



Bill would name part of highway for fallen deputy

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Lifelong Sumter resident is YMCA Humanitarian of Year

John Creech, a Korean War veteran, was instrumental in Camp Mac Boykin, volunteered many hours

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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When a 22-year-old farmer-turned-department store worker sought refuge from London's urban hazards for Bible study and a safe social circle, he could not foresee his idea would spark an international flame.

The ember that George Williams lit in

1844 by founding the Youth Men's Christian Association caught a spark overseas when retired Boston sea captain Thomas Valentine Sullivan opened the first YMCA in the United States. That spark spread into a fire that is now burning in 10,000 neighborhoods, providing a community for neighbors of all ages, incomes and backgrounds to "learn, grow and thrive."

Sumter became part of the YMCA community in 1912, growing ever since to the 9,000 people it serves today. On Thursday, staff members and leaders of the youth development, healthy living and social responsibility nonprofit honored some of their own at the Sumter Family YMCA's annual "Mission in Action" meeting at The O'Donnell House in Sumter.

The culminating award given each year is to the Humanitarian of the Year, bestowed for 2018 to John Creech.

"We like to say, 'grab on and hold tight,' and that's exactly what he did," said Roy Creech, the recipient's son and a past president of the Sumter YMCA. The award is given each year to a

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Senate rejects plans to end shutdown

Sumter resident, meteorologist says shutdown has been painful

Federal agency workers in Columbia still doing essential services unpaid

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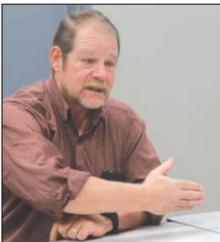
He describes it as being "caught in the middle," unfortunate, unfair and stressful to continue to work without pay, but he considers himself luckier than many of his younger co-workers.

Sumter resident Doug Anderson, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Columbia, and his co-workers at the federal agency are continuing to deal with a partial government shutdown as it enters a second month.

The Columbia weather forecast office is one of three in the state for the agency and consists of 25 employees, Anderson said. Twenty-four workers — including the 16 staff meteorologists — are working without pay, and one administrative support person is furloughed without pay.

They are part of some 800,000 federal workers from nine of the 15 federal Cabinet departments across the U.S. who now have not received two consecutive paychecks as of today.

Anderson said all weather service employees have been guaranteed back pay once the shutdown is over — "whenever that may be" — but the political stalemate over President Donald Trump's proposed \$5.7 billion border wall between the



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thought we would be back to our ramen days?"

DOUG ANDERSON, NWS meteorologist

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At left, Ann Taylor, HUD retiree and president of AFGE Local 3380, demonstrates to support the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Bureau of Prisons on Thursday during a partial government shutdown keeping hundreds of thousands of federal workers across the United States from working or going unpaid for their work until the shutdown ends.

800,000 will miss 2nd consecutive paycheck today

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
and ALAN FRAM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A splintered Senate swatted down competing Democratic and Republican plans for ending the 35-day partial government shutdown on Thursday, leaving President Donald Trump and Congress with no obvious formula for halting the longest-ever closure of federal agencies and the damage it is inflicting across the country.

In an embarrassment to Trump that could weaken his position whenever negotiations get serious, the Democratic proposal got one more vote than the GOP plan. There were six

Republican defectors, including freshman Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, who's clashed periodically with the president.

There were faint signs that lawmakers on both sides were looking for ways to resolve their vitriolic stalemate. But Thursday was mostly a day for both parties, in conflicting ways, to show sympathy for unpaid federal workers while yielding no ground in their fight over Trump's demand to build a border wall with Mexico.

The Senate first rejected a Republican plan reopening government through September and giving Trump the \$5.7 billion he's demanded for building segments of that wall, a project that he'd long promised Mexico would finance. The 51-47 vote for the measure fell nine shy of the 60 votes needed to succeed.

Minutes later, senators voted 52-44 for a Democratic alternative that sought to open padlocked agencies through Feb. 8 with no wall money. That was eight votes short. It was aimed at giving bargainers time to seek an accord while getting paychecks to 800,000 beleaguered government workers who will today go un-

paid for a second consecutive pay period.

Flustered lawmakers said the results could be a reality check that would prod the start of talks. Throughout, the two sides have issued mutually exclusive demands that have blocked negotiations from even starting: Trump has refused to reopen government until Congress gives him the wall money, and congressional Democrats have rejected bargaining until he reopens government.

Thursday's votes could "teach us that the leaders are going to have to get together and figure out how to resolve this," said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the No. 2 Senate GOP leader. He added, "One way or another we've got to get out of this. This is no win for anybody."

For now, partisan potshots flowed freely.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., accused Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross of a "let them eat cake kind of attitude" after he said on TV that he didn't understand why unpaid civil servants were resorting to

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Alleged fibber arrested after robbery, shooting in Sumter



FURMAN

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A Sumter man is in jail after allegedly lying to the police about being the victim of a shooting when he may have been shot while committing an armed robbery by the victim of the robbery.

Details of the moments leading up to Frankie Furman's treatment at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital became clearer as Sumter police officers investigated his claim that he was shot while in the Manning Avenue area near Atlantic Avenue on Tuesday.

Officers could not find evidence

to corroborate Furman's story and determined that no shots had been fired at that location, said Tonya McGirt, public information officer for Sumter Police Department.

About 30 minutes before being called to visit Furman — who was receiving treatment for a gunshot wound to the upper body — at the

hospital, officers responded to a call of shots fired in the Manchester Road area.

Two women in the area said they were robbed at gunpoint after a man pulled up behind their vehicle while they were parked in the

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WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING: SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL

Council pushes BD expansion forward

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County is one approval vote away from rezoning land on Jefferson Road that will be conveyed to Becton, Dickinson and Co. for an expansion after Sumter County Council's meeting Tuesday.

Reading: Second of three

Agenda item: A request to rezone a 15-acre parcel and a 1.39-acre parcel at 160 Jefferson Road from general residential to heavy industrial

Background: The rezoning will accommodate the expansion of BD, said Sumter Planning Department Director George McGregor.

BD, a high-volume automated assembly and packaging operation for medical devices, is expected to expand by creating 125 new jobs and a \$150 million investment.

Planning department staff recommended approval of the request, and Sumter City-County Planning Commission recommended approval of the request during a meeting on Dec. 19.

Public hearing: No comments

Discussion: Councilman Artie Baker made a motion to approve second reading, and councilman Chris Sumpter seconded.

Vote: Unanimous approval

SCDOR encourages electronic filing, individual tax returns accepted beginning Monday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The South Carolina Department of Revenue and the IRS will begin accepting Individual Income Tax returns on Monday, and the SCDOR is encouraging taxpayers to file electronically.

"It's faster, more accurate and the safest method of filing," SCDOR Director Hartley Powell said in a news release. "Last year, 89 percent of South Carolinians filed electronically. We hope to exceed that number this year."

Many South Carolinians are eligible to file online for free using easy-to-use tax preparation software. Visit dor.sc.gov/iit-filing to view filing options.

If you are expecting a refund, you should allow six to eight weeks for processing. This allows time for the SCDOR to check for fraud and protect refunds. Processing will begin Feb. 4, allowing employers to meet the Jan. 31 W2 submission deadline. "We're going to make every effort to issue refunds as quickly and securely as possible, so the right taxpayer ends up with the right refund amount," Powell said.

Before filing your return, make sure you have all W2s, 1099s and other withholding information because year-end pay stub information may not match what your employer reports to the SCDOR. When the information you provide does not match your employer's information, it slows down your return and refund.

State and federal returns are due April 15.

Check your refund status at dor.sc.gov/refund.

Arrested Sumter man dies after swallowing bag of suspected drugs

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A man who was arrested Thursday morning died at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital after he swallowed what appeared to be a plastic bag of drugs before he was booked at the jail, Sumter County's sheriff confirmed.

Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker identified the man as 42-year-old Larry Hunt of Boulevard Road in Sumter. Next of kin have been notified, he said.

Sheriff Anthony Dennis said Hunt was arrested about 8 a.m.

when deputies executed a search warrant at Hunt's residence regarding narcotics violations.

Hunt was charged with 10 counts of distribution of heroin and one count of trafficking heroin, Dennis said. His arrest was the result of an investigation that had been going on for some time.

After arriving at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center, Dennis said, the transporting officer noticed Hunt was acting strangely and seemed to be sick; so, the officer called for medical assistance.

Hunt fell unresponsive during the process of being booked,

Baker said.

He had not been booked as an inmate at that time, Dennis said.

Hunt was transported to the hospital, formerly called Palmetto Health Tuomey, by Sumter County EMS where he died, according to Baker and Dennis.

Dennis said the substance in the bag will be analyzed to help determine what led to his death.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating this incident, Baker said, and an autopsy will be performed at a later date at the Medical University of South Carolina.

District to offer open enrollment program for 2019-20

BY DANNY KELLY
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In an effort to increase students' access to public school K-12 education in Sumter School District, the district will offer the open enrollment program for the 2019-20 school year.

According to sumterschools.net, enrollment opportunities will be based on the capacity of each school. Student-teacher ratios will remain unchanged, and schools will not become overcrowded.

Requests for student participation will be handled through a lottery if requests exceed available spots. Pre-kindergarten students are not eligible for the program.

Students who are zoned to attend a particular school and want to attend

there are not required to submit any application. Also, students who are currently attending a school through the open enrollment program do not need to send another application. This program is designed only for students who want to attend a school outside of their attendance zone and have not already been approved.

Students wanting to apply to magnet programs at Cherryvale Elementary STEAM School or R.E. Davis College Preparatory Academy will be selected based on additional participation criteria, which can be found at sumterschools.net.

Applications are available in all district schools, the district office at 1345 Wilson Hall Road and online at sumterschools.net. Applications must be received or postmarked by Feb. 28 and may be returned at any of the

schools or at the district office. If mailed, the address is Sumter School District, attention Maria Thomas, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150. Parents will be notified by mail of approval or denial by March 29.

If chosen for participation, parents must provide transportation to and from the out-of-zone school. A student approved for enrollment in a non-resident school is entitled to remain in the school until completion of the final grade within that school without submitting an annual application.

No tuition will be charged for students who are residents of Sumter County. Problems with tardiness, attendance or discipline may result in the student being sent back to his or her original school.

Quote of the week

"I hate to tell you this, council, [but] we have not even seen the tip of the iceberg as to what we're going to be facing here this coming year with this opioid drug overdose problem."

SUMTER COUNTY CORONER
ROBBIE BAKER

Speaking to Sumter County Council on Tuesday about opioid-related deaths



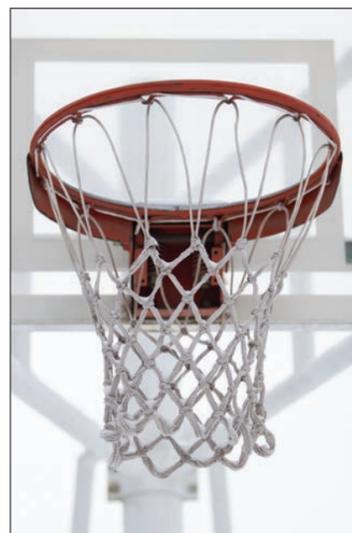
Sumter Elks Hoop Shoot develops 'grit'

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

The Elks 855 Lodge will host its annual Sumter Elks Hoop Shoot on Saturday at the Alice Drive Middle School gym, 40 Miller Road. Boys and girls will compete separately in three age groups — 8 to 9, 10 to 11 and 12 to 13. Participants should bring proof of age.

According to a news release, the free-throw competition, now in its 45th year, was instituted by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to help develop grit in young people "long before researchers and experts concluded that grit was the most accurate indicator of future success." The Hoop Shoot is a free, friendly competition that invites any interested children in the Sumter area from age 8 to 13 to participate.

Johnny Raffield of the Sumter



Elks Lodge said the first- and second-place winners of each category in the Sumter competition will receive trophies, and the first-place finishers will compete in the Southeast District Contest; district winners will compete in the state contest.

"The Elks Hoop Shoot is a terrific program for our youth, the future of our country," Raffield said.

Registration for the competition begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Alice Drive Middle School gym. Contests start at 1 p.m.

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Boost your post-workout burn with HIIT training

Many weight-loss enthusiasts track the number of calories burned while exercising. Although exercise naturally increases the rate of the calorie burn, it is generally only during the workout. However, scientists show that there is another factor to consider, one that extends that calorie burn even after your workout is over.

Research shows that exercises that require more oxygen use during activity burns more calories. Excess post-exercise oxygen consumption is the amount of oxygen required to restore



Missy Corrigan

workouts that include high-intensity interval training or circuit training can boost your EPOC, keeping your metabolism up for longer periods after your body has recovered without having to dedicate a lot of time to exercise.

During EPOC, the body uses oxygen to restore muscle glycogen and rebuild muscle proteins damaged during exer-

cise. Even after a HIIT workout is over, the body will continue to use the aerobic energy pathway to replace the fuel your body used during the workout, boosting the EPOC effect.

Research shows that a resistance training session can provide a greater EPOC than cardio alone. For example, one study found that when cycling circuit weight training and heavy resistance exercise were compared, heavy resistance exercise produced the biggest EPOC.

Put another way, after a single 30-minute cardio session and burning a lot of calories, it doesn't take long for your body to recover, so there is a minimal EPOC effect. But if you compare that to a single weight training session for the same amount of time, you will burn less calories, but there will be a greater

EPOC effect. That is because of the oxygen needed to repair and rebuild damaged muscles. It is reported that this effect can extend up to 16 hours after a resistance training session compared to one hour after a cardio session.

If you had the choice between burning 300 calories in 30 minutes or 150 in 30 minutes, which would you choose? We all want to burn more calories in a shorter amount of time, but don't forget about the impact of the afterburn, the EPOC. And since HIIT workouts are extremely effective, you can still reap the benefits when you are short on time.

Missy Corrigan is executive of community health for Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org or (803) 773-1404.

3 plead to stealing razor blades from S.C. base

CHARLESTON (AP) — Three civilian workers have pleaded guilty in a scheme to sell \$1.5 million in shaving supplies stolen from a Marine Corps store in South Carolina. *The Post and Courier* of Charleston reported 35-year-old Orlando Byson, 27-year-old

Tommie Harrison Jr. and 36-year-old Sarah Brutus pleaded guilty Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Charleston to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. They face up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines when they're sentenced.

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Public Media Release
Community Eligibility Provision
Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Clarendon School District One is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2018-2019 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)) (the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in the school/district may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Families will not have to fill out meal applications.

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

You may contact Food Services Director, Brenda Gist, at (803) 485-2325 for additional information.

Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with Mrs. Brenda Gist, Food Services Director, on an informal basis.

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Brian Toale, 65, a sexual abuse victim when he was a student in a Long Island Catholic school, and now an activist, stands in front of Thurgood Marshall Courthouse in New York's Foley Square recently. Toale is in favor of revising existing statute of limitations laws to give victims of long-ago sex abuse a window to get their day in court.

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States move to ease restrictions, allowing child sex-abuse lawsuits

NEW YORK (AP) — In many states across the U.S., victims of long-ago child sex abuse have been lobbying for years, often in vain, to change statute of limitation laws that thwart their quest for justice. This year seems sure to produce some breakthroughs, due in part to the midterm election results and recent disclosures about abuse by Roman Catholic priests.

New York state is Exhibit A. The Democrats' takeover of the formerly Republican-controlled Senate seems almost certain to produce a more victim-friendly policy in place of one of the nation's most restrictive laws.

Prospects are considered good for similar changes in Rhode Island and New Jersey, and the issue will be raised in Pennsylvania — which became the epicenter of the current abuse crisis in August when a grand jury accused some 300 Catholic priests of abusing more than 1,000 children over seven decades.

Abuse survivors and their allies are once again proposing a two-year window for now-adult victims to sue perpetrators and institutions over claims that would otherwise be barred by time limits. That provision was approved by the Pennsylvania House last year but rejected by the top Republican in the Senate.

Nationwide, only a handful of states — including California, Minnesota, Delaware and Hawaii — have created these "lookback windows" enabling victims to file civil lawsuits against institutions such as churches and youth groups that bore some responsibility for the abuse. California's one-year window opened in 2003, leading to hundreds of civil actions and more than \$1 billion in payouts by the Catholic church; activists and legislators in California hope to create a new lookback window this year.

In California, Minnesota and Delaware, large payouts prompted several dioceses to file for bankruptcy. The Catholic Church, the insurance industry and the Boy Scouts of America have lobbied vigorously against efforts to create lookback windows in other states.

University of Pennsylvania professor Marci Hamilton, an expert on statute-of-limitations reforms, predicts that more states will provide windows despite the vociferous lobbying. She says the Pennsylvania grand jury report has changed the dynamics of the debate, increasing pressure on lawmakers to take victim-friendly actions.

"Before, people were giving the bishops the benefit of the doubt, but this time there was outrage," said Hamilton, the CEO of Child USA, a think tank focused on preventing child abuse. "Politicians now understand that people are behind the victims."

In New York, victim advocacy groups and their allies in the Legislature have tried for a dozen years to loosen the statute of limitations.

Last year, the legislature's Democratic-controlled lower chamber overwhelmingly approved the long-stymied Child Victims Act, which would extend the time frames for pursuing civil and criminal cases in the future and create a one-year window allowing victims to sue over past abuse claims. Senate Republicans blocked the bill from getting a vote and suggested alternatives that lacked the lookback window.

In November, Democrats gained control of the Senate, and the measure is now expected to pass with the window included. Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he'll include the act in the state budget, due in April, if a separate measure doesn't pass before then.

Among those pleased by the change is Brian Toale, 65, who has written about being abused in the 1970s by the adult adviser to the radio club at his Catholic high school on Long Island.

Toale, who lives in New York City, underwent years of therapy and still participates in a week-

ly 12-step program with other abuse victims, including some who still don't speak publicly about their experience.

Toale is unsure whether the Child Victims Act would bring him any compensation or formal apology from the Catholic diocese and religious order that had jurisdiction over his high school. But he hopes that enactment would encourage more victims to come forward.

"When people do tell their stories and expose their abuser, it's so helpful," he said.

The New York Catholic Conference, which represents the state's bishops, remains firmly opposed to the lookback window.

"This extraordinary provision would force institutions to defend alleged conduct decades ago about which they have no knowledge, and in which they had no role, potentially involving employees long retired, dead or infirm, based on information long lost, if it ever existed," the conference argued.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York, says the church is meeting its obligations to victims through a compensation program launched in 2016 that has paid out more than \$200 million to more than 1,000 individuals.

"It insures fair and reasonable compensation; and prevents the real possibility — as has happened elsewhere — of bankrupting both public and private organizations, including churches, that provide essential services in education, charity and health care," Dolan wrote in a recent newspaper column.

Similar compensation programs are being set up in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but victim advocates say the programs — unlike civil lawsuits — fail to ensure that there is accountability and full disclosure on the church's part.

"The right thing to do is come clean, open the books and know sunlight is the best disinfectant," said Michael Polenberg of Safe Horizon, a New York City nonprofit serving victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

In Pennsylvania, Rep. Mark Rozzi, who has spoken about being abused by a priest as a 13-year-old, will help lead a renewed effort this year to give victims of child sex abuse a two-year window to sue perpetrators and institutions over claims that would otherwise be barred. However, Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati maintains that the retroactive provision violates the state constitution and says the Catholic church's planned compensation programs will be an adequate response.

Attorney General Josh Shapiro, who oversaw the grand jury investigation, will be part of the alliance pressing Scarnati to allow a vote on the measure.

Shapiro's grand jury probe may have changed the political dynamics in neighboring New Jersey, where Sen. Joe Vitale has been fighting since 2002 to ease statute-of-limitations restrictions.

Vitale says the Pennsylvania report prompted many of his colleagues to become co-sponsors of his bill offering sex-abuse victims more time to bring civil claims and allowing lawsuits that were dismissed because of the time limits to be refiled. Under current law, adults victimized as juveniles have only two years to file a civil suit from the time they first realize the sexual abuse damaged them.

In California, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez has reintroduced a bill that would create a new three-year lookback window for victims who were unable to take advantage of the one-year window in 2003.

Then-Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed Gonzalez' measure last year; she is hopeful that the new governor, Gavin Newsom, will be more receptive.

"Until you make it hurt, people don't change behavior," Gonzalez said.

See things from God's view, praise Him in the weeds

Like you, I spend way too much time in the weeds of life. I let frustrations about slow drivers in left lanes occupy my soul. I worry about my next meal (one look at me and you'd know how silly that is). I get down about the news — the shootings, the shutdowns and the foolishness of people who should know better. My parents only had to worry about the news in the morning when the paper came. I get news alerts on my phone I didn't even sign up for, telling me about the latest Kardashian baby.

I totally get why people want to check out; it's easier than dealing with all the heaviness in the world. It's appealing to lose yourself in a video reality or in the drama someone is creating on Facebook. I wonder if binge-watching the latest Netflix series is another way not to feel.

My emotional capacity is pretty small. I can handle about 15 minutes of emotional intensity, and then I get antsy. I want to fix the problems, so I don't feel them anymore. If the problem can't be fixed, I have a hard time letting it go. So, I eat something. Or I get depressed. Or both.

Sometimes I wonder how God deals with all this. This is his world, after all, and there is a lot going on down in the weeds. He must weep over a shooting in Sebring. He feels the hunger pains of the children in Somalia. I think his heart breaks when a bullet cuts down an innocent child on the southside of Chicago.

God must be incredibly frustrated at politicians. Does Kim Jong Un make you mad? Imagine how God feels about the president of a country who demands to be worshipped. Do you wish Republicans and Democrats would quit posturing for the cameras and get down to business? I'll bet God occasionally considers sending personal lightning bolts addressed to Washington, D.C.

How does God stand it? When we talk about God being infinite, it means he has infinite emotional capacity. God never needs to shut down, check out or binge. No flood of emotion ever overwhelms him.

God can also see the whole picture. I think about this (I know, I think about strange things). God sees my crisis of today as his opportunity for tomorrow. God knows that Kim Jong Un will pass from the scene one day. God knows the government shutdown will end. God is at work in the life of the little brother whose sister was shot. There has never been a

human being who has been able to block or thwart the will of God.

This is why I need to praise God. Praising God is not just about singing or lifting hands. Praising God is realizing who God is

and how He is at work. When I praise God, I remind myself to look at my life from his perspective. Blocked by that slow car in the left lane? God sees the fear in that driver's soul. Maybe God is slowing me down to pray for

that driver. When food thoughts take control of my mind, I remember the words of Jesus: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." You'd think I would remember that doing God's will fills my soul better than any Little Debbie snack cake.

When I praise God and remember his view, I make my news feed my prayer list. I pray for Republicans and Democrats. I ask God to bring me peace when the tragedy happens too close to home. I even pray for the next little Kardashian. I make my requests known to God, and this peace from God stands on guard duty over my heart and mind. I make different and better decisions when I have peace from God. I understand my feelings and thoughts and how they combine when God's peace is upon me. I get that peace by seeing things from God's viewpoint. I see that viewpoint when I praise God.

When I get down, praising God is the hardest thing to do. Maybe first I have to lay out all my troubles to him. But as I lay out all those troubles, I will hear the Spirit whisper to me: "Praise me. Praise the Father and the Son. Get out of the weeds. See things from my view. Let your soul be open. Let my peace, that passes all understanding, calm all the anxieties, depressions and frustrations of your soul."

Praise God.

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

CHURCH NEWS

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

* Sunday — Pastor Hill's 20th ministerial anniversary will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. Pastor Mary J. Ragins will speak.

* Friday, Feb. 1 — Youth ministry program at 7 p.m. Minister Tayvian Gass, of Salem Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

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

* Sunday, Feb. 3 — Holy communion will follow the 10:15 a.m. worship.

* Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 9-10 — Go Red for Women in Red 2019 health fair weekend as follows: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and 10:15 a.m. Sunday worship.

Evangelist Dorothy Reed will speak.

* Sunday, Feb. 17 — YWA anniversary program during 10:15 a.m. service.

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

* Saturday, Feb. 9 — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. International Bible Teacher Dr. Satish Raiborde will speak. A love offering will be received. Visit knitting-heartsministry.wordpress.com.

Mount Pleasant AME Church, 1800 Vista Lane, Lynchburg, announces:

* Sunday, Feb. 17 — Family and friends worship at 3 p.m. The Rev. Abraham Temoney Sr., of James Chapel African Method-

ist Episcopal Church in Lugoff, will speak.

Mount Sinai AME Church, 5895 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Lynchburg, announces:

* Sunday — Lay organization's annual program during 10 a.m. worship.

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

* Sunday, Feb. 3 — Evangelist Savitrius McFadden will speak at 6 p.m.

* Sunday, Feb. 10 — Youth Black History Month worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. The One Sumter Community monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

* Sunday, Feb. 17 — Trustee ministry anniversary worship at 10:45 a.m.

* Sunday, Feb. 24 — Golden Age fellowship ministry anni-

versary worship at 10:45 a.m.

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

* Saturday, Feb. 2 — The Women's Missionary Society's third soup and cornbread luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations will be accepted and given to soup kitchens and food pantries. No one will be turned away. Also for the sick and shut in.

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

* Today — Joy night service at 7 p.m. The Rev. Lavaron Johnson will speak.

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

* Sunday — The 94th anniversary of the church will be cele-

brated at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Ranzy McFadden will speak.

St. Luke AME Church, 2355 St. Paul Church Road, announces:

* Saturday, Feb. 9 — The 127th anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Theme: "United to reach the next level together." Featuring the United States Rally.

St. Paul AME Church, 835 Plowden Mill Road, announces:

* Sunday — Men's Day celebration at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Leroy Blanding, pastor of Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

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

* Sunday, Feb. 17 — Youth Day anniversary program at 11 a.m. U.S. Air Force Reserve Maj. Wayne Leneau Jr. will speak.

Police describe execution-style killings inside Florida bank

SEBRING, Fla. — A gunman who took over a Sun-Trust Bank branch in Florida apparently made the five women inside lie down on the lobby floor before shooting them in the backs of their heads, police said Thursday.

Sebring police Chief Karl Hognlund said there's no indication Zephen Xaver intended to rob the bank and no apparent connection among him, the bank or the victims.

Xaver, 21, has been charged with five counts of premeditated murder in the shooting deaths of the four bank employees and a customer.

"He overtook the bank by force. He then shot everyone

in the bank," Hognlund said. "After shooting them, he called 911" and "told dispatchers that he'd killed everyone in the bank."

According to an affidavit, all the victims were found in the bank's lobby, lying face down with gunshots to the backs of their heads. Shell casings from Xaver's 9mm handgun were scattered on the floor.

Another customer, Victor Sparks, was quoted by the *Highlands News-Sun* as saying that he found the door locked during the attack, peered inside and saw people lying on the floor while someone walked around and be-

tween them. He then turned and stepped away and heard gunfire. He said police arrived within two minutes after he and his wife called 911.

Dispatchers also got a 911 call from Xaver himself, saying, "I have shot five people," police said.

But Xaver refused to surrender and would not allow officers to reach the victims, the chief said. After more than an hour of negotiations, the chief ordered a SWAT team in; they had to use an armored vehicle to break through the front doors. Xaver was found in an office in the rear.

By then, all the victims were already dead, the chief said.

SHUTDOWN

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homeless shelters for food. Even as Pelosi offered to meet the president "anytime," Trump stood firm, tweeting, "Without a Wall it all doesn't work.... We will not Cave!" and no meetings were scheduled.

As the Senate debated the two dueling proposals, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the Democratic plan would let that party's lawmakers "make political points and nothing else" because Trump wouldn't sign it. He called Pelosi's stance "unreasonable" and said, "Senate Democrats are not obligated to go down with her ship."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., criticized the GOP plan for endorsing Trump's proposal to keep the government closed until he got what he wants.

"A vote for the president's plan is an endorsement of government by extortion," Schumer said. "If we let him do it today, he'll do it tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow."

Even so, there were suggestions of movement.

Vice President Mike Pence

attended a lunch with GOP senators before the vote and heard from lawmakers eager for the standoff to end, participants said. Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said their message to Pence was, "Find a way forward."

In consultation with their Senate counterparts, House Democrats were preparing a new border security package they plan to roll out today. Despite their pledge to not negotiate until agencies reopened, their forthcoming proposal was widely seen as a counteroffer to Trump. Pelosi expressed "some optimism that things could break loose pretty soon."

The Democratic package was expected to include \$5.7 billion, the same amount Trump wants for his wall, but use it instead for fencing, technology, personnel and other measures. In a proposal that the rejected Senate GOP plan mirrored, Trump on Saturday proposed to reopen government if he got his wall money. He also proposed to revamp immigration laws, including new restrictions on Central American minors seeking asylum in the U.S. and temporary protections for immigrants who entered the country illegally as children.

ROBBERY

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driveway of a residence, McGirt said. The man reportedly told the women to hand over their purses and jewelry.

After responding and fearing for their safety, McGirt said, one of the women retrieved a legally owned handgun that was inside the vehicle and fired it in the direction of the robber, who then drove off.

Officers were able to connect a vehicle that was seen in the Manchester Road area after the initial emergency call and a description of the robber back to Furman, she said.

Furman was booked at the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center after he was treated and released and is awaiting bond. He is charged with armed robbery, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and filing a false police report. McGirt said three separate calls Tuesday evening led to Furman's arrest.

Church Directory

Assembly of God

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

Baptist - Missionary

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

Salem Missionary Baptist Church
320 West Fulton Street
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First Baptist Missionary Church
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(803) 775-1462 • fbmcsumter.org
Rev. George P. Windley, Jr.
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 10:45am
Wednesday
Bible Study 11:30am - 6:30pm
Youth Bible Study 6:30pm

Baptist - Southern

Grace Baptist Church
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Dr. Stephen Williams
dsrsteve@fbc-i.net
S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am

Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Hickory Road Baptist Church
1245 Cherryvale Dr
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Dr. Ron Taylor Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 10:55 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Shaw Heights Baptist Church
2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997
Rev. Robert White, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 10:50 am
Sunday Eve. Service 6:00 pm
Wed. Awana 6:30-8:00 pm
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Baptist - Independent

Open Bible Baptist Church
180 Old Manning Rd., Sumter
(803) 481-9315
Pastor Joey Durham
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer & Worship 7:00 pm
www.openbiblebaptist.church

Catholic - Roman

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church
216 East Liberty St • 803-773-3524
www.sasjrcc.org
Fr. Giovanni Nunez, CRM
Parochial Vicar
Father Rufino Madridojos, Jr.
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sun. 8:00, 12:00 pm
Confession: Sat. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church
611 W. Oakland Ave • 803-773-9244
www.stjudesumter.org
Rev. Giovanni Nunez, CRM
Parochial Vicar
Father Rufino Madridojos, Jr.
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 6:00 pm
12:00 pm (in Spanish)
5:00 pm (in English)
Confession: Sat. 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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

Church of Christ

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

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

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

Lutheran - ELCA

St James Lutheran Church
1137 Alice Dr. Sumter
773-2260 / www.stjamesumter.org
Pastor Keith Getz
Sunday School: 9:00 am
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
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Thur. Bible Study 10:30 am

Methodist - United

Trinity United Methodist Church
226 W Liberty St • 773-9393
Rev. Joseph James, Jr.
Sunday School 9:45 am
Traditional Service 11:00 am
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Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

Methodist - United

Bethel United Methodist Church
5575 Lodebar Rd • 469-2452
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School: 10 am
www.yourbethel.org
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Pentecostal

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

Non-Denominational

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

Christ Community Church (CCC)

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

First Church of God

1835 Camden Rd • 905-5234
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Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Greater St. Paul Church

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Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am
Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

The Rock Church of Sumter

365 N. Saint Paul Church Rd
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Pastor Gwendolyn Credle
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sumter Bible Church

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

Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

Presbyterian - ARP

Lemira Presbyterian Church
514 Boulevard Rd. Sumter
Pastor Dan Rowton
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

Presbyterian PCA

Westminster Presbyterian Church
230 Alice Dr., Sumter • 803-773-7235
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Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship Service 10:30 am

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First Presbyterian Church of Sumter
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Daily Bible Reading

Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 2:13-23	Luke 4:1-15	Luke 4:16-30	Luke 4:31-44	Luke 5:1-16	Luke 5:17-32
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Airline interference by drones likely to increase

BY DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

The ability of drones to interfere with airliners — and inconvenience their passengers — has now been demonstrated on two continents, and the problem is likely to get worse as the number of small, unmanned devices multiplies.

Law enforcement authorities are trying to figure out who flew a drone so high and so close to Newark Liberty International Airport that incoming flights were held up briefly during a peak hour at one of the nation's busiest airports.

Flights resumed within about 30 minutes — much more quickly than after a similar incident last month at London's Gatwick Airport.

WHAT HAPPENED IN NEW JERSEY?

The pilots of both a Southwest Airlines flight and a United Airlines flight reported seeing a drone around 3,500 feet above Teterboro, New Jersey, about 9 miles from the Newark airport, on Tuesday.

As a precaution, the Federal Aviation Administration held up 43 flights already in the air and bound for Newark; nine landed instead at other airports. Another 170 Newark-bound planes were briefly delayed on the ground before taking off from other airports around the country.

CAN WE BE SURE THERE WAS A DRONE?

Some drone operators are skeptical about a drone reported at 3,500 feet and whether pilots could accurately identify such a tiny object.

Vic Moss, a founder of Drone U, a drone-operator school based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, said many consumer drones are restricted from going that high, although home-built devices or older drones are not. There are, however, videos online showing drones at such altitudes.

"It's possible, but it's just incredibly unlikely that it was an actual drone," Moss said. "Drones are the new UFO."

WHAT HAPPENED IN LONDON?

In mid-December, hundreds of flights were canceled and more than 100,000 people were stranded or delayed over two days after reports of drones spotted near the runway at Gatwick Airport, a major international hub.

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

If the intrusions in New Jersey and London were deliberate, the motives are not clear. Officials in London said there was no indication that the Gatwick incident was terror-related. A criminal investigation has been opened into the Heathrow incident.

WHAT ARE THE LAWS?

Federal rules forbid operating a drone within 5 miles of most airports or above 400 feet without a waiver from the FAA.

ARE DRONE MANUFACTURERS RESPONSIBLE?

Devices from the biggest maker of consumer drones, DJI, include so-called geofencing — technology designed to prevent the aircraft from taking off near an airport. A drone that is launched properly but enters a no-fly zone will hover at the edge of the zone, according to a DJI spokesman.

Owners say DJI can take days to unlock no-fly restrictions around even small airports. But DJI says those requests now are automated and handled quickly.

However, many drones offered for sale don't include such restrictions: They have no GPS or geofencing.

CAN OPERATORS DISABLE SAFETY SYSTEMS?

Yes. There are online discussions in which drone operators talk about hacks, but they involve some level of technological sophistication.

"The geofences (from manufacturers like DJI) are in place, but in some cases they can be defeated — it's not easy," said Tom Kilpatrick, a drone pilot who founded a drone company in Oklahoma. "They are designed to prevent the average drone operator from flying near an airport."

WHAT'S BEING DONE TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE?

DJI said it has developed technology to track nearby drones — their flight path and the operator's location — using mobile, ground-based units. The technology is currently only used to identify other DJI drones.

ARE TOUGHER RULES IN THE WORKS?

Late last year, Congress gave the Homeland Security and Justice departments authority to develop and deploy a system to identify drones and disable — even destroy — drones that authorities consider a threat.

FAA spokesman Greg Martin said any such system has to be designed carefully so that it doesn't interfere with navigation equipment used by planes.



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

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chefs, truck drivers beware: AI is coming for your jobs

BY MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

Robots aren't replacing everyone, but a quarter of U.S. jobs will be severely disrupted as artificial intelligence accelerates the automation of existing work, according to a new Brookings Institution report.

The report, published Thursday, says roughly 36 million Americans hold jobs with "high exposure" to automation — meaning at least 70 percent of their tasks could soon be performed by machines using current technology. Among those most likely to be affected are cooks, waiters and others in food services; short-haul truck drivers; and clerical office workers.

"That population is going to need to upskill, reskill or change jobs fast," said Mark Muro, a senior fellow at Brookings and lead author of the report.

Muro said the timeline for the changes could be "a few years or it could be two decades." But it's likely that automation will happen more swiftly during the next economic downturn. Businesses are typically eager to implement cost-cutting technology as they lay off workers.

Some economic studies have found similar shifts toward automating production happened in the early part of previous recessions — and may have contributed to the "jobless recovery" that followed the 2008 financial crisis.

But with new advances in artificial intelligence, it's not just industrial and warehouse robots that will alter the American workforce. Self-checkout kiosks and computerized hotel concierges will do their part.

Most jobs will change somewhat as machines take over routine tasks, but a majority of U.S. workers will be able to adapt to that shift without being displaced.

The changes will hit hardest in smaller cities, especially those in the heartland and Rust Belt and in states like Indiana and Kentucky, according to the report by the Washington think tank. They will also disproportionately affect the younger workers who dominate food services and other industries at highest risk for automation.

Some chain restaurants have already shifted to self-ordering machines; a handful have experimented with robot-assisted kitchens.

Google this year is piloting the use of its digital voice assistant at hotel lobbies to instantly interpret conversations across a few dozen languages. Autonomous vehicles could replace short-haul delivery drivers. Walmart and other retailers are preparing to open cashier-less stores powered by in-store sensors or cameras with facial recognition technology.

"Restaurants will be able to get along with significantly reduced workforces," Muro said. "In the hotel industry, instead of five people man-

ning a desk to greet people, there's one and people basically serve themselves."

Many economists find that automation has an overall positive effect on the labor market, said Matias Cortes, an assistant professor at York University in Toronto who was not involved with the Brookings report. It can create economic growth, reduce prices and increase demand while also creating new jobs that make up for those that disappear.

But Cortes said there's no doubt there are "clear winners and losers." In the recent past, those hardest hit were men with low levels of education who dominated manufacturing and other blue-collar jobs, and women with intermediate levels of education who dominated clerical and administrative positions.

In the future, the class of workers affected by automation could grow as machines become more intelligent. The Brookings report analyzed each occupation's automation potential based on research by the McKinsey management consulting firm. Those jobs that remain largely unscathed will be those requiring not just advanced education, but also interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence.

"These high-paying jobs require a lot of creativity and problem-solving," Cortes said. "That's going to be difficult for new technologies to replace."

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THE CLARENDON SUN

Bill introduced to name stretch of interstate for fallen deputy

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

SUMMERTON — A member of the Montana House of Representatives introduced a bill on Monday that would name a stretch of interstate in Montana in honor of a former Clarendon County deputy who was killed in the line of duty in Montana in May 2017.

If the bill passes, a portion of Montana's U.S. 287 at mile marker 107 will be named in honor of Deputy Mason Moore. A sign bearing Moore's name, title, date of passing and badge number will be placed at the spot where Moore was killed.

Moore, 42, was a native of Manning. He worked for the University of South Carolina Police Department, Lexington County Sheriff's Office and Clarendon County Sheriff's Office for nine years before moving with his family to Montana where he joined the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office, where he served for three years



MOORE

before his death. Moore was also a volunteer firefighter in Belgrade, and Three Forks, Montana.

Moore was gunned down after attempting to make a traffic stop about 3 a.m. on May 16, 2017, in Gallatin County, Montana. Officers responding to the scene found Moore dead from gunshot wounds.

Authorities determined that Moore was making a traffic stop along Montana's U.S. 287 at mile marker 109 when he stopped communicating with dispatch. Audio from Moore's dashboard camera revealed a period of silence, then moaning and the sound of a door opening followed by more gunshots. According to law enforcement at the scene of the shooting, 20 rifle casings were found near Moore's body while an additional 10 casings were found on the highway.

Officers were able to identify the vehicle that the shooting suspects were traveling in from footage on Moore's dashboard camera. Officials spotted the suspect's vehicle about 80 miles away. Officers gave pursuit before stopping the vehicle about 30 miles away



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Pallbearers carry the casket of Mason Moore out of the Summerton Baptist Church as members of the Patriot Guard Riders salute the fallen officer on May 28, 2017.

from the first sighting.

Lloyd Burrus, 61, the driver of the vehicle, was arrested at the scene. The vehicle's passenger, Marshall, exited the vehicle while shooting at law enforcement officers. Marshall Burrus was shot in the head and died one day later.

Lloyd Burrus was charged with two counts of accountability for attempted deliberate homicide and 14 counts of attempted deliberate homicide. His bond was set at \$2 million.

Moore made the 2,300-mile trip to Clarendon County on May 27. Moore's body, members of his immediate family and several members of the

Broadwater Sheriff's Office were escorted from Charleston International Airport to Manning by a motorcade that included more than 100 law enforcement officers from various agencies across the state and members of the Patriot Guard Riders, Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. and Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.

Hundreds of individuals lined the motorcade's route along Interstates 26 and 95 to Manning. Many of them were waving American flags with their hands placed over their hearts. Once in Clarendon County, dozens of local fire-

fighters, local law enforcement officers and residents of the county stood at attention on I-95's overpasses and along the motorcade's route showing their respect for the fallen officer and his family and comrades.

Once in Manning, the Sumter Police Department Honor Guard transported Moore's body into the chapel at Stephens Funeral Home and Crematory where law enforcement personnel and members of the community were able to visit with Moore's family and close friends. Moore's funeral was held at the Summerton Baptist Church on May 28, 2017, followed by burial in the church's cemetery.

3 pedestrians hit, killed in Midlands last week; patrolman shares important tips

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries result annually from individuals failing to follow a few simple safety tips.

"Last week, there were three pedestrians hit and killed in the Midlands," said Lance Cpl. David Jones with the South Carolina Highway Patrol. "That's a high number for January."



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Jones said that during the winter months, children and adults are out walking or riding their bicycles after dark. This presents problems in areas where there are no sidewalks.

Jones said that drivers also need to be vigilant. Throughout Clarendon County and its municipalities, many of the streets in residential areas do not have sidewalks, and children who walk to and from school and throughout their neighborhoods are forced to walk along the side of the streets in close proximity to vehicles. Motorists should be cautious when passing pedestrians and bicyclists.

"By law, once the sun sets, all bicyclists should be riding bikes with front and rear lights," Jones said. "They need to be wearing reflective clothing as well as reflectors on their wrists, heels and knees. These are areas that have movement and results in more visibility."

According to the Governors Highway Safety Association, South Carolina is ranked among states with the highest rates in pedestrian fatalities. Three years ago, South Carolina went from sixth to the third place on the list followed only by Delaware and Florida in the number of pedestrian deaths each year.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that in 2015, the last year the totals were compiled, the fatality rate for pedestrians in South Carolina was "1.5 times higher than the rate for the entire United States." During 2015, 123 pedestrians were killed statewide.

In 2015, 16 cyclists were killed in motor vehicle accidents in the state. Those numbers resulted in South Carolina having the ninth-highest fatality rate for bicyclists in the nation, 32 percent higher than the national average of 2.5

fatalities per million residents, according to the NHTSA.

The GHSA attributed two likely factors to the high number of pedestrian deaths, cellphone usage and intoxicated drivers. The association said drivers and pedestrians are distracted when both or either one of them are texting or talking on their phones, while intoxicated drivers and pedestrians are a serious danger on the streets and roadways.

"Obeying traffic laws, wearing reflective clothing and reflectors and an overall awareness of your surrounding should help keep both pedestrians and bicyclists safe," Jones said.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

- Obey all traffic signs and signals;
- Walk on sidewalks when possible;
- If no sidewalks are available, walk facing traffic and as far away from traffic as possible;
- Look for cars in all directions, particularly those turning right or left;
- Be visible at all times and never assume that a driver sees you;
- Be aware of cars entering, exiting and backing from driveways and parking lots; and
- Wear light or brightly colored clothing and reflectors on wrists, heels and knees.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

- Ride with the flow of traffic — NEVER ride against traffic;
- Use bike lanes or designated bike routes when possible;
- Avoid riding too close to parked cars;
- Obey all traffic signs;
- Wear protective equipment including a bike helmet;
- Wear bright clothing with reflectors placed on wrists, heels and knees;
- Place reflectors on your bike; and
- All bikes must have front and rear lights if ridden after sunset.



DEACON JOHN CANTY • 1925 - 2019 From school in Silver to work at the White House

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

SUMMERTON — Deacon John Canty died Monday at McLeod Hospice House in Florence. He was 93 years old.

Canty was born in the farming community of Silver in 1925. The youngest of seven siblings, Canty attended elementary school in Silver where he and other students had to pick up wood before school to start a fire in the four-room school's wood heaters. Canty reminisced about walking to school in Summerton after elementary school, a round trip of about five miles, in a 1995 interview about his life in Summerton.

Growing up in a farming community, Canty said his father and oldest brother worked 10-to-12 hour days for only 50 cents a day. "As a child, if you would get hold to a nickel or penny or something, you would appreciate it," he said.

After high school, Canty left Silver for Washington, D.C., where he worked as a construction worker. He moved to Michigan for a short time before being drafted into the Army where he served as an engineer during tours at Pearl Harbor and the Far East. After the Army, Canty returned to Washington and went to work at the National Aeronautical and Space Administration, a job he held for four years before being recommended for a job at the White House. Canty said in his interview that he only took the job at the White House with the understanding that if he didn't like it he could return to NASA.

For 18 years, Canty worked at the White House for Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. "I kept all the records and resumes and all that stuff in a section. Anytime

a president needed somebody, they could call me." At one point in his career at the White House, Canty supervised a staff of 42. "Each time they changed administration they started out new," he said.

In his interview, Canty remembered Johnson as being a stickler for turning off lights. He remembered Nixon as a "nice guy," who provided well for his staff. Canty reminisced about weekly lunches with Carter. "Every Tuesday he would have us on the White House lawn and they would fix things like hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad. We'd have a couple of bands out there."

Canty said he moved from Washington for a quieter pace of life in Summerton. "Sometimes I wish I had stayed in D.C."

During his retirement in Summerton, Canty was involved in his community and his church.

Funeral services for Canty will be held at 2 p.m. today at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, 1130 Granby Lane, Summerton. The Rev. Dr. W.T. Johnson, pastor will officiate. Ministers Earnestine Oliver and Carlson Thompson, and Elder Willie Starks will assist. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.



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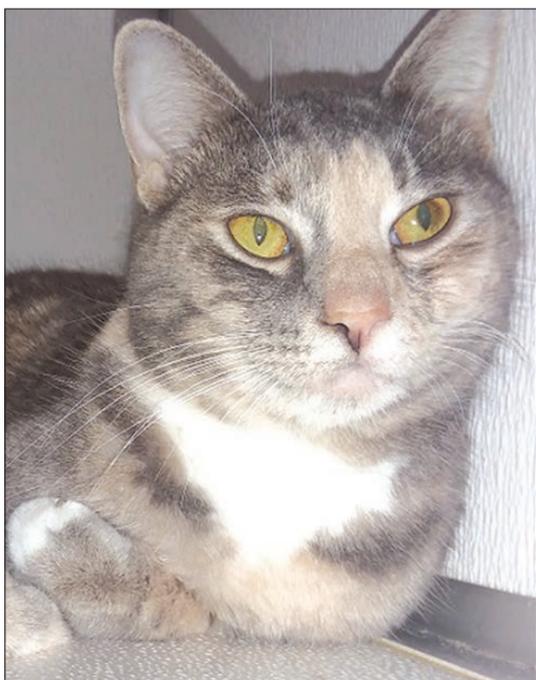
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Pepper is a 1.5-year-old, dilute calico female domestic medium-hair cat. She is a super sweet cat and laid back. She enjoys being brushed and gets along well with other cats. She currently weighs about 10 pounds, is up to date on her vaccinations, spayed and tested negative for Feline Leukemia. We currently have a \$25 adoption special for all of our cats and kittens.

Taurus is a 2-year-old tan female Lab mix. She weighs about 60 pounds, is current on all of her age-appropriate vaccinations, heartworm negative and has been spayed. Taurus loves to cuddle and tries to be a lap dog. She gets along well with other dogs and does not mind riding in a car. Taurus is an absolute sweetheart and loves having her belly rubbed. If you are interested in this sweet and lovable dog, you can get preapproved to adopt by submitting your adoption application online at www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com. A Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway (U.S. 301), is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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Briefs

American Bass Anglers Tournament tomorrow

SUMMERTON — The American Bass Anglers Tournament will be held on Jan. 26 at John C. Land III Landing. For more information, call the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce at (803) 435-4405.

Elizabeth Peyre Richardson meeting on Monday

MANNING — The Elizabeth Peyre

Richardson Manning Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its meeting at 5 p.m. Jan. 28 at Manning First Baptist Church. For more information, call (803) 473-2054.

Harvin Clarendon Library Board meeting on Monday

MANNING — The Harvin Clarendon County Library Board will hold a meeting at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Clarendon County Administration Building Council Chambers. The board will be presented with its 2017-18 audit report from Vicki Laroche

with McGregor & Co. Under old business, the board will discuss the library's mission statement tagline, and under new business, the board will review the Friends of the Library's Leadership and Membership Recruitment. The meeting is open to the public.

Clarendon Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Feb. 2

MANNING — The Manning Lions Club will hold its Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. on Feb. 2 at Manning Restaurant. For more information, call (803) 472-0054.

Summerton Strikes Back with Star Wars event

SUMMERTON — The Force is with the Town of Summerton from noon to 4 p.m. March 2 when Star Wars fans of all ages come together to welcome the 501st Legion. The free event will feature Star Wars arts and crafts, creative activities, door prizes, face painting, light refreshments and selfies with a Stormtrooper. Costumes are optional but highly encouraged. The event is being sponsored by Summerton's 4 MAIN and the Harvin Clarendon County Library. For more information, call (803) 485-2525.

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All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Clarendon County, the address of which is 411 Sunset Dr. Manning, SC 29102, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (Non-Jury) Foreclosure
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DOCKET NO. 2018-CP-14-00497

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON
Wyboo Plantation Owners Association, Inc., Plaintiff
v.
Jay P. Bourgeois and Chong E. Bourgeois Defendant(s)
14976.00025

TO THE DEFENDANT(S), Chong E. Bourgeois:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 404 Pine Lake Court, Clarendon, South Carolina, being designated in the County tax records

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as TMS #162-00-01-206-00, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, Post Office Box 212069, Columbia, South Carolina 29221, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed with the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County on 11/30/2018.

Stephanie C. Trotter (SC Bar 77680) McCabe, Trotter & Beverly, P.C. Post Office Box 212069 Columbia, SC 29221 Phone: (803)-724-5000 Email: Stephanie.Trotter@mccabetrotter.com

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-14-00354 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. against Dwayne Player, Rhonda M. Player a/k/a Rhonda E. Player, and LVNV Funding, LLC, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Clarendon County, will sell on February 4, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Clarendon County Courthouse in Manning, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, lying, being and situate in School District Number 3 of the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, containing .75 acre, according to a plat thereof made by David A. Nesbitt, RLS, dated July 16, 1999, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Deed Book A-384 at Page 81. Reference to said plat shall be had pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. Also includes a mobile/manufactured home, a 2000 FLEE Mobile Home VIN# GAFLX54AB84759HS12 This being the same property conveyed unto Dwayne Player by deed of Jane G. Floyd dated August 20, 1999 and recorded August 25, 1999 in Deed Book A-384 at Page 80 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County. Thereafter, Dwayne Player conveyed the subject property unto Dwayne Player and Rhonda M. Player by deed dated October 21, 1999 and recorded October 22, 1999 in Deed Book A-389 at Page 4 in the aforementioned Clerk of Court's Office. TMS No. 278-00-02-033-01 Property Address: 1674 River Bend Lane, Turbeville, SC 29162 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit

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with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to

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pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.5000%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. W. T. Geddings, Jr. Special Referee Clarendon County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff



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Social Security Matters

Estimated benefits assume that you continue to work at current income

BY AMAC CERTIFIED SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR RUSSELL GLOOR
Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I recently retired after more than 40 years in the construction industry. I'm 60 years young, and my wife and I recently moved south to enjoy retirement in a new and milder environment. At this point, we do not plan on receiving my SS benefit until I reach my full retirement age of 66 and 8 months. In my 2018 statement, the Estimated Benefits Section, it states "You have enough credits to qualify for benefits at your current earning rate. (If you continue working until your full retirement age of 66 years and 8 months your payment will be)" Then it shows an amount for my full retirement age, age 70 and age 62. My question is, if I don't work from now to my full retirement age will that significantly reduce my SS benefit rate that is quoted on my statement? Signed: Retired early

Dear Retired: Congratulations on your retirement! The estimated benefits shown on the statement you received from Social Security are just that — estimates. But they make a critical assumption which will, indeed, make a difference in the actual amount of your benefit when you finally claim it.

Those estimates assume that you will continue working at your current income level until you reach your full retirement age (FRA). But since you retired from work at age 60 your actual benefit (assuming you continue without working) will be less than the current estimates you have from Social Security. Whether the reduction will "significantly reduce" your benefit depends on your actual earnings in the 35 years used to compute your benefit when you claim. Your benefit is determined by adjusting for inflation all your lifetime earnings

as reported to the IRS (but only up to the annual payroll tax cap for each year). They then select the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime, total them and divide by 420 (number of months in 35 years) to arrive at your "average indexed monthly earnings," or AIME. This is a number used to compute your actual benefit amount.

Since the highest earning years are usually the ones later in your working career, stopping work before you reach FRA will yield a lower benefit — if the estimated benefit computation used the predicted earnings between age 60 and your FRA to arrive at your benefit estimate. The key parameter used to determine your actual benefit amount is something called your "primary insurance amount" (PIA), which is computed from your AIME and is your benefit at your full retirement age.

If you claim before FRA, your benefits will be reduced according to the number of months before that you claim (reduced by about 6.7 percent for each of the first three years early and then 5 percent more for any years more than three years prior to your FRA). Conversely, if you wait beyond FRA to claim, your benefit will grow at 8 percent per year until you are 70, when it would be 26.7 percent more than it would be at your full retirement age.

Of course, you don't have to wait until age 70 to apply, because you'll earn delayed retirement credits (DRCs) of two-thirds of 1 percent per month of delay beyond your full retirement age. But the longer you wait to claim, the more your benefit will be (up to age 70), thus possibly easing the impact of any benefits lost by not working until your FRA.

To summarize, if you don't work between now and your FRA, your benefits will proba-

bly be less than shown in your most recent estimate. If you work and have earnings for some years after age 60, and those earnings are more than any of the 35 used to compute your estimate, the higher current earnings will be used to compute your final benefit amount. And if you delay beyond your FRA to claim benefits you may recover (through DRCs) some of what was lost by not working between age 60 and your FRA. I realize this isn't a specific answer about how much less your benefit might be, but I hope this answers your basic question.

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U.S. jobless benefits fall to 49-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people seeking jobless benefits dropped last week to the lowest level since November 1969, a sign the job market remains strong despite the partial government shutdown, now in its fifth week.

The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly applications for unemployment aid declined 13,000 to a seasonally adjusted 199,000. The four-week average, a less volatile figure, dropped 5,500 to 215,000.

The tally of furloughed federal employees requesting unemployment aid jumped to 25,419, more than double the previous week. Those figures are tracked in a separate category and aren't included in the overall figures.

Weekly applications for jobless aid are a proxy for layoffs. The data suggests employers are confident enough about the economy to hold onto their workers. The unemployment claims data is one of the few economic reports still being released by the government because the Labor Department was funded before the shutdown and is still open.

Many companies are desperate for workers to respond to solid customer demand, which makes them reluctant to cut staff, even if something like the shutdown disturbs their business.

Most economists forecast that the shutdown will weigh on the economy in the first three months of the year. Depending on when it ends, growth could slow to a 1.5 percent to 2 percent annual pace in the first quarter, down from 3.4 percent in the final three months of last year.

If it lasts through March, growth could even fall to zero, Kevin Hassett, the chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, acknowledged Wednesday on CNN. Some private-sector economists agree.

Last month, employers engaged in a burst of hiring, adding 312,000 jobs, while the unemployment rate rose to 3.9 percent from 3.7 percent. But that increase mostly reflected a positive trend — a surge of Americans coming off the sidelines to look for work. Not all immediately found jobs, which lifted the number of unemployed.

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THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT
Jan. 23

New voting system would be wise use of budget surplus

A League of Women Voters analysis of South Carolina's voting technology shows continued software deficiencies in the Election Systems and Security technology used in the state.

Dr. Duncan Buell has been analyzing South Carolina election data since 2010 on behalf of the League of Women Voters of South Carolina. His analysis of the November 2018 general election shows the ES&S voting system's deficiencies lead to significant errors that can damage election integrity and voter confidence.

The problems that have been detected with the voting computers are the responsibility of the manufacturer, not the State Election Commission, which has upgraded the computers as instructed by the manufacturer, according to Buell.

The voting computers used in South Carolina have miscounted the vote in recent elections, the LWV states. Although the manufacturer has recently upgraded the software, Buell found that several hundred votes were miscounted in the June 12 primary and November general election.

The discoveries highlight the problem of using computers for elections when there is no backup capability and insufficient enforcement of computer-related technical standards.

Buell says the report documents the need for a more secure, more efficient and more cost-effective solution for South Carolina.

As it marks its 50th anniversary year, the State Election Commission is looking for such a solution.

SEC in December, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, released an official Request for Proposals for a new statewide voting system. The SEC is seeking a uniform, statewide system that features a paper record of each voter's voted ballot to replace the current paperless system. The SEC expects to implement the new system by January 2020.

A new voting system will not only provide the state with a dependable system that will serve voters for years to come, but will also improve the security and resilience of our election process. Having a paper record of each voter's voted ballot will add an important layer of security, as it allows for post-election audits of ballots to verify vote totals.

The SEC said it issued the RFP in December to allow adequate time for evaluation of voting system proposals and subsequent implementation by January 2020. It continues working with the S.C. General Assembly to acquire funding for the replacement effort.

In the 2018 session, the General Assembly turned down a request from the State Election Commission and Gov. Henry McMaster to expedite the replacement of voting machines, providing \$4 million of a \$20 million request to move ahead on a project expected to cost about \$50 million.

Even if all of the funding is provided this year, the earliest South Carolina voters would have access to new machines would be 2020 — and there is doubt as to whether they could be available in time for the presidential pri-

maries early next year.

Lawmakers have their eyes on what to do with a budget surplus. There are many proposals and good causes. Updating the voting system would be a wise use of a portion of the money.

THE POST AND COURIER
Jan. 22

Plutonium cleanup must be placed on the state's agenda

The Savannah River Site's mixed-oxide fuel plant is being mothballed, leaving the national laboratory with 34 metric tons of weapons-grade plutonium, and there's little hope Congress will soon come up with funding to restart the Yucca Mountain disposal project in Nevada.

The sad truth is that the United States has spent more than \$17 billion trying to find permanent storage for some 90,000 metric tons of fissionable material or nuclear waste stored at 121 sites in 35 states.

And it still has no place to go. Nothing substantive has been done in decades. A federal insurance program pays out about \$400 million per year for nuclear plants to store spent fuel rods on-site. Worse, there's little hope the 116th Congress will even broach the topic.

Why? Partly because House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has said she won't support restarting the Yucca Mountain project as long as Nevada's leaders are opposed to it, despite earthquake-prone California having plenty of its own nuclear waste to dispose of.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., supports refunding the Yucca Mountain site — there's about \$40 billion in a fund for nuclear waste disposal — but it's unclear if the veteran lawmaker can muster the political strength needed to get the issue on the agenda before he retires in 2020. The Senate rejected President Donald Trump's 2019 budget request for restarting Yucca Mountain.

Gov. Henry McMaster and South Carolina's congressional delegation have been unable to persuade the administration to keep SRS' multibillion-dollar mixed oxide, or MOX, project going. Instead the federal government wants to dilute and dispose of the surplus at SRS for about half the cost.

According to Rick Lee, the head of the Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council, the MOX plant was set up for failure because of perennial underfunding that led to construction delays and added costs.

The bottom line is that SRS could be indefinitely stuck with a huge stockpile of weapons-grade plutonium and untold amounts of other nuclear waste.

The feds are now promising to move about a metric ton of diluted nuclear waste to a Nevada site by 2020, but Nevada's attorney general has filed suit to block it, even though the site would be only an interim destination.

On Thursday, a federal judge in Reno declined to grant a temporary injunction the state was asking for and agreed to let Justice Department lawyers file additional arguments including one that would shift the litigation back to South Carolina, presumably to U.S. District Judge Michelle Childs, who is well-versed in the saga.

South Carolina's leaders must get the SRS cleanup on the agenda, fight to reopen Yucca Mountain and demand monetary damages pending plutonium removals.



COMMENTARY

Commitment to diversity, inclusion is essential for the next USC president

BY DAVID J. SNYDER

The University of South Carolina is embarking on the search for its 29th president, a historic moment in the life of any university. USC's Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee recently sent a letter to the Board of Trustees highlighting our conviction that an appreciation for diversity and inclusion should be a priority both in the search for the new president and in the new administration.

Our new president must be able to speak to the many people who make up and are touched by our university community. He or she must possess a demonstrated track record of success fostering an inclusive and diverse environment.

As we stated in our letter to the board, appreciation for diversity is not a luxury. It is a foundational requirement.

Under Harris Pastides, the University of South Carolina has experienced unprecedented growth. We serve more students, in more majors and programs of study, than ever before. Nationally and internationally ranked programs dot our academic units. Major conference and even national championships are expected in our Athletics Department and from our fans.

This growth has transformed our university. We now cast an unmistakable global presence. Increasing numbers of students from all over the world make themselves Gamecocks, and we send more students out into the world than ever. International recognition radiates from our

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faculty's research pursuits.

At the same time as we've gone global, we've never reached more deeply into the life of South Carolina. Under President Pastides, we've expanded our outreach efforts, from the arts and cultural life, to public health, natural research, economic development and much more. In this new environment, the commitment to diversity and inclusion is essential. Our continued excellence depends on it.

Our next president must recognize the ever-changing diversity of our student body, not just on the Columbia campus but throughout the state system. For example, women pursue higher education at a greater rate than males.

Barely 50 years since desegregation, African-American women realize better retention and graduation rates than most other cohorts of students. This new diversity also means welcoming students with more varying needs than ever, including those with mental health challenges, physical disabilities or severe financial exigencies.

We also need a president

who can attract faculty and staff who would not currently think of applying to USC or living in South Carolina. Maintaining world-class teaching and scholarship depends on our ability to compete for talented individuals from all walks of life and our capacity to make them feel welcome once they arrive.

The best candidate for this vital position is therefore someone who can understand and inspire the many backgrounds that make up our university community. The best candidate is someone with the breadth of experience to see the world from multiple angles, who doesn't merely have to infer other points of view but who can embody them, bringing all our combined strengths to bear on the challenges of our day. The best candidate can embody and promote one of our bedrock values, that success in life comes from talent and hard work, not accumulated privilege.

As the university selects a new president, we have the chance to do something extraordinary. It matters that all our students can see someone in a leadership position with whom they identify and thus know that the university is open to them and invested in their success. President Pastides has been a game-changer for the University of South Carolina. We look forward to joining forces with another mold-breaker in the same tradition.

David J. Snyder, Ph.D., is chairman of the University Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee at the University of South Carolina.

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U.S. and Mexico is still affecting employees and their families.

The Senate swatted down competing Democratic and Republican plans on Thursday for ending the now 35-day shutdown, leaving Trump and Congress with no obvious formula for halting the longest-ever closure of federal agencies, according to The Associated Press. The Democratic proposal got one more vote than the GOP plan, with six Republican defectors and only faint signs that lawmakers on both sides were looking for ways to resolve the impasse.

The job of a forecast meteorologist is already a stressful one anyway, Anderson told *The Sumter Item* Thursday, where one has to be at his or her best. The shutdown is causing additional stress. He said no one ever expected this shutdown to go on this long.

There have been 21 lapses in federal government funding since 1976 that have caused departments to shut down or furlough employees. The now second-longest lapse was during President Bill Clinton's tenure in 1995-96. It lasted 21 days.

"We're staying focused, but it is still a distraction," Anderson said. "It's hard

to work under these conditions. We go to work, aren't getting paid but don't qualify for unemployment."

From Sumter, Anderson has a 55-minute commute to his office in Columbia.

During the shutdown, the weather service can only conduct core mission activities, which include issuing forecasts and warnings to protect lives and property.

Equipment maintenance and repairs have been severely slowed, waiting for approval, according to Anderson.

The radar system at Columbia Metropolitan Airport that provides direct radar service over the Midlands region has been down for six days. Usually, repairs to it are made in less than 24 hours, he said.

Staff typically use this time of year to prepare for the severe weather season — hurricane season — by meeting with local, state and federal emergency management agencies, but that has all been halted. Severe weather spotter classes have also been canceled, and staff can't conduct post-weather damage surveys.

Also gone for staff is any community outreach to schools and providing expert forecast analysis to large farmers and the media.

Anderson describes his office team as "an outstanding group of meteorolo-

gists and technicians who are dedicated public servants." The office is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is a 365-day operation, running three shifts per day.

Shifts can be eight to 12 hours, depending on weather conditions. Fortunately, there have not been any severe weather systems in the Midlands region since the shutdown began in late December, he said. Those conditions result in the longer work days.

Anderson said he is lucky, though, compared to many of his co-workers — especially the younger ones. The 56-year-old has a dual-income household, receives military retirement pay and is currently using money from savings.

Some of the younger staff members only have one income source and young children and could now have their credit ratings hurt just to finance bills and day-to-day necessities.

Some employees are selling their belongings to make ends meet, he said.

If the shutdown continues another three to four weeks, even his own financial picture could change, he said, and he might seek a zero percent interest rate loan or try to defer mortgage payments, to which so many federal employees have already resorted.

He said he stopped watching news coverage of the shutdown and gave up on predicting an end to it.

"There seems to be no end in sight," Anderson said. "It's like the movie 'Groundhog Day.' But I hope it ends soon."

He said he thinks this shutdown will have a long-term impact on recruitment and retention for the National Weather Service and for many other federal jobs.

"The stability of having a consistent job in the government sector, which for a long time has been considered a perk, has been shattered," Anderson said.

He said his agency has been grateful for the outpouring of support it has received from the local community, especially in the form of meals delivered to the office. On Wednesday, a Columbia TV meteorologist provided meals for the day and night shift at the weather service, Anderson said.

Everybody is just taking it one day at a time, he said, and the staff has found humor to be helpful.

"A few of us looked at each other the other day and said, 'You know, I ate a lot of ramen in college, and who would have thought we would be back to our ramen days?'" Anderson said. "For some of our employees, that is rapidly becoming more and more of a reality."

CREECH

FROM PAGE A1

servant leader who "are not only financial supporters but also lifelong members of the YMCA who also dedicate their lives to not only advance the vision and goals of our Y movement, but also strive to make an impact throughout all of Sumter."

The elder Creech, who sat surrounded by family and friends Thursday, was born and raised in Sumter, having only moved away to attend Clemson University, which took him seven years to complete a degree in electrical engineering because of his deployment in the Korean War.

When he graduated in 1958, he "grabbed onto, and held tight" to his wife of 60 years as of next week, Tumpy Creech. They both live at Covenant Place in Sumter and were featured in a story in *The Sumter Item* on Valentine's Day last year.

Their daughter, Susan Creech Johnson, said she remembers "always" being at

SUMTER YMCA 2018 SERVICE AWARDS ALSO ANNOUNCED

- Volunteer of the Year:** Byron Kinney
- Youth Volunteer of the Year:** Clark Kinney
- Employee of the Year:** Brandon Yando
- John M. Mahon Spirit Award:** Daria Owens
- Service to Youth Award:** Sumter City Councilman Calvin Hastie

the Y growing up. She and her three siblings would stash \$1.25 in their socks to retrieve after playing, take it to Big

Jim's and get the Y special: fries, a cheeseburger, a cherry smash and a piece of pie.

"We were always here on Saturdays," she said.

Creech was instrumental in Camp Mac Boykin, an outdoor camp for youth ages 7-14, according to Derek Burress, director of community outreach for the Sumter YMCA. He has served on the Board of Directors and has volunteered countless hours to the center.

Sometimes, it can be hard to sum up a lifetime of dedication to one group or place. But, as Tumpy Creech put it: "The Y was just part of the family."



John Creech takes a look at his Humanitarian of the Year award as his wife, Tumpy, stands by to the left.

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AROUND TOWN

A free pardon, expungement and employment workshop will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, at MH Newton Family Life Center, 415 Manning Ave. Mechelle Potts, of the Third Judicial Circuit Expungement Office, and Sharon Holland, of S.C. Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, will speak.

American Legion Post 202 Women's Auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the American Legion building, 310 Palmetto St.

A prayer service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Sumter County Judicial Center building, 215 N. Harvin St., to assemble and pray for our government leaders and those in distress and suffering from the complexity of government objectives.

Pace Scholarship Academy's second annual ONEPalmetto State-wide Scholarship and College Fair will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Sumter High School. This free event is open to current high school and college students. Registration must be completed online at www.eventbrite.com. Please do not contact the high school for information. **Today is the deadline to register for free.**

Sumter County Historical Society presents "Echoes from Sumter's Past" from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Sumter County Museum, Williams-Brice House, Ross McKenzie Hall, 122 N. Washington St. Dressed in period costumes, Diana Roof and Becka Smilowska, of Dearly Departed, will share fascinating tales of history, mystery and even murder of some of Sumter's past residents who are buried in the older cemeter-

ies in the area. **Free income tax filing services and FAFSA application assistance** will be provided from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays at 640 Broad St. (the Anything Paper building). Services include e-file and direct deposit 2018 tax year and processing taxes from three years back (2017, 2016 and 2015). Call (803) 883-5483.

Sumter AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will offer free tax preparation services from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays (walk-in services) Feb. 4 through April 15 at South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave., and by appointment on the following Saturdays: Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 16 and April 13. No age requirement and you do not have to be an AARP member. Services will also be available by appointment from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays (walk-ins allowed based on counselor availability) at Spectrum Senior Citizens Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Applicants are advised to bring ID, Social Security cards, last year's tax return (if available) and all other pertinent tax documents needed for filing return. Call Lula King at (803) 316-0772 or Emily Dinkins at (803) 983-2514.

The One Sumter Community Group monthly meeting will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 W. Fulton St. The meeting will feature a leadership forum with the following community leaders: Mayor Joseph T. McElveen, Sumter County Council Chairman James T. McCain, Rep. Murrell Smith and Sen. Thomas McElveen. Call the Rev. Joshua Dupree Jr. and (803) 795-3600.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider how to make the most out of

what you've got to get ahead. The desire to reach a set goal and the initiative to take charge will encourage success. Love and romance will enhance your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may not agree with everyone, but listen and assess what's being said and done before you say no to someone or something that could be in your best interest. Don't let stubbornness take over or you may lose out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Thought should be followed by action. Trust in your ability to get things done, and don't stop until you finish. A personal relationship should be looked at closely before you make a change or suggestion. Romance is highlighted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Dream big and don't limit what you can do. A chance to negotiate on your own behalf will give you the leverage you need to get your way. Take a unique approach to whatever you do. Make an impression.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make travel plans or sign up for an event that interests you. Challenge yourself physically and offer a romantic suggestion to someone you love. You can make a difference if you take action and help those who have limitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to get all wrapped up in someone else's enthusiasm. If you get involved in something that hasn't been thought-out, you'll have regrets. Take the helm if you want to get things done right. Act on principle, not infatuation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Think, communicate and get approval before you put your plans into motion. Getting the go-ahead will be the difference between success and failure. A change has to be good for all involved, not just you. Romance is on the rise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Listen carefully and find out where everyone stands before you make a commitment to participate. You may prefer to go it alone if you aren't comfortable with the suggestions someone makes. It's OK to take a pass. Do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make changes for the right reasons. Don't let emotional situations cloud your vision. Consider what's best for everyone, and be honest with regard to your motives. Concentrate on home, family and domestic improvements. Do the work yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You know what you need, but before you get started, consider how the decisions you make will affect other people. Be open to suggestions but also aware of the cost involved to bring about the changes you want to make.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take control of what's going on in your life. An opportunity is apparent, but you need to be free and clear of the past in order to move forward with precision and confidence. Someone you love will offer clarity and support.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your thoughts to yourself. If you reveal personal information, it will be used against you. Do something that makes you feel good. Volunteer your time or do something creative that will lift your spirits. Avoid excess or indulgent behavior.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny	Clear and cold	Mostly sunny	Some sun	Sunny to partly cloudy	Clouds limiting sunshine
53°	26°	51° / 28°	54° / 33°	58° / 39°	60° / 30°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%
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TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

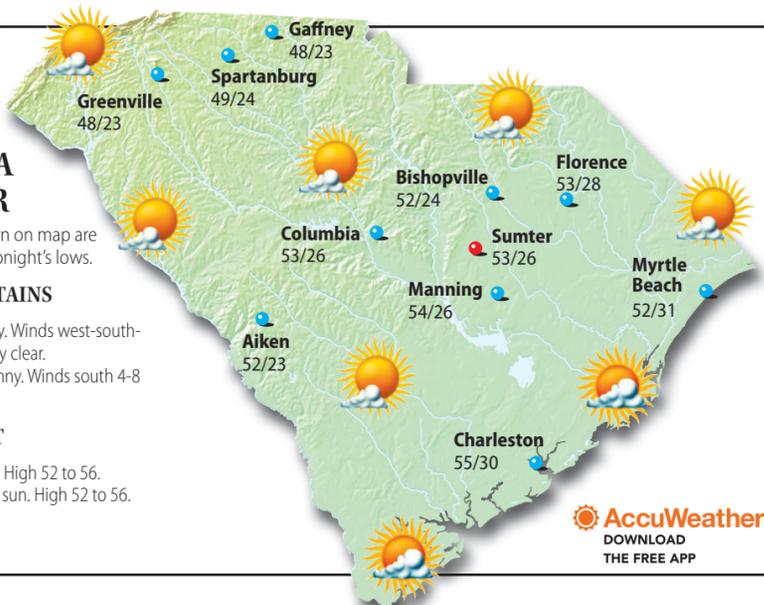
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly sunny. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph. Mainly clear.
Saturday: Partly sunny. Winds south 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Partly sunny. High 52 to 56.
Saturday: Plenty of sun. High 52 to 56.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	66°
Low	59°
Normal high	55°
Normal low	33°
Record high	80° in 1974
Record low	12° in 2003

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	1.15"
Month to date	2.67"
Normal month to date	3.09"
Year to date	2.67"
Last year to date	0.92"
Normal year to date	3.09"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	349.89	-0.08
Marion	76.8	76.28	+0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.18	none
Wateree	100	94.34	-0.74

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	9.32	+0.01
Congaree River	19	8.00	none
Lynches River	14	9.30	-0.16
Saluda River	14	10.11	-0.41
Up. Santee River	80	81.22	+0.30
Wateree River	24	16.98	-3.24

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:23 a.m.	Sunset	5:45 p.m.
Moonrise	11:05 p.m.	Moonset	10:41 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan. 27	Feb. 4	Feb. 12	Feb. 19

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:05 a.m.	3.1	6:49 a.m.	-0.7
	12:24 p.m.	3.3	7:21 p.m.	-0.5
Sat.	1:02 a.m.	3.0	7:47 a.m.	-0.4
	1:18 p.m.	3.0	8:14 p.m.	-0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	45/26/s	49/31/pc
Chicago	6/-3/c	13/5/pc
Dallas	47/35/s	57/39/pc
Detroit	15/6/sf	20/14/s
Houston	59/43/s	64/41/c
Los Angeles	76/53/pc	78/51/s
New Orleans	56/39/s	59/42/s
New York	36/18/pc	30/26/pc
Orlando	62/43/pc	64/46/pc
Philadelphia	37/19/pc	33/27/pc
Phoenix	71/43/s	74/45/s
San Francisco	63/48/s	64/49/pc
Wash., DC	41/24/pc	40/30/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	38/19/s	44/24/pc	Florence	53/28/s	52/29/s
Athens	48/24/s	50/27/pc	Gainesville	60/35/pc	60/37/s
Augusta	57/26/s	55/27/s	Gastonia	49/24/s	48/28/pc
Beaufort	56/30/pc	54/32/s	Goldboro	51/24/s	51/27/pc
Cape Hatteras	49/34/pc	48/41/s	Goose Creek	54/29/pc	54/30/s
Charleston	55/30/pc	55/31/s	Greensboro	44/23/s	44/26/pc
Charlotte	48/25/s	47/29/pc	Greenville	48/23/s	47/29/pc
Clemson	50/23/s	50/30/pc	Hickory	43/22/s	43/26/pc
Columbia	53/26/s	52/30/s	Hilton Head	55/32/pc	53/35/s
Darlington	52/26/s	51/28/s	Jacksonville, FL	59/34/pc	58/34/pc
Elizabeth City	50/26/pc	48/34/pc	La Grange	49/25/s	52/30/pc
Elizabethtown	52/27/s	53/29/s	Macon	53/24/s	54/27/pc
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			Marion	44/19/s	45/25/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	54/30/pc	54/33/s
			Myrtle Beach	52/31/pc	53/31/s
			Orangeburg	53/25/s	52/28/s
			Port Royal	55/31/pc	53/34/s
			Raleigh	48/23/s	46/27/pc
			Rock Hill	49/23/s	49/28/pc
			Rockingham	50/24/s	50/27/s
			Savannah	56/28/pc	54/30/s
			Spartanburg	49/24/s	48/29/pc
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			Wilmington	53/27/pc	53/27/s
			Winston-Salem	44/23/s	44/26/pc

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FAR LEFT: Chloe is a housebroken and spayed 2-year-old domestic long hair. She is great with other cats, children and even dogs. She is a friendly, loving, active and playful girl who enjoys love and attention. Chloe is also extremely sleek and beautiful.

LEFT: Chance is a 1-year-old tricolored male beagle. He is great with children and other dogs. He is sweet, affectionate, friendly, active and playful. Chance is a very loving dog who would make an exceptional new family buddy.

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.sumterscpca.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.

PREP BASKETBALL

Split decision



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Laurence Manning's Justus Boone, right, fights for control of the ball with Wilson Hall's Grey Holler (3) during the Swampcats' 51-43 victory over the Barons on Wednesday at LMA's Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Swampcats hold off Wilson Hall 51-43; Lady Barons cruise

BY DANNY KELLY
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MANNING — The Laurence Manning Academy varsity boys basketball team grinded out a tough, hard-fought 51-43 win against SCISA Region II-3A rival Wilson Hall on Wednesday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium. "We had good depth and

were able to get loose balls and rebounds," Laurence Manning head coach Will Epps said. "We've been good in close games, and that's a sign that we're good at handling pressure down the stretch and making plays we need to make."

Umar Lawson led the Swampcats in scoring with 20, Justus Boone had 10 and

Gabe Harris added nine. "Anytime we play Wilson Hall, it's a hard-fought game," Epps said. "Wilson Hall is a well-coached team. They play well and hard against us, and that's exactly what we expected."

Graham Van Patten led the Barons with 10 points and Emory Moore added nine.

"I liked the effort; we bat-

tled tonight," Wilson Hall head coach Eddie Talley said. "We had trouble finishing and missed free throws, and when you're behind, you have to make those. It was physical, but we hung in there and battled with them. We just came up short."

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USC FOOTBALL



Williams makes it official: He's leaving USC

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Ty'Son Williams made it official on Wednesday evening: the former Crestwood High School running back is leaving the University of South Carolina football program.

Williams posted on Twitter his thanks to South Carolina coaches and teammates and that he is "reopening my recruitment in order to find the best fit" for a final season.

Williams placed his name in the NCAA Transfer Portal on Tuesday. In an interview with The Sumter Item, he left the door open that he could possibly return to USC, but that door was shut on Wednesday.

Williams is a 6-foot, 219-pound tailback who started his career at North Carolina in 2015 before coming to USC.

He was part of the regular rotation at tailback the past two seasons along with Rico Dowdle, Mon Denson and A.J. Turner.

Williams rushed for 328 yards on 70 carries, scoring four touchdowns, this past season. He also caught nine passes for 152 yards.

His biggest game came in the Gamecock' 48-44 road win at Mississippi. Williams caught three passes for 105 yards and rushed seven times for 30 yards and a score. However, he broke a hand during the game and didn't play in the final four regular-season contests.

In his first year in Columbia — 2017 — Williams was the second leading rusher, picking up 471 yards on 95 carries while scoring one time.

Williams has one year of eligibility remaining. He graduated from USC in December, making him eligible to be a graduate transfer. That means he would be able to transfer to a Football Bowl Subdivision school and play in the 2019 season.

While he would like to transfer to another Power 5 conference school, Williams said it's not an absolute necessity.



WILLIAMS

PREP BASKETBALL

Lee Central legend Knox set for induction into SCBCA Hall of Fame

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Lee Central High School's longtime varsity boys basketball head coach LaVerne Knox is in his final season of coaching after three decades, and the highly successful coach will be honored when he is inducted into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



KNOX

"What a tremendous honor to our boys coach for all of his many accomplishments in the field of education through the sport of basketball," said Lee Central

athletic director James Price in an email to The Sumter Item. "We are living and witnessing black history in the making."

SEE KNOX, PAGE B4



Lee Central head varsity basketball coach LaVerne Knox crouches on the sideline during a 2017 game. Knox will be inducted into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame later this year.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Osaka vs. Kvitova for Australian Open title, No. 1 ranking

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Naomi Osaka never made it past the fourth round at any of the first 10 Grand Slam tournaments of her career. Now, still just 21, she's suddenly on the verge of a second consecutive major championship.

And the No. 1 ranking, too.

Osaka, who played in the Palmetto Pro Open in Sumter, moved one victory away from adding the Australian Open trophy to the one she collected 4½ months ago at the U.S. Open, using her smooth power to produce 15 aces and groundstroke winners at will while beating Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in the semifinals Thursday.

"I just told myself to regroup in the third set and just try as hard as I can," said Osaka, who saved four break points in the last set and finished the match with an ace at 115 mph (185 kph).

"I was so scared serving second serves. I was like, 'Oh, my God. Please!' Osaka said. "Somehow, I made it. I guess that's experience."

A day after erasing four match points and a 5-1 deficit in the third set to stun Serena Williams in the quarterfinals, Pliskova could not produce the same kind of comeback.

Instead it is Osaka, the only Japanese woman to win a major singles title, who will face two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova on Saturday. The winner will rise to the top of the

SEE OPEN, PAGE B5



Japan's Naomi Osaka reacts after winning a point against Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic during their semifinal at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, on Thursday.

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AREA ROUNDUP

Lady Cavaliers hold off Christian Academy 53-52

BISHOPVILLE — Robert E. Lee Academy's varsity girls basketball team defeated Christian Academy 53-52 on Tuesday at the REL gymnasium.

Caleigh Barrett and Carson Shannon both had double-doubles for the Lady Cavaliers, who improved to 12-4 overall and 4-3 in Region IV-2A. Barrett had 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Shannon had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Rebecca Dinkins had 15 points, nine blocked shots and four assists. MJ Logan had eight points and 15 rebounds, and Emme McCutchen had six points and 12 rebounds.

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Jones 18, Romley 15, Hall 13, Co. Sanders 4, Ca. Sanders 2.

ROBERT E. LEE
Dinkins 15, Barrett 13, Shannon 11, Logan 8, McCutchen 6.

MANNING 56
ACADEMIC MAGNET 30

NORTH CHARLESTON — Manning High School defeated Academic Magnet 56-30 on Tuesday at the AM gymnasium.

Measha Jones and Ariyonna Busby both had 11 points to lead the Lady Monarchs, who improved to 18-4 overall and 5-1 in Region VIII=3A. Quanwteona Billups added 10.

EAST CLARENDON 66
CARVERS BAY 47

TURBEVILLE — Talaysia Cooper had a double-double



of 30 points and 10 rebounds to lead East Clarendon to a 66-47 win over Carvers Bay on Tuesday at the EC gymnasium.

The Lady Wolverines improved to 13-2 overall and 9-0 in Region VII-2A.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOOPS

MANNING 28
BATES 25

Manning Junior High School defeated Bates 28-25 on Wednesday at the Bates gymnasium.

Taylor Gourdine led Manning with 12 points. Deniya Mellette added seven.

Shamira Andrews and Alyssa Johnson each had eight points for the Lady Bantams.

JV BASKETBALL

CRESTWOOD 39
LAKEWOOD 28

Crestwood High School defeated Lakewood 39-28 on Wednesday at The Castle.

Amoni Washington led the Lady Knights with seven points. April Goodman added six, and Mya Hayes grabbed six rebounds.

BOYS

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOOPS

CHESTNUT OAKS 60
R.E. DAVIS 57

Quamir Stovall scored 26 points to lead the Chestnut Oaks Middle School boys basketball team to a 60-57 win over R.E Davis on Wednesday at the RED gymnasium.

Monteque Rheames added a double-double of 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Falcons. Tykeem Johnson added nine points and Sean Rouse had five.

ALICE DRIVE 47
FURMAN 22

Alice Drive improved to 9-2 with a 47-22 victory over Furman on Wednesday at the ADMS gymnasium.

Quantez Jenkins led the Hawks with 17 points. Brandon Oliver added nine points, while Jalen Bennett had six. Marquis Lane-Owens had five rebounds and six assists.

BATES 58
MANNING 47

Bates Middle School remained undefeated with a

58-47 win over Manning Junior High School on Wednesday at the BMS gymnasium.

Corean Nelson led the 11-0 Bantams with 18 points. Matthew Rogers had 11, Terrain Nelson 10, and Zyeir Gamble and Caleb Jenkins both had nine.

Jh'qwayn Hilton led Manning with 19 points. Justin Daniels had 13 and Jacob Kinard 10.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

MANNING 75
ACADEMIC MAGNET 30

NORTH CHARLESTON — Israel Brown scored 22 points to lead Manning High School to a 75-30 victory over Academic Magnet on Tuesday at the AM gymnasium.

Leondria nelson added 16 points for the Monarchs, who improved to 17-2 overall and 5-1 in Region VII-3A. Darius Williams added nine.

CARVERS BAY 64
EAST CLARENDON 45

TURBEVILLE — East Clarendon High School lost to Carvers Bay 64-45 on Tuesday at the EC gymnasium.

Keyon Wilson led the Wolverines with 12 points. Marquis Pearson and Tyjhai Calvin had 10 apiece.

EC dropped to 7-8 overall and 5-4 in Region VII-2A.

JV BASKETBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 31
WILSON HALL 28

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy improved to 10-3 with a 31-28 win over Wilson Hall on Wednesday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Jalen Sanders led LMA with 16 points, while Denzell Sigler had five.

Tate Sistare led the Barons with seven points, and Jackson Duvall had six.

B TEAM BASKETBALL

SUMTER 47
IRMO 35

Ny'Keem Isaac scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead Sumter High School to a 47-35 win over Irmo on Wednesday at the SHS gymnasium.

Max Keziah and Jabari Tiller both scored six points for the Gamecocks, who improved to 6-3.

WILSON HALL 41
TRINITY-BYRNES 24

DARLINGTON — Wilson Hall improved to 10-4 with a 41-24 victory over Trinity-Byrnes on Wednesday at the T-B gymnasium.

Dylan Richardson led the Barons with 16 points and four assists. Boykin Wilder had seven points and nine rebounds, while Clark Kinney had seven points.

From staff reports

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
1 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Utah State at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
2 p.m. — Figure Skating: European Championships from Minsk, Belarus — Rhythm Dance Competition (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. Hertha Berlin (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Farmers Insurance Open Second Round from La Jolla, Calif. (GOLF).
4 p.m. — Figure Skating: U.S. Championships from Detroit — Rhythm Dance Competition (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — Figure Skating: European Championships from Minsk, Belarus — Ladies Free Skate Program (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Kentucky at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Buffalo at Kent State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Michigan at Indiana (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Rider at Iona (ESPNU).
7:30 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Georgia at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).
8 p.m. — Figure Skating: U.S. Championships from Detroit — Ladies Free Skate Competition (WIS 10).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Toronto at Houston (ESPN).
8 p.m. — High School Basketball: Sunrise Academy (Kan.) at University School (Fla.) (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Butler at Creighton (FOX SPORTS 1).
8:15 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Boys and Girls Singles Championship Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).
8:30 p.m. — College Hockey: St. Cloud State at North Dakota (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — High School Basketball: Goodpasture Christian at Clarksville Academy (STADIUM).
9 p.m. — NHL Hockey: NHL All-Star Skills Competition from San Jose, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Women's Singles Championship Match from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN).
3:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Dubai Desert Classic Third Round from Dubai (GOLF).

SATURDAY
5:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Mixed Doubles Championship Match from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Women's Singles Championship Match from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hannover 96 vs. Borussia Dortmund (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — FC Augsburg vs. Borussia Monchengladbach (FOX SPORTS 2).
11 a.m. — Figure Skating: European Championships from Minsk, Belarus — Men's Free Skate Program (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11 a.m. — College Swimming: Georgia at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
Noon — College Basketball: Colgate at Loyola (Md.) (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — Iowa State at Mississippi (ESPN).
Noon — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — Florida at Texas Christian (ESPN2).
Noon — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — Alabama at Baylor (ESPN).
Noon — College Basketball: Ohio State at Nebraska (FOX SPORTS 1).
12:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 2).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia at Notre Dame (WLTX 19).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: Farmers Insurance Open Third Round from La Jolla, Calif. (GOLF).
1:30 p.m. — Figure Skating: U.S. Championships from Detroit — Free Skate and Men's Short Programs (WIS 10).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Davidson at St. Louis (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — Kansas State at Texas A&M (ESPN).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — Texas at Georgia (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — West Virginia at Tennessee (ESPN).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — Vanderbilt at Oklahoma (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: South Florida at East Carolina (ESPNU).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Boston College at Wake Forest (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
4:30 p.m. — Horse Racing: Pegasus World Cup Invitational (WIS 10).
5 p.m. — Track and Field: New Balance indoor Grand Prix from Boston (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

5 p.m. — College Basketball: Marshall at Southern Mississippi (STADIUM).
6 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Wichita State at Tulane (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — Kansas at Kentucky (ESPN).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: SEC/Big 12 Challenge — Arkansas at Texas Tech (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Tulane at Southern Methodist (ESPNU).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Louisiana State at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — Figure Skating: U.S. Championships from Detroit — Free Dance Competition (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: NHL All-Star Game from San Jose, Calif. (WIS 10).
8 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: San Diego State at Nevada-Las Vegas (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Syracuse at Virginia Tech (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Arizona State at Southern California (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Utah at California (ESPNU).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Colorado at Stanford (FOX SPORTS 1).
8 p.m. — College Gymnastics: Ohio State at Oklahoma (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State at Boston (WOLO 25).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Auburn at Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Arizona at UCLA (ESPN2).

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Varsity Basketball
 Lugoff-Elgin at Sumter, 6 p.m.
 Crestwood at A.C. Flora, 6 p.m.
 Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Lakewood, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Manning at Georgetown, 4 p.m.
 East Clarendon at Hannah-Pamlico (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
 Orangeburg Prep at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
 Laurence Manning at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m.
 Marlboro Academy at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at Northside Christian (No Varsity Girls), 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
 Sumter Christian at Orangeburg Christian (Boys Only), 6 p.m.
B Team Basketball
 Orangeburg Prep at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY
Junior Varsity Basketball
 Sumter JV, Sumter B in Sumter Boys Tournament, TBA

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
 Saturday, Jan. 5
 Indianapolis 21, Houston 7
 Dallas 24, Seattle 22
 Sunday, Jan. 6
 L.A. Chargers 23, Baltimore 17
 Philadelphia 16, Chicago 15

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
 Saturday, Jan. 12
 Kansas City 31, Indianapolis 13
 L.A. Rams 30, Dallas 22
 Sunday, Jan. 13
 New England 41, L.A. Chargers 28
 New Orleans 20, Philadelphia 14

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Sunday, Jan. 20
 NFC
 L.A. Rams 26, New Orleans 23, OT
 AFC
 New England 37, Kansas City 31, OT

PRO BOWL
 Sunday, Jan. 27
 At Orlando, Fla.
 AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)

SUPER BOWL
 Sunday, Feb. 3
 At Atlanta
 New England vs. L.A. Rams, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	36	14	.720	—
Philadelphia	32	17	.653	3½
Boston	30	18	.625	5
Brooklyn	26	23	.531	9½
New York	10	36	.217	24
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	23	24	.489	—
Miami	22	24	.478	½
Washington	20	26	.435	2½
Orlando	20	28	.417	3½
Atlanta	15	32	.319	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	34	12	.739	—
Indiana	32	15	.681	2½
Detroit	21	26	.447	13½
Chicago	11	37	.229	24
Cleveland	9	40	.184	26½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	20	.574	—

San Antonio	27	22	.551	1
New Orleans	22	26	.458	5½
Dallas	21	26	.447	6
Memphis	19	29	.396	8½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	31	15	.674	—
Oklahoma City	29	18	.617	2½
Portland	29	20	.592	3½
Utah	27	22	.551	5½
Minnesota	23	24	.489	8½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	33	14	.702	—
L.A. Clippers	26	22	.542	7½
L.A. Lakers	25	23	.521	8½
Sacramento	24	24	.500	9½
Phoenix	11	38	.224	23

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Indiana 110, Toronto 106
 Boston 123, Cleveland 103
 Brooklyn 114, Orlando 110
 Houston 114, New York 110
 L.A. Clippers 111, Miami 99
 Atlanta 121, Chicago 101
 Charlotte 118, Memphis 107
 Detroit 98, New Orleans 94
 Philadelphia 122, San Antonio 120
 Utah 114, Denver 108

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Golden State at Washington, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 New York at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
 Indiana at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Golden State at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Atlanta at Portland, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Cleveland at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
 Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Washington at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
 Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

THURSDAY, JAN. 24
 MIDWEST
 IUPIU 73, Oakland 71
 FAR WEST
 UC Irvine 75, Hawaii 74, OT

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23
 EAST
 American U. 70, Boston U. 66
 Army 76, Holy Cross 57
 Bucknell 71, Loyola (Md.) 68
 Colgate 57, Lafayette 47
 Duquesne 77, Saint Louis 73
 Hartford 74, New Hampshire 39
 La Salle 73, Fordham 71
 Lehigh 85, Navy 74
 Mass.-Lowell 85, Binghamton 79
 Rhode Island 71, VCU 65
 Saint Joseph's 74, Richmond 70
 St. Bonaventure 65, UMass 51
 Stony Brook 67, Albany (NY) 66, OT
 UMBC 74, Vermont 61
 SOUTH
 Davidson 73, George Washington 62
 FIU 78, FAU 74
 LSU 92, Georgia 82
 Sam Houston St. 78, Northwestern St. 64
 Tennessee 88, Vanderbilt 83, OT
 UCF 75, Tulane 50
 MIDWEST
 Bradley 85, Illinois St. 68
 Drake 78, Evansville 66
 George Mason 67, Dayton 63
 Indiana St. 70, Valparaiso 53
 Marquette 79, DePaul 69
 Missouri St. 70, Loyola of Chicago 35
 Providence 64, Xavier 62
 Purdue 79, Ohio St. 67
 S. Illinois 70, N. Iowa 62
 South Dakota 70, North Dakota 56
 Wisconsin 72, Illinois 60
 SOUTHWEST
 Arkansas 72, Missouri 60
 Cent. Arkansas 76, New Orleans 71
 Houston 94, East Carolina 50
 Lamar 87, Incarnate Word 81, OT
 Oklahoma 70, Oklahoma St. 61
 SE Louisiana 70, Houston Baptist 67
 Stephen F. Austin 61, Abilene Christian 60
 TCU 65, Texas 61
 Texas A&M-CC 75, Nicholls 73
 FAR WEST
 CS Northridge 86, Long Beach St. 71
 Nevada 100, Colorado St. 60
 UC Riverside 74, Cal Poly 51
 Wyoming 59, San Jose St. 46

PRO BASKETBALL

All-Star starters, captains named

BY TIM REYNOLDS
 The Associated Press

LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers and Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks are the captains for this year's NBA All-Star Game.

James and Antetokounmpo were the leading vote-getters from each conference, making them the players who will choose who plays on which team for the Feb. 17 matchup at Charlotte.

They will draft their teams on Feb. 7. As the leading overall vote-getter, James will have the first pick — just as he did last year, when the captain's-choice format was used for the All-Star rosters for the first time. James extended his NBA record by being chosen as a starter for the 15th straight time. Antetokounmpo is now a three-time All-Star.

The starting guards from the East are Boston's Kyrie Irving and Charlotte's Kemba Walker —

who'll get to start on his home floor. The East frontcourt picks were Antetokounmpo, Toronto's Kawhi Leonard and Philadelphia's Joel Embiid. From the West, Stephen Curry and reigning NBA MVP James Harden were the picks at guard, with James, Golden State's Kevin Durant and Oklahoma City's Paul George getting the frontcourt spots.

George won a tiebreaker over New Orleans' Anthony Davis for the final West front-court starting spot.

Walker watched the TNT broadcast of the starters' announcement from Milwaukee, and was clearly pleased and relieved to see that he'll have the chance to start on his home floor.

"It's kind of surreal. It's kind of surreal," Walker told TNT. "I had a lot of doubt coming into my early career about just even being an elite point guard in this league. So for me to become an All-Star for two straight years and then now to become an All-Star starter most definitely proves the doubters wrong. So this is an unbelievable moment in my career."



JAMES



ANTETOKOUNMPO

PRO FOOTBALL



AP FILE PHOTO

Defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, center, is one of the players Los Angeles Rams general manager Les Snead, left, brought in for head coach Sean McVay, right, this year that has helped the Rams reach the Super Bowl.

Snead's big bets on Rams' future pay off in Super Bowl trip

BY GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — One year ago, general manager Les Snead and the Los Angeles Rams' front office decided they had to jump through the championship window that had suddenly, shockingly appeared before them.

Now that they've landed on their feet in Atlanta, Snead has zero regrets about writing the checks and making the commitments necessary for his Super Bowl-bound team to make that leap.

"After winning the division last year, after contending last year, we sat back and said, 'We definitely feel like we can do this, and we could do this consistently for a little while,'" Snead said Wednesday. "I think the moves this year were (about saying), 'Let's improve. That wasn't good enough.'"

The Rams reached the playoffs last season for the first time in 13 years, with rookie coach Sean McVay leading a seven-win improvement for a franchise that hadn't had a winning season since 2003.

But Los Angeles promptly lost its first postseason game to the Falcons, putting a slight damper on that incredible one-season turnaround.

Knowing the tenuousness of NFL success for every team except the Patriots — and realizing the impact that a Super Bowl run could have in the Rams' new hometown — Snead decided it was already time to do everything possible to help homegrown stars Todd Gurley, Aaron Donald and Jared Goff.

"That feeling after Atlanta was hollow, even after the sweetness of the breakthrough," said Snead, the genial Alabama native in charge of the Rams' front office since 2012.

So the Rams made several enormous bets on themselves,

and every single one of them has paid off.

The Rams acquired defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, cornerbacks Aqib Talib and Marcus Peters and edge rusher Dante Fowler to bolster their defense. They gave huge contracts to Gurley and Donald — and even to receiver Brandin Cooks, who had just been acquired from New England for a first-round pick and hadn't even suited up yet for Los Angeles.

Snead's largely homegrown roster was suddenly supplemented by elite, high-priced veteran talent, and McVay's staff made it all work.

After matching the NFL's best regular-season record at 13-3 and then beating Dallas and New Orleans in the post-season, the Rams are beginning preparations for their trip to Atlanta to face New England in the Super Bowl on Feb. 3.

Snead knows some of the Rams' moves were greeted with raised eyebrows. Talib and Peters are well-known for their strong personalities, with Peters particularly enduring rough patches in college at Washington and again with Kansas City.

Yet there hasn't been a hint of serious conflict in the Rams' harmonious locker room. Despite some up-and-down performances, Peters allowed the Rams to get past the loss of Trumaine Johnson, their top cover cornerback last season, while Talib is a team captain who has been the Rams' top cover man since returning from injury in December.

Suh didn't immediately have the dramatic effect many expected after he signed for one season at \$14 million, but he was incredibly disruptive in the Rams' two playoff games — which also happened to be the first two postseason victories of his nine-year NFL career.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Williams' knack for drawing contact sparks No. 1 Tennessee

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's Grant Williams finds ways to get to the free-throw line.

And once he's there, Williams converts. It's part of what makes him the most impactful player on the top-ranked team in the country.

Williams made all 23 of his free-throw attempts Wednesday in a 43-point performance to lead the Volunteers to an 88-83 overtime victory over Vanderbilt.

"I don't think there are many guys in the country who possess the combination of physical and mental toughness, skill level, determination and swagger that he possesses," Florida coach Michael White said.

Williams has emerged as a legitimate candidate for national player of the year honors.

He leads the SEC in scoring (20.3) and ranks second in field-goal percentage (.569). He ranks eighth in rebounds (7.5) and assists (3.6).

His one weakness has been occasional foul trouble. Williams has fouled out four times this season. Tennessee's only loss of the season came in overtime against Kansas after Williams fouled out late in regulation time.

But the 6-foot-7, 236-pound junior is generally drawing fouls rather than committing them.

Williams scores seven points per game from the foul line to lead all Division I players. His leads all Division I juniors in career free throws made (414) and attempted (550). Williams is 42 of 44 on free-throw attempts over his last three games.

"He does a great job of knowing when to be physical and then also knowing when to absorb a lot of contact and get to the free-throw line," Vanderbilt coach Bryce Drew said. "Not a lot of players have the IQ that he does. I think even though he's big and strong, he has a great basketball IQ and uses his body extremely well."



AP FILE PHOTO

Tennessee's Grant Williams (2) is the driving force behind the Volunteers' rise to the top of the college basketball polls. He does a great job drawing contact and picking up fouls on opponents and a great job from the free throw line.

Williams said there was no secret to his success against Vanderbilt.

"It's just a matter of coming in, doing the job and executing," Williams said after the game. "My teammates put me in a lot of great spots. I did a good job of using my physicality to get to the free throw line, and everybody did what they needed to do."

Williams was one shy of the NCAA Division I single-game record of 24 consecutive successful free throws, set by Oklahoma State's Arlen Clark on March 7, 1959. He posted the highest single-game point total of any Tennessee player since Allan Houston also scored 43 against LSU on Feb. 10, 1990.

Williams wasn't always this accurate from the foul line. He made just 66.7 percent of his free throws as a freshman and improved to 76.4 percent last year.

This season, he's sinking 84.6 percent of his free throws. Williams said he made free-throw shooting an emphasis of his off-season training.

"If he gets fouled, we've told him he's got to be able to convert free throws for us, and he's done that," Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said. "He's worked at it."

And improved his overall game along the way.

Williams was only the nation's No. 191 prospect in

his high school class, according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports. He selected Tennessee over some Ivy League and mid-major programs.

The decision has worked out well for Williams.

He emerged as Tennessee's second-leading scorer in his freshman year and was selected by SEC coaches as the league's player of the year in his sophomore season. Now he's helping a Tennessee team that lacks a single top-100 recruit adjust to the pressure that accompanies the No. 1 ranking.

Tennessee (17-1) has 13 straight victories for its longest winning streak since the 1922-23 season, but the Vols needed to come from behind to beat Vanderbilt in their first game since moving atop the rankings.

Williams said the Vols learned their lesson. Tennessee's next test comes Saturday when it hosts West Virginia (9-10) as part of the SEC/Big 12 Challenge.

"Everyone wants to be that team that says, 'I knocked off the No. 1 team in the country,'" Williams said. "That's how we were back in the day. That's how we thought every time we played like a Kentucky when we were freshmen or any time we played Carolina."

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Harden's run should end when he gets help

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

This play midway through the fourth quarter of James Harden's historic effort at Madison Square Garden was largely reminiscent of what the Houston Rockets' offense has looked like lately:

He got the ball.
He kept it for 16 seconds.
He dribbled it 21 times.
He shot.
He scored.

What Harden has done in his last five games — 261 points, 52.2 points per game, zero assisted by a teammate — is astounding by any measure. He's averaged 43.1 points in his last 21 games, keeping Houston in the thick of the Western Conference playoff race. The Rockets have alternated wins and losses in each of their last 10 games, despite Harden's greatness of late.

Earlier this month, Houston guard Austin Rivers described the Rockets' playbook like this to Sports Illustrated: "James Harden. Just get the (bleep) out of his way. Let him do the heavy lifting."

That philosophy should be coming to an end before long.

Rockets point guard Chris Paul will be back soon from his latest tale of hamstring woe, maybe even as early as Friday against Toronto. When that happens, Harden will no longer have to take on so much of the scoring load. His numbers should dip.

The Rockets should rise because of that, strange as it sounds. Fantasy players won't like it so much, but for Houston, it's vital.

Over the last five games, Harden has scored 44 percent of Houston's points, taken 35 percent of its field-goal tries, attempted 57 percent of its free throws. It's simultaneously a Herculean and unsustainable undertaking, and when Paul comes back Harden should get some relief — and take it happily.

"Whatever it takes to win," Harden said, repeating a familiar refrain.

Houston was at its best last year — remember, the Rockets did have the NBA's best record and was probably a hamstring strain by Paul away from



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Houston's James Harden (13) drives past New York's Tim Hardaway Jr. during the Rockets' 114-110 win on Wednesday in New York in which Harden scored 61 points. Harden is averaging 43.1 points per game in his last 21 games and 52.2 in his last five.

winning the NBA title — when Harden was great and part of a system. He's been the entire system, or so it has seemed, since Paul got hurt in Miami a few weeks ago. On the play where he dribbled 21 times against the Knicks on Wednesday, three of his four teammates basically stood around and watched, while a fourth thought about setting a screen that wasn't going to get used anyway.

"He's such a good scorer," Orlando's Nikola Vucevic said earlier this month of Harden. "You have to stay aggressive but you can't foul him. He's going to score. You're not going to stop him. He has the ball so much and they run everything for him."

Soon, they might not have to run so

much for him. A lot, yes. But not everything.

And if the Rockets are going to emerge from the West, that's the way it'll need to be.

This run has probably lifted Harden back atop the MVP race. He's as close to a lock to be the scoring champion as one can be in January — he leads Anthony Davis by 7.0 points per game. Harden's average of 36.3 points is the highest since Michael Jordan averaged 37.1 points in 1986-87, and his lead over the No. 2 scorer is the league's largest gap since Jordan outscored Dominique Wilkins by 8.1 points for that '86-87 title.

"Everybody wants to do different schemes on him to try to slow him

down and he still scores," Rockets forward P.J. Tucker said. "It really doesn't matter. I think it's just up to us to try to figure out the spots we want to get into."

Harden scored a career-high 61 points against the Knicks on Wednesday night, one of the most memorable performances at Madison Square Garden. The Rockets needed darn near every one of them, as they eked out a four-point win. And Harden often went it alone, single-handedly bringing back the iso ball scheme that hasn't really been part of today's wide-open, five-out NBA.

It's been great fun to watch.

It'll be better for Houston when normalcy returns.

Wilson Hall's Kayla Porter, left, works against Laurence Manning defender Audrey Bennett during the Lady Barons' 74-32 victory on Wednesday at LMA's Bubba Davis Gym.

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The Swampcats had a 9-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 22-18 lead at the half.

Laurence Manning outscored the Barons 18-11 in the third quarter to take a 40-29 lead entering the fourth.

Wilson Hall started the final frame on an 8-2 run to cut Laurence Manning's lead to 42-37 with 5:04 to go in the game.

However, Lawson and Wyatt Rowland hit clutch free throws for the Swampcats down the stretch to help salt the game away and give Laurence Manning the win.

The win improved Laurence Manning's overall record to 8-10 and its region record to 2-2. Meanwhile, Wilson Hall fell to 5-9 overall and 1-3 in region play.

"We had our first four region games on the road," Talley said. "But we're home for the next four."

The night went much differently for the Wilson Hall girls, as they handled the Lady Swampcats with a resounding 74-32 victory.

"When we lose a game, it's a wake-up call, an opportunity to get better," Lady Barons head coach Glen Rector said, referring to Wilson Hall's loss to Florence Christian last Friday. "(We had good) fundamentals and intensity. We committed to working hard and played well tonight."

Natalie Jackson led the Lady Barons in scoring with 19, Haley Roone McCaffrey had 14 and Susanna Hutson and Cameron Duffy both added 10.

"It was a team effort," Rector said. "Every girl played hard and strongly encouraged each other. The bench was cheering for them; it was a great team effort for our young ladies."

Breanna Boykin and Katherine Burns led Laurence Manning in scoring with seven and Audrey Bennett added five.

"We have to cut down on turnovers and slow the ball down," Lady Swampcats head coach Gary Bennett said. "We have to bring it (the ball) up the floor more methodically, take our time and be more patient. (Our girls need to) keep their head(s) up and keep plugging away. We're a young team and we're getting better."

The Lady Barons were up 18-9 after the first quarter.

However, Wilson Hall would go on a tear in the second quarter, outscoring Laurence Manning 25-3 in the period to take a 43-12 lead at the half.

Wilson Hall outscored the Lady Swampcats 19-11 in the third quarter to take a 62-23 lead heading into the fourth.

"Sometimes we think the moment is too big," Coach Bennett said. "We're in a rebuilding phase and the future looks bright. We're really young; we have to stay the course, trust the system and (the girls have to) trust themselves."

The win improved Wilson Hall's overall record to 14-2 and its region record to 3-1. Laurence Manning fell to 7-9 on the season and 0-4 in region play.

Wilson Hall will be at home on Friday against Orangeburg Prep. LMA plays at Florence Christian on Tuesday.

KNOX FROM PAGE B1

Knox, whose career record is 517-273 heading into Tuesday's game against Lewisville, has coached his teams to 26 state playoff appearances in his 31 seasons and has brought home two 2A state championships and two more second-place finishes. Knox is a 10-time region coach of the year.

"I feel honored to be selected to the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and to be numbered among the elite coaches in South Carolina," Knox said.

His secret to success?

"I've had good help and I've had good kids," he said. "I've had great community support. To me, the community has always been a big part of it."

"I love to see the kids be successful -- that's been the most important thing to me is seeing that the kids are successful as time progresses."

Knox said he was influ-

enced early on by his high school football coach at So-castee High School, Tim Moore.

"He was my football coach, and he gave me my first job down at Blackville-Hilda," Knox said. "I learned from him when I first started coaching basketball, as an assistant football coach and junior high basketball coach down in Barnwell County. There was something he always said: 'The team that works the hardest is the team that usually wins.' I thank God for the kids that I've been able to coach and work with throughout the years, and for the community."

Knox has already passed on his coaching legacy, saying he plans to make the best of his retirement, watching his son Brad coach the Darlington High School girls basketball team. "I think he's doing a pretty good job," Knox said.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Lee Central High School varsity boys basketball head coach Laverne Knox, left, holds a framed jersey commemorating his 500th win last season at the LCHS gymnasium. Knox is with his wife, Joann, middle, son, Brad, right and a grandson, Braylen, who will be inducted into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame later this year.

OPEN FROM PAGE B1

WTA rankings for the first time; Osaka is currently No. 4, Kvitova is No. 6.

In the men's semifinals, Rafael Nadal continued his relentless roll through the draw by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-2, 6-4, 6-0 at night. Nadal has not dropped a set as he bids for a second Australian Open title and 18th Grand Slam

trophy overall.

Osaka's fourth-round finish at Melbourne Park a year ago was her best showing at a major until last year's U.S. Open, where she outplayed Williams in the final. A victory over Kvitova would make Osaka the first woman to win two Slams in a row since Williams claimed four straight across the 2014-15 seasons.

Two years ago, Kvitova missed the Australian Open, just weeks after her left hand was stabbed by an intruder

at her home in the Czech Republic. Back at her best during what she calls her "second career," Kvitova surged to a 7-6 (2), 6-0 victory against 35th-ranked American Danielle Collins after Rod Laver Arena's retractable roof was closed as the temperature soared toward 105 degrees (40 Celsius).

Kvitova reached her first major final since the December 2016 knife attack that led to hours of surgery on the hand she holds her racket with —

and first since winning Wimbledon for the second time in 2014.

"I didn't know even if I (was) going to play tennis again," Kvitova said. "It's been a long journey."

Against Collins, a two-time NCAA champion at the University of Virginia who was 0-5 at Slams until this one, Kvitova was more aggressive throughout, mixing big lefty forehands and well-timed pushes forward to the tune of a 30-9 edge in total winners.

OBITUARIES

ELIJAH PRINGLE

Elijah Pringle, 94, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.



PRINGLE

Born on Aug. 6, 1924, in Sumter, he was a son of Elijah and Alice Pringle. He was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1952 and was active with the Sumter East Congregation.

He is survived by his daughters and their husbands, Linda Pringle Jamison (Charles) of Philadelphia, Catherine Pringle Carter (Tyronne) of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, and Thomasina Kennedy; his sons, Elijah Pringle of Philadelphia and Kevin Rubin Pringle of Bishopville; grandsons, Damien Jamison, William Jamison and Devin Jarmon; great-grandchildren, Makai Robinson-Jamison, Caslyn Robinson-Jamison and Rallie Robinson-Jamison, all of Philadelphia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness East Congregation, 99 Oswego Highway, Sumter.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 710 Simmons Road, Sumter.

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

The funeral cortege will leave at 12:20 p.m. from the home.

Burial will follow at Davis Cemetery, Bishopville.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com.

LOUISE FLEMING MACK

Louise Fleming Mack was born on June 4, 1920, in Shiloh Township, Sumter County, to the late Henry Frank Fleming and Fannie Benn Fleming. She departed this life on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at the age of 98 years old.

Louise grew up in Sumter County and spent her early childhood in "Shiloh," which she often talked about with joy. She attended Sumter County schools and later was sent to Brockington High School in Timmonsville, where she graduated. After graduating from Brockington High School, where she was a brilliant student, she applied to Morris College and was accepted. However, she opted to work at a chair factory in Sumter instead. As a child, she grew up in St. John United Methodist Church and later joined (Little) St. John Baptist Church and other Baptist churches. Getting saved at an early age, she was an ardent church worker.

She leaves to mourn her loss: her grandchildren, Keisha Spann, Xavier Taylor, Albert Taylor, Valerie Taylor, Natasha Taylor and Anthony Spann; a son-in-law, Daniel Taylor; three sisters, Sarah Fleming Geathers, Lillie B. Fleming Robinson and the Rev. Vertell (Tommie) Fleming Shaw; one sister-in-law, Eloise Fleming; a special niece, the Rev. Jacqueline Fleming (the Rev. Thomas) Myers; a special long-time caretaker, Carrie Duffie; a number of great-grandchildren; the Mack family; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Louise was preceded in death by her first husband,

Junior Spann, and second husband, Henry Mack; three children, Mason Spann, Natasha Berlie Spann Taylor and Connell Spann; a grandson, Anthony Spann; five brothers, Joseph Fleming, Booker T. Fleming, John Henry Fleming, Murray Fleming and Sammie "Pop" Fleming; five sisters, Addie Fleming Johnson, Albertha Fleming, Janie Fleming Robinson, Olivia Fleming Prince and Elreata Fleming; and a special niece, Fannie Cynthia Fleming.

Louise, we all miss you very, very much, but we feel a special joy that you are now resting with the Savior.

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

Mrs. Mack will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at St. John United Methodist Church, 4640 Narrow Paved Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080 with Pastor Benjamin Graham officiating. Interment will follow at St. John Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home of her grandson, 4965 Trinity Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

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

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

JOHN CANTY

SUMMERTON — Deacon John Canty, 93, widower of Mary Tindal Canty, died on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

He was a son of the late James and Susan Martin Canty.

Masonic Rites will be held from 5 until 7 p.m.

today at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

Funeral services for Deacon Canty will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, 1130 Granby Lane, Summerton, with the Rev. Dr. W.T. Jonson, pastor, officiating, and Minister Earnestine Oliver, Minister Carlson Thompson and Elder Willie Starks assisting. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 3 DuBOSE St., Summerton.

These services are entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

GERLEAN BENNETT PEARSON

SUMMERTON — Gerlean Bennett Pearson, 80, widow of Ferdinand Pearson, died on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019.

She was a daughter of the late Thomas Bennett Sr. and Ebenezer Clark Bennett.

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearson will be

held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Unity Christian Church, 1631 Trinity Church Road, Alcolu, with Elder Henry Hilton officiating, Minister Tonie Mellette presiding and Pastor Myra Pearson, Elder Leroy Dingle and Pastor Devon Coker assisting. Burial will follow at Carolina Johnson Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 1690 MW Rickenbaker Road, Manning.

These services are entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

ADA COOPER-KIRBY

Funeral services for Ada Cooper-Kirby will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Goodwill Presbyterian Church, 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, with the Rev. Dr. Richard F. Dozier officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.



KIRBY

A public viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

She was born on Oct. 4, 1940, in Gable, to the late Robert and Cora Johnson Cooper.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Gladys Felder, Sarah Ceasar and Jessie Neat; and three brothers, Robert Cooper, James Cooper and Jerome Johnson.

She transitioned from this life on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, in Sumter.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three sons, David (Jeanette) Cooper Sr., Raymond Kirby and Allen Kirby; grandson, David Cooper Jr.; great-granddaughter, Khiayla Cooper; three sisters, Fannie Cooper, Mary Robinson and Dorothy Johnson; brother, Clifton Johnson; two sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving friends at 50 Mims Road, Sumter.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

JOHN C. BARTHOLF

Brig. Gen. John C. Bartholf, 93, died peacefully on Jan. 18, 2019, in his Sumter home.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1925, in the Panama Canal Zone, Panama, to Brig. Gen. John and Madeline Bartholf. In June 1946, he graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, with a Bachelor of Science degree, a commission and his pilot wings. He had an amazing 29-year Air Force career, flying P-51 Mustangs, F-84 Thunderstreaks, P-80s, F-86s, Navy F9F-6 Cougars, F-100s, F-101s, F-102s and F-4Ds.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, he was assigned to the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing as assistant director of operations, Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB) and later became the director of operations of the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Udorn

at her home in the Czech Republic. Back at her best during what she calls her "second career," Kvitova surged to a 7-6 (2), 6-0 victory against 35th-ranked American Danielle Collins after Rod Laver Arena's retractable roof was closed as the temperature soared toward 105 degrees (40 Celsius).

RTAFB. During his tour, he completed 125 combat missions (100 over North Vietnam) and was awarded the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving as an F-4D Aircraft Commander over North Vietnam. He then commanded the 79th Tactical Fighter Squadron and 81st Tactical Fighter Wing Royal Air Force Stations Bentwaters/Woodbridge, England. His final assignments were with Logistics command at Warner Robins Air Force Base and one last pass in the Pentagon in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems and Logistics. After retiring from the Air Force, he moved to Lusby, Maryland, where he enjoyed boating and crabbing on the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River, riding horses, and shooting the occasional woodchuck. John was a brave and dedicated fighter pilot, as well as a loving husband and father. He married Eleanor Patricia Adams in 1957 in Sacramento, California, and they were happily married for more than 61 years.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter, Paige Weiland (retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert); sons, retired U.S. Air Force Col. John P. Bartholf (Lynette) and retired U.S. Army Reserve Col. Mark C. Bartholf (Tiffany); and five grandchildren, Emily, Logan, Blair, Brooke and Rachel.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Arlington National Cemetery.

CLAUDIA DAVIS

Claudia Davis, 92, widow of Wallace "Buster" Davis, died on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, at her home in Sumter County.

Born on April 15, 1926, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Allen and Lillian Witherspoon Davis.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 3880 Myrtle Beach Highway.

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

LEROY JENNINGS

Leroy Jennings, 84, husband of Rosa Jennings, transitioned from this life on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, in Sumter.

He was born on June 11, 1934, in Lee County, to the late James and Colzie Cook Jennings.

The family is receiving friends from 4 to 9 p.m. daily at 5660 Rivers Road.

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

LEIGH-ANNE WADDELL

Leigh-Anne Waddell, age 37, beloved wife of Jody Waddell, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



DAVID EUGENE EVANS

David Eugene Evans, 74, was called to his heavenly home on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019, at Barnadas Hospital, East Orange, New Jersey.

Born on June 11, 1943, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late John and Nora White Evans. David attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1964 graduate of Eastern High School, now known as R.E. Davis Elementary School. During his high school years, he was a bus driver and an outstanding football player. After graduating, David relocated to Newark, New Jersey, with his sister, Delphenia, and was employed by Micro Engineering Co. Shortly after, he was drafted into the United States Army and toured in Vietnam from 1969 to 1973. After his tour of duty, he gained employment with the United Parcel Service and remained with the company for 30 years. He was also an investor in real estate and was the owner of an apartment duplex and was a general contractor.

He leaves to cherish his memories: Alma Smallwood Evans, to whom he was married at an early age, and to this union a daughter was born, Dawn Evans Haynes (Kevin Harris). He also had three sisters, Delpheina E. Cunningham, Martha Amos and Geraldine (Joe) McKenny; two brothers, James (Gwen) Westley and George Wright; one uncle, Harmon L. Evans; two grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home of his sister, 1421 Illery Road, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Saint James Holiness Church, 3655 Myrtle Beach Highway, Sumter, with Elder Alfreda Johnson, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

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

Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia.

These services are entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

ELLEN CHARLES

BISHOPVILLE — Ellen Charles entered eternal rest on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019, at McCoy Memorial Nursing Center, Bishopville.

The family is receiving friends and relatives at the home of her niece, Geneva Atkinson, 386 Manville-Wisacky Road, Bishopville.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sumter Urban Area Transportation Study (SUATS) pursuant to the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), gives notice of the following action. Effective January 20, 2019, SUATS will accept public review and comment on a policy amendment concerning the 2017 - 2022 SUATS Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the SUATS 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The SUATS TIP outlines federally funded transportation projects that SUATS is considering in the short-term, over the next four (4) years. The SUATS LRTP outlines federally funded public transportation projects that SUATS has approved over the long-term, twenty five (25) years and serves as our plan to improve the transportation system in the Sumter community. TIP Amendment Description: Adoption of policy outlining procedures and definitions for TIP Corrections and formal TIP Amendments.

LRTP Amendment Description: Amendment to LRTP and formal SUATS adoption and incorporation of Safety and Pavement & Bridge Condition Performance Management Targets.

Public review and comments will be received until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 11, 2019. Copies of all applicable documents, as well as additional information concerning these proposed actions are available upon request at the address cited below. This public notice and the time established for public review and comments on the TIP satisfies SWRTA Section 5307 Program of Project (POP) requirements.

Written comments may be sent to Mr. Jeff Derwort, Senior Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Commission, Mailing Address - PO Box 1449, Sumter, SC 29151 Physical Address 12 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the address above, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.
Chairman, SUATS Policy Board

Trespass Notice

TRESPASS NOTICE

No fishing, boating or trespassing of any kind on the property known as WR Simpson, WR Simpson Farms, WR Simpson, Jr., PO Boys Hunting Club & Buck and Bull Farms. Located in Sumter and Clarendon Counties.

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICES

IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NUMBER: 2018-ES-43-521

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Thelma Lee, Petitioner,
IN RE:
Estate of **Robert Lemuel Caughman**

Please take notice that Thelma Lee has applied to the Sumter County Probate Court by Summons and Petitions seeking Determination of Heirs of Robert Lemuel Caughman deceased. James Stoddard has been appointed Guardian ad Litem for unknown heirs or persons under disability.

Pleadings for this action are on file in the Sumter County Probate Court. A Notice of Hearing advising the date, time and place of the hearing will be filed in that Court.

A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr., Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 2446
Sumter, SC 29151

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted Full-Time

Bucket operator/groundman needed for local tree service. **Must have Valid Drivers License.** Call 803-983-9721.

Full time or part time Cashier needed. Apply at Wally's Hardware 1291 Broad St.

Warehouse space available 25' x 50' (with or without restroom) 14' x 14' roll up door, outdoor RV hook-up & parking space available - Great location Call 803-968-7878

2 PT or 1 FT CDL driver, with clean driving record to switch trailers in yard or move freight within Sumter, Mon-Fri. 7-5 Call 803-938-2708 lv. msg.

Nesbitt Transportation is now hiring Class A CDL Drivers. Must be 23 yrs old and have 2 yrs experience. Home nights and weekends. Also hiring diesel mechanics. Call 843-621-0943 or 843-659-8254

Help Wanted Part-Time

Computer Services Assistant (PT)
Assists patrons using library computers. Hours: Mon. - Tue. 4:00 to 8:00; Sat - Sun. 2:00 to 6:00. Apply at Sumter County Library

Help Wanted Part-Time

Caregiver needed for home health. Must pass background check. Call 803-236-3603.

Work Wanted

I'm looking for work and have the following skills: Accounting, teaching, industrial technology, professional driving, and communications. For a copy of my resume and a short description of my credentials, e-mail me at friskylane@yahoo.com Thank you and have a nice day!

RENTALS

Unfurnished Apartments

HUNTINGTON PLACE APARTMENTS RENTS FROM \$675 PER MO. 1 Month Free with a 13 month lease. (2 bedroom only)

LEASING OFFICE LOCATED AT ASHTON MILL APARTMENT HOMES 595 ASHTON MILL DRIVE 803-773-3600

OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9-5

Senior Living Apartments for those 62+ (Rent based on income)
Shiloh-Randolph Manor
125 W. Bartlett.
775-0575
Studio/1 Bedroom apartments available EHO

Mobile Home Rentals

2 & 3BR/2 ba, No pets, section 8 accepted
803-469-6978/803-499-1500 betw. 9am-5pm

Clean 3BR 2BA MH. C/H/A, mature couple only \$475 mo + \$475 dep, 803-775-0492 Lv Msg

4BR, 2BA DW MH with Dbl. carport . C/H/A, Hwy 15 near Summerton, \$600/mo., \$600 sec. dep. 803-378-6206.

American MHP, 2 & 3/BR, lot rentals, water/sewer/garbage pkup inc'd. 803-494-4300.

Commercial Rentals

The Ebony is available for rent. Parties, meetings, receptions, outdoor events, ect.. Call 443-756-1860 leave message.

REAL ESTATE

Land & Lots for Sale

78 acres: cut over hunting land Hwy 378. On 1 mile road. Sumter, SC \$125,000. Call Bobby Sisson 803-464-2730

TRANSPORTATION

Autos For Sale

2011 Chevrolet Impala LT excellent condition, 78,300 miles. \$6795. Call 803-840-7556

Notice of Sale

MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE 2018-CP-43-0004

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **LongBridge Financial, LLC** against **The Estate of Inez Ward Fleming, et al., I,** the undersigned Master in Equity for SUMTER COUNTY, will sell on **Monday, February 4, 2019 at 12:00 PM,** SUMTER COUNTY Courthouse, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT PIECE, PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND IN THE COUNTY

Want to Rent

DIGNITY VILLAGE APARTMENTS

will be taking applications for our waiting list, you must be 62 and older and meet our income eligibility requirements.

Our office is open Monday thru Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.

11 N. Blanding Street Sumter, SC 29150

775-9611

Request for Bid for Cleaning Services

Santee Lynches Regional Council of Government (SLCOG) is seeking a Cleaning Service Provider to conduct cleaning two (2) days a week, before or after business hours, at our office located at 2525 Corporate Way, Suite 200, Sumter, SC 29154. For more information, please go to <http://www.santeelynchesocg.org/> and click the link for Request for Bid for Cleaning Services.



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OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONSISTING OF FOUR ACRES WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON SITUATE AND LYING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD LEADING FROM SUMTER TO CAIN'S MILL AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY COUNTY ROAD AND MEASURING THEREON TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE (285) FEET; EAST BY OTHER LANDS OF GRANTOR AND MEASURING THEREON SIX HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN AND FOUR-TENTHS (637.4) FEET; SOUTH BY LANDS OF J.F. JACKSON AND MEASURING THEREON TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE (281) FEET, AND WEST BY LAND BY H.F. JACKSON AND MEASURING THEREON SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN (614) FEET. BE ALL OF SAID MEASUREMENTS A LITTLE MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING MORE FULLY SHOWN BY PLAT MADE BY PALMER AND MALONE, C.E. DATED FEBRUARY 28, 1948.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING IN PRIVATEER TOWNSHIP OF SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, CONTAINING ONE ACRE ACCORDING TO A PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY WILLIAM E. LINDLER, JR., PLS DATED NOVEMBER 11, 2002, FILED FOR RECORD DECEMBER 17, 2002 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 2002, PAGE 701 AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCED PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-5-250 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976 (SEE AMENDED).

TOGETHER WITH A 30-FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS SHOWN ON THE AFORESAID PLAT.

TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR RIGHTS, MEMBERS, HEREDITAMENTS AND APPURTENANCES TO THE SAID PREMISES BELONGING, OR IN ANYWISE INCIDENT OR APPERTAINING.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 2700 Caine Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Parcel No. 209-00-01-010

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder). A personal or deficiency judgment being expressly waived by the Plaintiff, the bidding shall close after the date of sale. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.943% per annum.

SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

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

The Honorable Howard P. King As Master in Equity for SUMTER County

Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC
508 Hampton Street, Suite 301
Columbia, SC 29201
803-509-5078 / File # 17-43467
Attorney for Plaintiff

Notice of Sale C/A No: 2018-CP-43-01256

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas,** as Trustee for Dover Mortgage Capital Corporation Grantor Trust Certificate Series 2004-A vs. **Darryl T. Tyler** aka **Darryl Tyler;** **Gwendolyn Graham Tyler;** **LNVN Funding LLC;** **West Coast Servicing, Inc.,** I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **February 4, 2019 at 12:00 PM,** at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: ALL that parcel of land in the City of Sumter, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, being known and designated as Lot 101, Manchester Downs, recorded in Plat Book 91 at page 1175.

THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto **Darryl T. Tyler** and **Gwendolyn Graham Tyler** by virtue of a Deed from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated February 24, 1998 and recorded February 25, 1998 in Volume 698 at Page 461 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

1864 Palamino Circle

Notice of Sale

Sumter, SC 29154 TMS# 209-01-02-033

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Five and 83/100 (5.83%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-39-720 (1976). If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

Hutchens Law Firm
P.O. Box 8237
Columbia, SC 29202
803-726-2700

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2016-CP-43-01042

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC** vs. **James Walter Cassata;** **Jessika Danielle Mauricio,** the undersigned Master In Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on **February 4, 2019 at 12:00PM,** at the Sumter County Judicial Center, City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DELINEATED AS LOT NOS. 1, 2 & 3 OF BLOCK "F", AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF BEN J. MAKELA, R. L. S., DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1993 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 92 AT PAGE 1994, AND HAVING SUCH BOUNDARIES, METES, COURSES AND DISTANCES AS ARE SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN § 30-50-250 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED. THIS PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS 39 PALMER DRIVE, SUMTER, SC. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LEE H. MAJOR HEREIN BY DEED FROM LAWRENCE F.C. BAUM DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1993 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 19, 1993 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN VOLUME 586 AT PAGE 1036.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, ZONING ORDINANCES OR EASEMENTS THAT MAY APPEAR OF RECORD ON THE RECORDED PLATS OR ON THE PREMISES.

THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JAMES WALTER CASSATA AND JESSIKA DANIELLE MAURICIO BY DEED OF KIMBERLY J. HUEBNER, DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2008, AND RECORDED OCTOBER 1, 2008, IN DEED BOOK 1113 AT PAGE 00348, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 5705 Lost Creek Drive, Sumter, SC 29154 TMS: 1320901025

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale

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to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.25% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances.

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

The Honorable Howard P. King Master In Equity for Sumter County

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

STATEBRIDGE COMPANY, LLC Plaintiff,

v. **LEE H. MAJOR; HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA, INC.,** Defendant(s).

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Statebridge Company, LLC** against **Lee H. Major** and **Home Equity of America, Inc.,** the undersigned Howard P. King, Master in Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on **February 4, 2019, at 12:00 P.M.** at the Sumter County Judicial Center, located at 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DELINEATED AS LOT NOS. 1, 2 & 3 OF BLOCK "F", AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF BEN J. MAKELA, R. L. S., DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1993 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 92 AT PAGE 1994, AND HAVING SUCH BOUNDARIES, METES, COURSES AND DISTANCES AS ARE SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN § 30-50-250 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED. THIS PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS 39 PALMER DRIVE, SUMTER, SC. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LEE H. MAJOR HEREIN BY DEED FROM LAWRENCE F.C. BAUM DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1993 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 19, 1993 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN VOLUME 586 AT PAGE 1036.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 39 PALMER DRIVE, SUMTER, SC 29150 TMS: 228-07-01-005

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.75% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Master's Order and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order. This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given. Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the

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integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding, you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of a licensed South Carolina attorney.

The Honorable Howard P. King
Master in Equity for Sumter County
Jonathan M. Riddle #101475
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Telephone: (803) 462-5006
Facsimile: (803) 929-0830
Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-43-0209 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Hilldale Trust against Melissa M. Marro aka Melissa Marro nka Melissa Beach aka Melissa M. Beach, SC Housing Corp., and Discover Bank, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on February 4, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at the Sumter County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel and lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, lying and being in the Township of Stateburg, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot #36, Block B, Oakland Plantation Subdivision #3, as shown on that certain plat prepared by J.P. Edwards, RLS, dated April 6, 1979, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Volume Z-42 at page 402, and having such metes and bounds as are shown on said plat, this description being in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina. This is the property known as 2415 Hunt Club Road, Represented by Sumter County Parcel 134-09-02-006. Being the same property conveyed to Melissa Marro by deed of Scott A. Holler, dated December 28, 2006 and recorded January 2, 2007 in Deed Book 1059 at Page 1037. TMS No. 134-09-02-006 Property Address: 2415 Hunt Club Road, Sumter, SC 29154 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.7500%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. Since a deficiency judgment is being demanded, the bidding will remain open for thirty (30) days after the date of sale, pursuant to S.C. Code ANN. Section 15-39-720, (1976). The deficiency judgment may be waived by the Plaintiff upon written request prior to sale. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Honorable Howard P. King Master in Equity Sumter County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Fax 803-454-3541

MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE CASE NO. 2018-CP-43-01195

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority against Suzette Annette Porter**, George Nathaniel, Kay Glover Nathaniel, Maurice Glover, Antoine Glover, Chris Anderson, as Heirs at Law of Susie Mae Porter and Clyde H. Nathaniel, both deceased, et al., I, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, February 4, 2019, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.**, at the Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 32, Block "B", on that certain plat of Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated July 30, 2002 and recorded in the Office of the ROD for Sumter County in Plat Book 2002 at Page 445, reference to which is craved for the exact metes, boundaries and distances pursuant to authority contained in Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. This is the property known as 40 Reed Street, Tax Map #248-09-04-015.

This being the same property conveyed to Susie Mae Porter by deed of Sheldon Seruya and Michael L. Geddings dated July 30, 2002 and recorded July 31, 2002 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 851 at Page 512.

TMS#: 248-09-04-015

Property Address: 40 Reed Street Sumter, S.C. 29150

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.25% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, IRS 120-day right of redemption, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

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Attorney for the Plaintiff
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Columbia, S.C. 29211
(803) 233-1177
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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association vs. Josephine B. Eaves; John M. Eaves;** The United States of America acting by and through its agency Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, C/A No. 2018CP4301892, The following property will be sold on **February 4, 2019, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereto, situate, lying, and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated as Lot 228 on a plat of Sunway Knolls Subdivision, Section 7, prepared by Michael C. Turbeville, III, RLS, dated

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SURVIVORSHIP, BY DEED OF ALEENA R. SMART, DATED AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 4, 1969 IN DEED BOOK Q-9 AT PAGE 53, RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY. THEREAFTER, THE SAID VERNON L. BROWN DIED ON DECEMBER 3, 1980, THEREBY VESTING FULL TITLE IN MILDRED C. BROWN.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 18 Lindley Avenue, Sumter, SC 29150 TMS: 205-04-04-019

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.41% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances.

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

The Honorable Howard P. King
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MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE CASE NO. 2018-CP-43-01195

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority against Suzette Annette Porter**, George Nathaniel, Kay Glover Nathaniel, Maurice Glover, Antoine Glover, Chris Anderson, as Heirs at Law of Susie Mae Porter and Clyde H. Nathaniel, both deceased, et al., I, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, February 4, 2019, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.**, at the Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 32, Block "B", on that certain plat of Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated July 30, 2002 and recorded in the Office of the ROD for Sumter County in Plat Book 2002 at Page 445, reference to which is craved for the exact metes, boundaries and distances pursuant to authority contained in Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. This is the property known as 40 Reed Street, Tax Map #248-09-04-015.

This being the same property conveyed to Susie Mae Porter by deed of Sheldon Seruya and Michael L. Geddings dated July 30, 2002 and recorded July 31, 2002 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 851 at Page 512.

TMS#: 248-09-04-015

Property Address: 40 Reed Street Sumter, S.C. 29150

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.25% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, IRS 120-day right of redemption, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association vs. Josephine B. Eaves; John M. Eaves;** The United States of America acting by and through its agency Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, C/A No. 2018CP4301892, The following property will be sold on **February 4, 2019, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereto, situate, lying, and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated as Lot 228 on a plat of Sunway Knolls Subdivision, Section 7, prepared by Michael C. Turbeville, III, RLS, dated

Notice of Sale

September 24, 1991, and recorded in Plat Book 91 at Page 1254 in the Office of Register of Deeds for Sumter County. Reference to said plat is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description. Derivation: Book 533; Page 109

2247 Honeysuckle Ln, Sumter, SC 29150 204-06-01-007

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

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. Personal or deficiency judgment having been demanded or reserved, the sale will remain open for thirty (30) days pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §15-39-720 (1976). The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.5% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2018CP4301892.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **PennyMac Loan Services, LLC vs. Lloyd R. Horton;** C/A No. 2018CP4300781. The following property will be sold on **February 4, 2019, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any and all improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 118 of Williamsburg Subdivision on that certain plat by Michael C. Turbeville, PLS dated November 22, 2004, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2005 at Page 524 Derivation: Book 1030 at Page 1544

3025 Capetown Dr, Sumter, SC 29153 187-14-02-011

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

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.875% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2018CP4300781.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

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NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-43-01501 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company against Alvin O'Neal Lightsey aka Alvin Lightsey and Geraldine L. Caffro aka Geraldine Caffro, Individually and as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of John W. Lightsey aka Johnny Ward Lightsey; Karen Sue Malady aka Karen Malady, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devises of John W. Lightsey aka Johnny Ward Lightsey, 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, the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority as administrator of the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund, The South Carolina Department of Revenue, and Palmetto Health Tuomey, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on February 4, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at the Sumter County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that piece, parcel, or lot of land, and the improvements thereon, located in Sumter County, South Carolina, approximately two miles south of the City of Sumter, now or formerly bounded as follows: on the north by lands of Oscar F. DuBose, for a distance of 266.7 feet, more or less; on the east by lands of Reubin and Mamie Lee White for a distance of 96.7 feet, more or less; on the south by the land of Janet F. McAllister for a distance of 264.3 feet, more or less; and on the west by Hawkins Street for a distance of 101.7 feet; said land being more accurately shown on a plat of April 7, 1970 prepared by Julian B. Allen, R.L.S., and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County in Book Z30 at page

Notice of Sale

78. Being the same property conveyed to John W. Lightsey and Dessie Mae P. Lightsey, as joint tenants with the right of survivorship, by deed of Miriam DuBose Ford (Cordell), dated July 22, 1971 and recorded July 22, 1971 in Deed Book T9 at Page 80; thereafter, Dessie Mae P. Lightsey died on December 18, 2002, leaving John W. Lightsey as owner of the subject property by right of survivorship; thereafter, John W. Lightsey aka Johnny Ward Lightsey died intestate on November 11, 2016 leaving the subject property to his heirs at law or devisees, namely, Alvin O'Neal Lightsey aka Alvin Lightsey, Geraldine L. Caffro aka Geraldine Caffro, and Karen Sue Malady aka Karen Malady, as is more fully preserved in the Probate Records for Sumter County, in Case No. 2017ES4300185. TMS No. 252-01-03-010 Property Address: 1311 Hinson Street, Sumter, SC 29150

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.7480%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Honorable Howard P. King Master in Equity Sumter County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Notice of Sale C/A No: 2018-CP-43-01053

BY VIRTUE of a DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Ocean Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Lorraine K. Key** a/k/a Lorraine K. Key; Raymond A. McBride; WAFI Investments, LLC, I, the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **February 4, 2019 at 12:00 PM**, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Sumter County, South Carolina, delineated as Lot 133 of Concord Estates Subdivision on plat prepared by H. S. Willson, RLS, dated May 12, 1995 and recorded in Plat Book 95 at Page 519 in the RMC Office for Sumter County and bounded and measuring as follows: on the north by Lot 134 and measuring thereon 111.10 feet; on the east by Memorial Avenue and measuring thereon 140 feet; on the south by Lot 132 and measuring thereon 111.10 feet; and on the west by Lots 128 and 127 and measuring thereon 139.99 feet, be the said measurements more or less.

This being the same property conveyed unto Lorraine K. Key by Deed of Raymond A. McBride and WAFI Investments, LLC dated September 18, 2002 and recorded September 20, 2002 in Volume 857 at Page 266, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

Thereafter, Lorraine K. Key conveyed the subject property unto WAFI Investments, LLC by Deed dated March 8, 2004 and recorded April 8, 2004 in Book 832 at Page 1558, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

209 Memorial Avenue Sumter, SC 29153 TMS# 252-03-03-014

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Six and 125/1000 (6.125%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

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NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2018-CP-43-00408

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. vs. Philip Moore; Bonita Moore; First Security Mortgage Corp.; U.S. Small Business Administration,** the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County,

Notice of Sale

South Carolina, will sell on **February 4, 2019 at 12:00PM**, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DESIGNATED AS LOTS 11 AND 12 ON A PLAT PREPARED BY BEN J. MAKELA, RLS, DATED JUNE 21, 1995 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RMC FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 95 AT PAGE 615. SUBJECT PROPERTY IS BOUNDED AND MEASURES AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHWEST BY LOT NO. 13 AND MEASURING THEREON 149.75 FEET; ON THE NORTHEAST BY LOT NOS. 10, 9 AND 8 OF PATRIOT PARK SUBDIVISION AND MEASURING THEREON IN A BROKEN LINE, THE AGGREGATE OF 161.49 FEET; ON THE SOUTHEAST BY LOT NO. 10 AND MEASURING THEREON 150.05 FEET; AND ON THE SOUTHWEST BY MAPLEWOOD DRIVE AND FRONTING THEREON 160.08 FEET; BE ALL OF SAID MEASUREMENTS A LITTLE MORE OR LESS AND ACCORDING TO SAID PLAT.

This being the same property conveyed to Philip Moore and Bonita Moore by Deed of Lillie P. Justus dated June 30, 1995 and recorded July 3, 1995 in Book 626 at Page 183 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 11 Maplewood Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 TMS: 228-02-02-022

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances.

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

The Honorable Howard P. King
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INTERIM MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-43-00129

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper vs. Eric Eugene Ellis, I,** the undersigned Howard P. King, Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, February 4, 2019 at 12:00 PM**, at the County Judicial Center, 215 Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that piece, parcel or lot of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying, and being in Sumter Township, Sumter County, South Carolina delineated as Lot No. 15 in Mariners Cove Subdivision on Plat prepared by H. S. Willson, RLS, dated April 29, 1993, and recorded in Plat Book 93 at Page 680 in the RMC Office for Sumter County, and bounded and measuring as follows: On Northeast by Lot 16 and measuring thereon 235.07 feet; on the East by Lot 17 and measuring thereon 122.73 feet; on the Southwest by Lot 14 and measuring thereon 310.53 feet; and on the Northwest by Ketch Avenue and measuring thereon 100 feet, be the said measurements more or less.

This being the same property conveyed to Eric Eugene Ellis by deed of Harden Construction Company, Inc. dated May 7, 1993 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on May 10, 1993 in Book 570 at Page 1463.

TMS No. 208040404012

Property address: 1771 Ketch Avenue, Sumter, SC 29150

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

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

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Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Interim Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.750% per annum.

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

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

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

The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative,

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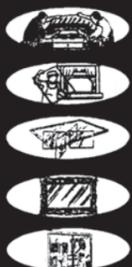
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2 militia members admit role in attack on Minnesota mosque

Two Illinois militia members pleaded guilty Thursday in the 2017 bombing of a Minnesota mosque, admitting that they hoped the attack would scare Muslims into leaving the country.

Michael McWhorter, 29, and Joe Morris, 23, of Clarence, Illinois, pleaded guilty in federal court to five counts that also included an attempted bombing of an Illinois abortion clinic. Each faces at least 35 years in prison. A third defendant, Michael Hari, 47, who prosecutors said directed the bombing, remains in custody in Illinois.

Florida secretary of state quits after blackface photos emerge

Michael Ertel, the newly appointed secretary of state of Gov. Ron DeSantis, has resigned after photos emerged of him posing as a Hurricane Katrina victim in blackface at a private Halloween party 14 years ago.

The photos obtained by the Tallahassee Democrat were shown to the governor's office on Thursday morning. Hours later it issued a statement accepting Ertel's resignation.

The photos were taken in 2005, eight months after Ertel was appointed Seminole County supervisor of elections and two months after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

NASA's storm-silenced rover marks 15th anniversary on Mars

NASA's Opportunity rover is silently marking the 15th anniversary of its touchdown on Mars.

The spacecraft hasn't been heard from since a global dust storm last June. It logged more than 28 miles on the planet before falling silent. There was so much dust in the Martian atmosphere that sunlight could not reach Opportunity's solar panels to generate power.

Flight controllers are still sending commands to the rover in hopes of a response.

Mormon church says it's not opposed to hate-crime bill

The Mormon church says it won't oppose strengthening hate-crimes legislation in Utah to include protections for LGBT people. The announcement Thursday could break a long-running legislative logjam on the issue.

Utah has a hate-crime law, but it doesn't protect specific groups, and prosecutors have said it's essentially unusable. Efforts to update the law have failed in recent years after the influential church weighed in.

Congo's new leader takes office in first peaceful power transfer

Opposition leader Felix Tshisekedi was sworn in as Congo's president Thursday, marking the country's first peaceful transfer of power since independence from Belgium nearly 60 years ago, and announced plans for the release of all political prisoners.

From staff and wire reports

Scandal still clouds Chicago

'Old-style politics' are in play in combative mayor's race



Powerful Chicago Alderman Ed Burke, who finds himself charged with attempted corruption, has had close ties with candidates who hope to succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel. BRIAN CASSELLA/AP

Aamer Madhani USA TODAY

CHICAGO – Over the past four decades, federal prosecutors have racked up more than 1,700 corruption convictions of elected officials, government employees and contractors, a toll of graft and malfeasance that has left longtime Chicagoans accustomed to the sight of public servants taking perp walks on the evening news.

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, ex-Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. and disgraced public schools chief Barbara Byrd-Bennett are among the many who in recent years have done or are still doing time in the federal penitentiary for using their offices to enrich themselves.

More than 30 Chicago aldermen – members of the City Council – have been convicted of political corruption since 1973. Another, Willie Cochran, heads to trial in June to answer charges of wire fraud, bribery and extortion. Federal authorities say the retired police officer solicited a bribe from a local business owner and made off with \$30,000 he collected to help people in his ward.

But the latest scandal unveiled by federal

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Trump open to 'down payment'

President would reopen government for 3 weeks

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump said Thursday he is open to a measure to end the partial government shutdown for three weeks in exchange for a "down payment" on his border wall, marking a potential breakthrough in the weekslong stalemate.

Trump's comments that he would consider a "reasonable agreement" worked out by Senate leaders to reopen federal agencies came as pressure built on him and congressional Democrats to end the impasse that dragged the shutdown into a 34th day, representing the longest such lapse in U.S. history.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., began a flurry of talks earlier Thursday over a short-term funding measure after two competing bills to reopen the government failed on the Senate floor.

Trump said that if McConnell and Schumer "come to a reasonable agreement, I would support it, yes."

"I have other alternatives if I have to. ... We have to have a wall in this situation."

President Donald Trump

Still, it was not clear how large Trump's "down payment" would need to be to secure his support. And as he spoke with reporters, the president repeatedly left himself room to back away from any deal reached by leaders on Capitol Hill.

"It depends on what the agreement is," Trump said.

Asked if he would sign such an agreement without any funding for a wall, Trump responded by saying, "I wouldn't be happy with it."

"I have other alternatives if I have to," Trump said, an apparent reference to the national emergency declaration he has been considering for weeks. "We have to have a wall in this situation."

Despite the lack of clarity, Trump's remarks represented a departure from his earlier demand for \$5.7 billion in border wall funding as a prerequisite for opening the government.

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60 years ago today, an American Airlines Boeing 707 made the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. jet flight, traveling from Los Angeles to New York City.



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Doomsday is holding steady at 2 minutes

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

According to the Doomsday Clock, it's two minutes to midnight. That's the same time as last year and remains the closest it's been since 1953 at the height of the Cold War.

The nonprofit Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists decides whether the events of the previous year pushed humanity closer to or further from destruction.

According to the group, the clock "conveys how close we are to destroying our civilization with dangerous technologies of our own making."



Former California Gov. Jerry Brown, left, and former Secretary of Defense William Perry unveil the Doomsday Clock on Thursday in Washington. CLIFF OWEN/AP

"A new abnormal: It is still two minutes to midnight," the Bulletin reported Thursday. "Humanity now faces two simultaneous existential threats, either of which would be cause for extreme concern and immediate attention."

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown, executive chair of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, said, the threats are "nuclear weapons and climate change. The longer world leaders and citizens thoughtlessly inhabit this abnormal reality, the more likely it is that we will experience the unthinkable."

"We're playing Russian roulette with humanity," he said.

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prosecutors this month has shocked even hardened veterans of Chicago's political scene – and cast a shadow over next month's mayoral election.

Authorities say Democratic Alderman Ed Burke, a 50-year veteran of the City Council and chairman of its powerful finance committee, tried to shake down officials of a company that operates dozens of Burger King franchises in Illinois.

The 14-candidate mayoral race already had been shaping up to the city's most competitive in decades. In the

weeks since charges of attempted extortion against Burke were unsealed Jan. 3, political corruption has become the dominant topic in the campaign.

"Chicago is still America's most corrupt city," said former Alderman Dick Simpson, a political scientist at the University of Illinois-Chicago. "The bold corruption isn't as rampant as it once was. But ... the old-style politics of shaking down businessmen for illegal bribes or campaign contributions still continues."

Burke, who is running for re-election to the City Council next month, said he's "not guilty of anything."

"I have not done anything wrong," Burke said. "And I'm sure that once it gets to court it will be clear."

The nation's third-largest city abounds with thorny challenges: Persistent gun violence terrorizes pockets of the city, taxpayers face \$27 billion in unfunded pension obligations for city workers, and an exodus of residents from Chicago complicates nearly all facets of governing.

Rahm Emanuel, who has been Chicago's mayor for nearly eight years, announced in September that he would not seek a third term.

Now, the city's problem with corruption has moved to the forefront.

The four top-funded candidates to succeed him – Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, former Chicago Board of Education President Gery Chico and former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley – have all found themselves under scrutiny for long-standing ties to Burke.

Preckwinkle, who was endorsed by the powerful Chicago Teachers Union, has said she will return \$116,000 in

political donations she collected at a fundraiser at Burke's home last year. She also has faced questions about why her administration hired Burke's son, Edward Burke Jr., in 2014 to be the training and exercise manager for the Cook County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department. The younger Burke left the job last year.

Mendoza was married at Burke's home in a ceremony officiated by the alderman's wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke. When Mendoza announced she was running for city clerk in 2010, she called Ed Burke her "true champion" and told supporters the alderman was "primarily the reason why I stand before you today."

Burke has endorsed Chico, who was an aide to the alderman 30 years ago and in recent years partnered in a law firm that has earned millions lobbying at City Hall on behalf of Cisco Systems, Exelon Generation and Clear Channel and other companies.

Daley, commerce secretary under President Bill Clinton and chief of staff to President Barack Obama, is the son and brother of Chicago's two most famous mayors: Richard J. and Richard M. Daley. Burke has given the Daley family at least \$30,000 in political contributions over the years, according to the Chicago Tribune. But the Daleys and Burke have also been rivals: Richard M. Daley beat Burke in the 1980 race for the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

Former Obama strategist David Axelrod, director of the Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago, said the Burke case "already has had an impact in that there is more focus on ethics than there has been in previous elections."

The four candidates with ties to Burke are working mightily now to dis-

tribute themselves. Preckwinkle has called on Burke to resign from the City Council and has proposed prohibiting council members from holding outside employment. Bill Daley also has called for banning outside employment, shrinking the size of the council from 50 to 15 and imposing term limits. Chico has also backed term limits and called for a ban on most outside income for aldermen.

In the alleged Burger King shake-down, federal prosecutors say in court papers that Burke told the owner of Tri City Foods, the second-largest franchisee of Burger King restaurants with stores in six Midwest states, that he had been holding up permits to renovate one of its restaurants in his ward because constituents expressed concerns about trucks parking there overnight.

Prosecutors say Burke told owner Shoukat Dhanani he was a partner in a law firm that works with clients on property tax appeals. Dhanani told the FBI that he "read between the lines" that Burke was suggesting he'd smooth the permits in exchange for their business, prosecutors say.

Less than two weeks later, prosecutors say, another official with the restaurant group called to give Burke an update on the parking concerns. This time, prosecutors say, Burke was more direct. "Good," Burke said in a conversation the FBI says was wiretapped. "And, um, we were going to talk about the real estate tax representation and you were going to have somebody get in touch with me so we can expedite your permits."

Burke slow-walked the permitting process for months, prosecutors say, causing the franchise to lose sales because it couldn't open an unfinished dining room to customers.

Corrections & Clarifications

A story Jan. 17 about the automotive color of the year mischaracterized Axalta's ranking among automotive paint suppliers. Axalta is a leading supplier of automotive paint.



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Democrats have considered offering more money for border security but have said that offer would include no new money for a wall.

Trump then went on an extended and familiar riff about the problems with illegal border crossings.

He said that "technology" is not adequate to defeat the problem.

"You need the wall," Trump said.

Talks escalated amid increased public pressure on Trump as well as some of his Democratic opponents.

Workers in essential government services such as air-traffic control, the FBI, the IRS, the Coast Guard and airport screening have said performance is suffering because of the shutdown.

Members of both parties said they have heard rising complaints from constituencies.

A group of House Democrats asked Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to seek

an accommodation with Trump on the wall funding issue.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said that a three-week reopening of federal agencies would indicate "good faith from both sides."

White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said earlier that congressional leaders were negotiating "to see whether or not they can work out of the deadlock."

To win White House support, she said, any agreement would require "a large down payment on the wall."



Investigators say they don't know why a gunman barricaded himself inside this SunTrust Bank branch Wednesday. XAVIER MASCARENAS/USA TODAY NETWORK

Officials say Florida attack likely random

The victims, all women, included 4 bank workers

John Bacon and Will Greenlee
USA TODAY

SEBRING, Fla. – The five people fatally shot in a Florida bank were all women and four worked for SunTrust, but investigators believe the rampage was a random act, authorities said Thursday.

Customer Cynthia Watson and bank employee Marisol Lopez were among the victims, Sebring Police Chief Karl Hognlund said. He said families of the other three people who died had requested the names not be released.

Investigators had not determined why Zephen Xaver, 21, barricaded himself inside the bank branch Wednesday and opened fire. Xaver walked into the bank at 12:30 p.m., "overtook the bank by force (and) shot everyone in the bank," Hognlund said.

At 12:36 p.m. Xaver called 911 and told the dispatcher he had killed five people, Hognlund said. Police arrived four minutes later. After Xaver refused to allow officers into the bank, a SWAT team rushed in at 1:54 p.m. and Xaver surrendered, Hognlund said.

Sebring Mayor John Shoop said residents of the quiet, central Florida town of 10,000 were stunned by the tragedy.

"We have not changed, but our world has," Shoop said. "This event will pass but unfortunately it will never be forgotten."

A judge Thursday ordered the former prison guard trainee held without bond on five counts of first-degree murder.

Xaver had been hired in November to work at the nearby Avon Park Correctional Institution but quit two weeks ago without explanation, a spokesman said. Sharon Spillane, a neighbor of Xaver, said she did not see him often but that he seemed normal.

Xaver recently relocated to Florida from Indiana. Alex Gerlach told WSBT-TV in Indiana she had an on-and-off relationship with Xaver for two years and had kept in contact every few months since. She said he often talked about wanting to hurt people.

"I never understood where it started," she told the station. "For some reason (he) always hated people and wanted everyone to die."

She said he bought a gun last week, but that she and others had shrugged it off because he always liked firearms.

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Russia warns against US military role in Venezuela

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday warned against "destructive interference" in Venezuela from outside forces and called President Nicolas Maduro to reaffirm Moscow's support for the embattled leader – one day after the Trump administration declared Maduro's presidency illegitimate.

Putin's phone call to Maduro was a rebuke to President Donald Trump's efforts to undercut the Venezuelan president.

A senior Russian official said military intervention in Venezuela would create a "catastrophic scenario" in the region. "We warn against this," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said in an interview with International Affairs magazine, a Russian media outlet.

In his phone call with Maduro, Putin "stressed that destructive outside interference grossly violated the fundamental norms of international law," according to a report from Russia's state-owned media outlet Tass.

Wednesday, Trump recognized Juan Guaido, head of Venezuela's opposition-led National Assembly, as the country's interim president – saying the incumbent leftist Maduro is not the country's legitimate leader.

When asked whether the U.S. was considering military action, Trump said, "We're not considering anything, but all options (are) on the table."

Other administration officials emphasized using economic sanctions. "What we're focusing on today is disconnecting the illegitimate Maduro regime from the source of its revenues," Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, said Thursday, according to a White House pool report.

The Trump administration seeks a United Nations Security Council meeting Saturday to discuss the Venezuelan crisis. Bolton said the administration was working with other governments in the region and in Europe to strengthen Guaido's position.

"We're talking to our colleagues in Europe and elsewhere to demonstrate widespread political support for the in-



Anti-government protesters cheer for Juan Guaido on Wednesday in Caracas, Venezuela. BORIS VERGARA/AP

terim presidency," Bolton said, "and we're moving to do everything we can to strengthen this new legitimate representative government."

United Kingdom Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said he supported the U.S. move to recognize Guaido.

"We are extremely concerned about the situation in Venezuela, but it is clear that Nicholas Maduro is not the legitimate leader of Venezuela," Hunt said during a visit to Washington on Thursday.

Maduro was sworn in Jan. 10 to a second term amid allegations of vote rigging and other electoral fraud. His country in upheaval, Guaido declared himself interim president Wednesday, saying he was "formally assuming the responsibility of the national executive."

Thousands of Venezuelans staged anti-Maduro protests, calling on the leader to step down as the country reels from spiraling inflation and a shortage of food and medicine. The Associated Press reported that at least a dozen protesters have been killed.

"The people of Venezuela have courageously spoken out against Maduro and his regime and demanded freedom and the rule of law," Trump said Wednesday in recognizing Guaido as the country's legitimate leader.

Maduro responded by cutting diplomatic ties with the United States and giving American diplomats stationed in Venezuela 72 hours to leave. Pompeo said U.S. Embassy staff would remain at the invitation of Guaido.

Several other Latin American countries, along with Canada, recognized Guaido as Venezuela's leader.

Contributing: Doug Stanglin

NEWS

Senate panel subpoenas former Trump lawyer

Cohen wants pledges he, family will be protected

Bart Jansen and Kevin Johnson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee on Thursday subpoenaed Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former lawyer and longtime fixer, to testify about his dealings with the president. The panel is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Wednesday, Cohen refused to testify voluntarily before a House panel because of "threats" from Trump and his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani.

Lanny Davis, one of Cohen's lawyers, confirmed Thursday that he received a subpoena to testify Feb. 12, before Cohen is due to report to federal prison. Davis told MSNBC that Cohen will "honor" congressional subpoenas but that appearances would depend on lawmakers' assurances that Cohen and his family would be protected.

"Mr. Cohen is concerned that when you are labeled a rat and you are going to federal prison, there could be some danger," Davis told MSNBC.

Cohen has been a central figure in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and a separate inquiry into payoffs to conceal allegations that Trump carried on affairs with two women. One of the convictions for which Cohen was sentenced to three years in prison was for providing a false statement to the Senate panel about the extent of negotiations to build a proposed Trump Tower in Moscow, which continued during most of 2016.

Cohen admitted he lied last year when he told House and Senate panels that Trump's private company dropped plans to build a tower in Russia before



Michael Cohen received a subpoena from the Senate Intelligence Committee, his lawyer confirmed. COREY SIPKIN/AFP/Getty Images

the Republican presidential primaries began.

Spokesmen for the Senate panel declined to comment. Cohen didn't reply to a request for comment.

Cohen was sentenced to three years in prison for a series of federal crimes, including campaign finance violations, tax evasion and lying to Congress. He had long defended Trump in legal, business and political matters but turned on him as federal prosecutors focused on his business and legal dealings.

Cohen had offered to testify at the House panel voluntarily, then withdrew. The committee's chairman, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said the panel would hear from Cohen "as sure as night becomes day," but he hadn't decided

Wednesday whether to subpoena him.

"Due to ongoing threats against his family from President Trump and Mr. Giuliani, as recently as this weekend, as well as Mr. Cohen's continued cooperation with ongoing investigations, by advice of counsel, Mr. Cohen's appearance will be postponed to a later date," Davis said Wednesday about the House appearance. "This is a time when Mr. Cohen had to put his family and their safety first."

Trump suggested investigators should look into Cohen's father-in-law, and on Sunday, Giuliani said on CNN that Cohen's father-in-law "may have ties to something called organized crime."

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Trump will hold off on speech

William Cummings
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump agreed late Wednesday to postpone his State of the Union address after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told him he would not be invited to give the speech to a joint session of Congress in the House of Representatives' chamber until the partial government shutdown is resolved.

Although the president had considered delivering the address at a different location, Trump said he decided to postpone the speech because "no venue that can compete with the history, tradition and importance of the House Chamber."

Trump's decision was a reversal from his position earlier Wednesday when he insisted in a letter that he would deliver the speech in there despite Pelosi's security concerns.

"It would be so very sad for our Country if the State of the Union were not delivered on time, on schedule, and very importantly, on location!" he wrote in the letter.

In response to the speaker's maneuver, many lawmakers and political analysts alike mourned the passing of yet another Washington and political tradition.

While this appears to be the first time a House speaker has declined to allow the president to deliver his remarks, it is far from the first time that a State of the Union address was not delivered "on schedule" and "on location."

According to the House Office of the Historian and the Clerk of the House's Office of Art and Archives, in the 230 years since George Washington's first term began, only 83 State of the Union addresses were delivered in person from the floor of the House of Representatives.

Cop killed by fellow officer, police say

Local, state authorities probe St. Louis death

Aamer Madhani
USA TODAY

Police in St. Louis are investigating the shooting death of a 24-year-old officer early Thursday by a fellow cop who "mishandled" a firearm, authorities said.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Commissioner John W. Hayden Jr. said Officer Katlyn Alix was shot in the chest shortly before 1 a.m. as she sat in the living room of a fellow officer's apartment in the city's Carondelet neighborhood.

Hayden said two on-duty male officers went to one of their homes in the midst of their shift. Alix, who was off duty, met the officers there.

He said Alix was shot in the chest by a 29-year-old officer in what he described as an "accidental discharge of a weapon."

The department said a preliminary investigation found the officer "mishandled a firearm."

Police did not release the names of the two male officers.

Hayden said they used police radio to report an "officer in need of aid" and rushed Alix to St. Louis University Hospital. She was pronounced dead soon after arriving at the hospital.

Police said that the gun was recovered at the scene. They did not say whether it was a service weapon, or why the officers were at the home during their shift.

"All that will be part of the investigation," Hayden told reporters.

Alix entered the St. Louis Police Academy in June 2016 and was commissioned as a police officer two years ago. She was assigned as a patrol officer in South St. Louis.



St. Louis Police Officer Katlyn Alix, 24, was fatally wounded by a fellow officer who mishandled a firearm early Thursday, police say.

ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

She is survived by her husband, mother, father and sister, police said.

"Officer Alix was an enthusiastic and energetic young woman with a bright future ahead of her," Hayden said.

Jeff Roorda, business manager for the St. Louis Police Officers Association, urged the public to remain patient while investigators piece together what happened.

"We know that the press and the public want to understand what happened," Roorda said in a statement. "So do we. But for now, we wait; we wonder; and we weep."

The officer who fired the weapon has one year of service with the department, police said.

The other officer, also 29, has been with the department for nearly two years.

The police department's Force Investigation Unit is investigating the shooting. St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kimberly Gardner said her office dispatched investigators to the scene and she's asked the Missouri State Highway Patrol to assist her agency.

"This is a tragic situation," Gardner said. "The family of Officer Alix deserves a complete, objective and thorough investigation of this incident. My office is approaching this criminal investigation with the highest level of seriousness and urgency."

Planetary collision may have helped life begin

Brett Molina
USA TODAY

A collision between Earth and another planet that helped form the moon may have also delivered key components for creating life, a study suggests.

Rice University researchers believe the Earth collided with another planet roughly the size of Mars more than 4.4 billion years ago.

The collision not only helped form our moon, but the planet smashing into Earth left elements such as carbon and nitrogen, called volatiles, required to form new life.

In a statement, Rajdeep Dasgupta, a petrologist at Rice University and a co-author on the study, said that while scientists have known volatiles didn't originate on rocky planets like Earth, how and when these elements arrived "has been hotly debated."

"Ours is the first scenario that can explain the timing and delivery in a way that is consistent with all of the geochemical evidence," Dasgupta said.

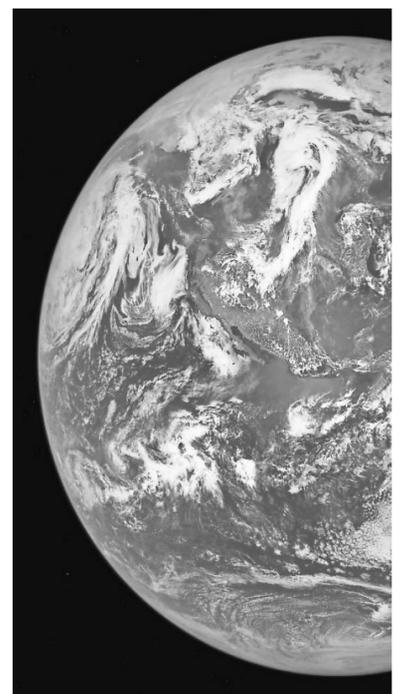
The study was published Wednesday in the peer-reviewed journal *Science Advances*.

One long-standing theory for how the Earth earned these life-creating elements was via meteorites arriving right after the core formed, researchers say. However, scientists say ratios of carbon to nitrogen are higher on Earth than they are on the meteorites.

Because evidence elements such as carbon and nitrogen exist everywhere but Earth's core, researchers ran a series of experiments simulating the creation of a planetary core to learn under what circumstances these elements could be absorbed.

They then took results of those experiments and ran approximately 1 billion computer simulations. The researchers compared them to conditions in the solar system to determine how these elements appear on all non-core material on Earth, which scientists call bulk silicate Earth.

"What we found is that all the evi-



A NASA camera on the Deep Space Climate Observatory satellite has returned its first view of the entire sunlit side of Earth from 1 million miles away. NASA

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Rajdeep Dasgupta
Rice University petrologist

dence — isotopic signatures, the carbon-nitrogen ratio and the overall amounts of carbon, nitrogen and sulfur in the bulk silicate Earth — are consistent with a moon-forming impact involving a volatile-bearing, Mars-sized planet with a sulfur-rich core," said Grewal in a statement.

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FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night With Shannon		Tucker Carlson			
FREE	20	131	(5:00) ** "Armageddon" (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.	** "Cloverfield" (2008, Science Fiction) Michael Stahl-David, Yustman. A monstrous creature wreaks havoc in New York.	Mike Vogel, Odette Yustman. A monstrous creature wreaks havoc in New York.		gown-ish "Girls Like You"	The 700 Club Miracles and answered prayers.	** "Abduction" (2011)				
FSS	21	47	Pro Football Week	Boxing 30 (N)	Bear Bryant Award Show '19		SportsMoney	3 Wide Life (N)	Raceline (N)	Auburn Basketball	Pro Football Week	ACC All-Access	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "The Birthday Wish" (2017) Jessy Luke, Luke Macfarlane.	"Love on the Slopes" (2018, Romance) Katrina Bowden, Thomas Beaudoin. A copy editor meets an extreme sports enthusiast.	"Love on Ice" (2017, Drama) Julie Berman, Andrew W. Walker, Gail O'Grady. A figure skating champion gets a second shot at glory.					"Season for Love" (2018)			
HGTV	39	112	House Hunters	House Hunters	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "Hidden Pyramids"	Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Alien Communication" Tales about sky gods visiting Earth.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Fallen Angels" A cleric is slain at a grave site.					CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Five bodies are found in the desert.			
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Russell's son becomes a murder suspect.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Fallen Angels" A cleric is slain at a grave site.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Five bodies are found in the desert.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation An unidentified man is found in a car.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Five people are killed in a plane crash.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) ** "The Stepfather" (2009) Dylan Walsh, Sela Ward.	** "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell, Juliette Lewis. A woman takes her daughter and flees her abusive husband.	** "Boyfriend Killer" (2017, Suspense) Barbie Castro. A woman suspects her son's girlfriend planned his death.					** "Enough" (2002)			
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	Lip Sync Battle	Double Dare (N)	Henry Danger	Cousins for Life	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Friends	Friends	** "Creed" (2015) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son.					** "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence.			
SYFY	58	152	(5:30) *** "Ant-Man" (2015, Action) Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. (DVS)	** "Fast & Furious" (2009, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Fugitive Dom Torretto and Brian O'Conner resume a feud in Los Angeles.	* "Everly" (2014, Action) Salma Hayek, Hiroyuki Watanabe, Laura Cepeda. Premiere. A sex slave battles a mobster's legion of assassins. (DVS)		** "The DUFF" (2015) Mae Whitman, Robbie Amell. A teen tries to overthrow a judgmental classmate. (DVS)		** "Baby Face" (1933) Barbara Stanwyck, George Brent.				
TBS	24	156	Bob's Burgers "Mazel-Tina"	Bob's Burgers "Uncle Teddy"	Bob's Burgers (DVS)	** "Doctor Strange" (2016, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams. The Ancient One introduces Dr. Stephen Strange to magic. (DVS)	** "Road to Bali" (1952) Bing Crosby. Two vaudevillians help save an island beauty's treasure.		I Am Jazz "Caterpillar to Butterfly" Jazz agrees to a TV interview.		Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "The Fountainhead" (1949, Drama) Gary Cooper. (DVS)	** "Strike Me Pink" (1936, Musical Comedy) Eddie Cantor, Ethel Merman, Sally Eilers. Meek amusement-park manager fights crooks.	** "The Accountant" (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals. (DVS)					** "The Accountant" (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals. (DVS)			
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	I Am Jazz "Caterpillar to Butterfly" Jazz agrees to a TV interview.		Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper			
TNT	23	158	Bones "Player Under Pressure" A college-basketball player dies.	** "The Accountant" (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals. (DVS)	** "The Accountant" (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals. (DVS)					** "The Accountant" (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals. (DVS)			
TRUTV	38	129	Inside Carbonaro	Inside Carbonaro	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Laff Mobb Laff	Laff Mobb Laff	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	Modern Family "Catch of the Day"	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Ten Years Later"	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Tough Love"	Modern Family "No Small Feet"	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family Luke goes missing. (DVS)	Modern Family "Wine Weekend"	
WE	68	166	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup Scott stuns Lizzie.		Extreme Love (N)	Love After Lockup Scott stuns Lizzie.		Extreme Love			
WGNA	8	172	*** "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007, Action) Bruce Willis, Justin Long. America's computers fall under attack.	Pure "Ordination"					Married ... With		Married ... With		

New Disney kid-com stars teen Broadway veteran

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Disney introduces TV viewers to 13-year-old actress/musical artist Ruth Righi (Broadway's "School of Rock the Musical"). She's the title star of "Sydney to the Max" (8:25 p.m., TV-G). A teen comedy about living with three generations under a single roof, "Sydney" also stars Ian Reed Kesler as her father, Max, who is also seen in flashbacks as his teenage self in the 1990s, played by Jackson Dollinger.

Look for Caroline Rhea ("Sabrina the Teenage Witch") as Judy, Sydney's spunky grandmother, who's always ready to offer anecdotes (that spark a flashback) showing how the young teen's concerns aren't that different from her own experiences, or her son's.

Series creator Mark Reisman is no stranger to generations sharing tight spaces. His writing credits include "Frasier." This G-rated comedy is aimed at young people ages 6 to 14.

Fans of period dramas should note that Netflix begins streaming the second season of "Medici" (TV-14). The Italian-British drama features an impressive cast, including Julian Sands as Piero de Medici. Dustin Hoffman appeared in season one ("Medici of Florence") as Piero's father.

A period piece of another sort, Netflix imports "Kingdom" (TV-MA), from South Korea. Set in Korea's medieval Joseon period, it involves a prince's efforts to investigate a mysterious plague only to discover the contagion has arrived in the form of vampires. Six episodes in all.

John Goodman ("The Conners") can be seen in the limited, eight-episode British series "Black Earth Rising" (TV-MA), a co-production between the BBC and Netflix. An American lawyer based in London, Michael Ennis (Goodman) comes to the aid of his research assistant, Kate Ashby (Michaela Coel), when the 28-year-old woman, adopted as a child, begins to look into her real roots. After learning that she is a survivor of a mass genocide in her native Rwanda, her past becomes inescapable after Kate's adoptive mother, Eve (Harriet Walter), begins a case against an Afri-



Ruth Righi, left, stars as Sydney and Caroline Rhea as Judy in the new Disney sitcom "Sydney to the Max," premiering at 8:25 p.m. today on the Disney Channel.

can militia leader.

A legal thriller set in international tribunals, "Rising" examines thorny issues of international culpability for African tragedies costing millions of lives.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Ryan Gosling stars in the 2017 reboot "Blade Runner 2049" (7:15 p.m., Cinemax), a technically and visually dazzling effort.
- The 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Championships (8 p.m., NBC), live from Detroit.
- Kyle's first day at work takes him through a political minefield on "Last Man Standing" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG).
- The Houston Rockets host the Toronto Raptors in NBA action (8 p.m., ESPN).
- The nature of analog videotape looms large in the narrative of the 2008 shocker "Cloverfield" (8:30 p.m., Freeform).
- The final five vie to survive on "Hell's Kitchen" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- "20/20" (9 p.m., ABC) recalls multiple murderer Cary Stayner, who terrorized Yosemite National Park in 1999.
- Rebecca strives for happiness on "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- "Great Performances" (9

p.m., PBS, check local listings) presents the Minnesota Opera's performance of the stage drama "Doubt." Music by Douglas J. Cuomo and libretto by John Patrick Shanley, author of the original play.

After ditching a possessive boyfriend, a woman cannot shake the feeling she's being followed on "Your Worst Nightmare" (9 p.m., ID, TV-14).

Frank's threat may come

from within the force on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

The ultraviolent thriller series "Strike Back" (10 p.m., Cinemax, TV-MA) enters its seventh season, titled "Revolution."

CULT CHOICE

A schemer (Barbara Stanwyck) seduces one boss after

another on her way to the top of a major corporation in the 1933 comedy "Baby Face" (11:45 p.m., TCM). Among the films that sparked a puritanical backlash that resulted in decades of movie self-censorship, known as the Hays Code.

SERIES NOTES

Stuck inside on "Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Roughing it on "Fresh Off the Boat" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Fallon's outdoor adventure runs amok on "Dynasty" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Rumors swirl about Margaret's new beau on "The Cool Kids" (8:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Dylan feels overshadowed on "Speechless" (8:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A bank heist rattles Steve on "Hawaii Five-0" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

John Goodman is booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Matt LeBlanc, Nikki and Brie Bella, and Jo Firestone on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Allison Williams, Ryan Eggold, Sam Richardson and Jason McGerr visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 26

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)			2019 NHL All-Star Game From the SAP Center in San Jose, Calif. (N) (Live)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live James McAvoy; Meek Mill Host James McAvoy; Meek Mill performs. (N) (Live)				
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Paid Program Paid programming.	FBI "Prey" The murders of 18 young women.		48 Hours		48 Hours (N)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Second Chances" A domestic drug ring is uncovered. (DVS)		
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Beaches Resorts Family Week"	Jeopardy!	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	Wipeout "Feed Jill" Contestants run the obstacle course.				
WRJA	27	11	14	Victoria on Masterpiece "London Bridge Is Falling Down" Victoria must decide whether to fight.	Father Brown "The Chedworth Cyclone" Father Brown is drawn into boxing.	The Doctor Blake Mysteries: Family Portrait: Murders, weddings, and a funeral.			Austin City Limits "Willie Nelson" Willie Nelson performs. (N)	Bluegrass Underground "Rev Osagyefo Sekou"					
WACH	57	6	6	Ring of Honor Wrestling		Boxing Premier Boxing Champions. Undefeated WBA welterweight champion Keith Thurman defends his title against Joselito Lopez. (N) (Live)			WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	The James Brown Show (N)	Hell's Kitchen "An Episode of Firsts" Five chefs face a new challenge. (DVS)		Ring of Honor Wrestling		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Kyle is distracted by a new interest.	Last Man Standing Teaching Eve to drive.	Saving Hope "Fearless" Alex and Dana try to save a mother.	Leverage "The Studio Job" The team infiltrates the music world.		The Listener "The Shooting" The team must prove Michelle was set up.	Dateline		Dateline			
CABLE CHANNELS															
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 01.18.19"		(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 186" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.26.19" (N) (Live)			Live PD "Live PD -- 01.26.19"					
AMC	48	180	(6:30) ** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.		Planet Earth: Dynasties "Chimpanzee (Extended Version)" Chimps are led by an alpha male. (N)			(:25) *** "Jaws" (1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss. A man-eating shark terrorizes a New England resort town.							
ANPL	41	100	Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees "Golden Girl"		Hanging With the Hendersons		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls-Parolee				
BET	61	162	(5:50) ** "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.		(7:57) ** "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" (2011, Romance-Comedy) James Earl Jones. A talk-show star returns to his Southern hometown.			(:04) ** "Madea's Witness Protection" (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts. Madea uses tough love on a Wall Street banker and his family.							
BRAVO	47	181	(6:58) Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles James and David go all out.		** "No Strings Attached" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher, Cary Elwes. Two lifelong friends try not to let sex ruin their relationship.			** "No Strings Attached" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher. Two lifelong friends try not to let sex ruin their relationship.							
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss "YESCO"		Undercover Boss "Taco Bueno"		Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition		Undercover Boss "Squaw Valley"		Undercover Boss		
CNN	3	80	The Van Jones Show (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		CNN Special Report		CNN Special Report		The Eighties VCRs: remote controls; family sitcoms.				
COM	57	136	(6:50) ** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Adam Sandler, Christopher McDonald. A powerful swing convinces a hockey player he can join the PGA tour.		*** "Finding Nemo" (2003) Voices of Albert Brooks. Animated. (:45) Sydney girl search for his missing son.			** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Christopher McDonald. A powerful swing convinces a hockey player he can join the PGA tour.		* "Mr. Deeds" (2002) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. A pizza maker inherits a fortune from a distant relative.					
DISN	18	200	Raven's Home		Raven's Home		*** "Finding Nemo" (2003) Voices of Albert Brooks. Animated. (:45) Sydney girl search for his missing son.		(:10) Coop & Cami Ask the World		(:05) Bizaardvark		(:35) Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	
DSC	42	103	Moonshiners "Backwoods Justice"		Moonshiners "Wrong Side of the Law"		Moonshiners "Secret Shine Stash" Popcorn Sutton's widow offers up a clue. (N)			Moonshiners "Bootleg Hustle"		Moonshiners			
ESPN	26	35	(6:00) College Basketball Teams TBA.		College Basketball Syracuse at Virginia Tech. (N) (Live)			Winter X Games Aspen. From Aspen, Colo. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27	39	(6:00) College Basketball Teams TBA.		College Basketball Arizona State at USC. From Galen Center in Los Angeles. (N)			College Basketball Arizona at UCLA. From Pauley Pavilion in Los Angeles. (N)				Basketball			
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report with Jon Scott (N)		Watters' World (N)		Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		Watters' World		Justice Judge		
FREE	20	131	(5:25) ** "Divergent" (2014) Shailene Woodley. A young woman discovers a plot to destroy those like her.		(:40) ** "Insurgent" (2015, Science Fiction) Shailene Woodley. Search for allies and answers.			Theo James, Octavia Spencer. Premiere. Fugitives Tris and Four		(:20) * "Allegiant" (2016) Shailene Woodley. Premiere.					
FSS	21	47	3 Wide Life		Raceline		P1 AquaX USA 2018		Powerboat Racing		Hawks Pregame		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Portland Trail Blazers. From Moda Center in Portland, Ore. (N)		
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Winter Love Story" (2019, Romance) Jen Lilley, Kevin McGarry.		"Snowcoming" (2019, Romance) Lindy Booth, Trevor Donovan, Pauline Egan. Premiere. A famous NFL quarterback returns to his hometown.			Valentine's Day & Adoption Pre.		"Frozen in Love" (2018, Comedy) Rachael Leigh Cook, Niall Matter. Mary and Adam are teamed together to help facilitate an image makeover.					
HGTV	39	112	Beach Hunters		Beach Hunters		Love It or List It "Laundry Overload"		Love It or List It		House Hunters Renovation (N)		Log Cabin Living	Log Cabin Living	Love It or List It
HIST	45	110	Swamp People "Monster Men"		Swamp People: Blood and Guts "Time's Running Out" Joey goes after his white whale. (N)			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Users" A teenage girl is murdered.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Tumult"		Swamp People			
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Man wakes up with a dead woman.		"Hardwired" A boy is raped.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Slain" man is connected to a drug cartel.				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Deadly Match" (2019, Crime Drama) Alyssa Lynch, Mitch Ainley.		"Love You to Death" (2019, Drama) Marcia Gay Harden, Emily Skeggs. Premiere. Shocking secrets are revealed when a mother is murdered.			(:03) "The Perfect Mother" (2018, Suspense) Sunny Mabrey, Audrey Whitby, Lili Sepe. A girl wants to make a popular vlogger into her own mother.				(12:01) "Love You to Death" (2019)			
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews		All In With Chris Hayes		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams		The Beat With		
NICK	16	210	(6:30) "Bixler High Private Eye" (2019)		Henry Danger (N) Cousins for Life		Knight Squad (N) SpongeBob		The Office		The Office		Friends	Friends	
PARMT	64	153	(6:00) *** "Creed" (2015) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone.		Bellator MMA Live "The Last Emperor" Fedor Emelianenko takes on Ryan "Darth" Bader in the finals. (N) (Live)			Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman. A disgraced agent must rescue the president. (DVS)		(:32) Futurama		(12:02) Futurama			
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) *** "Constantine" (2005, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. A man who sees demons helps a policewoman probe her sister's death.		The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	** "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. (DVS)
TBS	24	156	(6:30) *** "Doctor Strange" (2016, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor. The Ancient One introduces Dr. Stephen Strange to magic. (DVS)		*** "Brigadoon" (1954, Musical) Gene Kelly, Van Johnson, Cyd Charisse. A Scottish village comes alive one day every 100 years.			*** "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" (1975) Jack Lemmon, Anne Bancroft. A New York adman loses his job, falls apart and blames his wife.				*** "The L-Shaped Room"			
TCM	49	186	(6:15) ** "The Yellow Cab Man" (1950, Comedy) Red Skelton.		Say Yes to the Dress (N)			Four Weddings (Season Finale) Gym buddies judge each other's weddings. (N)		Say Yes to the Dress		Say Yes, Dress			
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress		*** "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" (2016, Science Fiction) Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk. Premiere. Resistance fighters unite to steal plans for the Death Star. (DVS)			ImpRACTICAL JOKERS		ImpRACTICAL JOKERS		ImpRACTICAL JOKERS			
TNT	23	158	(5:02) *** "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill.		ImpRACTICAL JOKERS			ImpRACTICAL JOKERS		ImpRACTICAL JOKERS		ImpRACTICAL JOKERS			
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTICAL JOKERS		ImpRACTICAL JOKERS			ImpRACTICAL JOKERS		ImpRACTICAL JOKERS		ImpRACTICAL JOKERS			
TV LAND	55	161	Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	(5:30) *** "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo. (DVS)		** "Thor: The Dark World" (2013, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, Tom Hiddleston. Premiere. Thor must save the Nine Realms from an ancient enemy. (DVS)			(10:55) ** "Thor: The Dark World" (2013, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman. (DVS)							
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds "Hero Worship"		Criminal Minds "Scream"		Criminal Minds "Lockdown"		Criminal Minds "Breath Play"		Criminal Minds "Rock Creek Park"		Criminal Minds		
WGNA	8	172	Blue Bloods "Friends in Need"		Blue Bloods "Town Without Pity"		Blue Bloods "Blast From the Past"		Blue Bloods "Down the Rabbit Hole"		Pure "Ordination"		Bones		

Fox carves out 3 hours for live performance of 'Rent'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The live television Broadway adaptation trend continues. Fox presents a live production of "Rent" (8 p.m. Sunday, TV-14), starring Kiersey Clemons, Brandon Victor Dixon, Jordan Fisher, Vanessa Hudgens, Brennin Hunt, Mario, Tinashe and Valentina. It's curious that Fox airs "Rent" on the football-deprived Sunday between the NFL championship playoffs and the Super Bowl. In the great high school of life, it's a little like letting the musical theater crowd take over while the jocks (and their fans) wait for the big game.

On the other hand, if television teaches us anything, it's that athletes and the musical crowd aren't always mutually exclusive. At least that was the lesson of NBC's "Rise," the serious (or seriously pretentious) drama about musicals that had a star athlete leave the locker room to appear in his high school's production of "Spring Awakening." Before that on "Glee," Cory Monteith played football star Finn, who was prone to bursting into song. And Zac Efron's character Troy, in "High School Musical," was the captain of the basketball team.

With storylines about AIDS, poverty and the bohemian dream of life as art, "Rent" is a departure from the run of TV musical adaptations that have tended toward the safe. Unless of course you find "The Sound of Music," "Grease" or "Peter Pan" too hot to handle.

"Rent" does fit in with one theme of these adapted productions. It's a remake of a show from one era looking back at another. "Grease" wasn't so much about the 1950s as it was 1970s nostalgia for that decade. Similarly, both "Dirty Dancing" and "Hair-spray" offered a late-1980s take on the early 1960s.

An adaptation of Puccini's "La Boheme" set in 1989 New York City, "Rent" is very much a product of the mid-1990s, a time when the squatter boho fantasy imagined in the musical was fast vanishing, the victim of rising rents and efforts to make the city safer, if not sanitized.

Is "Rent" accessible or relevant to 2019 viewers? While

created decades before the era of social media, the script is crammed with meme-worthy quotes and mottos. It's themes of "no day but today" and "forget regret, or life is yours to miss" just might show up on your newsfeed come Monday.

Amanda Seales, a recurring figure on HBO's "Insecure," gets her own stand-up special, "Amanda Seales: I Be Knowin'" (10 p.m. Saturday, HBO, TV-MA), taped at the Edison Ballroom in New York City last November.

HBO doesn't only provide comedy venues for its series stars, it also offers inspiration for other networks. ID recently spent hours on the life of Robert Durst, subject of the 2015 HBO true-crime series "The Jinx." This weekend, Reelz expands upon the Slender Man urban legend explored in the 2017 HBO documentary "Beware the Slenderman."

"Slender Man Stabbing: The Untold Story" (8 p.m. Saturday) examines the case of Morgan Geyser, a 12-year-old Wisconsin girl who conspired with a friend to murder a classmate to appease or impress a fictional bogeyman known as the Slender Man, popularized through viral videos and web postings.

The two-hour special invites viewers to ponder the justice of trying a young, impressionable and disturbed youth as an adult for a violent crime based on popular delusion.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- NBC broadcasts the 2019 NHL All-Star Game (8 p.m.), live from the SAP Center in San Jose, California.
- Welterweight champion Keith Thurman faces off against Joselito Lopez in a Premier Boxing Champions match (8 p.m., Fox), live from Brooklyn.
- The Boston Celtics host the Golden State Warriors in NBA action (8:30 p.m., ABC).
- A daughter's disappearance compounds concern after her mother is found murdered in the 2019 shocker "Love You to Death" (8 p.m., Lifetime).
- Back home to celebrate the retirement of his high school coach, an NFL star rekindles a relationship with a teen flame in the 2019 romance "Snowcom-



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Amanda Seales, of HBO's "Insecure," gets her own stand-up special, "Amanda Seales: I Be Knowin,'" airing at 10 p.m. Saturday on HBO.

ing" (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).
 • Scottish actor James McAvoy ("Glass") hosts "Saturday Night Live" (11:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14), featuring musical guest Meek Mill.

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): public access to millions of photos from private satellites; a profile of Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz; a couple whose system won them millions from state lotteries.
- Nia visits her family on "Supergirl" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- Megan Mullally hosts the 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (8 p.m., TBS, TNT, TV-14) from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Honoring acting performances from both television and film, the SAG awards are seen as an early indication of Oscar trends.
- "The Circus: Inside the Wildest Political Show on Earth" (8 p.m., Showtime, TV-14) begins its fourth season.
- The tale of a time-traveling Scottish nurse, "Outlander" (8 p.m., Starz, TV-MA) concludes its fourth season.
- Macy's news sparks mixed reactions on "Charmed" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- A figure from the local church may be a missing link on "True Detective" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Netscape strives to remain relevant on "Valley of the Boom" (9 p.m., National Geographic, TV-14).
- Under lockdown, suspi-

CULT CHOICE
 It's a Swayze shade of winter on Sundance, featuring back-to-back helpings of "Roadhouse" (6:45 p.m. Sunday) and "Ghost" (9:15 p.m. Sunday).

SATURDAY SERIES
 "NBA Countdown" (8 p.m., ABC) * A serial killer targets young women on "FBI" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Two helpings of "48 Hours" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., CBS).

SUNDAY SERIES
 Stuck inside on "Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Dwayne Johnson presents "The Titan Games" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Be kind, rewind on "America's Funniest Home Videos" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Terrorists plot on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Obstacles can happen on "American Ninja Warrior" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Two helpings of "Shark Tank" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., r, ABC, TV-PG).

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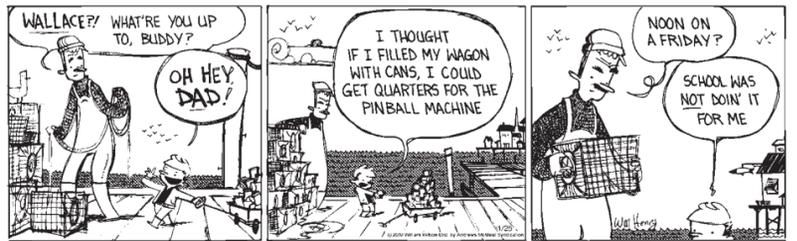
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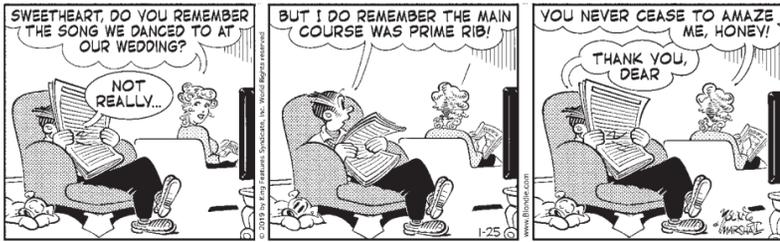
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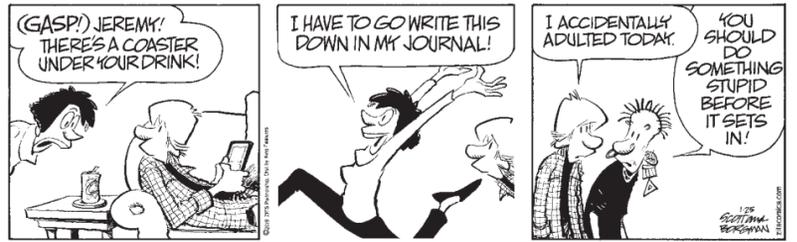
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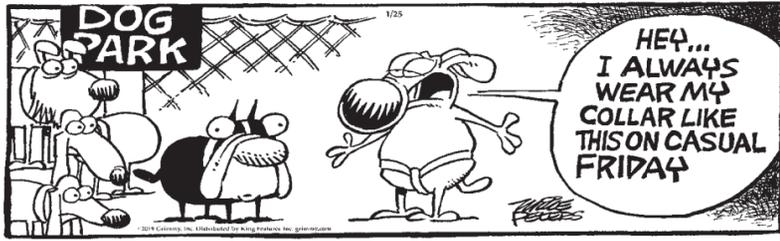
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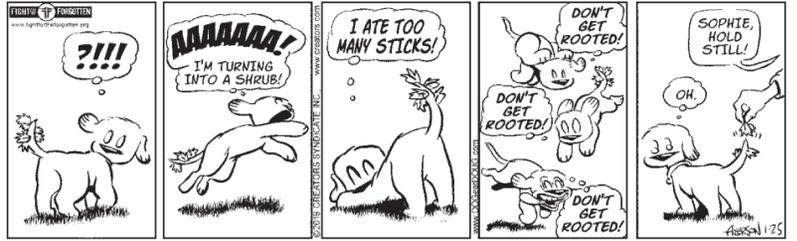
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Shy guy overcoming addiction feels alone, empty



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I'm a 28-year-old male who has never had a girlfriend or a meaningful relationship. I'm well-educated, nice-looking and have a good sense of humor. But I get shy and nervous around the opposite sex. Compounding that, I seem to have a serious "resting face." People assume I'm frustrated or angry/grumpy when it's just my normal expression. I'm worried it makes me unapproachable or appear to be unpleasant.

and have almost a year of sobriety. I avoid bar/club scenes where a lot of people my age socialize. I'm beginning to feel very alone and empty. I asked out a temp at my job, but she had a boyfriend and offered to set me up with a friend of hers. I declined because I was embarrassed.

DEAR ABOUT TO GIVE UP — I doubt your "resting face" is what keeps women away. It's more likely the fact that you are afraid to interact with them.

Start by talking to some of the women in your support meetings. They already know something about you and the strides you have made in overcoming your addiction. And involve yourself in activities you enjoy that are more social. It may help you to develop your "people skills" so you will feel less anxious in other social situations. But do not allow yourself to use the fact that you are lonely to destroy your sobriety because it would be a poor excuse.

I have overcome addiction, attend daily support meetings

My friends tell me it's a game of numbers, but it hurts being rejected all the time. I see beautiful, nice women with men who treat them badly, and I obsess over what's wrong with me. My experience with women is limited. I'm not looking for a commitment, just some friends to share good times and laughter with. I'd love to have someone to spend time with before loneliness awakens previous bad habits.

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About to give up in Connecticut

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

WARLT
PUCEO
TOREES
SSUYHL



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

Yesterday's Jumbles: SWOON DIVOT THIRTY ACCUSE
Answer: When the stand-up comedian ran out of new ideas, he was — AT HIS WIT'S END

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

6	1	3	9	8	4	5	7	2
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Jeffrey Wechsler 1/25/19

ACROSS

- 1 Court player
- 7 Accident-prone
- 14 Fuel calculation
- 15 Satanic attribute
- 16 Feature of frequently sheared sheep?
- 18 "everything?"
- 19 Orioles' div.
- 20 Chill in the air
- 21 Miss equivalent, in some cases
- 22 Player under Auerbach, familiarly
- 23 Like aromatic, weather-resistant plants?
- 30 Namely
- 31 Turn heads during the audition
- 32 Whodunit revelation
- 35 Compare to, with "against"
- 39 Fathers
- 41 Twill fabric
- 42 Skills acquired manufacturing linens?
- 46 Pennywhistle sound
- 47 Take empty stomach
- 48 Coffee hour vessel
- 49 Prohibit
- 52 It might be used before sandpapering
- 56 Shepherds' view during breakfast?
- 59 Arms' Coldplay song
- 60 Brother of Isis
- 61 Business representatives
- 62 Least courteous
- 22 December display
- 23 Fraud watchdog org.
- 24 Comedic Costello
- 25 Big-eyed flier
- 26 Excitedly tries to open, as a gift
- 27 Cabinet agcy. founded under Bush 43
- 28 Broadway success
- 29 Pain relief brand
- 33 North Atl. country
- 34 "Oedipus" : P.D.Q. Bach western-themed parody
- 36 Many bar mitzvah guests
- 37 Chapel Hill sch.
- 38 "MS. Found in a Bottle" author
- 40 Jug band percussionist's tools
- 42 To fit every possible
- 43 Well-supplied with
- 44 Oklahoma city
- 45 Tried to be elected
- 46 Marching band section
- 49 K-12
- 50 Very short time pd.
- 51 Unsettles
- 52 Source of rage, briefly
- 53 Farm unit
- 54 Downhill
- 55 Restrained "Hey!"
- 57 LAX stat
- 58 SEC school

DOWN

- 1 Kid
- 2 Repeat
- 3 Put away
- 4 Works on a route
- 5 Rhinitis-treating MD
- 6 Target field
- 7 "few bars and I'll play it for you"
- 8 Pound sounds
- 9 Bearskin rug, e.g.
- 10 "Fever" singer Peggy
- 11 Tied
- 12 Mediteranean island
- 13 Was out all night, maybe
- 15 Works on one's image, in a way
- 17 "First Lady of Song"
- 21 1999 Best Visual Effects Oscar winner, with "The"

Previous Puzzle Solved

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