you probably think, and you'll probably have fun with it, too. A few years ago, we made a big batch of dough, gathered all the toppings we could think of and invited my parents over for a create-your-own-pizza party, and we enjoyed talking together while choosing exactly what we wanted. This would be a great activity for a child's birthday party or other get-together.

TIPS FOR YOUR OWN HOMEMADE CREATIONS

• Set your oven at 500 degrees F before you make the dough. I know this is high, but it works. Pizza should cook quickly. If you have a pizza stone, put it in the oven when you turn it on. We usually just use cookie sheets with parchment paper over them.

• If you like your cheese quite browned, you can turn on your broiler for a minute or two right at the end. I really mean one to two minutes. Don't walk away, or Sumter Fire Department will show up for your party.

• Cut your toppings quite small or thin so they cook quickly enough. Blotting moisture from ingredients such as bell peppers and especially raw tomatoes before putting them on the pizza is also a good idea.

• This dough can rest really as long as you'd like. Usually with yeast doughs you'd leave them to rise, then knead again, then rise. No need for all that here — I always let the dough rest for 10 or 15 minutes, and it's good to go. I've always heard pizza dough has the most flavor after being refrigerated for three days, but that's three days, and by then I'm craving pad Thai or something. In other words, I've never tried it, but if you're interested, go for it.

• This dough makes two medium-sized pizzas. This is enough for me and my husband for dinner, and we have some left for lunch the next day.

THIN CRUST PIZZA

¾ cup lukewarm water
1 tsp instant yeast
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ tsp salt

Mix all ingredients in a bowl, and lightly flour a clean work surface. Knead for a few minutes until the dough is a smooth ball, then cover with a towel for 10 to 15 minutes while you prep your toppings. After the rest time, divide the dough in two with a knife, and use a rolling pin to create two circles. Carefully transfer each circle to a cookie sheet, then fold the edges in slightly all the way around each circle.

Top with pizza sauce and your favorite toppings, then bake each pizza about 15 minutes or until the dough and cheese start to brown.

PIZZA SAUCE

1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
1 tsp oregano
1 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp onion powder
1 tsp sugar
salt, pepper

Mix all ingredients and spread a thin layer on your dough.

MEETING FROM PAGE A1

safety threat behind bars.

"I am encouraged by how seriously the FCC is taking the issue of contraband cellphones in prisons," U.S. Rep. David Kustoff of Tennessee told The Associated Press on Thursday. "I look forward to the telecommunications industry working with state corrections officials to put a stop to this concerning public safety threat."

Kustoff has been among those pushing for a fix to the phone problem. He spoke with AP after being briefed by his state prisons director, who was one of several attending the meeting. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice and federal Bureau of Prisons were also at the meeting, as was U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, who has spoken out about the issue of cellphones in prison since his time as South Carolina's governor from 2002 to 2010.

Prisons officials say cellphones — smuggled into their institutions by the thousands, by visitors, errant employees and even delivered by drone — are dangerous because inmates use them to carry out crimes and plot violence both inside and outside prison.

Capt. Robert Johnson of Sumter, a veteran of 15 years as a corrections officer at Lee Correctional Institution, was shot six times at his home and left for dead after a hit was ordered from an inmate's cellphone.

Officials including South Carolina Corrections Director Bryan Stirling, who attended Wednesday's meeting, advocate cell signal jamming as a way to fix the problem.

The FCC, which regulates the nation's airwaves, has said it can't permit jamming in state prisons, citing a decades-old law that prohibits interruption of the airwaves at state-level institutions.

Wireless industry groups oppose jamming, saying they worry signal-blocking technologies could thwart legal calls. In a letter filed with the FCC last month, trade group CTIA wrote that court orders should be required to shut down devices in prison, arguing that judicial review will provide a way to shut down the devices while not interfering with legitimate cellphone calls nearby.

Representatives from CTIA attended Wednesday's meeting, which Stirling said he found encouraging. In a statement, the group thanked Pai for arranging the meeting and said its members "recognize the very real threat that contraband devices pose in correctional facilities across the nation, and we appreciate the commitment of all stakeholders to identify and implement lawful solutions to this problem."

Talking with AP after the meeting, Stirling said prisons and wireless providers plan to hold additional meetings in the coming months, in the hopes of finding common ground on a technological solution to stop the cellphone threat.

"I told them that seeing staff assaulted over cellphones has to stop," Stirling said. "We want to work with them on these solutions, but we need to start putting our correctional officers' safety and public safety first."

CANTY FROM PAGE A1

Washington said it's time for the full board to get involved in the process.

A lobbyist for the South Carolina State Employees Association by trade, Washington said he was approached in October by Morris alumni about helping to direct a petition campaign for Canty's candidacy.

He said he submitted the petition to the presidential selection committee later that month, even though it was about one week after the application deadline.

Washington isn't disputing that his group missed the application deadline for the committee, but he said he feels strongly that Canty should still be considered for the position.

"I think the selection committee is wrestling with the petition request coming in after the deadline," Washington said. "But our contention is that at the end of the day, what should be done is what's best for the college."

He cited various challenges the college faces related to legal health issues with a mold infestation case, declining student enrollment and financial concerns.

Washington said the new leader of the college needs to be someone who knows the community and local legislative delegation, is an established leader and can hit the ground running.

Washington said he and the other petitioners think Canty is that man because of his business background, leadership in the community as a church pastor and background in the state Legislature.

Canty, 72, has been president of Job's Mortuary in Sumter for 47 years and also serves as a pastor of two area churches — Savannah Grove Baptist Church in Effingham in Florence County and pastor of West End Community Church in Sumter. A Sumter native, he also served in the state House of Representatives from 1990-99. He has been a school board member in Sumter County for the last 10 years.

"When you do the checkoff list, at every benchmark Dr. Canty gets checked off," Washington said. "We just think this is a critical time for leadership at Morris College and that Dr. Canty is best qualified to provide the kind of leadership that's necessary."

Washington said Morris' board has a responsibility to do what's best for the college.

"If Dr. Canty's application did not make the deadline, but he might be the best candidate, then the board has a fiduciary responsibility to vet that," Washington said. "Even if that means starting the process over again or adding Dr. Canty or the Board of Trustees getting involved directly."

When contacted Thursday, Canty said, for the record, he didn't submit an application for the president's opening and didn't seek the position in any way. But he said if the Board of Trustees wants him to serve as president, he would do the job. He reiterated, though, that he is not actively seeking the position.

Canty is a 1967 graduate of Morris College with two bachelor's degrees — one in social studies and the other in theology.

A phone call to the chairman of the Morris Presidential Selection Committee, the Rev. Mack Hines, was not returned by press time Thursday.

Morris College's Board of Trustees named Leroy Staggers, an academic dean at the college, as interim president last year after the retirement of Luns Richardson on June 30. He is still serving in that post.

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Second Chance Animal Shelter needs your help

Tickets available for Feb. 24 silent auction and lasagna dinner

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — A new roof, re-concreted runs and a storage shed are just a few of the items that A Second Chance Animal Shelter is desperately in need of to keep its animals comfortably housed.

"Those items don't include the day-to-day expenses of feeding, sheltering and medications for the animals we have," shelter director Penny Hodge said. "We need some major repairs, and we don't have the money to fund them."

Hodge said that the funds the shelter hopes to raise at its annual lasagna dinner and this year's silent auction will go a long way toward getting the shelter looking good again.

The dinner with Chef Ted Brownell preparing the feast and silent auction will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Manning United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall, 17 E. Rigby St. Advance sale tickets only for $15 each. Tickets can be purchased at the shelter, A Second Chance Thrift Store on South Mill Street in Manning, the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce on Brooks Street in Manning and WenLily's on Main Street in Summerton.

"We're excited about the silent auction," Hodge added. "Auction items can still be donated by dropping them off at the shelter or at the thrift store, but please tell us the items are for the silent auction."

Hodge said the shelter counts on the funds collected at the dinner to help keep the shelter running smoothly.

"We are also in need of volunteers to walk our animals and give them that loving care that they would get in a home environment," Hodge said. "Give us a call at (803) 473-7075 for more information."

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One of five siblings, this kitten was dropped off at the front gates of A Second Chance Animal Shelter. This tiny bundle of joy is just one of the more than 50 cats and dogs who is looking for a loving home.

Laurence Manning student recognized for volunteer efforts

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

A sophomore at Laurence Manning Academy has earned recognition as one of two South Carolina Youth Volunteers of 2018 for ideas she implemented to improve relations between law enforcement agencies and the residents of Clarendon County.

Alyssa Gottheiner, 15, whose parents are retired police officers, was recognized by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program that partners Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

"I wanted to make a change in my community," Gottheiner said after accepting the award. "The goal was to provide positive interactions for the benefit of law enforcement and the community."

GOTTHEINER

As one of the South Carolina honorees, Gottheiner received $1,000, an engraved medallion and an all-expenses paid trip in late April to Washington, where she and South Carolina's other honoree, Gracey Chafin, 11, of Graniteville, will join honorees from all 50 states and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events.

In Gottheiner's program titled "Clarendon County Hometown Heroes," she organized a student essay contest and a "Community Day" to help improve relations between local law enforcement and the residents of her county.

'I wanted to make a change in my community. The goal was to provide positive interactions for the benefit of law enforcement and the community.'

ALYSSA GOTTHEINER

Laurence Manning Academy sophomore

Gottheiner, who garnered support for her program from Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley, spread news of her program by distributing 3,000 fliers at more than 10 local schools and through social media, her church and a local newspaper. Each essay winner would get to have breakfast with the law enforcement officer he or she showcased and ride to school in the officer's patrol car. Later at a county staff meeting, Gottheiner would present those officers showcased in the winning essays with a special plaque.

Part two of Gottheiner's program included a "Community Day," where law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders could interact with the students. Gottheiner had more than 50 sponsors and more than 30 volunteers participate throughout the day providing free food, games, bounce houses and patrol cars and fire trucks for the children to observe up close.

"First responders work so hard dedicating their lives to our community," Gottheiner added. "I want them to know how much we appreciate what they do and the sacrifices they make for us."

Eat your fruits and vegetables

Take care of your heart. A survey by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute found that 90 percent of Americans know the risk of heart disease is linked to high blood cholesterol levels and eating high-fat diets. There are several ways to reduce fat in the diet without making major sacrifices.

Nancy Harrison
RETIRED CLEMSON EXTENSION AGENT

• Eat five fruits and vegetables each day. Fruits and vegetables contain many vitamins and minerals that are important for good health. By increasing the amount of fruits and vegetables you eat, you can decrease the amount of fatty foods in your diet.

• Buy low-fat dairy products. Dairy foods are important for calcium and protein, but they can also be high in saturated fat and cholesterol. Instead of regular dairy products, buy skim milk or 1 percent fat milk, non-fat or low-fat yogurt and low-fat ice cream or frozen yogurt. Purchase low-fat or fat-free sour cream and cream cheese.

• Limit servings of meat to six ounces each day. Choose lean cuts of meat and cut off visible fat from the edges of the meat. Trim fat from poultry too. Choose broiled or baked fish more often.

• Choose healthy snacks rather than high-fat sweets. Try reduced-fat crackers or baked tortilla chips for something crunchy. Choose a bagel rather than a doughnut. Try non-fat yogurt, sorbet, or frozen juice bars rather than regular ice cream.

• Keep healthy foods in the pantry. Stock your shelves and refrigerator with heart-healthy condiments. Too much sodium may contribute to high blood pressure and increase your risk of heart attack and stroke. Use herbs and spices to replace salt for flavor. Keep some of these foods on hand for extra flavor: spicy mustard, flavored vinegar, minced garlic, onions, fresh lemons.

Sometimes it's hard to give up old favorites like fried fish and macaroni and cheese, which contain a good deal of calories from fat, so focus on cooking with the healthy fats.

Here is your recipe to try:

ABC'S OF VEGETABLES

1 cup asparagus
1 cup broccoli florets
1 cup carrot slices
1 cup spinach (chopped)
11-ounce can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 tablespoons onions (finely chopped)
1 teaspoon thyme
1/2 cup water
salt and pepper to taste

Layer asparagus broccoli, carrots, and spinach in a baking dish coated with vegetable cooking spray. Blend remaining ingredients. Pour over vegetables. Cover. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 to 40 minutes, or until vegetables are tender.

Yield: 8 servings.

Homemade jam uses berries to sweeten, instead of sugar

BY MELISSA D'ARABIAN
Associated Press

My grandmother used to make jam every year out of the summer bounty of berries. It was a multi-day project involving scorching-hot vats of berries, thickened by pectin and pounds of white sugar, which she balanced with the tang of lemon or lime juice. A simple slab of toasted country bread slathered with her homemade jam and some salted butter was my favorite way to start the day.

Now, in a world that favors high-protein egg whites for breakfast, or if there is a piece of toast to be had, it's covered in smashed avocado and tomato slices instead of rich red jam, I wondered if it was even worth the hassle to create a healthier version of my Grandma's recipe. Turns out, it was.

The resulting recipe is so easy, a hefty jar of jam can be whipped up in minutes, keeping my fridge stocked for weeks. As a mom of four daughters, I jump on any opportunity to remove processed sugar from our treats, and this jam stayed delectably sweet and comforting in the process.

We use this jam to top toast like Grandma did, but we also use it instead of syrup on almond flour waffles, or to sweeten plain Greek yogurt for snacks, breakfast or dessert.

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Servings: 32 (About 2 1/2 cups of jam)
Start to finish: 20 minutes
3 dates, finely chopped
1/2 cup water
1 small tart cooking apple, like granny smith, peeled and finely chopped (1/4-inch cube)
3 cups frozen mixed berries (no need to thaw)
2 teaspoons lime zest
1 tablespoon lime juice
1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)

Place the chopped dates and water into a medium sauce pan and simmer for a minute or two to soften the dates. Add the chopped apple and frozen berries, and increase heat to medium high, and bring to a boil, stirring occasionally.

Once the mixture is boiling, turn up the heat to high, and let boil vigorously, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and turns jammy, about 3-4 minutes. (Carefully add a tablespoon of water if mixture starts to get dry.) Once the jam feels like it's thickening, turn off the heat and stir in lime zest, lime juice and vanilla extract if using. Cool before serving.

Will keep fresh for 2-3 weeks in a tightly-covered jar in the refrigerator.

Nutrition information per serving: 8 calories; 0 calories from fat; 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 0 mg sodium; 2 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 0 g protein.

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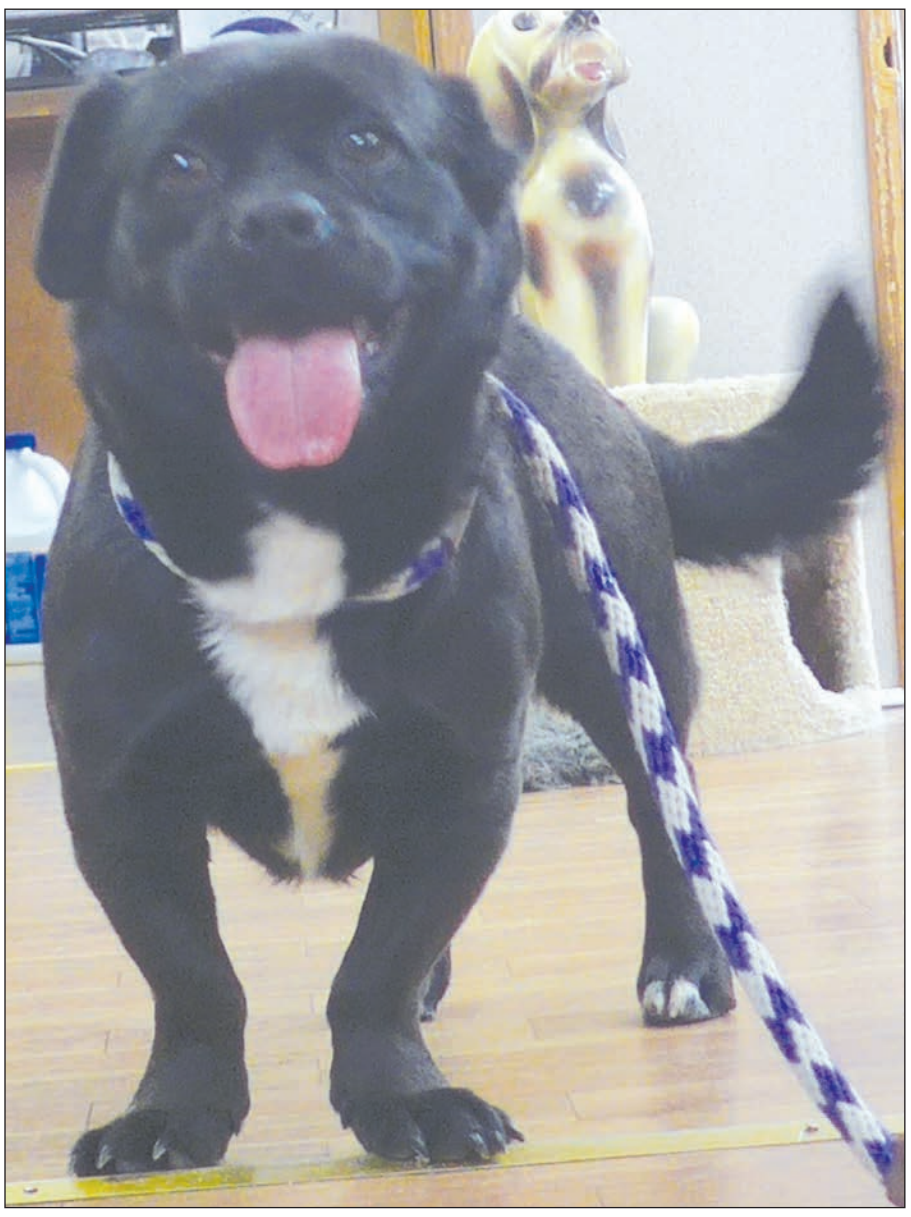

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Summons & Notice

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Clarendon
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
C/A NO. 2017-CP-14-00487

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company,
Plaintiff
vs.
Alexander D. Hickson, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sheryl Anne Atkins Hickson; Charlene Fay Clarke, Individually and as Heir to the Estate of Sheryl Anne Atkins Hickson, Timothy William Childs, James W. Hodge, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Sheryl Anne Atkins Hickson, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, Discover Bank, South Carolina Department of Revenue, and Carmen A. Atkins,
Defendants.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the Appointment of Kelley Y. Woody as Guardian ad Litem for all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (which are constituted as a class designated as "John Doe") and any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability (which are constituted as a class designated as "Richard Roe"), it is **ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRCP, Kelley Y. Woody is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe"), all unknown minors or persons under a disability (constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe"), all of which have or may claim to have some interest in the property that is the subject of this action, commonly known as 235 E. Main Street, Summerton, that Kelley Y. Woody is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe", all unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability, constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe", unless the Defendants, or someone acting on their behalf, shall, within thirty (30) days after service of a copy of this Order as directed below, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for the Defendants constituted as a class designated as "John Doe" or "Richard Roe".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served upon the unknown Defendants by publication in the The Item, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Anderson, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at their offices, PO Box 4216, Columbia, South Carolina 29240, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County on 12/13/2017.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending or is about to be commenced in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage of real estate heretofore given by to Sheryl Ann Atkins bearing date of March 26, 2010 and recorded March 26, 2010 in Mortgage Book in Book 875 at Page 7 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, in the original principal sum of $61875.37 that , and that the premises effected by said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof are situated in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being on the north side of Main Street, in the Town of Summerton, in County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, and being bounded now or formerly as follows: On the South by Main Street; on the West by lands of Mildred R. DuBose; on the North by lands of Annie G. Grayson; on the East by lands of Mesdlin. This property is shown on the maps for Clarendon County as tax map parcel #078-15-03-017-00.

This property was conveyed to Sheryl Anne Atkins by deed of Madeline D. Brooks dated March 26, 2010 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Deed Book 760 at Page 200 on March 26, 2010..

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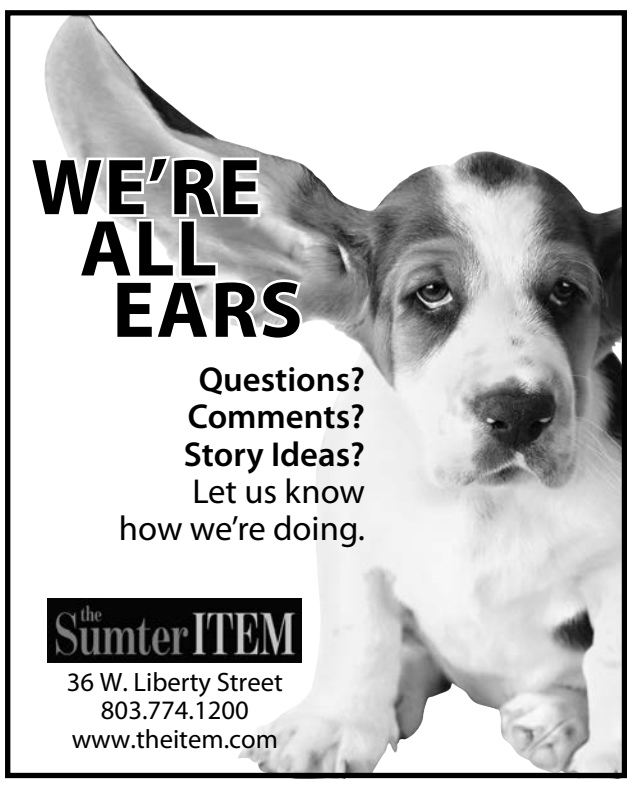

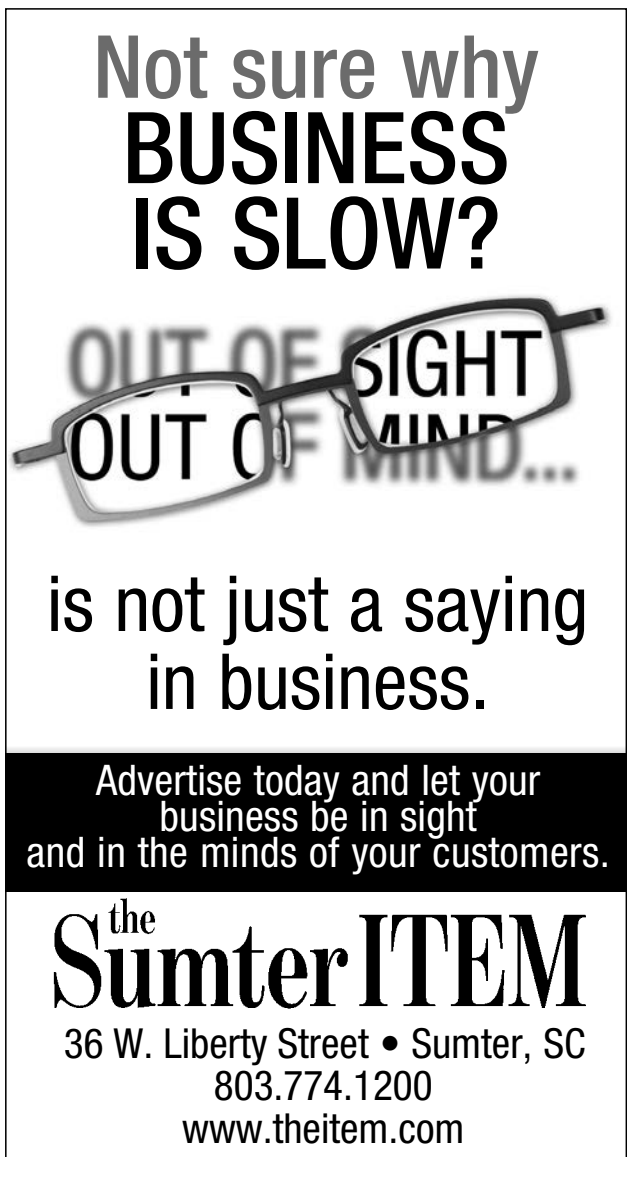

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COMMENTARY

Close the state's revolving door between agencies, regulated industry

Editor's note: This editorial originally ran in the Wednesday edition of the Post and Courier.

The revolving door between state agencies and the industries they regulate goes back decades in South Carolina. You could call it a Palmetto State tradition.

You also could call it a holdover of the good ol' boy system that needs a stronger law to completely close.

That's why the Legislature should approve a bill to strengthen requirements for a one-year waiting period before a former public employee can accept a job in a company regulated by the agency where he formerly worked. It should be a slam-dunk for lawmakers who care about ethics, transparency and accountability.

The wait-period requirement is being tested by Catherine Heigel, who took a job with a large water utility just six months after leaving her post as chief of the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Ms. Heigel got a favorable opinion on the issue from a private law firm before accepting her new private-sector job with Carolina Water Service, which serves customers in the Midlands and Upstate. The company also provides sewage treatment.

Carolina Water Service says the law doesn't apply because Ms. Heigel wasn't "directly and substantially" involved in any regulatory decisions regarding the company, which has a lengthy history of being charged by state environmental regulators for releasing sewage into rivers.

Perhaps that argument could work if Ms. Heigel had been sealed inside a bubble while at DHEC, but that's obviously not the case. As the head of DHEC, she ultimately had responsibility for the full range of its operations, regulatory and otherwise.

The intent of the law is to stop the revolving door between government officials and the private companies they regulate. If the law doesn't apply to the director of an agency, who would it apply to?

"I think that whether you are directly involved or tangentially involved really makes no difference," Rep. Gary Clary, a Republican from Pickens County and a leading voice in the drive for clearer, stronger ethics laws, told reporter Andrew Brown.

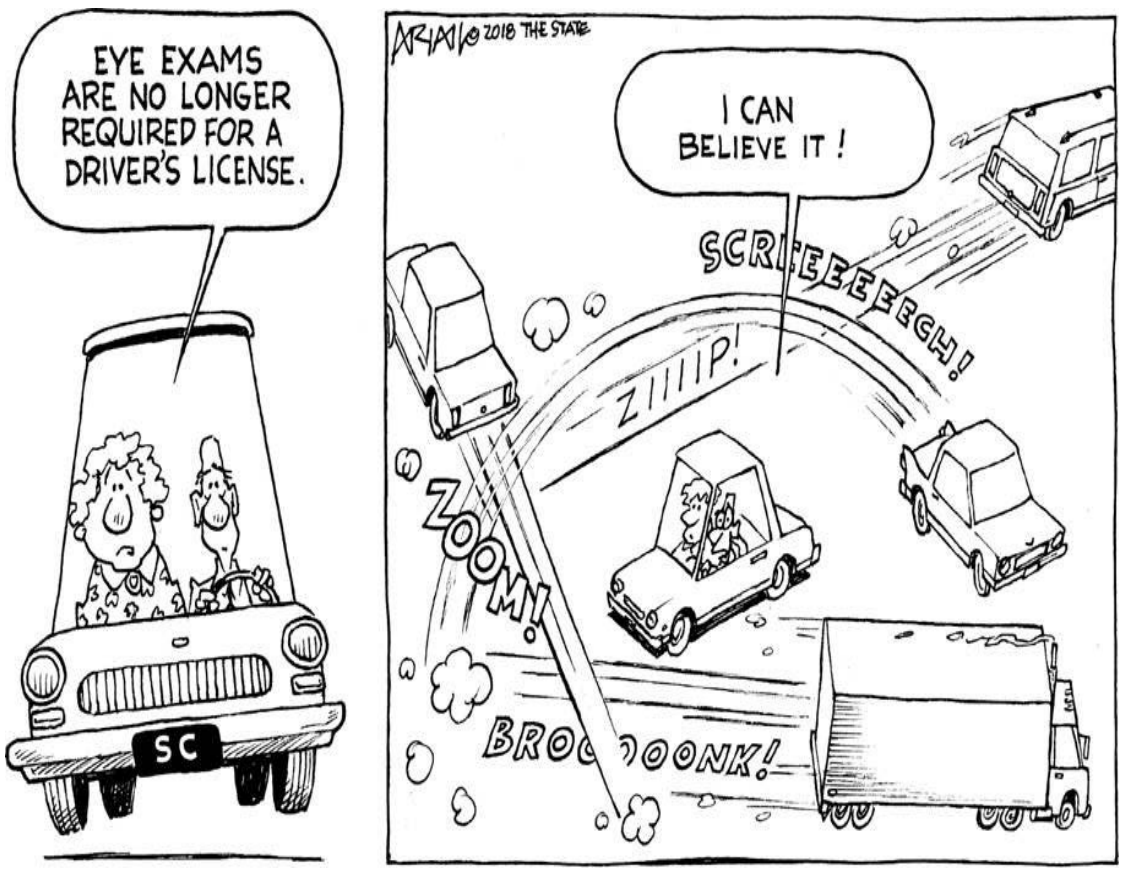
"If you are a director of a state agency, that would in essence make you responsible for anything that went on in that agency," Rep. Clary said.

The proposed law isn't aimed at Ms. Heigel — it was introduced last year, before she left her government job — but it does add to the debate about her new role in the private sector.

Passing a stronger law would help rebuild the public's trust in state government amid the Statehouse corruption probe. Some of the problems are because of vague laws that are open to interpretation and, sometimes, exploitation.

The bill is expected to be approved by the Judiciary Committee and advance to the House floor.

As they debate the proposal, lawmakers should recognize that the public is sick and tired of hair-splitting when it comes to ethics matters.



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The Index-Journal
Feb. 6

Gubernatorial primaries will be bumpy ride

Fasten your seat belts; it's going to be a bumpy ride.

That is, we expect a rather bumpy ride heading into the gubernatorial primaries, and we have to hope some of the fun lands in our yard before June 12 gets here.

With a hefty field of candidates from both parties, it will be interesting to see how they try to navigate the waters, members of one party trying to set themselves apart from each other as they also try to distance themselves from those in the opposing party.

Evidence of how that's going already exists as three Democratic candidates last week exchanged criticisms of each other in their first debate in Columbia. When state Rep. James Smith said he'd put $2 billion back in utility ratepayers' pockets following the SCANA nuke plant debacle, Charleston businessman Phil Noble called it an empty promise, citing Smith's receipt of donations from SCANA. And when Noble suggested the problem in public education lies with teachers, not students, and suggested firing a third of public school teachers and replacing them, Florence attorney Marguerite Willis called the idea "absurd."

On the GOP side, it looks to be lining up as a race among incumbent Henry McMaster, current Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant, former Lt. Gov. Yancey McGill and former DHEC director Catherine Templeton.

It will be interesting to watch these four take each other on, and while it's generally accepted that the office-holder has the upper hand, that may not be the case here. McMaster only slid into the governor's seat after President Trump tapped then-Gov. Nikki Haley to serve as U.N. ambassador. The governor is seeking the people's support to keep him in the Governor's Mansion for what would be his first full term.

Perhaps viewed as something of a fresh outsider, Templeton has caused a bit of a stir in recent days. First, she accused *The State* newspaper of purposefully publishing a photo of Templeton with a story about Catherine Heigel, her DHEC successor, saying the newspaper did so in an effort to help McMaster.

While that smacked of another politician getting on the "fake news" bandwagon, it was probably viewed as less egregious as what she said when addressing a crowd at Bob Jones University in Greenville.

Critics no doubt took things too far by labeling her a "slavery sympathizer," but Templeton would have done well to find a better way to say the federal government ought not poke its nose so far into state government's business than to proudly draw parallels to the Confederacy.

"We didn't need them to tell us how to live way back then, and we don't need them to tell us how to live today," she said.

She stepped into a sticky mess with those remarks and, frankly, no matter how she might have tried to explain herself, it did not get any better. "The past cannot be changed," she said, "but we can learn from it."

Indeed, she's right. But leading into Black History Month, she has a few lessons to learn about how her words can strike a very wrong chord.

Hey, it's only early February. There are plenty of weeks between now and the June 12 primary elections. So, get out that popcorn, sit back and watch. Just remember to fasten your seat belt.

The Post and Courier
Feb. 6

Train safety tech needs to be a priority

The number of deadly train collisions keeps piling up years after Congress mandated that railroads install an automatic-braking technology to prevent such accidents. Congress must end the delays and demand that railroads implement positive train control systems nationwide without delay.

Before Sunday's crash in Cayce that killed two people, there was the Amtrak derailment in Washington State that left three dead in December. There also was the derailment in Philadelphia that resulted in eight deaths. One person died when a transit train crashed into a New Jersey terminal. Hundreds were injured in these and other accidents.

After each collision, there was renewed talk about the need to implement the positive train control system Congress ordered in 2008. While the railroads expressed regret over the accidents, they also argued that the high cost of the system and the complexity of installing it made implementation extremely difficult.

Those explanations would carry more weight if at least some of the industry hadn't been using them since the National Transportation Safety Board put the technology on its "most wanted" safety improvements list in 1990.

We get it. With estimates ranging from $10 billion to $22 billion, it will take a lot of industry and federal money to completely implement the system. But as the human toll mounts with each accident, that cost doesn't seem so extreme. Indeed, while railroads have spent billions installing the equipment on some of their tracks, they also have found money to spend on new trains and stations. There's more work to do, and available funds should go to safety measures rather than amenities.

In its simplest terms, positive train control is akin to a smart autopilot system that serves as a backup to the humans running the trains. It can override a train's controls if it is going too fast or goes through a signal.

While the NTSB had been pushing for the technology for decades, it was a crash near Los Angeles that killed 25 people in 2008 that pushed Congress to mandate that the technology be in place by 2016. Still, the railroads complained that they would have to shut down on Jan. 1, 2016, if they didn't get an extension.

So Congress allowed the railroads to kick the can down the road to the end of 2018, when more than three-quarters of railroads are expected to have the technology installed, but left a loophole that could push implementation on some lines to the end of 2020. It's past time for Congress to insist that railroads finish the job.

A House subcommittee that includes Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., will take up the train technology issue on Feb. 15. It's up to lawmakers from both parties to push for rapid full implementation. Lives depend on it.

Each new preventable accident is an unwarranted tragedy. Congress must stop the delays and get the railroads to install positive train control on all of the nation's railways to prevent the next catastrophe.

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Senior Care _____
Septic Tanks _____
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Summer Camp _____

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Preschool _____
Elementary School _____
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Hot Dog _____
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AROUND TOWN

Hillcrest High School Class of 1978 will hold a 40th class reunion meeting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, at High Hill Baptist Church Meeting House Road, Dalzell. Call Mable Butler at (803) 565-1225 or Mary Roach at (803) 464-7664.

Free income tax filing services and FAFSA application assistance will be provided on a walk-in basis from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays at 640 Broad St. (the Anything Paper building). Services include e-file and direct deposit 2017 tax year and processing taxes from three years back (2016, 2015 and 2014). Call (803) 883-5483 for information.

The Sumter AARP Tax-Aide Foundation will offer free tax assistance and preparation on a first come, first served basis on Mondays and Wednesdays through April 17 at the Lincoln Historical Center (former home of the Shepherd's Center), 26 Council St. On Saturday, Feb. 17, assistance will be available on an appointment basis only. Call Lula King at (803) 316-0772 for information.

The Sumter SPCA Valentine Dance will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elaine D. Korn Memorial Center, 1100 S. Guignard Drive. Music will be provided by Terence Lonon & the Untouchables. Cost is $25 per person (must be 21 years or older). All proceeds benefit the SPCA. Call (803) 773-9292.

The One Sumter Community group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. "Law Enforcement and gun violence: Prevention and Intervention" will be presented by Chief Deputy Hampton Gardner of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Chief Alvin Holston of the Sumter Police Department. Call the Rev. Joshua Dupree Jr. at (803) 795-3600.

The Sumter Branch NAACP will hold a community meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Eastern Community Center, 5400 E. Brewington Road, regarding the potential permanent closing of Mayewood Middle School.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Rebecca Sears, director, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Sumter Senior Services, will speak. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or *debra.canty@frontier.com*.

The General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817 Military Order of the Purple Heart will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Combat Veterans Group building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All Purple Heart recipients and those interested in association membership are invited. Life membership is available for only $25. For more information, call (803) 773-0658.

Sumter High School Class of 1978 will hold a 40th class reunion planning meeting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St. All classmates are encouraged to attend. For additional information regarding the meeting or the Oct. 12 class reunion, visit Sumter High Class of 1978 on Facebook or email *sumterhigh1978@gmail.com*.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Step up and take action. What you do to incorporate your skills into a joint venture or cause you believe in will also bring you greater recognition and a host of new opportunities. Protect against theft.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The time, patience and money you donate to something you feel is important will bring you satisfaction, but it may not please someone you are in a partnership with. Be sure to get the approval required to avoid trouble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A partnership will help you advance. Discuss emotional, financial and physical concerns before you enter into an agreement that may be too much of a challenge for you or someone else. Honesty will help to propagate success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't invest in someone else's venture. Use your creativity and common sense to determine where best to put your money, time and energy. Attending a retreat or taking a trip will be informative. The unfamiliar will stimulate your senses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Talk over problems you face with a friend or partner. Be smart when it comes to investments and how you spend your money. Put more energy into your relationship with someone who can make a difference to your future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make alterations at home that will be conducive to taking care of any work responsibilities that you need to complete over the weekend. Staying on top of your personal and professional responsibilities will make your life easier.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plan a vacation or attend a social event. Doing things with friends, family or your partner will spark your imagination and give you some good ideas to pursue that will allow you to use your skills more diversely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your time and effort into fixing up your surroundings. If you are happy with your home environment, it will make your life easier. Think matters through and be sure to get approval before you bring about change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): High energy and a passion to keep busy and look for a new adventure will prompt you to sign up for an event, activity or excursion that will challenge you mentally, physically and emotionally. Prepare to do your best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more physical and emotional effort into helping others. Your skills and experience will be put to good use and give you a platform to display and master what you do best. Stick to what you know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Trust in your instincts, not what others say or do. Follow your vision and iron out any challenges you face one at a time. A steady pace and a simple plan will help you excel. Share your victory with someone you love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions, taking action and making poor assumptions will not bode well if you get into a discussion. Take your time and listen to what others have to say before you make a decision that could lead to isolation.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Cloudy	Rain and drizzle late	Occasional rain in the morning	Rain and a t-storm in the a.m.	Cloudy with occasional rain	Cooler with periods of rain
66°	51°	72° / 65°	74° / 63°	69° / 49°	60° / 50°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 75%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 75%
SE 4-8 mph	E 3-6 mph	S 4-8 mph	SSW 8-16 mph	W 6-12 mph	NNE 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

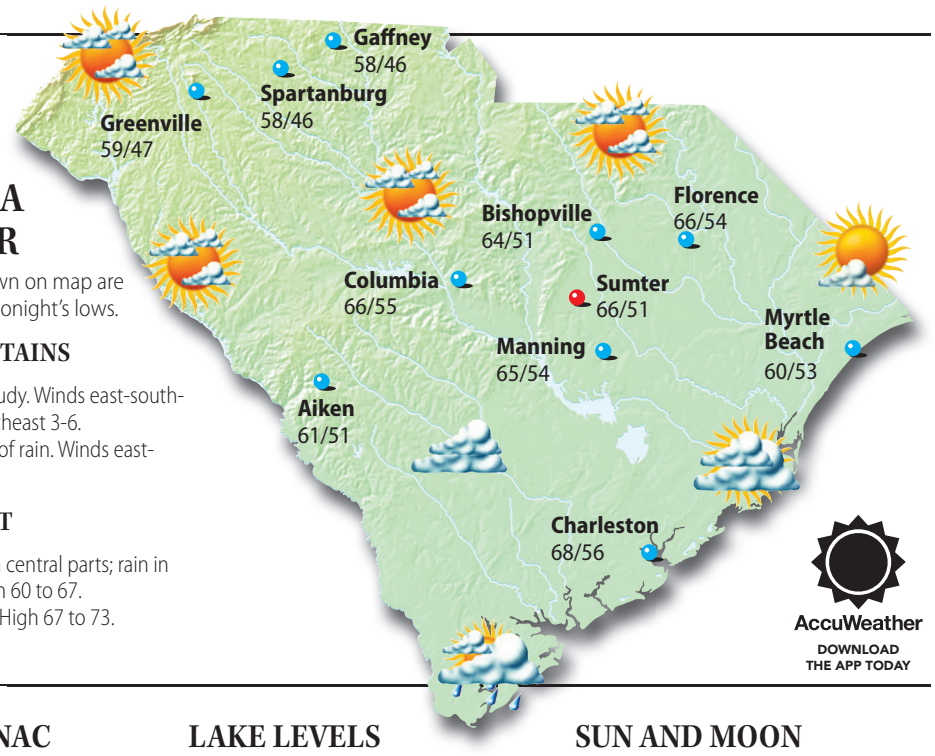
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Turning cloudy. Winds east-southeast becoming southeast 3-6.
Saturday: Periods of rain. Winds east-northeast 3-6 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower in central parts; rain in southern parts. High 60 to 67.
Saturday: Cloudy. High 67 to 73.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature

High	59°
Low	48°
Normal high	57°
Normal low	34°
Record high	79° in 1986
Record low	16° in 1977

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.11"
Month to date	0.52"
Normal month to date	0.95"
Year to date	2.56"
Last year to date	4.95"
Normal year to date	4.89"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	355.66	+0.21
Marion	76.8	74.69	+0.16
Moultrie	75.5	74.38	none
Wateree	100	97.39	-0.36

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.83	-0.07
Congaree River	19	5.70	-0.20
Lynches River	14	8.01	-1.14
Saluda River	14	7.75	+0.48
Up. Santee River	80	79.90	+0.50
Wateree River	24	15.67	+1.87

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	Sunset	6:00 p.m.
Moonrise	2:24 a.m.	Moonset	1:06 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Feb. 15	Feb. 23	Mar. 1	Mar. 9

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	4:12 a.m.	2.7	11:07 a.m.	0.5
	4:16 p.m.	2.4	11:13 p.m.	0.4
Sat.	5:07 a.m.	2.8	12:02 p.m.	0.5
	5:11 p.m.	2.4	---	---

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	61/51/sh	66/62/sh
Chicago	29/14/sn	23/15/sn
Dallas	72/52/s	56/30/c
Detroit	27/20/sn	27/18/sn
Houston	69/58/sh	72/54/t
Los Angeles	77/52/s	65/52/pc
New Orleans	71/61/sh	74/64/t
New York	37/34/pc	50/44/c
Orlando	81/66/pc	85/67/pc
Philadelphia	39/36/pc	52/46/r
Phoenix	83/52/s	81/56/s
San Francisco	69/52/s	65/50/pc
Wash., DC	48/39/c	53/50/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	56/42/s	58/53/r
Athens	62/49/pc	65/62/r
Augusta	66/54/sh	74/64/sh
Beaufort	67/57/r	73/63/c
Cape Hatteras	56/52/pc	65/57/r
Charleston	68/56/sh	75/63/c
Charlotte	60/47/s	61/59/r
Clemson	60/49/pc	59/57/r
Columbia	66/55/c	73/65/c
Darlington	65/51/pc	71/64/r
Elizabeth City	54/45/pc	68/59/sh
Elizabethtown	63/50/s	70/64/c
Fayetteville	63/50/pc	71/65/sh

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Florence	66/54/pc	73/66/r
Gainesville	75/59/c	80/61/c
Gastonia	60/48/pc	61/59/r
Goldsboro	61/48/s	71/64/sh
Goose Creek	67/56/sh	73/64/c
Greensboro	56/42/s	58/54/r
Greenville	59/47/pc	58/56/r
Hickory	56/42/s	55/52/r
Hilton Head	64/57/sh	70/63/c
Jacksonville, FL	70/59/c	78/62/c
La Grange	62/53/r	68/62/t
Macon	62/52/r	72/64/r
Marietta	60/49/pc	64/61/sh

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Marion	56/40/s	55/52/r
Mt. Pleasant	65/56/sh	72/64/c
Myrtle Beach	60/53/pc	69/61/c
Orangeburg	64/54/c	72/64/c
Port Royal	64/56/r	70/62/c
Raleigh	58/45/s	65/61/sh
Rock Hill	60/48/s	62/60/sh
Rockingham	62/48/pc	67/62/sh
Savannah	68/58/r	76/64/c
Spartanburg	58/46/pc	57/55/r
Summerville	66/55/sh	73/64/c
Wilmington	61/49/s	73/62/sh
Winston-Salem	55/43/s	55/52/r

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

CROSSWORD

■	M	U	F	F	I	N	■	B	R	I	O	C	H	E
B	E	L	D	A	M	E	■	B	O	S	N	I	A	N
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8	5	4	7	2	9	6	1	3
1	7	2	3	6	5	9	8	4
5	1	6	2	3	4	7	9	8
4	3	9	5	7	8	1	6	2
7	2	8	1	9	6	4	3	5

JUMBLE

ROBIN WHARF POETRY DELUGE

The Vikings were just about home after a long — "ROWED" TRIP

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK

FAR LEFT: Boris is a housebroken and neutered 7-month-old American short hair / Russian blue mix. He is great with other cats. Boris enjoys being held, cuddled and given lots of scratches and love. He would make a great new family member and all-around couch potato.

LEFT: Rumor is a 5-month-old hound / labrador mix. She loves to romp and play with other pups. She is sweet, shy and gentle. Rumor loves to get kisses and hugs and would make a great family addition.

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.sumterscspca.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.

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SECTION B

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

PREP BASKETBALL

Sumter clinches region with 61-53 win over West Florence

BY SCOTT CHANCEY
Morning News

FLORENCE – The West Florence High School boys basketball team was not able to sustain the magic from Tuesday's upset of second-ranked Conway in overtime.

Against No. 6 Sumter on Thursday, an early 17-4 Gamecocks run was too much as coach Pete Ellis Knights' lost 61-53.

And because of that, SHS was able to win the Region VI-5A crown outright and earn the No. 1 seed from the region in the state playoffs. That secures Sumter two home games in the state playoffs, assuming it wins the opener on Wednesday.

"They hit a couple more 3s than us, it was tough for us to score inside," said Ellis, whose team is 13-11 overall and finished 4-6 in Region VI-5A. The Knights, who finished fourth in the region, start the state playoffs on Wednesday at a site to be determined.

"We had to be really creative. We were very disciplined with our approach, I thought we had composure," he added. "I felt we played harder than they did. But I just think their length and talent got to us. And free throws."

Sumter sank six of nine free throws during the final eight minutes.

West Florence, which attempted to rally from a 32-20 halftime deficit, got within 46-44 early in the fourth quarter with a Sharrod Simmon 3-pointer.

However, as the Gamecocks continued to do, they answered. Sumter stretched its lead with a 3-pointer by Tyree Smalls to make it 51-46.

"(Sumter) made a couple of big 3-pointers from the wing that squashed a couple of our runs," Ellis said. "That was kind of the difference in the game. They hit a couple more 3-pointers than us."

Sumter made nine 3-pointers for the game.

After Tyquez Eaddy banked in an inside shot to bring West within 55-52, the Gamecocks then pulled away for good.

The exclamation point happened when Sumter's' Isaih Moore slammed in a ball he

SEE **SHS,** PAGE B1

Sumter's Moore named to all-star roster

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter High School's Isiah Moore has been selected to play for South Carolina in the Carolinas Classic All-Star Basketball Games.

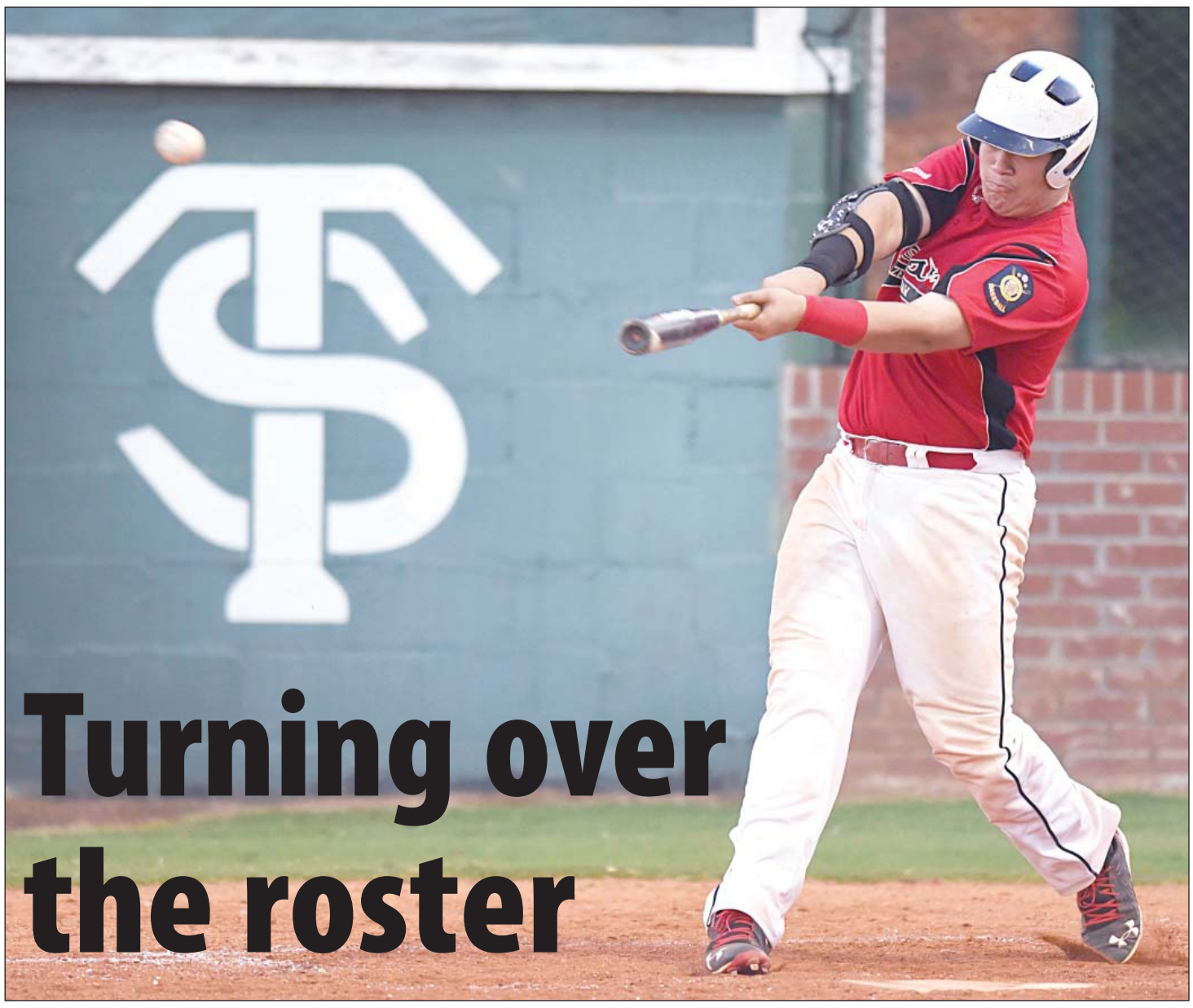
MOORE

The boys and girls games, which pit the top seniors from the Palmetto State against those from North Carolina, will be played on March 24 at John T. Hoggard High School in Wilmington, N.C.

The 6-foot-10-inch Moore, who signed with College of Charleston on Wednesday, is averaging a double-double of 18.1 points and 12.2 rebounds for the Gamecocks.

His S.C. teammates will be Diamante Brown of A.C. Flora, Kevin Williamson of Aiken, Jermaine Patterson of Bluffton, Robert Braswell of Blythewood, Jimmy Nichols of Conway, Bradley Childers of Gaffney, Shaq Davis of Summerville, Shelton Brown of West Ashley and Alex Caldwell of Wilson.

USC SUMTER BASEBALL



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Lenny Gonzalez, shown playing for Dalzell-Shaw Post 175, is back for his sophomore season at USC Sumter and will start at first base today when the Fire Ants open their season. They will play doubleheaders today and on Saturday against Pitt Community College in Greenville, N.C.

USC Sumter baseball team opens season today dependent upon more freshmen than normal

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As is always the case in junior college baseball, there is going to be steady turnover on a year-in, year-out basis. However, for the University of South Carolina Sumter, there is going to be a bit more than usual.

The Fire Ants will have just three returning starters in their lineup when they open their season today in Greenville, N.C., with a doubleheader against Pitt Community College. Head coach Tim Medlin will have the good fortune of starting a pair of sophomores on the mound today, but will go with freshmen in Saturday's doubleheader.

"The biggest thing we have with these guys is seeing how they react when they get in a big game situation," said Medlin, whose team went 28-29 last season and 7-15 in NJCAA Region X. "We know how they perform when things are going right; we've got to see if they can find a way to do it when things don't go right.

"I like this group's athleticism, and I like most of their work habits," Medlin added. "We've got more foot speed, more raw power. We've just got to see how those freshmen are going to react."

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Sumter QB Jackson signs with Highland CC

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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Fans of Sumter High football will hate to see 3-year starting quarterback Zykiem Jackson go, but Highland Community College in Highland, Kansas, will be happy to see him coming.

JACKSON

Jackson, the Region VI-5A Offensive Player of the Year, signed a national letter of intent to play football for the Scotties on Wednesday during a National Signing Day event at Sumter High School.

"Zykiem has been probably our best player for three years now," said Sumter head coach Mark Barnes. "He's a great team leader and a great winner. I've been a head coach for a long time, and I tell a lot of people that Zykiem is the best winner I've ever coached. He's been a quarterback for us, but he's going to go there and they're going to try him out at quarterback, and if that doesn't work out, they'll look at him at slot receiver and find out which one he really is."

Jackson, who had completed 76 of 128 passes for 1,005 yards and 11 scores and was leading the team in rushing with 816 yards before breaking his collarbone in the ninth game of his senior season, said he's looking forward to going half a country away where he can concentrate on football and his academics.

"It's the best thing for me and for my career," he said. "They're giving me an opportunity when nobody else really did, and I'm taking advantage of it. It's a good program.

"I've got some friends out there that have told me what it's like out there, what's going on, how the program runs and everything," Jackson said.

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SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Sumter High quarterback Zykiem Jackson (4) gets away from the Lakewood defense during their 2017 game at Sumter High's Memorial Stadium. Jackson signed a letter of intent on Wednesday to play football at Highland Community College in Highland, Kansas.

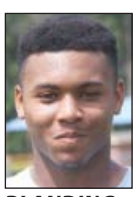
NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Crestwood's Blanding will play football at Limestone

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

Sometimes having someone tell them that they can't do something is all the motivation that a person needs to exceed beyond their wildest dreams or expectations.

That was the case for Crestwood High School North-South linebacker Camron Blanding, who had to wait until his senior season to finally break into the Knights' starting lineup and now has signed a letter of intent to continue his football playing days at Limestone College in Gaffney.



BLANDING

Not too bad for someone who was told at a young age that he shouldn't participate in football or any other contact sports.

"Transitioning from middle school to high school was kind of tough for me, but I never quit," said Blanding, who signed with the Saints on Wednesday, National Signing Day. "I kept pushing and, unfortunately, I didn't start my first three years of high school. I was on JV for two years, then started out on varsity my 11th grade year. So I had no choice but to come out here my senior year and put a little something on for South Carolina to put Crestwood in the paper doing great things. I was told that I wasn't going to be able to play football because I have a condition where I'm not allowed to play contact sports, but I pushed through it and continue to do great things."

Blanding said that he has received "constant motivation" from his high school head coach, Roosevelt Nelson, a man who Blanding said "never gave up on me.

"He kept pushing me, because he knew what I was capable of," Blanding said of Nelson. "I've known him since I was in the sixth

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CLEMSON MEN'S BASKETBALL

DeVoe leads No. 16 Clemson to 72-48 win over Pittsburgh

CLEMSON — Gabe DeVoe matched his career high with 25 points, helping No. 16 Clemson beat Pittsburgh 72-48 on Thursday night.

DeVoe was 7 for 11 from 3-point range. Shelton Mitchell made three 3s on his way to 12 points, and Elijah Thomas had 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Tigers (20-4, 9-3 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Clemson led 32-22 at halftime and then put Pitt away with an impressive stretch on offense. The Tigers scored on nine of their first 10 second-half possessions.

Mitchell hit back-to-back 3s to make it 56-28 with 14:21 left. Clemson shot 12 for 27 from beyond the arc.

Terrell Brown led Pitt with 19 points on 9-of-15 shooting. No other Panther made more than two shots.

Pitt (8-17, 0-12) shot 39.1 percent (18 for 46) from the field. It also committed 15 turnovers, leading to 22 points for Clemson.

DeVoe's seven 3s were tied for the best game for an ACC player this season. The senior has led Clemson in scoring in four of five games since the Tigers lost forward Donte Grantham to a knee injury.

It was Clemson's second double-digit victory in nine ACC wins this season. Pitt has lost all but two of its ACC games by at least 10 points and is losing its league games by an average of more than 18 points.

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Clemson's Shelton Mitchell (4) drives in to score while defended by Pittsburgh's Khameron Davis during the first half of the Tigers' 72-48 victory over the Panthers on Thursday in Clemson.

(16) CLEMSON 72, PITTSBURGH 48

PITTSBURGH (8-17)
Brown 9-15 0-0 19, Carr 1-7 1-2 3, K.Davis 2-2 1-2 5, Stewart 2-6 2-3 8, Wilson-Frame 2-6 0-0 6, George 0-0 0-0 0, Chukwuka 0-3 0-0 0, Ilegomah 0-0 0-2 0, Starzynski 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Boykins 0-0 0-0 0, Milligan 2-5 0-0 4, Stevenson 0-2 3-6 3. Totals 18-46 7-15 48.

CLEMSON (20-4)
Skara 2-3 5-6 9, Thomas 5-10 0-0 10, DeVoe 9-16 0-1 25, Mitchell 4-9 1-2 12, Reed 2-7 0-0 4, Simms 1-1 0-0 2, William 0-2 0-0 0, Donnal 2-3 0-0 5, Trapp 1-3 0-0 3, Oliver 1-2 0-0 2, Spencer 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 27-59 6-9 72.

Halftime_Clemson 32-22. 3-Point Goals_Pittsburgh 5-15 (Wilson-Frame 2-4, Stewart 2-4, Brown 1-2, Stevenson 0-1, Chukwuka 0-1, Milligan 0-1, Carr 0-2), Clemson 12-27 (DeVoe 7-11, Mitchell 3-6, Donnal 1-1, Trapp 1-2, Skara 0-1, William 0-1, Reed 0-2, Spencer 0-3). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Pittsburgh 27 (Brown 8), Clemson 35 (Thomas 11). Assists_Pittsburgh 7 (Carr 4), Clemson 17 (Reed 7). Total Fouls_Pittsburgh 11, Clemson 10.

BIG PICTURE

Pitt: The Panthers are two-thirds of the way through the ACC schedule without a win. Since joining the Big East in 1983, Pitt has never won fewer than four conference games, which happened in its inaugural ACC season last year. There is hope. The Panthers have three of the other four worst ACC teams left on their schedule. The ACC hasn't had a winless team since Maryland in the old eight-team league in 1987.

Clemson: The win keeps Clemson in second place in the ACC behind just Virginia. The Tigers might have been the ACC appetizer Thursday night to Duke-North Carolina, but those teams are at least percentage points behind the Tigers in the standings. The only time Clemson has finished above the Blue Devils and Tar Heels was in 1990, which remains its only regular-season ACC title. This season's Tigers also reached 20 wins faster than all but two other Clemson teams.

UP NEXT

Pitt hosts Louisville on Sunday.

Clemson heads to Florida State on Wednesday.

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himself lobbed off the backboard for the game's final points.

In similar fashion to Sumter's 61-52 win last week against South Florence, the Gamecocks were effective from the inside and outside.

While making four 3-pointers during the first eight minutes against West, Sumter mixed in a thundering, two-handed dunk by C.J. Felder. Felder finished with 10 points, and Moore added 19, followed by Smalls with 18.

"We tried to tighten it in a little bit, defensively, to counteract their size, and give them the 3 and see how they played," Ellis said. "But give them credit, they made their shots early."

Nonetheless, West kept hustling to get within 12 at halftime, and the Knights trailed 44-37 going into the fourth quarter.

Nick Stewart finished with 14 points for West, followed by Sabien Nero with 12 and Jarrod Woodland with 11.

"With this team, I have no complaints," Ellis said. "They've got tons of heart and grit. We've had two three-game losing streaks, and they were diving for balls in practice every day."

USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 7 Gamecocks take down 'Bama 79-66

BY JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A'ja Wilson scored 21 points and had nine rebounds to lead No. 7 South Carolina to a 79-66 victory over Alabama on Thursday night.

The Gamecocks (19-5, 8-3 Southeastern Conference) shot 67 percent in the first half to build a 15-point lead. They were coming off losses against the nation's top two teams, No. 1 UConn and No. 2 Mississippi State, but were in control against the Crimson Tide (14-10, 4-7) over the final three quarters of this one.

Wilson didn't score in the first 15 minutes but largely had her way inside when she starting getting the ball regularly. She made 8 of 10 shots.

Tyasha Harris had 17 points and five assists for the Gamecocks. Harris had 12 points by halftime when she made both 3-point attempts and all six foul shots.

Bianca Jackson scored 10 points.

Hannah Cook and Shaquera Wade both scored 13 points for Alabama. Jasmine Walker finished with 12.

South Carolina scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to push its lead to 19 points. Then Alabama got hot, making four straight shots and cutting it to 71-63 on a steal and layup by Amber Richardson with 3:10 left. The Tide couldn't get any closer.

The Gamecocks fell behind by seven points in the first quarter before starting a 20-2 tear extending into the second. Jackson's steal and layup with two seconds left gave South Carolina its first lead, 21-20.

By halftime, it was 45-30, though Alabama managed to whittle a few points off the margin in the third.

BIG PICTURE

South Carolina: Rebounded strongly after double-digit losses Monday night at Mississippi State (67-53) and last week against UConn (83-58). Hit 16 of 24 shots in the first half.

Alabama: Lost its fourth consecutive game. Has lost the last 14 meetings after winning 11 in a row from 1992-2000. Fell 93-45 in last season's SEC opener against the Gamecocks.

UP NEXT

South Carolina hosts Florida on Sunday.

Alabama visits Mississippi Sunday in the first of two straight road games.

(7) SOUTH CAROLINA 79, ALABAMA 66

SOUTH CAROLINA (19-5)
Jennings 3-6 1-1 7, Wilson 8-10 5-7 21, Cliney 3-6 1-1 7, Harris 4-9 7-7 17, Jackson 3-10 4-6 10, Grissett 1-1 1-2 3, Herbert Harrigan 4-6 1-3 9, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Patrick 1-1 0-0 2, Spann 1-6 0-0 3, Totals 28-55 20-27 79.

ALABAMA (14-10)
Bolton 2-5 0-2 4, Williams 2-6 1-2 5, Cook 5-15 2-2 13, Lewis 1-9 6-8 8, Wade 5-12 3-5 13, Copeland 0-0 0-0 0, Knight 1-3 0-0 2, Walker 4-7 2-4 12, da Silva 0-2 0-0 0, Knight 2-5 2-2 6, Richardson 1-2 1-2 3, Totals 23-66 17-27 66.

3-Point Goals_South Carolina 3-12 (Cliney 0-1, Harris 2-4, Jackson 0-3, Spann 1-4), Alabama 3-11 (Bolton 0-1, Cook 1-5, Walker 2-4, da Silva 0-1). Assists_South Carolina 9 (Harris 5), Alabama 10 (Lewis 4). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_South Carolina 36 (Wilson 9), Alabama 42 (Williams 7). Total Fouls_South Carolina 21, Alabama 21. Technical Fouls_None.A_2,313.

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South Carolina forward LeLe Grissett (24) fights for possession under the basket against Alabama forward Jasmine Walker (40) and guard Hannah Cook (11) during the Gamecocks' 79-66 victory over the Crimson Tide on Thursday in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

8 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Open Sud de France Quarterfinal Matches (TENNIS).
Noon — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Boca Raton Championship First Round from Boca Raton, Fla. (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Open Sud de France Quarterfinal Matches (TENNIS).
2:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Augsburg vs. Leipzig (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Second Round from Pebble Beach, Calif. (GOLF).
5:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Sofia Open Quarterfinal Matches (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Toledo at Miami (Ohio) (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Detroit (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Davidson at Rhode Island (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Princeton at Harvard (ESPNU).
7 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Alabama at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Tennis: Georgia vs. Georgia Tech from Lake Nona, Fla. (TENNIS).
7:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Minnesota at Indiana (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Vancouver at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Ohio State at Notre Dame (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Hockey: St. Cloud State at Miami (Ohio) (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Louisiana State at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Detroit at Oakland (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Kent State at Ball State (ESPNU).
9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Utah (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
9:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Chicago (ESPN).
11 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour World Super 6 Perth Third Round from Perth, Australia (GOLF).

SATURDAY

7:30 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Tottenham (CNBC).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Open Sud de France Semifinal Matches and Fed Cup Round 1 Match — United States vs. Netherlands (TENNIS).
9:20 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hamburg vs. Borussia Dortmund (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Brighton vs. Stoke City (CNBC).
11 a.m. — Women's College Basketball: Navy at Army (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Basketball: Florida at South Carolina (WLTX 19, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
Noon — College Basketball: Butler at Villanova (WACH 57).
Noon — College Basketball: Oklahoma State at West Virginia (ESPN).
Noon — College Basketball: Northwestern at Maryland (ESPN2).
Noon — College Basketball: Temple at South Florida (ESPNU).
Noon — College Basketball: Marquette at St. John's (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Leicester City vs. Manchester City (WIS 10).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. Bayern Munich (FOX SPORTS 2).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Open Sud de France Semifinal Matches and Fed Cup Round 1 Match — United States vs. Netherlands (TENNIS).
1:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Navy at Army (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Kansas at Baylor (WLTX 19).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: North Carolina at North Carolina State (WKTC 63).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Oklahoma at Iowa State (ESPN).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Mississippi State at Missouri (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas at Texas Christian (ESPNU).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Murray State at Southern Illinois (Edwardsville) (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Miami at Boston College (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
2 p.m. — PGA Golf: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Third Round from Pebble Beach, Calif. (GOLF).
2:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Xavier at Creighton (WACH 57).
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Daytona 500 Final Pre-Qualifying Practice from Daytona Beach, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).
3:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Boca Raton Championship Second Round from Boca Raton, Fla. (GOLF).
3:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Auburn at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).
4 p.m. — PGA Golf: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Third Round from Pebble Beach, Calif. (WLTX 19).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia Union at Bowie State (ASPIRE).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: San Francisco at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Seton Hall at Georgetown (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Purdue at Michigan State (ESPN).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Florida State at Notre Dame (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Mississippi at Louisiana State
4 p.m. — College Basketball: DePaul at Providence (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
4 p.m. — Horse Racing: Jimmy Winkfield Stakes (FOX SPORTS 2).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: George Washington at George Mason (SPECTRUM 1250).
4:30 p.m. — Auto Racing: ARCA Series Lucas Oil Complete Engine Treatment 200 from Daytona Beach, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).
5 p.m. — Track and Field: New Balance Indoor Championships from Boston (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Sofia Open Semifinal Matches and Ecuador Open Semifinal Matches (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Dayton at Virginia Commonwealth (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Connecticut at Wichita State (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — College Lacrosse: Towson at Johns Hopkins (ESPNU).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Tennessee at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
6:15 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Virginia (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Wyoming at Nevada-Las Vegas (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: San Diego State at Nevada (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas Tech at Kansas State (ESPNU).
8 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Texas Christian at Baylor (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Colorado at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8:15 p.m. — College Basketball: Kentucky at Texas A&M (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Golden State (WOLO 25).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Vanderbilt at Arkansas (SEC NETWORK).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Gonzaga at St. Mary's (Calif.) (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Washington at Oregon State (ESPNU).
10 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour World Super 6 Perth Final Round from Perth, Australia (GOLF).
10:15 p.m. — College Basketball: Southern California at Arizona (ESPN).

WINTER OLYMPICS ON TV

TODAY

NBC
8-11 p.m. — Opening Ceremony

SATURDAY

NBC
3-6 p.m. — Snowboarding: Men's Slopestyle; Short Track Speedskating: Men's 1500m Gold Medal Final; Ski Jumping: Men's Individual Normal Hill Gold Medal Final; Luge: Men's Singles
8-11 p.m. — Figure Skating: Team Event (LIVE), Ice Dancing Short Dance, Ladies' Short Program; Alpine Skiing: Men's Downhill Gold Medal Final
6-9:30 p.m. (MST) — Figure Skating: Team Event (LIVE), Ice Dancing Short Dance, Ladies' Short Program; Alpine Skiing: Men's Downhill Gold Medal Final
5-8:30 p.m. (PST) — Figure Skating: Team Event (LIVE), Ice Dancing Short Dance, Ladies' Short Program; Alpine Skiing: Men's Downhill Gold Medal Final
11:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. — Figure Skating: Team Event (LIVE), Pairs' Free Skate
NBCSN
2-5 a.m. — Cross Country: Women's Skiathlon Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Mixed Doubles Curling: United States vs. China
5-7:35 a.m. — Short Track Speedskating: Men's 1500m Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
7:35-11:30 a.m. — Ski Jumping: Men's Individual Normal Hill Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Snowboarding: Men's Slopestyle
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — Luge: Men's Singles
1-5 p.m. — Speedskating: Women's 3000m Gold Medal Final; Biathlon: Women's 7.5km Sprint Gold Medal Final; Mixed Doubles Curling: United States vs. Norway
7-9:45 p.m. — Snowboarding: Men's Slopestyle Gold Medal Final (LIVE)

WINTER OLYMPICS

Tweet from speedskater's account rips flagbearer coin toss

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — It was a feel-good story for a few hours: Luge veteran Erin Hamlin gets the chance to enter her last Olympics carrying the U.S. flag into the opening ceremony of the Pyeongchang Games, winning that distinction after a vote by some of her fellow athletes.

And then Shani Davis tweeted.

With that, the entire process was called into controversy. The tweet posted to Davis' account said the process by which Hamlin won was executed "dishonorably," and included a reference to Black History Month — raising the question of whether the speedskater was suggesting that race played a role in the decision.

Davis is black, Hamlin is white.

"We feel strongly toward Shani and they felt strongly for Erin," U.S. speedskater Joey Mantia said. "That's just that."

Hamlin and Davis were among eight nominees for the flagbearer role, and athletes from each of the eight winter sports federations — bobsled and skeleton, ski and snowboarding, figure skating, curling, biathlon, hockey, speedskating and luge — represented those nominees in a balloting that took place Wednesday night.

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Eventually, the final vote was deadlocked at 4-4. Hamlin won a coin toss, the predetermined method of picking a winner if all else failed in the athlete-led process. The U.S. Olympic Committee confirmed the tie, and that voters knew if the tie couldn't be broken by them the coin toss would have to occur.

USA Luge declined comment on the tweet. Calls placed to Davis' phone rang unanswered, and his agent Ian Baranski did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

AP FILE PHOTO

United States Olympic Winter Games luge hopeful Erin Hamlin is seen at the 2017 Team USA Media Summit in Park City, Utah. Hamlin will carry the U.S. flag into toight's opening ceremony at the Pyeongchang Olympics. The four-time Olympic luger was chosen by fellow Team USA Olympians for the honor. Hamlin is retiring at the end of these Olympics, after nearly two decades of racing competitively.

Hours before the tweet was posted, Hamlin was beaming about the opportunity. The four-time Olympian told the story about how her parents, Ron and Eileen Hamlin, always wrestle with the decision about whether to spend the money for high-priced tickets to the opening ceremony — and in the end, always go to see their daughter march into the stadium with her U.S. teammates.

"I think they're going to be really glad that they made that decision," Hamlin said. "They're really pumped. I'm sure my brothers will be. We've grown up watching the Olympics and we're always like, 'Who's going to be carrying the flag?' And to actually be that person is insane."

Hamlin's teammates were thrilled by the news, both because of what it will mean for her and what it means for the niche sport of luge.

"I was so happy for her," U.S. doubles Olympian Jayson Terdiman said. "It's one of the coolest things. I tell you what, I can't wait. I couldn't wait before, but now I can't wait even more. Not just does Erin get to hold that flag, but USA Luge gets to hold that flag. It's so cool. It's a great honor for our small sport."

Davis was certainly a worthy candidate. He's now a five-time Olympian, with two gold medals and two silver medals in his collection. It could not be determined if Davis posted the tweet himself, or if anyone else with access to his account may have.

Davis' mother, Cherie Davis, said she was unaware of the tweet until an AP reporter spoke to her by phone.

"I know something about a coin toss, he told me last night," she said Thursday. "I don't know anything else. Is that all?"

Hamlin is a four-time Olympian , a winner of a bronze medal at the 2014 Sochi Games, a two-time world champion and a winner of 23 World Cup medals. Despite that resume, Hamlin — who is retiring after the Olympics — never thought she would be the pick.

In December, when asked in an interview with The Associated Press if she thought it would be possible, Hamlin giggled.

"To me, that always seems to be a really, really big-name person," Hamlin said at the time.

Hamlin learned of the voting result Wednesday night. She got a text from Alan Ashley, the chef de mission for Team USA, requesting her to call back as soon as she could. Hamlin braced herself for some sort of bad news as she dialed his number.

"He told me and I was like, 'Wait, officially?'" Hamlin said, still in disbelief.

She then called her family, who were about to start their long flight to South Korea. Her mother started crying, which was no surprise. Her brother offered this sage piece of advice — don't drop the flag.

"The nerves will be flying for sure," Hamlin said. "I slide. That's what I do. Put me at the top of the track, that's my happy place. Walking out in front of a lot of people and even more watching from home, hoping to not trip over my own feet or drop the flag is going to be way more nerve-wracking."

PRO BASKETBALL

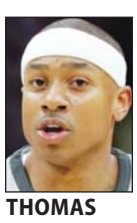
Turnover: Cavs overhaul roster with stunning trades

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — With their NBA title hopes fading fast, the Cavaliers got aggressive at the trading deadline.

They swapped teams.

Cleveland completely changed its look — and perhaps its chances of winning a championship this season — on Thursday with a stunning sequence of deals. Cavs general manager Koby Altman traded six players, including Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade and Derrick Rose, and two future draft picks in moves designed to not only help them in the short term but could potentially help keep LeBron James beyond this season.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Just like that, the Cavs traded nearly half their roster, got younger and maybe wedged themselves back into contention to make a fourth straight Finals appearance against Golden State.

Watching from the West Coast, the defending champions took notice.

"It's interesting, really interesting," Warriors forward Draymond Green said of Cleveland's drastic midseason renovation. "It's probably obviously something that they felt was needed. I feel like they made some good moves. I don't know, we'll see. A lot of action. That's a completely different team now than the team we faced the last three years.

"They've still got LeBron James. I think everything else at that point is irrelevant."

The Cavs began their shocking overhaul by sending the disappointing Thomas along with forward Channing Frye and one of their two first-round picks to the Los Angeles Lakers for point guard Jordan Clarkson and forward Larry Nance Jr.

Thomas, who came over in last summer's blockbuster trade with Boston for Kyrie Irving, played in just 15 games and wasn't fitting in with Cleveland on or off the floor after he returned from a hip injury.

As the Thomas swap was being digested around the league, the Cavs completed a three-team deal with Utah and Sacramento, said a person with direct knowledge of Cleveland's moves. The Cavs sent Rose, who has also been slowed by injury, and forward Jae Crowder to the Jazz for forward Rodney Hood. They'll receive guard George Hill from the Kings in exchange for guard Iman Shumpert, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity while the teams awaited league approval.

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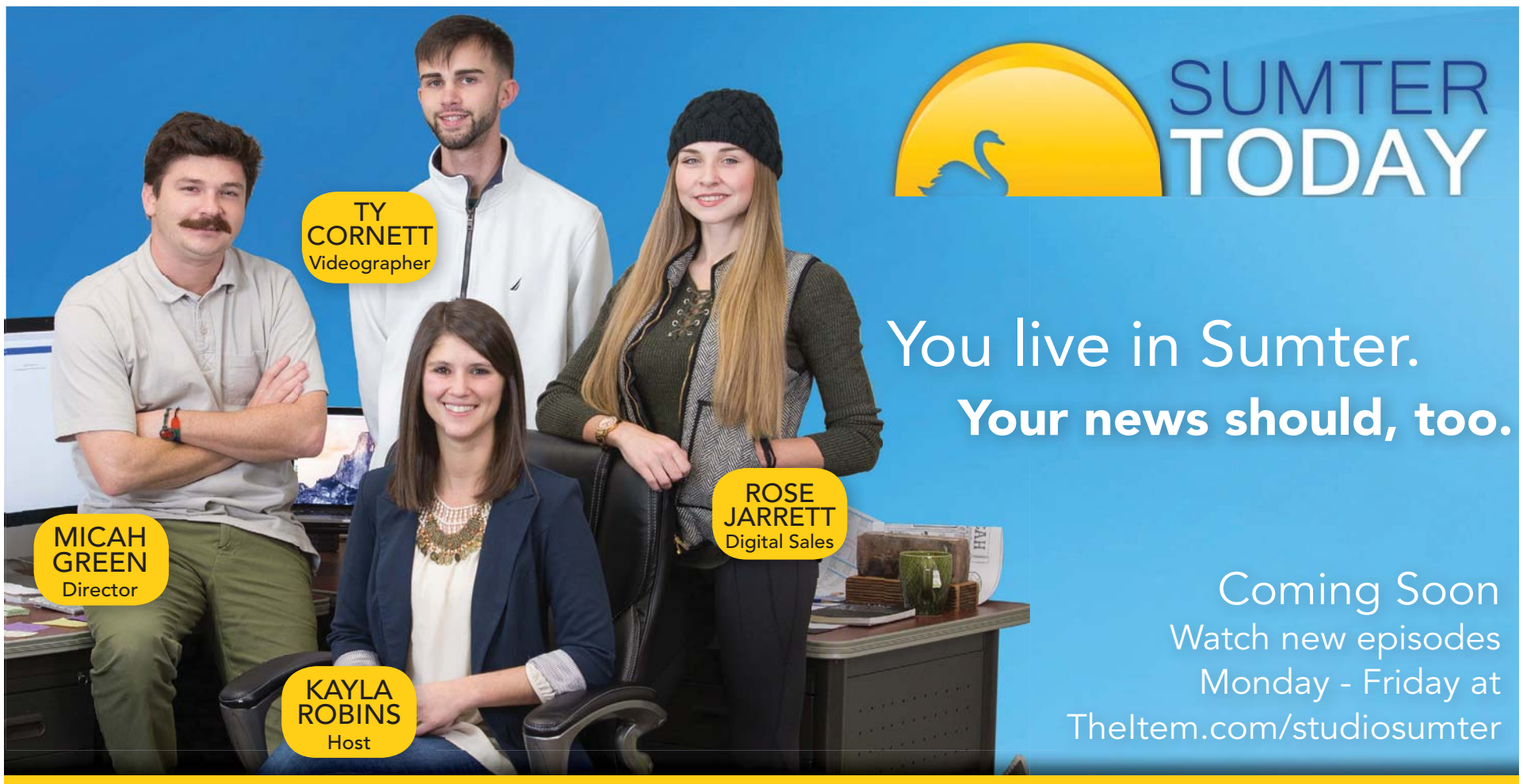

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SUPER BOWL 52

Eagles fans get catharsis through victory

BY MICHAEL SISAK AND ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE
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Fans line Benjamin Franklin Parkway before a Super Bowl victory parade for the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday in Philadelphia. The Eagles beat the New England Patriots 41-33 in Super Bowl LII.

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia's first Super Bowl parade provided catharsis Thursday for hundreds of thousands of Eagles fans, deliriously joyful after decades without a title and relishing the national spotlight on a team that few outside the city thought could win it all.

Fans clad in Eagles green jammed the streets from dawn near the stadium to an afternoon rally at the city's famed "Rocky" steps, lining up 20 deep in spots to catch a glimpse of the champs. The Eagles rode in open-top double decker buses to the art museum that Sylvester Stallone made famous for a rally nearly 60 years in the making.

Center Jason Kelce gave voice to every frustrated Philly fan with a remarkable, impassioned and profane speech that had him defending the general manager, the coach and a litany of players who supposedly weren't smart enough, big enough or talented enough to win a championship.

"We were a bunch of underdogs," shouted Kelce, channeling Rocky himself. "Bottom line is we wanted it more!"

And so did football-crazed Philly — desperately.

Until Sunday's 41-33 victory over the favored New England Patriots, the Eagles remained the only team in their division without a Super Bowl title — an ongoing humiliation that gave Philly an inferiority complex and made Eagles fans an easy target for fans of other teams, especially the rival Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants.

"This Super Bowl championship is for you," Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie told the vast crowd. "You are the most passionate and deserving sports fans on the planet. We couldn't have done it without you."

Added Super Bowl MVP quarterback Nick Foles: "We finally did it. We're Super Bowl champs!"

The parade began at the Eagles' stadium complex and slowly made its way up Broad Street past the cheering throngs. Carrying the Lombardi Trophy, coach Doug Pederson walked part of the route — allowing fans to touch the gleaming hardware — while Lurie held a sign saying "THANK YOU FANS" as he stood next to the team's three quarterbacks: Foles, injured starter Carson Wentz and third-stringer Nate Sudfeld.

Dan Tarvin, 29, was pumped after getting to high-five Pederson and GM Howie Roseman, who was instrumental in putting together a squad expected to compete for championships for years to come.

"They are more than heroes. They're legends. They're immortal in this city, forever," Tarvin said.

Corey Carter, 32, of West Philadelphia, clutched a woodcut of an Eagle that he dubbed the "Lombirdy Trophy."

"This is the greatest day!" Carter said. "Besides God, my kids and my wife, it's Eagles. That's all there is. My family and then Eagles, and this is the greatest day of my life, ever."

Schools, museums, courts, government offices and even the Philadelphia Zoo were shut down so the city could fete an underdog Eagles team that few outside Philadelphia thought had a prayer of beating the mighty Patriots led by superstar quarterback Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick.

Organizers prepared for as many as 2 million people, though city officials didn't release a crowd estimate.

Terry Gallen, a fan from Glen Mills, in the Philadelphia suburbs, said he "broke down like a baby and cried" when the Eagles won the Super Bowl.

"It means everything," Gallen said. "We're loving it."

At the rally, Lurie, Pederson and a slew of players all took the microphone and dedicated Sunday's victory to the fans.

But it was the crowd-pleasing Kelce who best channeled the gruff but ultimately good-hearted "attytood" for which Philadelphians are famous.

Wearing an outlandishly sequined Mummers getup — a nod to Philadelphia's raucous New Year's Day parade — Kelce declared that "no one wanted us. No analyst liked to see us win the Super Bowl. And nobody likes our fans."

He then led the crowd in a jolly — and filthy — chant set to the tune of "My Darling Clementine": "No one likes us, no one likes us, no one likes us, we don't care!" The big-bearded lineman uttered at least two profanities that made it onto live TV, recalling Chase Utley's similarly profane speech at the Phillies' World Series parade 10 years ago.

Police investigated at least two stabbings on parade day, including one man stabbed inside a mall just off the route. No details about his condition were released. A second man was taken to a hospital with a stab wound, and police said they were trying to piece together what happened. City officials said they wouldn't have arrest numbers until Friday.

The parade was overwhelmingly peaceful, though, giving fans an emotional release after decades of disappointment.

For lots of fans, the parade was a reminder of the Phillies' victory lap after a 28-year World Series title drought.

For others, it took on spiritual shades of the pope's visit in 2015.

"It is like a religion," said Kevin Fry, 37, of Prospect Park in suburban Philadelphia, a press operator at the Inquirer and Daily News who helped print 700,000 copies of the Super Bowl edition that proclaimed "At Last!"

And for Natasha Curley, 31, a janitor from Trenton, New Jersey, the Super Bowl title means that rival fans can stop their yapping — at least till next season.

"This stops all the hate," Curley said. "They got nothing to say now."

Coaches wonder if most prep prospects will keep signing early

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Andrew Chatfield, center, announces his signing with the University of Florida on National Signing Day on Wednesday in Plantation, Florida. The official day took on less importance this year since so many players signed in the first early signing period in December.

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The first year with an early signing period transformed the recruiting landscape and diminished the importance of the first Wednesday of February, a day that had become a virtual holiday in some college football hotbeds.

ESPN recruiting director Tom Luginbill said over 2,000 players already had signed letters of intent by December, a figure that makes up over 70 percent of the 2,700-2,800 prospects who annually sign with a Football Bowl Subdivision program.

Were this year's seniors simply intrigued by the novelty of an early signing period, or was this a sign of things to come? That's the question coaches are asking as they adjust their recruiting approaches to the new calendar.

"I really believe that eventually this thing is going to move to where you won't have the second signing day," Syracuse coach Dino Babers said. "It'll just be one signing day in December, and then it'll be like an open market on the back end. We'll see. The NCAA and all those presidents will vote on how we're going to do it, but I think it's going to end up going that way."

In the first year with an early signing period, about three-quarters of the nation's top 250 prospects in the 247Sports Composite opted to finalize their college decisions in December .

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley acknowledged this made the traditional February signing day "anticlimactic", but it also enabled him to spend January focusing on the future rather than worrying about whether all the Sooners' senior prospects would stay true to their commitments.

"It was a chance to go see these 2019, 2020 and even 2021 recruits," Riley said. "It's a chance to evaluate more guys. You feel like you are using your time in a much more efficient way."

LSU coach Ed Orgeron says he already has considered ways to adjust his recruiting approach based on the new calendar. He wants to make sure he still has enough scholarships available for the prospects who are waiting until February.

"We will be more selective in the beginning of the recruiting period next year," Orgeron said. "We will be more selective with our scholarships at that time. We will fill specific needs then."

Signing early does come with some risks. For instance, consider the 20 prospects who signed with Michigan State in December.

Michigan State is now going through a tumultuous period. Disgraced campus sports doctor Larry Nassar was sentenced to decades in prison for sexually assaulting athletes. In addition to that scandal, basketball coach Tom Izzo and football coach Mark Dantonio face questions about their programs following an ESPN report last month detailing various allegations.

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AREA ROUNDUP

Gators defend region VI-4A title; Sumter girls throttle West Florence

DARLINGTON — Lakewood High School's varsity boys basketball team defended its Region VI-4A title on Thursday with a 50-48 victory over Darlington at the DHS gymnasium.

The Gators finished 7-1 in region play and are now 16-9 on the season. They earned the region's No. 1 seed in the state playoffs and are assured of three home games as long as they win.

Grant Singleton led LHS with 18 points. Ahkeem Lawson added 11.

On Tuesday in Lugoff, Lakewood defeated Lugoff-Elgin 59-51.

Lawson led the way with 17 points. Juwan Perdue had 16, Quinten Hodge 13 and Singleton 12.

MANNING 66
HANAHAN 54

MANNING — Manning High School clinched second place in Region VII-3A with a 66-54 victory over Hanahan on Wednesday at Thames Arena.

The Monarchs improved to 16-6 overall and finished 6-2 in region play. They will be at home on Tuesday in the first round of the 3A state playoffs.

Cory Graham led MHS in scoring with 15 points. DJ Felder, Darius Williams and Isreal Brown each had 10. J.J. Pendergrass added eight and Cam Cain seven.

On Monday in Manning, MHS defeated Timberland 62-47. Brown had 14 and Williams 13.

THOMAS SUMTER 55
CALHOUN 41

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy improved to 7-3 in SCISA Region Ii-2A with a 55-41 victory over Calhoun Academy on Tuesday at Edens Gymnasium.

Dante Linder led 11-9 TSA with 15 points, while Eli Kessinger had 11. Tyler Millwood grabbed 11 rebounds and Dazjuan Butler had nine.

C.E. MURRAY 49
SCOTT'S BRANCH 41

SUMMERTON — Scott's Branch High School lost to C.E. Murray 49-41 on Monday at the SB gymnasium.

Terrence Yon led the Eagles with 14 points. Lavontae Fleming added eight.

B TEAM BASKETBALL

THOMAS SUMTER 30
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 16

LEXINGTON — Thomas Sumter Academy finished its season with a 30-16 win over Northside Christian on Thursday at the NS gymnasium.

The 11-3 Generals were led in scoring by Brandon Burns with 10. Landon DeLavan and Sammy Kessinger both had seven.

MS BASKETBALL

SCOTT'S BRANCH 64
SPAULDING 26

SUMMERTON — Scott's Branch Middle School defeated Spaulding 64-26 on Tuesday at the SB gymnasium.

Tariq Coard led the Eagles with 15 points. Zakee Rendell had 12 as did Randy Gibson.

GIRLS

SUMTER 68
WEST FLORENCE 28

Sumter High School's varsity girls basketball team raced out to a 22-4 lead after one quarter and never looked back as it defeated West Florence 68-28 on Thursday at the SHS gymnasium.

With the victory, the Lady Gamecocks improved to 15-6 on the season and 7-3 in Region VI-5A. They are tied for second in the region with Conway. The teams will play a special tiebreaker game on Saturday at 3 p.m. the West Florence High gymnasium.

Tamerah Brown had a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead SHS. Latrice Lyons had 18 points and Carnasia Wells 10.

SCOTT'S BRANCH 55
C.E. MURRAY 47

SUMMERTON — Scott's Branch High School had three players score in double figures in a 55-47 victory over C.E. Murray on Monday at the SB gymnasium.

Mary Wimberly and Chaniya Monroe both had 12 points to lead the Lady Eagles. Teja Madison added 10 and Cambria Parker and Tonia Lawson both had nine.

JV BASKETBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 29
WILSON HALL 28

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy outscored Wilson Hall 9-3 in the fourth quarter to pick up a 29-28 victory on Thursday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Eaddy Gamble and Audrey Bennett each had nine points to lead the 10-5 Lady Swampcats. Breanna Boykin added eight.

Gracyn Coker led the 14-4 Lady Barons with 11 points. Becca Cromer added five.

LMA will face either Florence Christian School or Orangeburg Prep on Saturday at 11 a.m. in a semifinal game in the SCISA Region II-3A JV tournament in Manning. Wilson Hall will face either FCS or OP on Saturday at 3 p.m.

BLANDING FROM PAGE B1

grade. I never thought I was going to be able to be coached by him, because he was at Lakewood, but one of the things that stood out to me about my head coach was he wants everybody to be great. No matter who you are and what kind of person you are, he's still going to do his best to try to help you and put you in a position to either play on the next level or at least go to college and get an education."

While Blanding was singing the praises of his coach, Nelson said he plans to hold Blanding up as an example of the power of perseverance for future Knights who might face similar struggles attempting to establish themselves on the football field.

"Camron is a young man that came in, he waited his time," Nelson said. "He didn't quit, didn't give up like a lot of kids nowadays do when it's not working out for them. A lot of kids now want microwave success, but Camron Blanding is a kid that definitely gritted it out, worked and waited his chance. He got an opportunity, took advantage of it and had an outstanding season for us. This year our defense gave up right at 16 points a game, and Camron Blanding was a huge part of that with his leadership. He's not the most vocal individual in the world, but at the same time he leads by example. He was on time every practice, worked his tail off, committed himself in the weight room, committed himself in the classroom and he did an outstanding job.

"I'm going to definitely always use Camron Blanding's story as an example when I'm teaching kids, when I'm coaching kids from this day forward because of what he did. By not starting a single game until his senior year, being able to play in the North-South game at the end, and also being able to sign a letter of intent to play college football, that's outstanding."

Blanding said the warm reception that he received during his visit to Limestone made all the difference in his decision to commit to and sign with the NCAA Division II school.

JACKSON FROM PAGE B1

"It's nothing but football and class, class and football. Summer camp will tell, but I'm going to go out there and compete and do what I do best and try to help the team win games."

Barnes said Highland and other junior college football programs offer a kind of recruiting second chance to players that need another year of recruiting when they are late to qualify. He said Highland in particular, which signed three of Jackson's teammates on Wednesday as well, might have taken a greater interest in Sumter this year because of the success of defensive tackle Jahkeem Green, who signed with the Scotties last year.

"I talk to our players all the time about this," Barnes said. "When you're the first guy to go somewhere, it's important to do it right. The guy that went there from here last year was Jahkeem Green, and Jakeem has gone up there and done a great job, and he's got some SEC (Southeastern Conference) offers as a defensive lineman. So he kind of paved the way for their coaches wanting to come come back here and get other good players.

"It's up to these guys to go up there and do the same," he said. "It's important when you leave to stay and to make it, then they want Sumter High guys. What they are right now for us is an avenue for guys that aren't academically where they need to be. All these ended up making it, but this time last year it looked like they might not, and that hurts you recruiting-wise. But now it's a second chance for them and we look forward to seeing them go up and do great things."

The other Sumter players who signed with Highland are defensive tackle Ronald McGee, defensive end Jonathan Butler and outside linebacker Sterling McKenzie. Since each is academically qualified to go to a NCAA Division I school, they do not need to graduate from Highland and can leave after just one semester if they get an offer, according to Barnes.

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One of the returnees who will start at first base is Lenny Gonzalez, the former Lakewood High School and Dalzell Post 175 American Legion standout. Gonzalez, who batted .265 with 10 doubles, four home runs and 27 runs batted in last season, will bat third in the order. He is a verbal commitment to Erskine College.

Two freshmen will be batting in front of Gonzalez -- centerfielder Neil Taylor, a transfer from Erskine and shortstop Donta Green from Laurinburg, N.C. Medlin raved about their combination of speed and power on offense as well as their defensive prowess.

"Those three will have to do things for us to be good," Medlin said of Taylor, Green and Gonzalez. "They're all capable."

Another freshman, Brett Young of Conway High School, will bat in the cleanup spot and serve as the designated hitter.

After that, Medlin has no set positions in the batting order. "It will depend on who we're facing on the mound, who's hitting well," Medlin said.

Two more freshmen will man the other two spots on the infield. Vince Hanna of Lake City will start at second while Clover High's Kyle Kalick will start at third.

There was one extra hole on the infield because Grayson Cottingham transferred to defending Region X champion Florence-Darlington Technical College. However, Cottingham didn't transfer because he was disappointed with USCS. Cottingham, who is from Florence and played for Florence Post 1, transferred because his mother became ill and he wanted to be with her.

"I hate it, but I completely understand," Medlin said of Cottingham, who batted. 371 in 143 ABs with 13 doubles, three homers and 26 RBI.

Sophomore Austin Price from Swansea High returns behind the plate. Price batted. 291 in 103 at-bats last season, hitting three homers and driving 15 runs.

Another Clover High product, freshman Cole Hybarger, will start in right field today. Sophomore Chris Edwards will share time in left this weekend with Shanif Harani, a freshman from Petersburg, Ontario. Edwards batted .236 in 123 at-bats last year.

Brothers Blake Robinson and Lindsey Robinson will start today's games on the mound. The Robinsons are right-handed sophomores from Florence. Blake will toe the rubber in the opener.

They struggled as freshmen, as did much of the pitching staff as Sumter had a 6.11 team earned run average. Blake threw 61 1/3 innings in 16 appearances, four of them starts. He had a 3-6 win-loss record with a 7.34 ERA. Lindsey was 4-5 with a 6.65 earned run average in 47 1/3 innings. He made two starts in 11 appearances, but did toss a complete game.

The Game 1 starter on Saturday will be freshman Jack Webb from Hamlet, N.C., and freshman Sam Hunt from Rome, Ga., will start the nightcap.

Medlin is hoping to get right-hander Alex Sanchez back very soon from a tender arm. Sanchez was 2-0 with a 4.21 ERA in 25 1/3 innings last year.

"He really was our best pitcher at the end of last year," Medlin said. "He stepped up and did really well. He will be one of our starters when he returns."

Medlin likes the power arms he has in the bullpen with the likes of freshman Jake Rife from Irwin, Pa., and Tristen Campbell from Cheraw, a transfer from Region X foe Spartanburg Methodist College. Medlin also likes the progress Sumter High School freshman Daniel Twitty has made on the mound and behind the plate.

"He's really come a long way since the fall, Medlin said of Twitty. "I think he's going to be able to help us in both areas."

BONNIE B. CAMPBELL

Bonnie Burrows Bain Campbell, 68, widow of William Bain, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.Born Jan. 16, 1950, in Japan, she was a daughter of the late Adrian M. Burrows Jr. and the late Jeanette E. Gosserand Burrows.

CAMPBELL

Survivors include two brothers, Adrian M. Burrows III of Texas and Morris A. Burrows (Tuttie) of Florida; a sister, Trisha Reed (Lee) of Louisiana; a sister-in-law, Brenda Burrows of Tennessee; nieces and nephews, April Geisler (Danny), Aimee Deane, Adrian M. Burrows IV, Jennifer Reed and David Reed.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Kevin Cribb officiating.

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

AGNES O. GREENE

Agnes O. Greene, 97, widow of Lynn W. Greene, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at National Healthcare Center.

GREENE

Born in Lake City, Florida, she was a daughter of the late Elmer Overholts and Lula Ketchum Overholts.

Mrs. Greene was a retired teacher. While teaching at Pembroke State University in North Carolina, she was a representative of the U.S. in vocational education to Europe and the Soviet Union in 1976. She was a member of the National (Home) Economics Association.

She served in Methodist churches where the military sent her family.

Locally, she was a member of the Board of Realtors, the Newcomers Club and the Genealogical Society.

She leaves behind a daughter, Mary (Eugene) Finkbeiner of Sumter; a son, Lynn "Sonny" Greene; a granddaughter, Bethany (Jonathan) God; grandchildren, Jonathan "J," Jenna, Abby and Lydia of Pennsylvania; a step-grandson, Scot (Yolanda) Finkbeiner, Gene (Tami) Finkbeiner and family of Sumter; a nephew, Buddy Renfroe of Florida; a niece, Mona Grinstead of Florida; a special friend "like a son," Steve Sutton of North Carolina.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Clayton Overholts; a sister, Edna Renfroe; a lifelong friend, Leona Harden; and her son-in-law, Jon C. Call.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Chapel of the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with Pastor Jonathan C. God officiating.

Burial will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the 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.

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MARGARET A. OUTLAW

FLORENCE — Margaret Ann Epperson Outlaw, 90, of Florence, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018. She was the widow of the late World War II veteran William Newton "Bill" Outlaw of Florence, originally from Hartsville.

She was born March 22, 1927 in Sumter and was the youngest of six children of the late John Joseph Epperson and Mary Genevieve Hammond "Mamie" Epperson of Sumter. She is survived by six children, 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and another on the way. Counting in-laws, grand and great-grandchildren, there are 58 direct family members.

OUTLAW

Her children are William Newton Outlaw III of Washington, D.C., Cynthia Outlaw Gragg and husband Rod of Conway, James Kenneth Outlaw and his wife Gail of Lexington, John Robert Outlaw and his wife Tina of Florence, Jackie Outlaw Rutt and her husband Doug of Jacksonville, Florida, and Joseph Hammond Outlaw and wife Margaret of Cumming, Georgia. She was godmother to Claire Holland Cortes and Terry Nichols, both originally from Florence.

She was a lifelong devout Catholic who loved her Savior. She was a member of St. Anthony Parish in Florence from the 1950s to the 2000s and later at St. Anne Catholic Church of Florence. At St. Anthony Parish, Margaret Outlaw served throughout much of her life on several Catholic women's and church groups.

Margaret also was a member of many bridge groups and performed for the "Granny Dancers." She graduated from Edmonds High School in Sumter and had a degree in Commerce from Coker College in Hartsville. She worked as a teacher in Lake View and Timmonsville public schools and later at Florence-Darlington Tech. She worked for years as personal secretary to J. Boone Aiken at Guaranty Bank.

Eulogies for Margaret Outlaw in celebration of her life will be at the Waters-Powell Funeral Home, 400 South Dargan St., Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A funeral mass will be said for her at St. Anthony Catholic Church on Hoffmeyer Road in Florence at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. Friends and family members are encouraged to attend the eulogy.

Private burial will be at the National Cemetery in Florence at the plot of her late husband and World War II veteran, Bill Outlaw.

WILLIE W. CLYBURN

Mrs. Willie Mae Williams Clyburn, age 74, went home to be with her heavenly father on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018.

CLYBURN

Born June 7, 1943, Mrs. Clyburn was a resident of Sumter, South Carolina, and attended Sumter County public schools. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Albert Williams Sr. and the late Mrs. Mamie White Williams and was married to the late Mr. William Clyburn Jr. She is survived by seven children, Ms. Debra Clyburn Wilson of Sumter, Mr. William Clyburn III. (Joan) of Columbia, Mrs. Terrie Clyburn McClam (Melvin) of Sumter, Mr. Brent L. Clyburn Sr. (Tracy) of Sumter, Mr. Orlando T. Clyburn of Greenwood, Mrs. Fernaundra Clyburn Brooks (Henry) of Sumter, and Mrs. Andrietta Clyburn Atkinson (Dawain) of Greenville; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Mack and Ms. Minnie Williams, both of Sumter, and Mrs. Bertha Washington of New York, New York; two brothers, Mr. James White of Bellglade, Florida, and Mr. Albert Williams Jr. of Sumter; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Louise Monroe of Rowland, North Carolina; one aunt, Mrs. Lillie Mae Shaw of Sumter; a special granddaughter, Raychaunda Wilson of Sumter; 22 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mrs. Clyburn worked at Campbell Soup for more than 35 years, where she retired and afterwards worked at Security Management. She enjoyed driving, traveling, cooking, ironing, ceramic pottery, fashion, reading the newspaper and attending gospel music programs. She faithfully drove the church van for many years and brought many children and families to church. Her faithfulness has led many to Christ. She was a member of and served at New Life Bible Church for more than 40 years where Pastors Rev. George Johnson, Rev. Nate Brock, and Rev. Paul Brown were her spiritual leaders. While in Greenville, she attended Sacrifice of Praise Worship Center under the leadership of Pastor Andre Wicker.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Mr. Johnathan Williams, Mr. Eddie Williams and Mr. Freddie Williams.

The family will be receiving visitors at 3101 Daufaskie Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. from the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St., Sumter SC 29150, with the Rev. Larry C. Weston, pastor, the Rev. George Johnson, presiding.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. for viewing until time of service.

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

Burial services will be held at Hillside Memorial Park 2445 Cains Mill Road, Sumter, SC 21953 immediately following the funeral service.

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

WILLIAM CARTER

BISHOPVILLE — Mr. William Carter, husband of Mrs. Theresa Carter, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 at the Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville. The family is receiving friends at the residence, 90 Easy St., Bishopville. Visitation will be held on Feb. 9, 2018 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 10, 2018 at the Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church with the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jerome Douglas, officiating. Interment will follow in St. John Cemetery, Bishopville. Wilson Funeral, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

ELIJAH PARROTT

BISHOPVILLE — Mr. Elijah Parrott, husband of Mrs. Annie Williams Parrott, entered eternal rest on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 at the Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville. The family is receiving friends at the residence, 79 Victory Road, Bishopville. Visitation we be held on Feb. 9, 2018 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 10, 2018 at the Mt. Pleasant AME Church, Lynchburg, with the Pastor, Rev. Donnie McBride, officiating. Interment will follow in the churchyard cemetery. Wilson Funeral, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES L. WALTERS

James Louis Walters was born April 15, 1929 to the late Manning and Amy B. Walters in Sumter County. His earthly life ended on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 at his residence. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, 1 p.m. at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Mulberry Church Road, Sumter, with Rev. Leroy Blanding, pastor officiating. The body will lie instate from noon until the hour of service. Interment will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery, 802 North Guignard Drive, Sumter. Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

DEREK A. PHILLIPS

Derek Aldous Phillips, 44, husband of Japonica Davis Phillips and son of Johnny Phillips and Jaylinda E. Phillips was born on Sept. 5, 1973 in Killeen, Texas. He departed this life on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

Family will be receiving friends at the home of his sister-in-law, 380 Thoroughbred Way, Eligin, SC 29045 starting Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 from 3 to 7 p.m. daily.

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

JESSIE SOLOMON

Jessie Solomon, 93, departed this earthly life on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 in Lee County.

Born March 17, 1924, in Lee County, he was the son of the late Willie and Sarah Williams Solomon.

Jessie was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Solomon, and two sons, Jessie Solomon Jr. and Johnny Solomon.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one son, Leroy Solomon of Columbia; three daughters, Shirley Andrews (Bobby) and Sara Ann Andrews, both of Baltimore, Maryland, and Mary Major (Timothy) of Rembert; 27 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, 2:30 p.m. from the Green Bay Missionary Baptist Church, 60 Green Bay Baptist Church Road, Lynchburg, with Pastor Travis L. Laws, eulogist.

The family will receive relatives and friends Friday, Feb. 9, 5 to 6 p. m., in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 North Main St., Sumter.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1:30 p.m. for viewing until time of service.

The funeral procession will leave at 2 p.m. from the home, 2919 Lynchburg Highway, Lynchburg.

Burial will be in the Sanders Cemetery, Lynchburg.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 North Main St., Sumter.

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

Visit us on the web: *www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com*.

BARBARA A. MILLER

LYNCHBURG — Funeral services for Mrs. Barbara Ann Miller will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 at St. Matthew AME Church, with the Rev. David Bright, pastor officiating. Burial will follow in Sanders Cemetery, directed by Kenneth L. Boatwright Sr. and the staff of Jefferson Funeral Home Service Inc.

Mrs. Miller, 68, was a daughter of the late Albert and Fannie Harrison, and the widow of Jackie Miller. She passed on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.

She joined St. Matthew AME Church at an early age. Ms. Barbara attended Lee County public schools and found her joy in providing home health service for members of her community.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, two brothers and four sons.

Survivors include her children, Brittany, Mary, Edward and Shervin; sisters, Katherine Harrison and Florence Nowlin; brothers, Rodney and Gary Harrison; Frederick North of the home; grand and great-grandchildren; numerous other relatives and close friends.

The family is receiving visitors at the residence, 266 Main St.

BESSIE M. MYERS

Bessie Mae Myers, 90, widow of Thomas Myers, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at her home. Born Jan. 28, 1928, in Lee County, she was the daughter of Arthur and Alberta Williams.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at her home, 511 Pitts Road, Sumter.

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

EDDIE DURANT

ALCOLU — Eddie Durant, 48, died Feb. 8, 2018 at McLeod Regional Hospital, Florence. He was born Aug. 30, 1969 in Clarendon County, South Carolina, a son of the late James R. Durant and Elsie Mae Pendergrass Durant.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Frank James and Lillian Durant, 2520 Alderman Camp Road, Alcolu.

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

HELEN A. BURGESS

Mrs. Helen A. McCants Burgess, 72 was born Oct. 27, 1945 in Sumter County to the late James and Victoria McCants McKnight.

She departed this life on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 in Sumter.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Reginald Johnson, 822 Club Lane Sumter.

Service are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC.

SHIRLEY H. JACKSON

Shirley H. Jackson, of 365 Rolling Creek Drive, Sumter, died Thursday morning Feb. 8, 2018 at Providence N.E. Hospital in Columbia. The family will receive friends at the home.

Arrangements will be announced later by the staff of Sumter Funeral Service Inc.

CHRISTOPHER A. SCRIVEN

Christopher Antonio Scriven, 40, entered into eternal rest Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Born in Sumter County, Dec. 20, 1977, he was the son of Evangelist Joann Scriven and the late George Richardson.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, 3 p.m. in the Robert Scriven Jr. Memorial Chapel of the Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral 230 South Lafayette Drive, Sumter. Interment will follow in St. Mark Four Bridges Church Cemetery, 2280 Four Bridges Road.

Public visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 from 3 to 6 p.m. and at the home of his mother, Evangelist Scriven, 27 Hospital Circle.

Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral Home, 230 South Lafayette Drive, is in charge of arrangements. (803) 775-8911. "Where Dignity is the Watchword."

WILLIAM E. HOGGE

William E. Hogge, age 68, beloved husband of Sharon Ann Winters Hogge, died on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at his residence.

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Public Hearing

Public Hearing
This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed SFY 2018-2019 Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disability Program Application being submitted to the South Carolina Department of Transportation no later than February 16, 2018.

Those interested in attending a public hearing on the application should contact Dana Strock, Executive Director in writing on or before February 15, 2018 at 2:00pm.

The contact address is Sumter Senior Services, Inc., Attn: Dana Strock, Post Office Box 832, Sumter, South Carolina 29151 or by email: dstrock@sumterseniorservices.org.

The public hearing will be held on February 16, 2018 at 2:00pm, at Sumter Senior Services, Inc. located at 119 South Sumter Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150.

The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disability Program provides capital assistance for transportation options and services for the communities operating in Sumter County, Santee Lynches Region. These services are currently provided through a Purchase of Services contract with the Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority using fifteen passenger ADA equipped vehicles.

The total estimated amount requested for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is as follows:

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This application maybe inspected at Sumter Senior Services, Inc. 119 South Sumter Street, Sumter, South Carolina from February 8, 2018 through February 15, 2018 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

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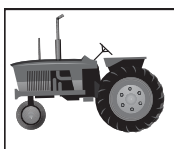

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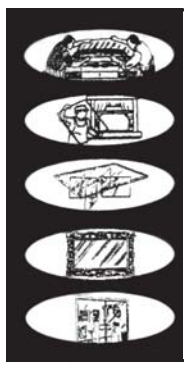

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Mattis: Immigrants in military won't face deportation

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said he confirmed Thursday that the nearly 850 immigrants serving in the military or waiting to start basic training won't face deportation despite political wrangling over the fate of people who came to America illegally as children.

Mattis said he called Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and was told those military members and all veterans who were honorably discharged will be safe unless they have committed a serious felony or a judge issued a specific deportation order for them.

Trump picks Calif. lawyer to head IRS, oversee tax code changes

President Trump's pick to lead the IRS is Charles Rettig, a tax lawyer from Beverly Hills.

If the Senate confirms him as head of the tax collection agency, Rettig would administer the Republican tax code overhaul. He has represented thousands of people and companies in civil and criminal tax matters before the IRS. Rettig was chairman of the IRS advisory council, a public forum for discussing tax issues with IRS officials.

1 dead, 3 wounded after stabbing at Texas church service in home

One man died after he and three others were stabbed during a church service at a home in Texas.

As many as 20 people were in the home Wednesday night when a man who apparently was a member of the congregation pulled a knife and stabbed four men, said Corpus Christi police Lt. Chris Hooper.

He said a 61-year-old man died of his injuries.

Marco Antonio Moreno, 28, was held Thursday on charges of murder and aggravated assault.

Prosecutor dismisses 13 cases tied to biker shooting in Waco

McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna on Thursday dismissed 13 cases stemming from a shootout in 2015 in Waco, Texas, that involved bikers and police, and he recused himself from two others, placing into doubt the criminal prosecution of more than 130 bikers awaiting trial.

Rio beefs up Carnival security amid wave of violence

Authorities beefed up security in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday for the Carnival bash after a wave of violence caused by rival drug-trafficking gangs. Gov. Luiz Fernando Pezao said security forces will total more than 17,000 statewide each day of the festival. That includes 2,000 agents who had been scheduled to be off duty but will now work.

Last year, Rio deployed almost 12,000 policemen and 9,000 members of the armed forces for Carnival.

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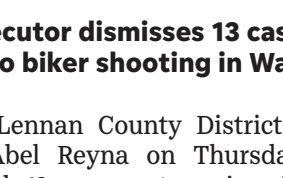

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1,033-point drop is Dow's second-largest in history

Plunge puts stock index in correction territory

Adam Shell
USA TODAY

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 1,033 points Thursday, its second-worst drop in history, extending its losses this week to more than 10% and putting it officially into correction territory for the first time in since early 2016.

The blue-chip stock average's drubbing has been fueled by fears that a long period of low interest rates and tame inflation that have boosted the economy and fueled the rapid rise in stock prices for years may be coming to an end as economic conditions improve.

"The Dow has been hit by a tsunami of volatility," says Paul Schatz, president of Woodbridge, Conn.-based investment management firm Heritage Capital. "The market is repricing in a lot of factors at once. And rates have run up fast. The market always has a tough time when things happen in a linear fashion."

On Thursday, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note ticked up to a four-year high of 2.88%, sparking fears that rates could quickly run up to the key 3% level.

The stock market also has been upended by an unwinding of a popular trade that relied on market volatility to remain calm. But that trade has turned

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS PYEONGCHANG

OPENING ACTS

Gregor Deschwanden heads for a ramp during a training session at the Alpensia Ski Jumping Center.
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Wind sharpens teeth of S. Korean temperatures

Rachel Axon
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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea – Winter has come to the Winter Olympics.

After several Games with warmer-than-expected temperatures, the Pyeongchang Olympics open Friday in a region featuring temperatures in the single digits on some days and wind that makes it feel much colder.

Though Winter Olympians are used to competing in variable conditions, the weather leads to a number of challenges and adjustments to overcome the elements. From clothing choices to sharpening runners and changing wax, athletes and their support teams

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Cutting asparagus could cut breast cancer

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USA TODAY

Future cancer treatments may come with a specific dietary recommendation — eat less asparagus, potatoes and seafood.

All are among foods with high levels of asparagine, an amino acid researchers suggest is associated with spreading cancer.

A study of lab mice found lowering levels of asparagine "dramatically" reduced the spread of triple-negative breast cancer. The researchers, who published their work Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, used a number of methods to reduce asparagine levels in the mice, including changes to their diets.

Cancer spread more when the mice were given asparagine-rich foods, which include dairy, beef, poultry, eggs, nuts, seeds and whole grains, among others. Most fruits and vegetables contain low levels of asparagine.

Cedars-Sinai Hospital's Simon Knott, an author on the study, said the research adds to mounting evidence a person's diet "can influence the course of the disease." He said should the same finding be made in humans, curbing asparagine intake could assist with cancer treatment, and not just in breast cancer.

Researchers have laid out a two-pronged approach moving forward: Discover if a low-asparagine diet reduces asparagine levels in healthy patients, then test the method in cancer patients.

"The study results are extremely suggestive that changes in diet might impact both how an individual responds to primary therapy and their chances of lethal disease spreading later in life," said study senior author Gregory J. Hannon, director of Britain's Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute at the University of Cambridge.

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bad amid wild price swings that have turned suddenly violent since the market peaked Jan. 26. Sparking the turbulence was a report last week showing that hourly wage growth rose at its fastest pace since 2009. That strong wage data sparked fears of coming wage inflation, which intensified worries that the Federal Reserve could increase rates more this year than the three times it has signaled.

"The market has undergone a psychological change," says Doug Ramsey, chief investment officer at The Leuthold Group in Minneapolis. "The mystery now is what level on the 10-year Treasury will, if not break the bull market's back, at least knock it back a few steps."

While Wall Street has been calling for a correction for some time, given the market's euphoric rise, the fall has been more violent and quicker than expected.

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prepared for the colder climes.

The Pyeongchang Games are probably the coldest since 1994 in Lillehammer, Norway, after a series of warmer Winter Olympics. In Sochi, Russia, four years ago, temperatures went as high as the 60s.

The Pyeongchang organizing committee released a forecast for Friday's opening ceremony calling for temperatures of 23 to 28 degrees and wind chills at 14. Colder-than-normal temperatures are likely starting Sunday because of an incoming cold front.

"Layers are really important," biathlete Susan Dunklee said.

That means an extra pair of long underwear or neck warmers she can pull on her head. In biathlon, which combines cross-country skiing with rifle shooting from standing and prone positions, thicker gloves aren't an option.

"I think trying to shoot precision rifle marksmanship when you can't feel your hands is fairly challenging," four-time Olympian Lowell Bailey said.

The sport is demanding enough, requiring athletes to control their breathing to shoot immediately after skiing. Though they have experience competing in cold climates, including Finland and Siberia, it still presents a challenge.

"I've had times when I can't actually feel the clip. I'm just watching my hands to see that I am actually holding the clip," said Tim Burke, a four-time Olympian. "In those situations, you just have to try and rely on muscle memory and realize everyone's probably also dealing with the same thing."

The international threshold for postponing competition is minus-4 degrees, according to Bailey.

Biathletes also have to contend with wind. They're practiced in preparing to accommodate it when it's coming consistently from one direction, but switching directions during a race makes it more challenging, Bailey said.

It's an issue for ski jumpers, who ski down a long ramp into a jump to try to achieve the greatest distance.

"Today, training was a little gusty, walking up to the elevator," Casey Larson said. "Then you kind of get up top, and it's still windy. But they do have wind nets all over the place, and those do a pretty OK job."

During a training session at the Alpensia Ski Jumping Center, South Korean military personnel chip away at ice that had formed on the seats before the opening day of the Winter Olympics. ROB SCHUMACHER/USA TODAY SPORTS

"I think trying to shoot precision rifle marksmanship when you can't feel your hands is fairly challenging."

Lowell Bailey, four-time Olympian

The large nets are constructed on one side of the jump to reduce the effect of wind gusts on jumpers.

Wax technicians for skiers and snowboarders try to adjust to the temperatures and snow quality.

Low temperatures can lead to sharper crystals of snow, but the quality of the snow is more of a factor in Pyeongchang, said Tim Baucom, a wax technician with the U.S. cross-country skiing team.

"The snow's not black, but it has this soot in it that you can really only tell is there after you clean the skis off at the end of the day," he said. "That is a very big factor for cross-country. It's not as much for other sports, but over the course of an hour-and-a-half or 2½ hours of skiing, it can clog the structure of the ski and slow the ski down."

To compensate, the technicians will iron on a harder paraffin wax to penetrate the pores in the skis before scraping it off and adding powder or liquid waxes to help with speed.

That speed factors in for athletes in sliding sports — luge, bobsled, skeleton — in which hardened ice from the cold can cause more skidding. When it's warmer, their sleds can scratch the ice, giving them more control.

In Pyeongchang, harder ice means they need to sharpen their runners to dig into it.

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President Trump speaks at the National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday at a Washington hotel. MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Trump: America is a nation of believers

David Jackson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Trump stuck to the script during the National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, honoring the power of faith and politics for leaders facing national and internal challenges.

"America is a nation of believers and together we are strengthened by the power of prayer," Trump told delegates at the annual breakfast that has welcomed American presidents since 1953.

The event reminds people that "faith is central to America's life and liberty," Trump said. "Our rights are not given to us by man … Our rights come from our Creator."

Trump, who has made evangelicals and religious conservatives major parts of his political coalition, discussed the role of faith as political leaders grapple with such problems as the opioid epidemic and the rogue regime of North Korea.

Trump took some heat during his first prayer breakfast last year when he mocked Arnold Schwarzenegger over his struggles as host of *The Apprentice*, the president's old television game show. ("The ratings went right down the tubes," Trump riffed then, adding that "I want to just pray for Arnold … for those ratings.")

Trump also referred to *The Apprentice* in an early morning tweet preceding this year's prayer breakfast.

"Great religious and political leaders, and many friends, including T.V. producer Mark Burnett of our wonderful 14 season Apprentice triumph, will be there," Trump tweeted.

As usual, an international crowd assembled for the breakfast, including up to 60 Russians. A special counsel and congressional committees are investigating Russian efforts to influence the 2016 election via hacked emails and fake news stories.

Trump also met with the president of Guatemala, Jimmy Morales. While Trump has criticized illegal immigration from Guatemala and other Central American countries, Guatemala did back the U.S. on a recent foreign policy issue, saying that it, too, would move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

Conservatives fume over budget proposal

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Fiscal conservatives are getting boxed out of the bipartisan spending deal Congress hopes to vote on Friday, and they say Republican leaders aren't even trying to get their vote.

"I think that this is ultimately a deal that makes us weaker as a civilization," Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., told USA TODAY. "It makes President Obama look like a master of financial restraint."

"I think saying we got screwed is putting it diplomatically," Jason Pye, the vice president of legislative affairs for FreedomWorks, a Washington advocacy group aligned with the Tea Party, fumed to USA TODAY.

Bipartisan Senate leaders unveiled a spending bill Wednesday that would eliminate strict budget caps set up in 2011 and boost federal spending by hundreds of billions of dollars.

Of the more than $450 billion increase, $165 billion would be Defense Department spending but an additional $131 billion would go to domestic spending and $160 billion would go to "emergency" funds that don't count under budget caps. Fiscal hawks criticized the non-defense numbers as unnecessary spending that would balloon the deficit.

Another thing that makes conservatives squirm: The deal includes a one-year suspension of the debt limit — the amount the U.S. Treasury can borrow to pay the nation's bills — without any spending changes.

"I don't know what (the Republicans are) thinking politically because if both parties are just going to be spendthrifts, then what differentiates them?" said Leslie Paige, vice president of Citizens Against Government Waste.

"I will not vote for it. I love bipartisanship, as you know, but the problem is the only time we discover bipartisanship is when we spend more money," Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., said Thursday.

Rep. Mark Meadows GETTY IMAGES

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Even without Flake and a number of other fiscal conservatives and liberal Democrats, the Senate is likely to pass the legislation. The bill's chances in the House are unclear.

Wednesday night, the conservative House Freedom Caucus announced it opposed the deal because it "adds to the swamp instead of draining it."

The opposition from the group ensured that House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., would need to get at least some Democrats on board to support the bill when it comes to the House.

In previous spending fights, Ryan was able to muscle enough Republican votes to pass legislation without Democrats.

To get to 218 Republicans, he had to play ball with the Freedom Caucus members, who were able to secure a handful of promises in exchange for votes.

This time, there were no negotiations to try to get conservatives on board. "They're cutting a deal, they're having discussions with Democrats to support the budget effort, so they know that they're going to lose 60 to 70 Republican votes," Freedom Caucus Chair Mark Meadows, R-N.C., said Thursday.

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NEWS

French critics say 'not us' to Me Too

Some defend seduction but decry harassment

Elena Berton
Special to USA TODAY

The Me Too movement has encountered opposition in France, a country that still clings to its deeply rooted ideas about men and women — though people are outspoken opponents of sexual harassment. THIBAULT CAMUS/AP

PARIS – In France, #MeToo is giving way to #JoieDeVivre.

While Me Too has certainly had an effect in France, particularly among young people, many say the movement is veering too far toward a perceived American puritanism that could threaten the French way of life and its cultural leanings toward sexual freedom.

France is still a country that clings to its deeply rooted ideas about men and women. And there is a central place of seductiveness in French culture and politics.

"I don't want to imply that the French are in favor of harassment, but rather that there is a part of our culture where seducing is important and well-regarded," said Raphaël Hun, 38, an artisanal food entrepreneur based in southern France.

He pointed to the stark contrast in the public reaction to scandals involving presidents of each country. President Clinton was impeached in late 1998 after he lied about his relationship with a White House intern. The French shrugged off news that François Mitterrand, president of France from 1981 to 1995, had two children from extramarital relations.

Hun's comments reflect a common view in France.

Catherine Deneuve

Sex is not considered taboo in France as it is in the United States. Come-ons — welcome or not — are considered a part of life.

Legendary French film stars Catherine Deneuve and Brigitte Bardot set off a firestorm last month when they criticized the Me Too movement. Bardot called it "hypocritical and ridiculous," and Deneuve defended men's right to "hit on women." Their comments even prompted a parody sketch of the two women on *Saturday Night Live.*

Deneuve and other high-profile French women signed an open letter published in January in the French daily *Le Monde,* arguing that the Me Too movement — and its French counterpart #BalanceTonPorc or "Out Your Pig" — had turned into a witch hunt threatening sexual and artistic freedom.

"What we are once again witnessing here is puritanism in the name of a so-called greater good, claiming to promote the liberation and protection of women, only to enslave them to a status of eternal victim and reduce them to defenseless preys of male chauvinist demons," Deneuve and her co-authors wrote.

To be sure, sexual harassment exists in France, and people are outspoken against it. French social media exploded with thousands of examples of predatory behavior after journalist Sandra Muller used #BalanceTonPorc to denounce a television executive's inappropriate advances. A group of supporters later used the hashtag to create a website where women could come forward anonymously.

"#BalanceTonPorc feels excessive because it's an invitation to denounce someone — to name and shame."
Christine Marsan, author and sociologist

Author and sociologist Christine Marsan said many in France are growing uneasy with the public naming of men accused of sexual misconduct, saying that resembles the atmosphere of fear and suspicion in the dark days of the pro-Nazi Vichy regime that ruled France during World War II.

"#BalanceTonPorc feels excessive because it's an invitation to denounce someone — to name and shame," she said. "On the other hand, Me Too is more balanced and positive because it invites women to speak out and break the taboo, to show that sexual harassment is unacceptable."

Regardless of whether French women consider #BalanceTonPorc too harsh, many say they refuse to remain silent about harassment.

"As a woman, I have had to face shocking behavior like a man rubbing against me in the metro and, during a stint working in television, inappropriate behavior by a prominent personality," said Parisian fashion designer Eve de Rothiacob, 42.

Still, some say the backlash has gone too far.

Deneuve felt compelled to distance herself from one person who signed the open letter when Brigitte Lahaie, a former pornographic actress turned radio host, claimed on national television that rape victims enjoyed the experience.

In a letter to the newspaper *Liberation,* Deneuve reiterated her position but made clear she didn't sanction violence. "I think the solution lies in educating both our sons and daughters," Deneuve wrote. "But also, potentially, in setting up procedures in the workplace so that prosecution is immediately set in motion in cases of harassment. I believe in justice."

Despite laws against sexual harassment, many French accusers, as in the United States, hesitate to come forward because they fear their complaints won't be taken seriously.

Only 65 out of 1,048 cases of sexual harassment in France led to a conviction in 2014, according to a 2016 study by French pollster IFOP using the latest figures available.

"Women who complain to the police often face questions about their motives, their clothes or whether it's really a case of sexual harassment," attorney Arnaud Touati said in Paris. "I think it's on this front that the movement can have a positive impact and bring change."

A photo made available by the U.S. Department of Defense shows two U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptors flying above Syria on Feb. 2. EPA

U.S. airstrike kills 100 Syrian troops after 'unprovoked' attack

Kim Hjelmgaard
USA TODAY

A U.S airstrike killed about 100 Syrian troops after they launched an "unprovoked" attack against a military base used by American-led coalition forces battling the Islamic State in eastern Syria, the U.S. military said.

U.S. Central Command said the strikes were launched in self-defense after as many as 500 attackers began what appeared to be a coordinated assault on the headquarters of the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces.

Syria's official state-run news agency SANA confirmed the deaths Thursday and labeled the strike an "aggression" and "new massacre."

While SANA insisted the pro-government troops were battling Islamic State fighters, it also admitted to launching an assault on the Syrian Democratic Forces, a Kurdish-led group opposed to Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The U.S. attack is a rare example of U.S. forces striking directly at Syrian regime troops. In June, a U.S. fighter jet shot down a Syrian warplane after it bombed U.S.-backed fighters.

It also comes as battlefields in Syria have become more tangled amid military interventions from nations, such as Turkey, that oppose the Kurds.

Russia's foreign ministry meanwhile claimed Thursday that the U.S. airstrike on pro-Assad troops reflected Washington's attempts to seize Syrian economic assets. Russia is a close ally of Assad and is helping the government bomb rebel-held targets. There was no immediate reaction from Washington over Moscow's allegation.

At least 19 civilians, including a medic and children, were killed in Syrian government strikes on opposition-held territory near the capital Damascus on Thursday, activists said.

Russians warn U.S.: Stop hunting citizens

Alleged hacker caught in Spain, extradited to USA

Doug Stanglin
USA TODAY

The Russian Foreign Ministry demanded Thursday that the United States "stop hunting down our citizens around the globe."

The strongly worded statement came one week after the United States secured the extradition of an alleged Russian botnet hacker from Spain.

"The number of Russians arrested in other countries at the request of the U.S. continues to increase," said Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova, according to the MFA Twitter account. "There were 11 such cases in 2017."

Zakharova singled out the case of Peter Levashov, who was detained in Spain in April 2017 on federal charges of Internet scamming. He was extradited to the USA last week to face the charges.

U.S. prosecutors charged that Levashov, 37, operated the Kelihos botnet, a network of more than 100,000 infected devices used by cyber criminals to spread viruses, ransomware, phishing emails and other spam.

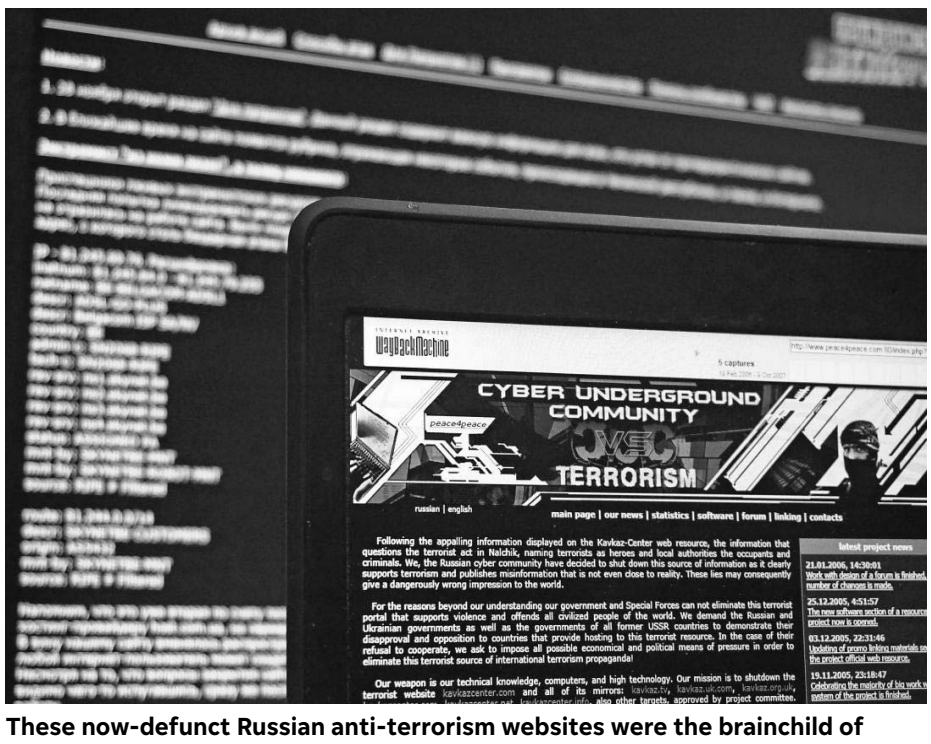
The charges could carry a prison sentence of up to 52 years if Levashov is convicted.

Although Russian media have tied him to efforts to influence U.S. elections, the federal indictment does not include any election-related charges.

Levashov, who denied the charges, was scheduled to appear in court Friday in Bridgeport, Conn. He faces federal civil charges in Alaska in connection with the Kelihos botnet, *The Hartford Courant* reported.

Levashov, who fought the extradition, told Spain's High Court he worked for Russian President Vladimir Putin's United Russia party for the past 10 years, Russia's RIA news agency reported.

Zakharova said Levashov complained about his detention conditions. "We regard this as an attempt to pressure the Russian citizen into making him more compliant," she said.



These now-defunct Russian anti-terrorism websites were the brainchild of suspected hacker Peter Levashov, an analyst says. RAPHAEL SATTER/AP

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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS 10	3	10	**WIS News 10 at 7** (N)	**Entertainment Tonight** (N)	**2018 Winter Olympics** Opening Ceremony. Mike Tirico and Katie Couric host coverage of the Opening Ceremony from PyeongChang Olympic Stadium. (N Same-day Tape)						**WIS News 10 at 11** (N)	**(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon**	
WLTX 19	9	9	**News 19 at 7pm** (N)	**Inside Edition** (N)	**Big Brother: Celebrity Edition** (N) (Live)				**Bull** "Name Game" Bull helps sue a corrupt a bank.		**News 19 at 11pm** (N)	**(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** "Nathan Lane" Actor Nathan Lane. (N)	
WOLO 25	5	12	**Wheel of Fortune** "Great American Cities" (N)	**Jeopardy!** (N)	**Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown; A Charlie Brown Valentine**		**Child Support** (Season Finale) Two Californians vie for the prize. (N)		**(:01) 20/20**		**ABC Columbia News at 11** (N)	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live**	
WRJA 27	11	14	**Travels With Darley** Martinique's culture and history.	**This Week In South Carolina**	**Washington Week** (N)	**MeToo, Now What?** (N)	**"The American Epic Sessions"** (2016, Documentary) Taj Mahal, Jack White, Elton John. Artists use equipment from the 1920s to record music.				**Amanpour on PBS** (N)	**BBC World News**	**NHK Newsline**
WACH 57	6	6	**The Big Bang Theory** Competing for a corner office.	**The Big Bang Theory** "The Euclid Alternative"	**Who Shot Biggie & Tupac?**: The murders of the hip-hop legends.				**WACH FOX News at 10** (N) (Live)		**Sports Zone**	**DailyMailTV** (N)	**TMZ** (N)
WKTC 63	4	22	**Last Man Standing** "House of Tutor"	**Last Man Standing** Ryan's dad reveals his true motives.	**Crazy Ex-Girlfriend** "Trent?!" Rebecca tries to be more realistic. (N)		**Jane The Virgin** "Chapter Seventy-Four" Jane and Rafael try to be friends. (N)		**American Ninja Warrior** "Orlando Finals" Obstacles include Cannonball Alley. (Part 1 of 2)		**American Ninja Warrior** "Orlando Finals" Obstacles include Cannonball Alley. (Part 2 of 2)		**The Game** Keira and Malik share a tender moment.
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	**(5:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 02.03.18" Riding along with law enforcement.		**Live PD: Rewind**		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 12.02.17" Riding along with law enforcement.						**Live PD** "Live PD -- 12.02.17"
AMC	48	180	**(5:30) ★★ "The Day After Tomorrow"** (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid.		**★★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"** (2003, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom. A blacksmith and a pirate must rescue a kidnapped damsel.						**★★ "Green Lantern"** (2011, Action) Ryan Reynolds. Premiere. A test pilot joins a band of intergalactic warriors.		
ANPL	41	100	**Treehouse Masters** Building two treehouses simultaneously.				**Treehouse Masters: Out on a Limb** (N)		**Treehouse Masters**		**Treehouse Masters** "Meditating Maple"		**Treehouse Mstr**
BET	61	162	**★★ "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate"** (1996, Comedy-Drama) Martin Lawrence, Lynn Whitfield, Regina King. A wealthy woman stalks a womanizer who seduced her.						**The Quad** Possible solution to financial crisis.		**(:04) Black Card Revoked**	**(:35) BET's Mancave**	**The Rundown With Robin Thede**
BRAVO	47	181	**(6:44) The Real Housewives of Atlanta** "Storming Out"		**(7:46) The Real Housewives of Atlanta** Kandi's magazine cover release party.		**(8:48) Married to Medicine** "Island Fever" Eugene gets a major health scare.		**(9:50) ★★★ "There's Something About Mary"** (1998, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon, Ben Stiller. A man hires a sleazy private eye to find a former classmate.				
CNBC	35	84	**Shark Tank** Toilet training kit for cats.		**Shark Tank** Solving a holiday headache.		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**The Job Interview**	**The Job Interview**	**The Job Interview**
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COM	57	136	**(6:50) South Park** "Ginger Cow"	**(:25) South Park** "Freak Strike"	**South Park** "Fishsticks"	**South Park** "The Hobbit"	**Chappelle's Show**	**Chappelle's Show**	**Chappelle's Show**	**Chappelle's Show**	**Dave Chappelle: Killin' Them Softly**		**This Is Not Happening** "Romance"
DISN	18	200	**Bunk'd** Emma and Zuri butt heads.	**Bunk'd** Emma spies on Xander.	**Andi Mack** (N) (DVS)	**Stuck in the Middle** (N)	**Bizaardvark**	**Raven's Home**	**Gravity Falls** (Part 1 of 2)	**Gravity Falls** (Part 2 of 2)	**Andi Mack**	**Stuck in the Middle**	**Bizaardvark**
DSC	42	103	**Gold Rush** "Broken Men"				**Gold Rush** "Parker v Beets" (N)		**(:11) Gold Rush: White Water** (N)		**(:11) Gold Rush**		**(12:11) Gold Rush**
ESPN	26	35	**NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Clippers at Detroit Pistons. From Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Mich.					**NBA Basketball** Minnesota Timberwolves at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N)					**SportsCenter**
ESPN2	27	39	**College Basketball** Davidson at Rhode Island. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Detroit Mercy at Oakland. (N) (Live)				**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**E:60**
FOOD	40	109	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**		**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**The Grill Dads** (N)	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**
FOXN	37	90	**The Story With Martha MacCallum** (N)		**Tucker Carlson Tonight** (N)		**Hannity** (N)		**The Ingraham Angle** (N)		**Fox News at Night** (N)		**Tucker Carlson**
FREE	20	131	**★★★ "Lilo & Stitch"** (2002, Children's) Voices of Daveigh Chase, Chris Sanders, Tia Carrere. Animated. A girl adopts a dog which is really an alien.				**★★ "Pocahontas"** (1995, Children's) Voice of Irene Bedard, Voice of Judy Kuhn. Animated. A Powhatan maiden falls for an English settler.				**The 700 Club**		**grown-ish** "Cashin' Out"
FSS	21	47	**Hawks Pregame**	**NBA Basketball** Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)					**Hawks Postgame**	**Raceline** (N)	**NBA Basketball** Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks.		
HALL	52	183	**(6:00) "Perfect Match"** (2015) Danica McKellar, Paul Greene, Linda Gray.		**"All Things Valentine"** (2015, Comedy-Drama) Sarah Rafferty, Sam Page, Jeremy Guilbaut. A blogger with bad Valentine's luck meets a veterinarian.				**The Middle**	**The Middle** "The Jump"	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls** "The Actor"	**The Golden Girls** "Before and After"
HGTV	39	112	**Bahamas Life**	**Bahamas Life**	**Dream Home**	**Dream Home**	**Dream Home**	**Dream Home**	**House Hunters** (N)	**Hunters Int'l**	**House Hunters**	**Hunters Int'l**	**Dream Home**
HIST	45	110	**Ancient Aliens** "The Alien Disks"		**Ancient Aliens**		**Ancient Aliens** "The Alien Architects"		**(:03) Ancient Aliens**		**(:03) Ancient Aliens**		**Ancient Aliens**
ION	13	18	**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** "The Descent of Man" Two cases link.		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** Hodges and Wendy probe actor's death.		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** Catherine re-examines a case. (DVS)		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** An unexplained illness. (DVS)		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** Motorcycle gang member is murdered.		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation**
LIFE	50	145	**(6:00) ★★ "Brown Sugar"** (2002) Taye Diggs, Mos Def. Premiere.		**★ "Tyler Perry's Temptation"** (2013, Drama) Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Lance Gross. A handsome billionaire leads a married woman astray.				**(:02) The Rap Game** Sweet 16 birthday party performance. (N)		**(:12) The Rap Game** (N)	**(:29) Bring It!**	**(12:01) "Tyler Perry's Temptation"**
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	**Hunter Street** (N)	**Lip Sync Battle**	**★★★ "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie"** (2004) Voices of Tom Kenny.				**Full House**	**Full House**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**
SPIKE	64	153	**(:06) Friends**	**(:44) Friends**		**(:22) Friends**	**★★ "I, Robot"** (2004) Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.					**★★ "Bad Boys"** (1995)	
SYFY	58	152	**(5:30) ★★★ "The Fifth Element"** (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman.		**Futurama** "31st Century Fox"	**Futurama** "Naturama"	**Futurama** "2-D Blacktop"	**Futurama** "T.: The Terrestrial"	**Futurama** "Forty Percent Leadbelly"	**Futurama** "The Inhuman Torch"	**Futurama**	**Futurama** "Calculon 2.0"	**Futurama** "Assie Come Home"
TBS	24	156	**Brooklyn Nine-Nine**	**Brooklyn Nine-Nine** "9 Days"	**★★ "The Hangover Part II"** (2011, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. Phil, Stu, Alan and Doug head to Thailand for Stu's wedding. (DVS)				**ELEAGUE** Road to the Boston Major- The Journey Begins. (N)		**★★ "The Hangover Part III"** (2013) Bradley Cooper. All bets are off when the Wolfpack hits the road. (DVS)		
TCM	49	186	**(5:00) ★★★ "Tess"** (1979, Drama) Nastassja Kinski, Peter Firth.		**★★★ "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"** (1962, Horror) Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Victor Buono. Hollywood has-been torments famous sister in wheelchair.					**★★★ "A Room With a View"** (1986, Drama) Helena Bonham-Carter, Maggie Smith. A woman must choose between love and social propriety.			
TLC	43	157	**Untold Stories of the E.R.**		**Untold Stories of the E.R.** "Shocking!"		**Untold Stories of the E.R.: Extra Dose**		**Untold Stories of the E.R.** "Heeled!"		**Untold Stories of the E.R.: Extra Dose**		**Stories of the ER**
TNT	23	158	**Bones** A woman's body is found, without bones.		**★★ "Maleficent"** (2014, Fantasy) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley. A terrible betrayal turns Maleficent's pure heart to stone. (DVS)				**The Alienist** "Silver Smile" A crucial element in the case vanishes.		**★★ "Disturbia"** (2007) Shia LaBeouf. A troubled youth suspects his neighbor is a serial killer. (DVS)		
TRUTV	38	129	**Hack My Life**	**Hack My Life**	**Hack My Life**	**Hack My Life**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Adam Ruins**	**Adam Ruins**	**Adam Ruins**
TV LAND	55	161	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**
USA	25	132	**Modern Family** Phil cares for his eggs.	**Modern Family** (DVS)	**Modern Family** "Bixby's Back"	**Modern Family** "Heart Broken"	**Modern Family** "Three Dinners"	**Modern Family** (DVS)	**Modern Family** (DVS)	**Modern Family** (DVS)	**Modern Family** "The Verdict"	**Modern Family** Luke is arrested.	**Modern Family** (DVS)
WE	68	166	**Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**Mama June: From Not to Hot** (N)		**Love After Lockup** (N)		**Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**Love After Lockup**
WGNA	8	172	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**Rules/Engagement**	**Rules/Engagement**

NBC offers an overabundance of Olympics coverage

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

How do you get to PyeongChang? Practice, Practice, Practice!

Mike Tirico and Katie Couric host coverage of the Opening Ceremony of the **2018 Winter Olympic Games** from PyeongChang Olympic Stadium (8 p.m., NBC). If you've never heard of PyeongChang, South Korea, you're not alone. A fairly obscure place located near the divided peninsula's Demilitarized Zone, it is often mixed up with North Korea's capital, Pyongyang.

Olympics coverage always represents a mastery of logistics, and the broadcast of every new games has to top the last. If "broadcast" is the right word. NBC will offer more than 2,400 hours of sports coverage. That's 1,000 days of "binging" if you've got the time.

More than 1,800 hours will live stream on *NBCOlympics.com* and the NBC Sports app across desktops, mobile devices, tablets, and connected TVs. Note, you've got to "authenticate" your cable subscription to access this all-you-can-eat buffet of skiing, skating, snowboarding, hockey and curling.

The sheer abundance of coverage is representative of the television age we've entered. Time was, people quibbled about the games not being "live." In the streaming age, viewers aren't so concerned with the "now" of things, but the quantity of viewing opportunities.

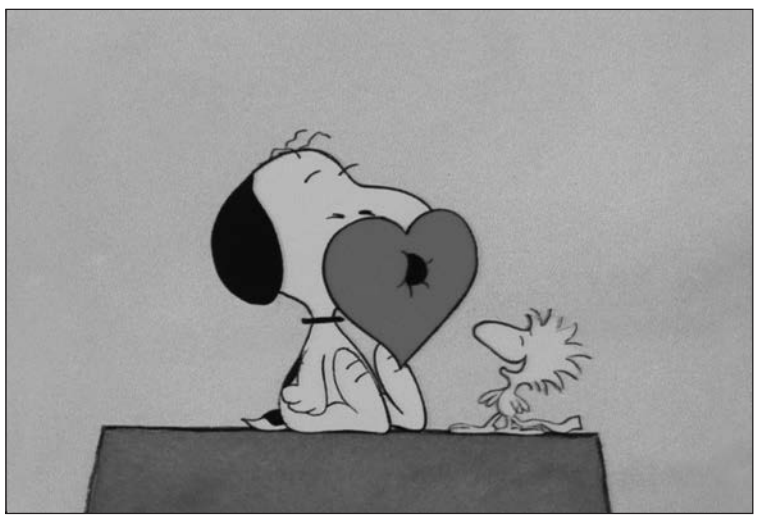
To present its Olympics cornucopia, NBC will use more than 700 cameras and 89 commentators. To capture every moment of competition, NBC will use 2,200 terabytes of video disk storage, capable of filing away 8 1/2 years' worth of events. And I thought people were crazy for keeping all of those videotapes of their kids' soccer games.

• An actor and comedian celebrates 30 years in the business with the standup special **"Eddie Griffin: Undeniable"** (10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA). Along the way, he praises and impersonates his personal mentors and heroes, including Charlie Murphy, Bernie Mac, Dick Gregory and Richard Pryor.

Griffin ("Undercover Brother" and "John Q") will appear in the forthcoming film "A Star Is Born" with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. TV fans may recall his co-starring role in the UPN sitcom "Malcolm & Eddie" that premiered way back in 1996.

• Streaming today on Netflix, the monthly talk show **"My Next Guest Needs No Introduction With David Letterman"** invites George Clooney.

• Ice-T and Soledad O'Brien host an investigation into the unsolved murders of hip-hop legends on the two-hour special **"Who Shot Biggie & Tupac?"** (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) from last September.



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The Valentine's Day holiday classic "A Charlie Brown Valentine" will air at 8 p.m. today on ABC.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Linus pines for Miss Othmar in the 1975 special **"Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown"** (8 p.m., ABC, TV-G), followed by the 2002 special **"A Charlie Brown Valentine,"** produced after the death of "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz in 2000.

• Rebecca's practical phase proves short-lived on **"Crazy Ex-Girlfriend"** (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).

• A juvenile panel saves the day on the season finale of **"Child Support"** (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

• Enraged by his wife's flirtatious behavior with others, a reformed bad boy becomes a **"Bride Killa"** (9 p.m., ID, TV-14).

• A charity gesture irks potential clients on **"Bull"** (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

• Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill, Rebecca Ferguson, Simon Pegg and Paloma Faith appear on **"The Graham Norton Show"** (10 p.m., BBC America, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

Housebound Hollywood hasbeens (Bette Davis and Joan Crawford) stew in resentment and sadistic games in the 1962 shocker **"What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"** (8 p.m., TCM), the subject of last year's FX limited series "Feud."

LATE NIGHT

Nathan Lane is booked on **"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Paul Rudd and Laurie Metcalf on **"The Tonight Show"** (11:35 p.m., NBC), which may be pre-empted in many markets * Chadwick Boseman, Dave Salmoni, ZZ Ward and Fitz visit **"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (11:35 p.m., ABC, r) * "**Late Night With Seth Meyers"** (12:35 a.m., NBC) will be preempted during the course of the Olympics * Channing Tatum, Adam Scott and Diego Luna appear on **"The Late Late Show With James Corden"** (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 10

	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	**Entertainment Tonight** (N)		**2018 Winter Olympics** Figure Skating, Men's Alpine Skiing. Figure skating team event (ice dance and ladies' short program); alpine skiing (men's downhill). (N) (Live)						**WIS News 10 at 11** (N)	**2018 Winter Olympics** Figure Skating. Figure skating team event (pairs' free skate). (N) (Live)	
WLTX 19	9	9	**News 19 at 7pm** (N)	**Inside Edition Weekend** (N)	**MacGyver** "Ruler" The team is blamed for a terrorist bomb.		**Hawaii Five-0** "Ka Makuahine A Me Ke Keikikane" Five-0 must rescue McGarrett's mother.		**48 Hours**		**News 19 at 11pm** (N)	**Blue Bloods** "Lost Souls" Erin asks Anthony to wear a wire. (DVS)	
WOLO 25	5	12	**Wheel of Fortune** "Shopping Spree"	**Jeopardy!**	**NBA Countdown** (N) (Live)	**NBA Basketball** San Antonio Spurs at Golden State Warriors. From Oracle Arena in Oakland, Calif. (N) (Live)					**ABC Columbia News at 11** (N)	**American Ninja Warrior** "Venice Finals Part 1" The Salmon Ladder; Rope Maze. (Part 1 of 2)	
WRJA 27	11	14	**The Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece** Hugh poses a question to Louisa.		**Father Brown** "The Missing Man" Pilot's death may have been murder.		**The Doctor Blake Mysteries** "The Visible World" Dead body is found at an observatory.		**Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** "Murder a la Mode" Phryne finds herself in a crime scene.		**Austin City Limits** "Dan Auerbach; Shinyribs" Dan Auerbach showcases his solo work. (N)		**Bluegrass Underground** "The McCrary Sisters"
WACH 57	6	6	**The Big Bang Theory** Penny is injured.	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Lethal Weapon** "Birdwatching" An investigation of a surfer's death. (DVS)		**The Resident** "Comrades in Arms" An old army buddy visits Conrad. (DVS)		**WACH FOX News at 10** (N) (Live)	**The Simpsons** (DVS)	**Hell's Kitchen** "Final Three" Chefs compete to advance to the finale. (DVS)		**Ring of Honor Wrestling**
WKTC 63	4	22	**Last Man Standing** Mike tries to sway Mandy's vote.	**Last Man Standing** Mike secretly forms a dodgeball club.	**Rookie Blue** "All by Her Selfie" Oliver is promoted; a rookie is trained.		**Saving Hope** "All Things Must Pass" The death of a firefighter. (DVS)		**Leverage** "The Stork Job" The team goes after an adoption company.		**Impractical Jokers** The guys talk ticks, tricks, and antics.	**Impractical Jokers** "Baggage Shame"	**Impractical Jokers** A text message challenge.
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	**(5:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 02.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement.		**Live PD: Rewind**		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 11.24.17" Riding along with law enforcement.						**Live PD** "Live PD -- 11.24.17"
AMC	48	180	**(6:30) ★★ "Armageddon"** (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.						**★★ "Armageddon"** (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.				
ANPL	41	100	**The Vet Life** Castrating five adult bulls.		**The Vet Life: Bonus Tails**		**The Vet Life: Bonus Tails** (N)		**The Vet Life** "Dr. Blue Gets Tanked"		**(:01) The Vet Life** "Dunk-A-Doctor"		**The Vet Life**
BET	61	162	**(5:00) ★★★ "What's Love Got to Do With It"** (1993) Angela Bassett.		**★ "'Til Death Do Us Part"** (2017, Suspense) Taye Diggs, Annie Ilonzeh, Stephen Bishop. Premiere. A woman's abusive ex-husband tracks her down.				**Kevin Hart: I'm a Grown Little Man**: The comic performs.		**(:05) Martin** "Gift Rapper"	**(:35) Martin**	**(12:06) Martin** "Boys Are Us"
BRAVO	47	181	**(6:30) ★ "10 Things I Hate About You"** (1999, Comedy) Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles. Premiere.			**★★ "Couples Retreat"** (2009, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau. Four couples must participate in therapy sessions at a tropical resort.					**★★ "Couples Retreat"** (2009) Vince Vaughn. Four couples must participate in therapy sessions at a tropical resort.		
CNBC	35	84	**American Greed** "A Widow's Web"		**American Greed**		**American Greed**		**American Greed**		**American Greed**		**American Greed**
CNN	3	80	**The Van Jones Show**		**CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera** (N)		**The Seventies**		**The Seventies** "Crimes and Cults"		**The Seventies** "Television Gets Real"		**The Seventies**
COM	57	136	**(6:50) ★★★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story"** (2004) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor, Ben Stiller. Dodgeball teams compete for $50,000 in Las Vegas.				**★★★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story"** (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor. Dodgeball teams compete for $50,000 in Las Vegas.				**★★★ "Friends With Benefits"** (2011, Romance-Comedy) Justin Timberlake, Mila Kunis, Patricia Clarkson.		
DISN	18	200	**★★★ "The Princess and the Frog"** (2009, Children's) Voices of Anika Noni Rose, Bruno Campos.			**(:45) ★★★ "The Princess and the Frog"** (2009) Voices of Anika Noni Rose, Bruno Campos. Animated. A fateful kiss leads to an epic adventure.				**Stuck in the Middle**	**Walk the Prank**	**Lab Rats**	**Liv and Maddie: Cali Style**
DSC	42	103	**Naked and Afraid** "The Hunted"		**Naked and Afraid** "Going for Gold" Wild savannah of Guyana. (N)						**Naked and Afraid** "Belize Breakdown"		**Naked and Afraid**
ESPN	26	35	**College Basketball**		**(:15) College Basketball** Kentucky at Texas A&M. (N) (Live)				**(:15) College Basketball** USC at Arizona. (N) (Live)				**SportsCenter** (N)
ESPN2	27	39	**College Basketball**		**College Basketball** San Diego State at Nevada. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Gonzaga at Saint Mary's (Calif.). (N) (Live)				**Basketball**
FOOD	40	109	**Chopped** "Star Power: Grand Finale"		**Chopped** "Chocolate Challenge"		**Chopped** "Chocolate Rush!"		**Chopped** "Chocolate Competition"		**Chopped** "Hungry for Love"		**Chopped**
FOXN	37	90	**Fox Report** (N)		**Watters' World** (N)		**Justice With Judge Jeanine** (N)		**The Greg Gutfeld Show** (N)		**Watters' World**		**Justice Judge**
FREE	20	131	**(5:50) ★★★ "Monsters, Inc."** (2001) Voices of John Goodman.		**★★★ "The Good Dinosaur"** (2015) Voices of Jeffrey Wright. Premiere. Animated. A Neanderthal boy helps a young dinosaur find his way home.				**★★★ "The Lion King"** (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons. Animated. The son of a king battles treachery to claim his destiny.				**★★★ "The Brady Bunch Movie"**
FSS	21	47	**(6:00) Fight Sports: Boxing**		**Women's College Basketball** TCU at Baylor. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Marquette at St. John's.				**College Basketball**
HALL	52	183	**"My Secret Valentine"** (2018, Comedy) Lacey Chabert, Andrew Walker. A young woman takes advice from chalkboard notes.				**"Very, Very Valentine"** (2018) Danica McKellar, Cameron Mathison. Premiere. Helen finds that her perfect man may already be right in front of her.				**The Golden Girls** "Room 7"	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls** "The Pope's Ring"
HGTV	39	112	**Fixer Upper**		**Fixer Upper**		**Fixer Upper**		**House Hunters Renovation** (N)		**Log Cabin Living**	**Log Cabin Living**	**Fixer Upper**
HIST	45	110	**Pawn Stars**	**Pawn Stars**	**★★★ "The Outlaw Josey Wales"** (1976) Clint Eastwood. A Confederate soldier vows to avenge his family's murder.						**(:03) American Pickers** (DVS)		**Outlaw Josey**
ION	13	18	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** DDA Jonah Dekker defends his cousin.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A baby is found on a playground.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Delinquent"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Woman involved in a rape case is killed.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A diplomat is charged with assault.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**
LIFE	50	145	**(6:00) "The Wrong Mother"** (2017) Vanessa Marcil, Brooke Nevin.		**"The Wrong Nanny"** (2017, Suspense) Lindsay Hartley, Freya Tingley. Premiere. A woman's nanny is the daughter she gave up for adoption.				**(:02) "Sleepwalking in Suburbia"** (2017, Suspense) Lucie Guest, Emilie Ullerup, Ryan S. Williams. A sleepwalker lands in the middle of a bloody scandal.				**(12:01) "The Wrong Nanny"**
MSNBC	36	92	**The Rachel Maddow Show**		**The Last Word**		**The 11th Hour With Brian Williams**		**Deadline: White House** (N)		**Hardball With Chris Matthews** (N)		**Dateline Extra**
NICK	16	210	**Henry Danger**		**Henry Danger** (N)	**Game Shakers** (N)	**Full House**	**Full House**	**Full House**	**Full House**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**
SPIKE	64	153	**(6:30) ★★ "Shooter"** (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña, Danny Glover.					**★★★ "John Wick"** (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen.					**Waco**
SYFY	58	152	**Futurama** "Time Keeps on Slipping"	**Futurama** "I Dated a Robot"	**Futurama** "Love & Rocket"	**Futurama** "The Sting"	**Futurama** (Part 1 of 4)	**Futurama** (Part 2 of 4)	**Futurama** (Part 3 of 4)	**Futurama** (Part 4 of 4)	**Futurama** "Fry and Leela's Big Fling"	**Futurama** "Stench and Stenchibility"	**Futurama** "Meanwhile"
TBS	24	156	**Brooklyn Nine-Nine**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Full Frontal With Samantha Bee**	**The Detour** "The Mark"	**Drop the Mic**
TCM	49	186	**(5:00) ★★★ "America, America"** (1963, Drama) Stathis Giallelis.		**★★★ "Moulin Rouge"** (1952, Biography) Jose Ferrer, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Colette Marchand. The life of French painter Toulouse-Lautrec.				**(:15) ★★★★ "Julius Caesar"** (1953, Historical Drama) Marlon Brando, James Mason, John Gielgud. Political intrigues lead to Caesar's downfall in old Rome. (DVS)				
TLC	43	157	**Say Yes to the Dress**		**Say Yes to the Dress** (N)		**Say Yes to the Dress** (N)		**Say Yes to the Dress** (N)		**Say Yes to the Dress**		**Say Yes, Dress**
TNT	23	158	**(5:45) ★★★ "Cinderella"** (2015) Cate Blanchett, Lily James. (DVS)		**★★ "Maleficent"** (2014, Fantasy) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley. A terrible betrayal turns Maleficent's pure heart to stone. (DVS)				**★★ "Maleficent"** (2014, Fantasy) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley. A terrible betrayal turns Maleficent's pure heart to stone. (DVS)				**★★ "The Pacifier"** (2005)
TRUTV	38	129	**Hack My Life**	**Inside Hacks**	**Hack My Life**	**Hack My Life**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Adam Ruins**	**Adam Ruins**	**Adam Ruins**
TV LAND	55	161	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**
USA	25	132	**"Pirates of the Caribbean: End"**	**★★ "Fifty Shades of Grey"** (2015, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. An inexperienced student begins a daring love affair. (DVS)					**Falling Water** Bill Boerg is approached. (N) (DVS)		**(:01) ★★★ "Salt"** (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie. Accused of being a counterspy, a CIA agent goes on the run. (DVS)		
WE	68	166	**Criminal Minds** "Burn" (DVS)		**Criminal Minds** "A Thousand Suns"		**Criminal Minds** "The Itch"		**Criminal Minds** "Boxed In"		**Criminal Minds** "If the Shoe Fits"		**Criminal Minds**
WGNA	8	172	**Blue Bloods** A mob lawyer is shot.		**Blue Bloods** "Ties That Bind"		**Blue Bloods** "Unfinished Business"		**Bellevue** "He's Back" (DVS)		**Bellevue** (DVS)		**Person of Interest**

Showtime presents 'Eric Clapton: Life in 12 Bars'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Television has been obsessed with difficult men since Tony Soprano. Combining a cantankerous and frequently maddeningly selfish character with all the hallmarks of the standard rock hagiography, **"Eric Clapton: Life in 12 Bars"** (9 p.m. Saturday, Showtime, TV-MA) is at least an hour too long.

But for fans who never minded the 7-minute singles like "Layla," or the 16-minute indulgence of "Toad" on Cream's "Wheels of Fire" album, the length may seem just about right.

"12 Bars" offers a wealth of footage of Clapton as he made his way through The Yardbirds, John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers, Cream, Blind Faith and Derek and the Dominos. We also learn of Clapton's peculiar and painful upbringing and its explanation for his rather cool and casual treatment of bandmates, friends and lovers over the years.

A shy and artistic youth, Clapton only discovered when he was an adolescent that his older "sister," who had left for Canada, was actually his mother and that his "mum and dad" were his real grandparents. His mother would stage a reunion with young Eric only to cruelly reject him all over again.

This tragic tale of betrayal offers a backdrop to Clapton's story, particularly his soap opera efforts to steal the wife of his best friend, George Harrison, and his attachments with various fellow guitarists, including B.B. King, Jimi Hendrix and Duane Allman.

The film all but runs out of gas when it asks viewers to endure a long slog through Clapton's heavy drinking years in the late 1970s. Clapton remains true to a blues philosophy throughout. When he learned that Hendrix had died in 1970, he declared that he was not sad that he was gone. He was sorry that "he hadn't taken me with him."

• **"Here and Now"** (10 p.m. Sunday, HBO, TV-MA) brings creator Alan Ball ("Six Feet Under") back to the HBO lineup. Greg (Tim Robbins), a philosophy professor, and Audrey (Holly Hunter), a therapist-turned-mediator, live in Portland, the capital of progressive lifestyles and the go-to place for scripted TV to send up liberal guilt. Over the decades, Greg and Audrey have blended a multicultural family, adopting children from Asia, Africa and South America to join their biological daughter.

The show begins at Greg's 60th birthday party, an event Audrey has prepared with her typical passive-aggressive zeal. Thoroughly miserable, Greg gives a speech that seems to renounce his life and his work only to be interrupted when his son Ramon (Daniel Zovatto) has some kind of hallucination that forces him into therapy with Iranian-American Dr. Farid Shokrani (Peter Macdissi), a man with an exotic 21st-century family of his own.

ANTONY PLATT / SHOWTIME

Morgan Spector, left, stars as Dante and Claire Danes as Carrie Mathison in the "Enemy of the State" season seven premiere episode of "Homeland," airing at 9 p.m. on Sunday on Showtime.

At its best, "Here and Now" offers the same focus on interesting characters and the novelistic sense of detail that delighted viewers of "Six Feet Under."

Unfortunately, this is a bad novel, frequently humorless and obvious. It's supposed to use its characters to explore contemporary issues, but the forced topicality arrives in ways that make Freeform's "The Fosters" seem subtle. A disappointment.

• Showtime doubles down on our relentless national obsession with the man in the Oval Office with **"Our Cartoon President"** (8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, TV-14) as well as the seventh season of **"Homeland"** (9 p.m. Sunday, TV-MA).

Similar to "South Park," "Our Cartoon President" strives to send-up the most current events and still fails to appreciate the fact that its quicksilver subject has made himself all but immune to parody.

As this season's "Homeland" begins, the authoritarian and increasingly paranoid President Elizabeth Keane (Elizabeth Marvel) has declared war on the intelligence community, jailing more than 200 American spies and military officers accused of plotting a coup.

Carrie (Claire Danes) is knee-deep into the resistance, so deep that her sister, Maggie (Amy Hargreaves), fears that she's off her meds.

Over the years, "Homeland" worked best when it sought to humanize both victims and enemies in America's unending war on terror. Like "24," it commented upon current topics from an oblique angle. This season's storyline is a tad too on the nose, and as with "Our Cartoon President," it's likely to be upended by an onrush of real news that arrives at a dizzying pace and is frequently far stranger than fiction.

• The Reelz network interrupts its steady rotation of dead celebrity profiles to offer **"The Price of Fame: Johnny Depp"** (9 p.m. Sunday).

CULT CHOICE

A daylong salute to Oscar nominees and winners for best art director includes gorgeous works **"The Red Shoes"** (2:30 p.m. Saturday, TCM) and **"Barry Lyndon"** (12:30 a.m. Sunday, TCM).

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

• Coverage of the **2018 Winter Olympics** (8 p.m., NBC) includes figure skating.

• The San Antonio Spurs and Golden State Warriors meet in **NBA action** (8:30 p.m., ABC).

• Cameras plunge to depths of 3,000 feet to capture sperm whales on **"Planet Earth: Blue Planet II"** (9 p.m., BBC America, TV-PG).

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

• Scheduled on **"60 Minutes"** (7 p.m., CBS): changes to concealed carry laws; Russian sports doping; an interview with Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.).

• Coverage of the **2018 Winter Olympics** (7 p.m., NBC) includes figure skating, freestyle skiing, snowboarding and luge.

• Meta Golding stars in the historical drama **"Behind the Movement: The Rosa Parks Story"** (7 p.m., TV One).

• Howard redoubles his efforts on **"Counterpart"** (8 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).

• **"Road to Westminster Dog Show"** (8 p.m. and 9 p.m., Nat Geo Wild, TV-PG) visits the premiere dog show.

• The queen takes a Scottish Highlands holiday on **"Victoria"** on **"Masterpiece"** (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).

• A perky TV producer falls for a "bad boy" chef in the 2018 romance **"Cooking With Love"** (9 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).

• A live edition of **"Inside North Korea"** (9 p.m., National Geographic) reports from the Olympics.

• CNN airs the first two hours of the six-part documentary **"The Radical Story of Patty Hearst"** (9 p.m. and 10 p.m.), based on the book "American Heiress" by CNN contributor Jeffrey Toobin.

• A block party reunion on **"The Chi"** (10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).

SATURDAY SERIES

The team is suspected of a bombing overseas on **"MacGyver"** (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Jealousy on **"Lethal Weapon"** (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * **"NBA Countdown"** (8 p.m., ABC) * A bad day for Doris on **"Hawaii Five-0"** (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Fighting cost cuts on **"The Resident"** (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

SUNDAY SERIES

Maggie shows talent on **"The Simpsons"** (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * **"Big Brother: Celebrity Edition"** (8 p.m., CBS) * Two helpings of **"Celebrity Family Feud"** (8 p.m. and 9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * A sea creature escapes on **"Ghosted"** (8:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Dangerous missions on **"SEAL Team"** (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Chris invites a star to the prom on **"Family Guy"** (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * A birthday party goes awry on **"LA to Vegas"** (9:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * An intelligence officer dies on **"NCIS: Los Angeles"** (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Pitching an avocado bar on **"Shark Tank"** (10 p.m. ABC, TV-PG).

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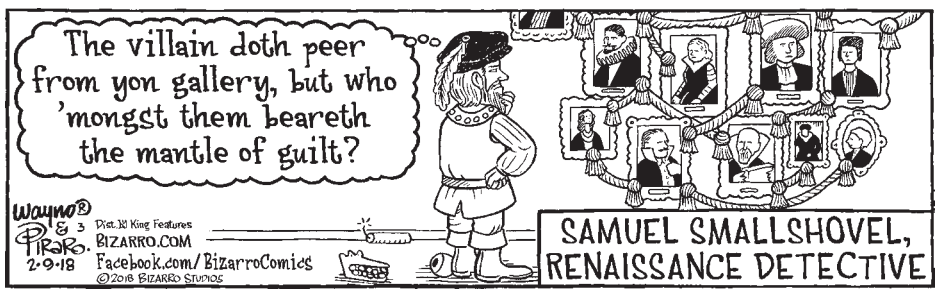

SOUP TO NUTZ

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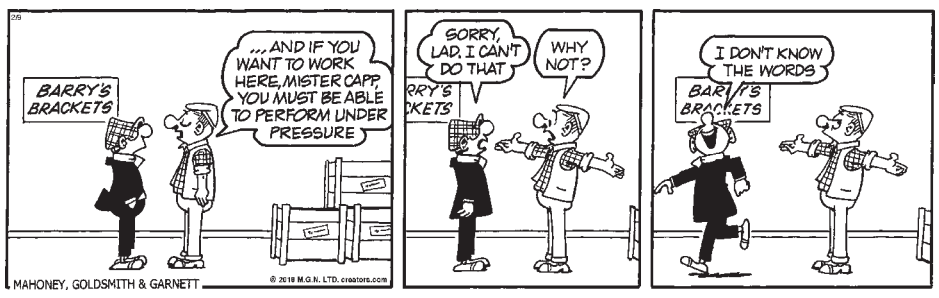

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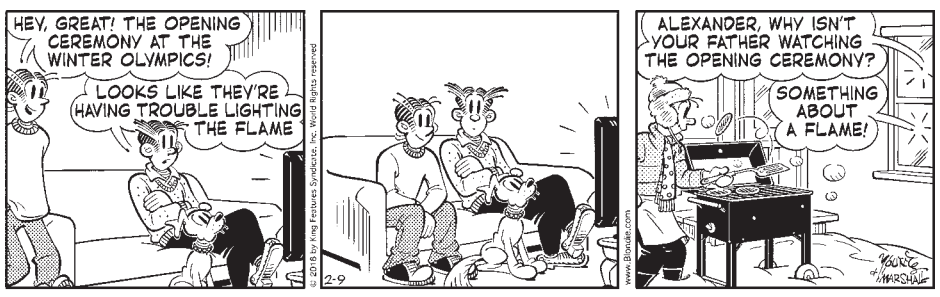

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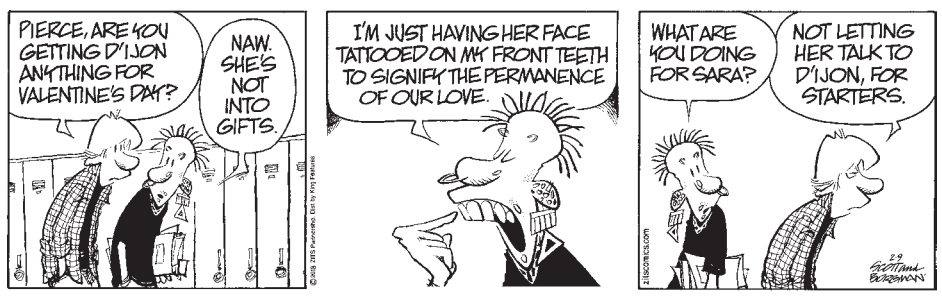

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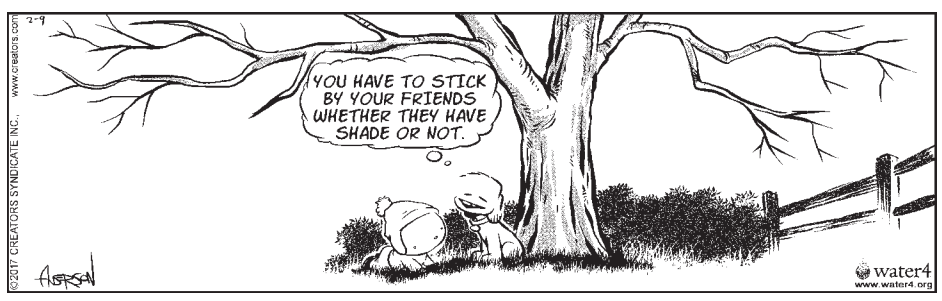

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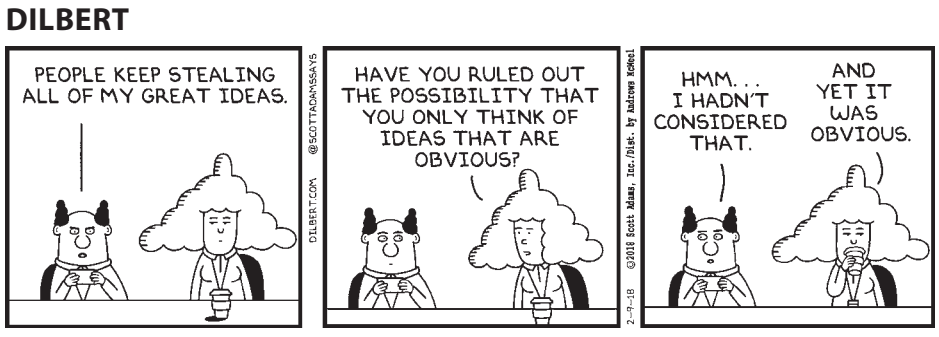

JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE

Mother, grandmother clash over where girl lives

Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — How old does a child have to be before she is able to choose a relative to live with? I'm the one my granddaughter wants to stay with. Her home life is in turmoil because of her parents' nasty divorce.

Ever since her mother (my daughter) found out my granddaughter wants to live with me, she has forbidden her to talk to me, and me to contact her. Her mother is depressed and angry, but won't seek counseling. She doesn't talk to me unless it's to say ugly things.

My granddaughter said her mother never smiles anymore. We are very close and this hurts my heart. She's a good girl and should be able to be happy.

We live several hours away, and are more than willing to have her. She already has a room here, and our home is never happier than when she's visiting.

We haven't spoken to her in months, and we really miss her. Her younger sibling gets most of the positive attention, while she receives mostly negative attention. I have seen this happen many times. She tries so hard to please her mom. I don't know what to do to help her.

Heartbroken in Oklahoma

DEAR HEARTBROKEN — It would have been helpful if you had mentioned why your daughter is angry with you and is preventing your grandchild from contacting you and vice versa. If she's in such bad shape that it is negatively affecting your granddaughter, your questions should be addressed to a lawyer.

If your granddaughter is in her teens, she might be considered mature enough to ask to live with a relative other than her mother. If not, and her mother's hostility is affecting her schoolwork, a trusted teacher or counselor at school might be able to see she gets the emotional support she needs.

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

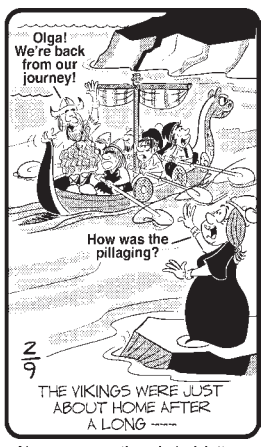
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BRONI

RHAWF

TPOYER

GLUEED



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

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Yesterday's Jumbles: SHOWN ADAPT DEFECT WETTER
Answer: The high-tech sculpture of Alaska was — STATE OF THE ART

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	9	3	5	1	6	7	4	8
6	5	4	2	7	8	3	1	9
8	1	7	9	3	4	6	5	2
4	7	1	8	2	3	5	9	6
5	6	9	7	4	1	2	8	3
3	2	8	6	9	5	1	7	4
1	8	5	3	6	9	4	2	7
7	4	6	1	8	2	9	3	5
9	3	2	4	5	7	8	6	1

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

			8				4	
3		5		1				
	8				7			6
	6	3	4	8		5		
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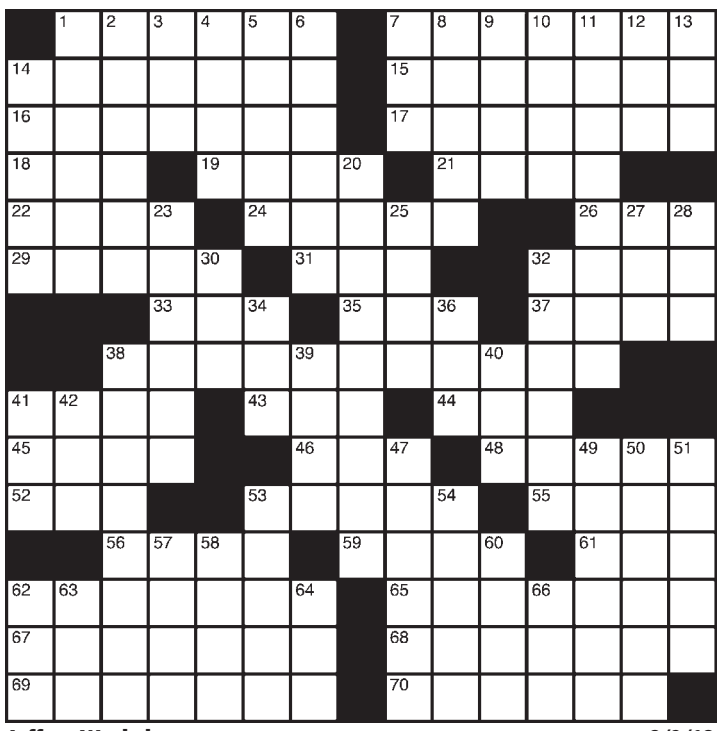
THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Jeffrey Wechsler 2/9/18

ACROSS
1 #1
7 #2
14 Crone
15 Sarajevo citizen
16 Gets to
17 Settled down
18 Merry, in Metz
19 Prog. formally reinstated at Harvard in 2011
21 Hotel experience
22 Sturdy trees
24 #3
26 #4
29 Future D.A.'s hurdles
31 Future salmon
32 Troubles
33 Belg. locale
35 Travel guide listing
37 #5
38 It's a bit more than it sounds, and hints at this puzzle's theme
41 #6
43 MS-__
44 Party bowlful
45 Goddess usually depicted holding an ankh
46 "M*A*S*H" rank: Abbr.
48 Some archaeological sites
52 #7
53 #8
55 Pique-nique setting
56 Karate training site
59 Lose steam
61 __ Speedwagon
62 Becomes more complex
65 High-tech med. procedure
67 Police actions
68 Speak well in public
69 #9
70 #10

DOWN
1 Most of the periodic table
2 __ Thule: distant place in medieval geography
3 HHS agency
4 Sunny
5 "You are!" retort
6 Argonaut known for wise counsel
7 Cookout fare, briefly
8 Awaken
9 "Ya think?"
10 Fit-for-service designation
11 Urban design
12 "Some __ meat and canna eat": start of the Selkirk Grace
13 Conclusion
14 #11
20 #12
23 Lifts
25 Have an inclination
27 Variety
28 Language suffix
30 Czech composer Josef, son-in-law of Dvorák
32 Frozen treat
34 Like half of Poland's flag
36 Silent assent
38 Horse racing accessories
39 Ex-quarterback Tony
40 Clearasil target
41 Cookout morsel
42 Brutus Buckeye is its mascot: Abbr.
47 Really pumped
49 __ Aurelius, second-century Roman emperor
50 What a sprinter might run out of
51 #13
53 "__ know you?"
54 Musical nonsense syllables
57 Intl. energy group
58 Bach's "__, Joy of Man's Desiring"
60 Hugh Laurie's alma mater
62 Unit of hot mustard, for most
63 NW Penn. airport
64 Aircraft in the Smithsonian Inst. collection
66 Chem., for one

Previous Puzzle Solved

D	Y	E	S	■	S	O	F	A	R	■	M	A	M	A
J	E	L	L	■	K	R	O	N	E	■	E	V	E	S
S	A	F	E	T	Y	N	E	T	S	■	D	I	A	S
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A	G	A	Z	E	■	T	W	O	S	E	A	T	E	R
M	A	L	I	■	R	E	E	K	■	I	N	E	R	T
F	L	E	E	C	E	■	L	I	O	N	■	■	■	■
■	S	C	R	A	M	B	L	E	D	E	G	G	S	■
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S	T	R	I	A	■	H	E	E	D	■	E	G	A	D
W	O	O	D	F	I	R	E	D	■	S	W	A	G	S
A	M	B	I	E	N	■	■	A	G	R	I	■	■	■
T	A	R	O	■	C	R	I	M	E	A	N	W	A	R
A	T	O	M	■	A	I	R	E	R	■	T	I	N	E
T	O	Y	S	■	S	P	A	S	M	■	O	N	Y	X