

Sumter PD will serve the public from new facility

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Sumter Police Department is ready to serve the community from a new location after moving into its new facility on North Lafayette Drive earlier this week. Monday was the department's last day in

the old building at 107 E. Hampton Ave., the agency's former stomping ground for the past 42 years, said Chief Russell Roark III. He said all of the officers within this agency spent most of their careers or started serving the community from the other building.

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Stephen King TV series finale will be filmed in Manning

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Season 2 of Mr. Mercedes is filming its season finale in Manning, and the producers of the AT&T Original series, based on a Stephen King novel, want you in the picture.

Tona B. Dahlquist Casting, out of Charleston, where much of Mr. Mercedes has been shot, sent out a casting

call on Tuesday looking for some 300 extras per day to help populate the season finale of the show, which is directed by Jack Bender, director of Lost and Game of Thrones, and adapted for TV by David E. Kelley. King, Bender and Kelley are the show's executive producers.

According to the show's website, Mr. Mercedes is the

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IN REMEMBRANCE

74 years later, world marks D-Day



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U.S. assault troops approach Utah Beach in a barge June 6, 1944, as Allied forces storm the Normandy beaches on D-Day. D-Day is still one of the world's most gut-wrenching and consequential battles, as the Allied landing in Normandy led to the liberation of France which marked the turning point in the Western theater of World War II.



AP FILE PHOTO

Airborne troops prepare for the descent on Europe during the D-Day invasion.



AP FILE PHOTO

U.S. paratroopers fix their static lines before a jump before dawn over Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, in France. The decision to launch the airborne attack in darkness instead of waiting for first light was probably one of the few Allied missteps on June 6. Improvements were called for after the invasion; the hard-won knowledge would be used to advantage later.

On June 6, 1944, U.S. and Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, to liberate northwestern Europe from Nazi Germany and ultimately help win World War II. More than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded.

BY SAMMY WAY
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William H. Brown of Sumter, a participant in D-Day, wrote a letter to his son four days before one of the largest invasions ever attempted by mankind. When the war came, William Brown volunteered to be a glider pilot, considered to be one of the most dangerous jobs in the Army Air Corps.

For the D-Day invasion, his glider was carrying a communications jeep. When he reached the drop zone, he found the area completely blacked out. The first wave of paratroopers was unable to light the landing fields, but they had no choice but to release from the tow ship and go in. He crashed in the trees in the dark and suffered serious injuries to his foot and leg and cuts to his face. When he regained consciousness, he found himself on the hood of the jeep, which had crashed into the pilot's seats.

He survived the ordeal and was able to fight his way back to the beachhead, and for his meritorious achievements he received the Purple Heart and the Air Medal.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY ROBERT BROWN

William H. Brown's glider is seen after it crashed in a forest in darkness in Normandy during the D-Day invasion. Brown survived and made his way to the beaches where Allied forces fought Nazi Germany on June 6, 1944. He received the Purple Heart and Air Medal.



WILLIAM H. BROWN

This letter was first published in 1994 in *The Sumter Item* at the request of the late Lt. Col. Robert L. Brown, USAF, in honor of his father.

Somewhere in England
June 2, 1944

Dear Little Robert,
In a very little while the greatest war ever created by man will have begun, and as we sit here waiting for it to start, I'm writing you a letter that I think I owe to you. Yesterday, I wrote the last letters that I had expected to write for some time, but today I received your letter so am taking time to write to you. Tell Mother not to be hurt because I didn't write to her too, but I only have time for the one letter, so in a way it is to both of you.

Little Robert, you have been unfortunate in having

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Shaw airman identified as driver killed in Sunday crash

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A 24-year-old airman stationed at Shaw Air Force Base has been identified as the driver killed in a wreck Sunday morning.

Senior Airman Trevor Moheit, who was assigned to the 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was killed when his pickup truck crashed about 7:15 a.m. while traveling on South St. Pauls Church Road.



MOHEIT

"Trevor's sudden passing is a tragedy," Lt. Col. Casey Crabbill, 20th EMS commander, said in a news release. "He was an outstanding maintainer who rose to every challenge presented to him, and

he could always be counted on to lift others. Trevor was passionate about his service and very proud of his recent promotion. As a treasured member of this team, our hearts are heavy with his loss. Our prayers go out to his family and all those grieving alongside us."

According to previous reports by South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Matt Southern, the truck went up an embankment, hitting trees before overturning. Moheit was wearing a seat belt.

The incident remains under investigation by highway patrol.

Turbeville correctional officer charged with bribery, contraband

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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STROMAN

A Turbeville Correctional Institution officer faces three charges, including bribery, for allegedly attempting to deliver a cellphone and cellphone charger to an inmate in exchange for \$700 on Saturday.

Kyontae Ty' Tiauna Moni Stroman, of Longcreek Drive in Columbia, was arrested after an LG cellphone and cellphone charger were found inside her state-issued vest during a search when she entered the institution on Clarence Coker Highway on Saturday, according to an arrest warrant issued by S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services on Sunday.

Another arrest warrant states Stroman — who started working at the medium-security men's state prison on April 2 — conspired with an inmate to deliver the cellphone and charger in exchange for money.

Stroman is charged with attempting to furnish a prisoner with contraband, bribery and misconduct in office.

She was being held at Clarendon County Detention Center before she was released on bond — a \$2,500 surety bond was set for each charge.

In April, federal indictments were issued for 14 now-former South Carolina Department of Corrections employees and correction officers on bribery and contraband charges for allegedly bringing contraband into state prisons.

The arrests at eight of the state's institutions were made by the FBI

less than two weeks after a riot at Lee Correctional Institution that reportedly began over territory, money and contraband such as cellphones, according to SCDC Director Bryan Stirling. The riot left seven inmates dead and more than 20 injured in Lee Correctional Institution.

Corrections department officials have asked the Federal Communications Commission to block cellphone signals in state prisons to keep inmates from communicating with each other if they acquire cellphones.

Corrections officials announced in May that South Carolina will be the first state in the country to use drones to keep an eye on inmates and the grounds of 21 state prisons. The drones will be used in an effort to keep contraband such as cellphones and drugs from being thrown over prison fences.

LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Friday is deadline to apply for absentee by mail ballot

The deadline to apply for an absentee by mail ballot for the June 12 primary is on Friday.

Sumter County Voter Registration and Elections office is now open for absentee voting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday in Room 114, first floor of the historic Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St.

Absentee voting will also be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday in Room 114 of the historic courthouse.

This is the only time absentee voting will be held on a Saturday for the primary, said Sumter County Voter Registration and Election Director Patricia Jefferson.

Absentee voting began on May 14.

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly reported in Friday's edition that Danielle Owen, the recipient of an award for participating in the Diocese of Charleston's evangelization team, was a graduate of St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School. Owen is a graduate of Homeward Education Association.



Sumter native Lewis Brice will perform for the Carolina Country Music Fest at Myrtle Beach at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. A rising star in country music, he's also performing several times this week for the Country Music Association Festival in Nashville, where he'll return after his Myrtle Beach concert.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Sumter native Lewis Brice to perform at Carolina Country Music Fest on Saturday

BY IVY MOORE

Special to The Sumter Item

Lewis Brice is in Nashville this week, attending the CMA (Country Music Awards) Fest, but he'll take a brief break from the festival to perform Saturday at the Carolina Country Music Fest in Myrtle Beach at the Burroughs and Chapin Pavilion Place, 8800 Pavilion Parkway.

The Sumter native presented Lewispalooza, his eighth-annual benefit concert, at the CMA Fest on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The five-hour concert, considered the kick-off to the festival, raises funds for the non-profit Hope Song, which benefits cancer patients. Among the musicians performing were Brice, John Wesley Satter-

field, Walker McGuire, Julia Cole and several others.

Lewis Brice has been in great demand for performances since before the release of his first EP in 2017. Produced by his brother Lee and himself, "Lewis Brice" reached the Top 15 on the iTunes Country chart; he's since received accolades from Rolling Stone Country and music critics around the country. Billboard named him among the "Country Artists to Watch in 2018."

According to Spotify, Brice's EP was streamed by around 500,000 people in the U.S. and 60 other countries last year.

Brice has been performing around the U.S. all year and will release new music this summer. He has toured

with such artists as Hank Williams Jr., Jerrod Niemann, Dierks Bentley and The Cadillac Three.

A podcast interview and several live songs broadcast from Nashville's Just Love Coffee can be heard from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday at www.instagram.com/insidethenoize or insidethenoize.com.

Jon Gugala of Rolling Stone magazine wrote that Brice "sounds like a well-read choir boy who grew up to love rock 'n' roll, American beer and breaking the rules now and then."

That's at least partially true: Brice grew up in Sumter singing in the church choir and playing his own music. He returns to Sumter as often as possi-

ble to visit family and friends and to perform occasionally in local venues, although the demand for his live performances keeps him busy.

See Lewis Brice on the American Anthem Stage at the Carolina Country Music Fest at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Myrtle Beach at the Burroughs and Chapin Pavilion Place, 8800 Pavilion Parkway. For ticket information, contact TicketFly at (877) 435-9849, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. or online at <https://support.ticketfly.com/>.

For information about the festival, email info@ccmf.com or visit the festival website at <https://carolinacountrymusicfest.com>. Find information about Brice at his website lewis-brice.com or on his Facebook page.

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Workers halt demolishing of sidewalk made of tombstones

BY ANDREW DYS
The Herald of Rock Hill

ROCK HILL — At one Rock Hill home, an astonishing discovery recently was made by a construction crew demolishing an old walkway.

The sidewalk leading from the street to the porch was made from tombstones.

The stones had been laid face and writing sides down. One huge stone, large enough for the names of a couple, was the porch step.

Work stopped immediately. "We wanted to do the right thing, make sure we were respecting people and their families," said Mike Hudson, owner of MD Hudson Builders, which is renovating the IZARD Street

home. "First thing we said was, 'What if this was our family here whose name was on the stone?'"

Worker Robert Hilton saw the names and how many of the names etched in stone were of military veterans. The dates of death were mainly the 1980s and 1990s but some were before.

"We took the stones out and cleaned them up real nice and set them aside," Hilton said. "I come from a military family. If somebody had stolen a stone from a veteran, I would be hot."

Crew chief Tony Mills immediately called the Rock Hill Police Department.

"We wanted to make sure this wasn't an old grave site, cemetery, or any place where people's loved ones might be

disturbed," Mills said.

Preston Hedgepath, youngest on the crew at age 19, said he saw the veterans' names and worried that heroes' graves might have been vandalized.

"With so many of these names being veterans, we just wanted to make sure the respect for the people and their families was handled right," Hedgepath said.

Several Rock Hill police officers were sent to the site to investigate. Sgt. Leland Harrelson talked to officials at a Rock Hill monument company that researched many of the names on the stones and found the stones were likely taken from a scrap pile of stones decades ago, police said.

Many of the stones had

grammatical or date errors that would have made them unusable as grave markers, said Capt. Mark Bollinger of the police department. The monument company told police that the stones had been left for people to take and use for walkways or other purposes, police said.

Officers also checked back through years of records to see if there were any instances of stolen tombstones and found none in the city, Bollinger said.

"This might be the first sidewalk made of tombstones call we have ever responded to," Bollinger said.

Starr Brigante, owner of the home being remodeled, said she is proud the construction crew went the extra mile to

seek answers when the stones were found. Brigante and her daughter have a home renovation company called Networks LLC, and have rehabbed other homes on the street.

The stones have been set aside for safekeeping.

Yet the mystery of how the stones ended up at the IZARD Street home remains. Brigante, who recently bought the property, said she was just as shocked as the construction crew.

The crew is set to put in a new walkway soon.

The sidewalk will not be made of tombstones, Hudson said.

"The next walkway will not have anyone walking on grave-stones," Hudson said.

4 more arrested in shooting of teen near Columbia church

COLUMBIA (AP) — Four more people have been arrested in the shooting death of a teen near a South Carolina church.

The Richland County Sheriff's Department said Monday the latest four suspects are charged as accessories in the May 10 shooting of 17-year-old Amon Rice in Hopkins. Rice died May

12 in a Columbia hospital.

Thirty-nine-year-old Sandarrell Davenport, 40-year-old Alphonso Squire, 21-year-old Mikoyah Harvin and a 17-year-old were all arrested last week. There was no record of an attorney for them.

A woman and her three children already had been arrested.

Shytori Davenport was arrested shortly after Rice was found and was charged with murder, as was Winyah Gaither.

Kieauna Davenport and Kerria Davenport are charged as accessories.

Investigators say the shooting occurred at a meeting that was supposed to settle a dispute.

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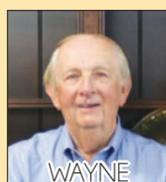
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Mueller's team accuses Manafort of witness tampering

BY CHAD DAY and ERIC TUCKER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort made several attempts to tamper with witnesses in his ongoing criminal case, prosecutors said as they asked a federal judge to consider jailing him while he awaits trial.

In a court filing, prosecutors working for special counsel Robert Mueller wrote that Manafort and one of his associates "repeatedly" contacted two witnesses in an effort to influence their testimony. The contacts occurred earli-

er this year, shortly after a grand jury returned a new indictment against Manafort and while he was confined to his home.

The filing marks the second time that Mueller's team has accused Manafort of violating a judge's order in the case. Late last year, federal agents discovered that Manafort was attempting to ghostwrite an opinion piece in Ukraine even though he was under a gag order in the case.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson gave Manafort until Friday to respond to the allegations of attempted witness tampering

and she set a hearing for June 15 on the matter.

The allegations relate to Manafort's criminal case in Washington where he faces charges of money-laundering conspiracy, false statements and acting as an unregistered foreign agent for Ukrainian interests. He also faces bank fraud and tax evasion charges in Virginia.

The charges, which involve tens of millions of dollars routed through off-shore accounts, do not relate to his work on the Trump campaign or involve allegations of Russian election interference.

In the latest court documents, prose-

cutors say that while he was under house arrest, Manafort and his associate attempted to get two witnesses to lie about the nature of lobbying and public relations work they carried out at Manafort's direction on behalf of Ukraine.

The court documents do not name Manafort's associate, but they refer to him as "Person A" and note the pseudonym is consistent with previous filings in the case. In earlier filings, Person A has referred to Konstantin Kilimnik, a longtime Manafort associate who prosecutors have said has ties to Russian intelligence.

POLICE FROM PAGE A1

Construction of the new 36,000-square-foot department building — a \$5 million 2016 Capital Penny Sales Tax project — began in January 2017, and the department has moved into its new digs at 335 N. Lafayette Drive in phases.

The telecommunications center was the first part of the department to move to the new building, Roark said.

The 2016 penny sales tax also funded the \$10 million project to upgrade the E911 telecommunication system — used by all local first responder agencies — from an analog system to digital.

"We're appreciative of the community at large," Roark said.

Sumter Police Department now sits next to Sumter Fire Department on North Lafayette, and the two agency buildings make up the Public Safety Complex.

"We were very fortunate to co-locate on the property with



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Sumter Police Department's new building is at 335 N. Lafayette Drive.

the fire department," he said.

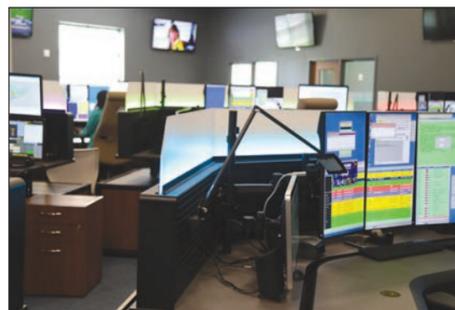
Along with its new neighbors, Roark said the officers are also looking forward to the new work space.

"It gives us the room for storage that we have to have on sensitive items related to

criminal cases," he said.

Now the department will have less of a footprint but more storage based on the type of devices the department was able to glean through the penny sales tax, he said.

The officers are taking ad-



The E911 telecommunication center was the first department to move into Sumter Police Department's new building.

vantage of the advancements at the new facility, and they are very pleased, Roark said.

He said there's also room for growth within the police department.

"We thought about that ahead of time," he said.

Roark said the Public Safety Complex could also bring growth to the area by sparking new economic development.

Originally, the building on Hampton Avenue served as a law enforcement center where both the police department and Sumter County Sheriff's Office were located.

However over time, Roark said, the other facility was not able to support the growth in data storage and power requirements, such as the operation of the E911 system, without the need for added resources.

"Our building served us well," he said. "It served the community well."

Though the headquarters has moved, Roark said, the police department still has a presence in the central business district with a satellite office in the Liberty Center, 12 W. Liberty St.



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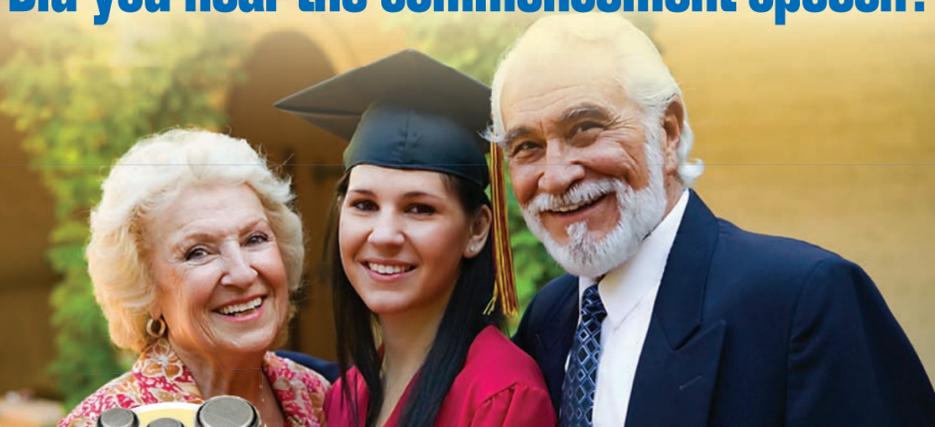
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come into this world at such a time of trouble and misery for everybody, but to offset that, you were born to the sweetest girl in the world, and you should consider yourself very lucky in that respect because every little boy isn't lucky enough to have a mother like that. Then, too, you have the most wonderful people in the world for your grandparents. They think that you are a mighty fine little man, and I think so too, and for that reason it is up to you to keep on being a good boy and try to do everything to help Mother so that she doesn't have to worry because she has other things to worry about.

On the 25th of this month, your father will have been in the Army for two years, and most of that time has been spent away from home, you and Mother. I have missed you and Mother



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The late Col. William Brown shows on a map where the D-Day invasion occurred in 1944.

every minute of that time more than either of you will ever know. I want you to know, and I want Net to know, that even though I seemed at times to be too serious about the military

part of my life, I was only trying to carry out what seemed to me to be my part in making this world a place that people would be proud and unafraid to live in. If we succeed in doing that,

then it will not have been in vain. I realize now that you and Mother have missed a part of life that can never be replaced, and for that matter I have too, these two years that we've been apart. A family should live and play together without separation, and I've missed living and playing with my little family, and I hope you've missed me as much.

Sometimes things don't work out as we expect them to, so in the event that something unexpected happens and I am unable to come home, I want you and Net to know that there was never a greater love in the world than the love I have in my heart for you, my family. If you should have to go through life without me, it will be up to you as you grow older to do all in your power to help Mother in every way that you possibly can and to respect her judgment in things concerning you and your life. She will lead you and guide

you along the paths of life in a way that you will always be proud of yourself. Please remember that, and regardless of how you may feel about things, always remember that my request of you is to do as she says. Whatever you decide to do in later years concerning your personal life, I'm sure she will agree with and will do all in her power to see that your wishes come true.

That's about all I have time for now, my son, but know, that as I go into this big show, I go with the prayer that I will be permitted to return to you and Mother, and if it should work out otherwise, it will have been the will of God that I make the sacrifice.

I love you and Mother,
DADDY BILL

P.S. My glider will have your name painted on its nose and will be one of the very first to go in, so you will have been with the great show — Daddy Bill

EXTRAS

FROM PAGE A1

story of how "a demented serial killer taunts a retired police detective with a series of lurid letters and emails, forcing the ex-cop to undertake a private, and potentially felonious, crusade to bring the killer to justice before he can strike again."

The casting company is looking for adult males and females, from 20-somethings to seniors of all races and types, that can be available June 12-14 from 5:30 a.m. until filming is complete. Filming could last 12 or more hours each day; extras should have 100 percent availability those days, and many extras will be needed for multiple days, according to the casting call.

And as if fame isn't enough for aspiring actors, extras are paid \$8 per hour for up to eight hours and time and a half after that. No travel expenses are paid, so extras should be prepared to work as a local hire.

Sumter's Braden Bunch said he worked in a similar capacity on Season 1 of Mr. Mercedes last year — as "general background" — and advised aspiring extras to submit regular,

unembellished and unglamorous photos because the producers are looking at the way people typically look when going about everyday activities.

"It doesn't need to be a professional headshot," Bunch said. "In fact, in these types of situations they'd prefer it not be. They prefer you just take a quick photo with your cellphone because they want to know what you look like now, not what you look like when you're dolled up or in your best suit and tie.

"It's best to take the shot against a plain background, and don't add any filters," Bunch said. "Make sure you're not wearing sunglasses or anything like that, and be sure it's well lit. They just want a standard, everyday picture so they

can best tell what you look like."

Bunch said those selected should prepare to show up for the shoot as if it were the first day of a job, bringing a photo I.D., Social Security card and so on.

"You're going to fill out paperwork, you're going to fill out an I-9, you're going to fill out your voucher, and then you're basically going to start the day and sit and wait for them to call on you and tell you when and where they need you," Bunch said. "Most background actors end up working very closely with the production assistant on set, and they become the people that will guide you through the process. Days can be very long. In my experience, the average day can be a 12-

hour day. They'll break half-way through and feed you. Some days may be shorter, and I have had 17-, 18-hour days. It can be a long period of waiting around to do something, but eventually you get on set and do what you're supposed to do."

Bunch said his experience working on Season 1 of Mr. Mercedes was valuable experience for him as an actor.

"Working on Mr. Mercedes last year gave me some fundamental, rudimentary experience working on set that helped lead me to work on bigger and better things shortly thereafter," Bunch said. "I've been doing a lot of stand-in work lately and actual acting. I was in Game Night, which just left the theaters, and American An-

imals, I have a very small part in that, and I've done a bunch of shorts."

Anyone interested in being considered as an extra should submit two current photos, one full length and one close up, along with your name, phone number, age, city/state of residence and dates of availability. Also, supply your height and weight and clothing sizes, along with a description of any visible tattoos and piercings. The call also asks that you supply the color, make, model and year of your vehicle in case it can be used in the filming.

Send submissions to MM2request@gmail.com with the Subject heading consisting of your ethnicity, gender, age and location; for example, Asian female, 35, Manning, S.C.

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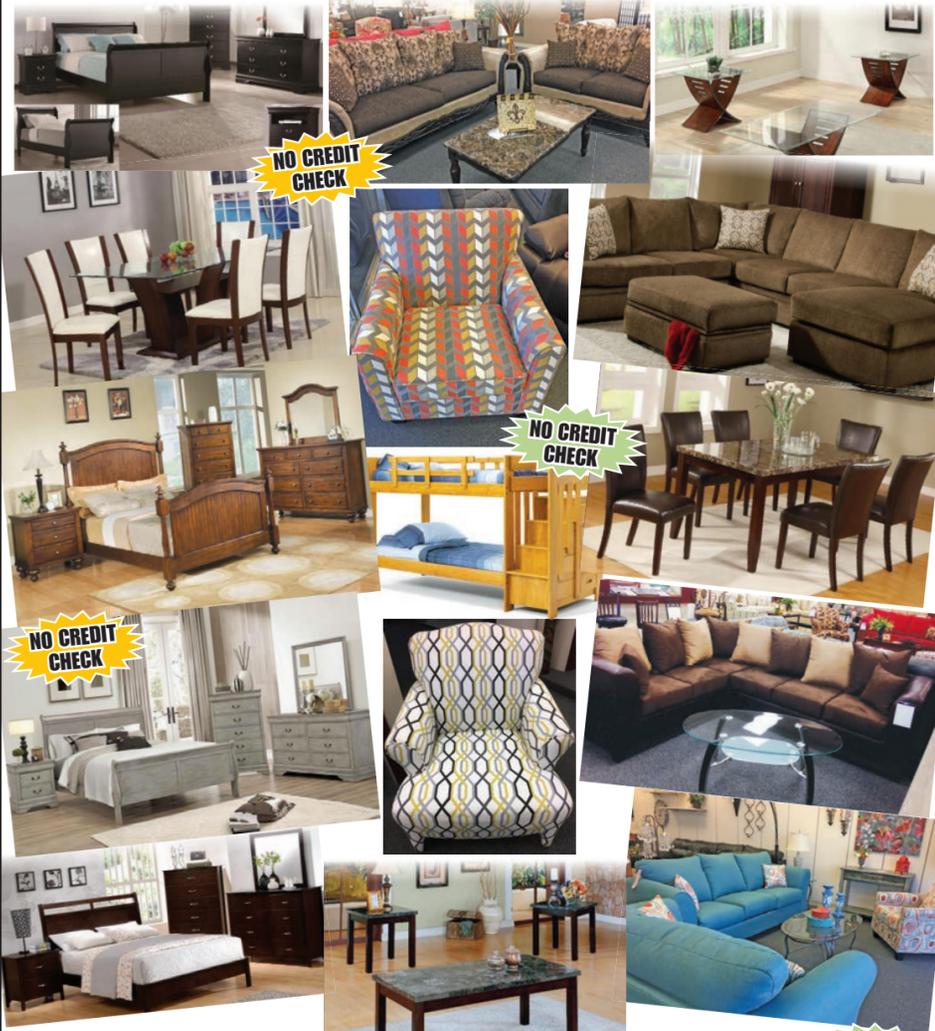
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Latino movie producer opens theaters in rural, poor areas

BY RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press

For nearly 10 years, residents in a California farming community have had to drive nearly 40 miles to see the latest film, a rare trip for some in a place where a third of the population lives in poverty.

That all changed in May when Moctesuma Esparza, a Latino movie producer, opened his latest Maya Cinemas theater in Delano in his ongoing effort to open theaters in poor, rural areas in the U.S. that lack entertainment options. The \$20 million project gives Delano's 53,000 residents access to recent movie releases in a high-end experience with luxury seating. In 1965, Delano helped spark Cesar Chavez's farm worker union movement.

Esparza, who produced the 1997 movie "Selena" and has opened up four identical theaters in poor areas in California, said poverty shouldn't sentence residents to "movie deserts" where inexpensive leisure is limited. He has vowed to do his part to change the landscape in rural America.

For years, rural communities in Appalachia, the American Southwest and the Mississippi Delta have seen small theaters close due to the high cost of technology updates and to economic downturns that discourage investors from taking over struggling movie houses.

Data from the National Association of Theater Owners, the trade organization that represents exhibitors, also found that the overall number of U.S. cinema sites fell 25 percent from 1995 to 2018. However, the number of screens spiked 45 percent largely as a result of an increase in megaplex movie theaters opening in urban areas.

The group estimates about 10,000 screens could go dark soon because small independent and rural theaters can't afford to make digital up-

grades that modern movies require.

Being in a rural area that may lack broadband or have spotty cell service that makes streaming services like Netflix and Hulu difficult to access, combined with the absence of a movie theater, can be isolating or just boring.

"We have nothing out here," said Chanika Green, 18, of Shelby, Mississippi, a town of about 3,000 residents two hours south of Memphis, Tennessee. "No movie theater, nothing. It'd be nice to have something so we could do something."

The lack of a movie theater and basic leisure like skating rinks hurts struggling regions that have seen jobs leave, said Robby Moore, mayor of Lobelville, Tennessee. Residents in rural areas often have to travel more than an hour to watch a movie.

That's why Esparza began building theaters in underserved areas in 2000. The theaters also provide jobs.

"I saw a business opportunity. But what I soon realized was that I have to become a developer, too," Esparza said. "Few people were investing in these communities."

Esparza is erecting megaplex movie theaters in rural Latino areas in California. Besides Delano, theaters have opened in Salinas, Bakersfield, Pittsburg and Fresno.

His next theater is being planned for North Las Vegas. He says a developer could do the same for rural areas in Kentucky, West Virginia and the Deep South, if they research the need and build complexes that give moviegoers a special experience.

Some states are encouraging local communities to take active steps to bring movies to town.

New Mexico announced two years ago that it was joining other states in pushing an initiative to revitalize downtown districts in isolated, small towns by rehabilitating aging, historic theaters.

An economic development

program, similar to efforts in Iowa and Illinois, seeks to save often-forgotten facilities like the Shuler Theater in Raton, New Mexico — a poor and rural area. The program helps refurbish buildings and gives grants for new digital projection and sound equipment.

New Mexico officials think

that reviving theaters in ranching towns and small cities near American Indian reservations will help create jobs in struggling downtown districts and spark excitement in entertainment deserts.

The Gates Family Foundation also is awarding \$10,000 to \$30,000 grants to rural communities to purchase

new digital equipment for movie theaters.

Esparza says like food and shelter, all people need the communal experience that movies provide.

"Everyone should have a right to dream," Esparza said. "Movies allow people to dream, to think of a world outside their experiences."

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COMMENTARY

Why we all must be wise stewards of our coast

As a man of faith, I feel called to honor the beauty of our coast as a way of showing respect for our Creator. As a former legislator, I feel a responsibility to stand against dirty and dangerous offshore drilling. And as a resident of the Lowcountry, I know that it's going to take all of our voices working together to protect our communities from short-sighted decisions.



Kenneth Hodges

God created a world in balance, and our coastline is renowned for its

beauty. But it's not just a tourist destination with resorts and golf courses; it's our home and our livelihood.

With polar caps melting, oceans rising and weather patterns bringing too much or too little rain, it appears that our God-given Earth that has enabled life to flourish is sending us a message.

With a booming tourism economy that supports 600,000 jobs and \$20 billion annually, now is not the time to risk our coast and livelihoods for risky promises of more oil and gas.

I like to think of the resources that lie off our shores as money in the bank for future generations. At a time when our nation is exporting oil, can't we be better stewards of our



Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, is best known for its 60 miles of gorgeous coastline with white, sandy beaches and welcoming ocean waters.

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God-given natural resources by leaving them alone for now and investing instead in more clean energy?

The federal government is considering whether or not to let Big Oil companies conduct seismic tests in the south Atlantic to look for more oil and gas. This would involve firing sonic guns every 10 seconds, sending loud noises underwater for as far

away as 2,500 miles.

The impacts could alter the behavior of sea mammals because whales and dolphins, in particular, are sensitive to seismic noises that adversely affect their courtship, nursing, migration, feeding and communications.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and

lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36-37). It is said that soul originally meant "coming from or belonging to the sea." Should we risk losing our souls for mere profit and, in the process, potentially harm or kill creatures that dwell in — and humans who rely upon — the sea?

If we allow drilling off our shores, it will not be a matter of "if" a spill or leak occurs, but "when and how much" the rigs, pipes and tankers soil forever our blessed sands and estuaries.

Everyone remembers the BP Deepwater Horizon catastrophe that left 184 million barrels spilled, 26,000 jobs lost immediately and a \$4.5 billion fishing industry harmed.

Given the risk, it's not surprising that every local government on our coast officially opposes dirty and dangerous offshore drilling — and they are joined by Congressmen Jim Clyburn and Mark Sanford and Gov. Henry McMaster.

When I think of stewardship, I think of Psalm 24's admonition that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."

Let us be wise stewards of our coast and think of the legacy we want to leave future generations.

Kenneth Hodges is pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Beaufort and a former state representative of District 121.

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COMMENTARY

Past versus present Americans and gun control

Having enjoyed my 82nd birthday, I am part of a group of about 50 million Americans who are 65 years of age or older. Those who are 90 or older were in school during the 1930s. My age cohort was in school during the 1940s. Baby boomers approaching their 70s were in school during the 1950s and early '60s.



Walter Williams

Try this question to any one of those 50 million Americans who are 65 or older: Do you recall any discussions about the need to hire armed guards to protect students and teachers against school shootings? Do you remember school policemen patrolling the hallways? How many students were shot to death dur-

ing the time you were in school? For me and those other Americans 65 or older, when we were in school, a conversation about hiring armed guards and having police patrol hallways would have been seen as lunacy. There was no reason.

What's the difference between yesteryear and today? The logic of the argument for those calling for stricter gun control laws, in the wake of recent school shootings, is that something has happened to guns. Guns have behaved more poorly and become evil. Guns themselves are the problem. The job for those of us who are 65 or older is to relay the fact that guns were more available and less controlled in years past, when there was far less mayhem. Something else is the problem.

Guns haven't changed. People have changed. Behavior that is accepted from today's young people was not accepted yesteryear. For those of us

who are 65 or older, assaults on teachers were not routine as they are in some cities. For example, in Baltimore, an average of four teachers and staff members were assaulted each school day in 2010, and more than 300 school staff members filed workers' compensation claims in a year because of injuries received through assaults or altercations on the job. In Philadelphia, 690 teachers were assaulted in 2010, and in a five-year period, 4,000 were. In that city's schools, according to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, "on an average day 25 students, teachers or other staff members were beaten, robbed, sexually assaulted or victims of other violent crimes. That doesn't even include thousands more who are extorted, threatened or bullied in a school year."

Yale University legal scholar John Lott argues that gun accessibility in our country has never been as restricted as it is now. Lott reports that

until the 1960s, New York City public high schools had shooting clubs. Students carried their rifles to school on the subway in the morning and then turned them over to their homeroom teacher or a gym teacher — and that was mainly to keep them centrally stored and out of the way. Rifles were retrieved after school for target practice (<http://tinyurl.com/yapuaehp>). Virginia's rural areas had a long tradition of high school students going hunting in the morning before school, and they sometimes stored their guns in the trunks of their cars during the school day, parked on the school grounds.

During earlier periods, people could simply walk into a hardware store and buy a rifle. Buying a rifle or pistol through a mail-order catalog — such as Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s — was easy. Often, a 12th or 14th birthday present was a shiny new .22-caliber rifle, given to a

boy by his father.

These facts of our history should confront us with a question: With greater accessibility to guns in the past, why wasn't there the kind of violence we see today, when there is much more restricted access to guns? There's another aspect of our response to mayhem. When a murderer uses a bomb, truck or car to kill people, we don't blame the bomb, truck or car. We don't call for control over the instrument of death. We seem to fully recognize that such objects are inanimate and incapable of acting on their own. We blame the perpetrator. However, when the murder is done using a gun, we do call for control over the inanimate instrument of death — the gun. I smell a hidden anti-gun agenda.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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AA — Monday-Friday, noon and 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

AA Women's Meeting — Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY MEETINGS:

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

TUESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to

murder in a violent way.

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — Third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498 or (803) 316-4506.

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WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

SATURDAY MEETINGS:

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

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com or ms-miles013@gmail.com.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny	Mainly clear	An afternoon t-storm in spots	A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	Partly sunny	Rather cloudy and warm
93°	69°	91° / 70°	92° / 70°	91° / 71°	93° / 72°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%
NW 3-6 mph	SSE 3-6 mph	E 4-8 mph	ENE 4-8 mph	SSE 3-6 mph	SW 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

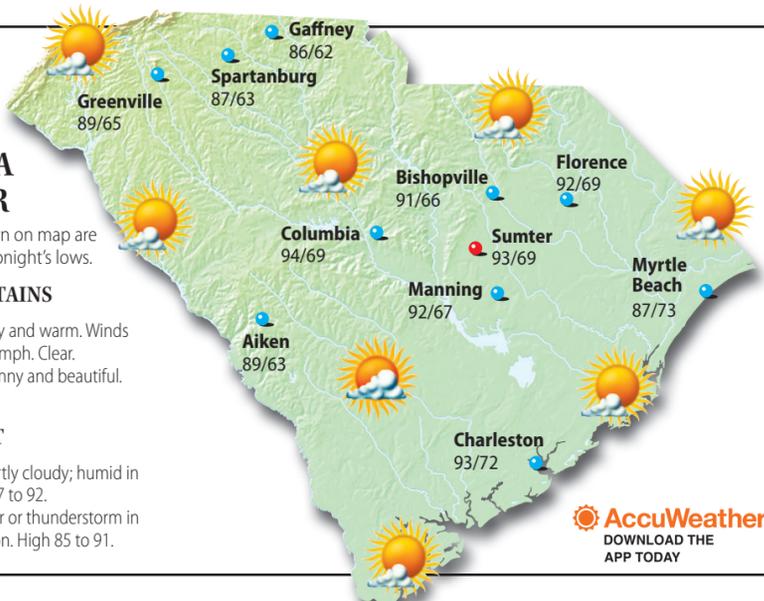
Today: Mostly sunny and warm. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph. Clear.

Thursday: Partly sunny and beautiful. Winds east 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Sunny to partly cloudy; humid in central parts. High 87 to 92.

Thursday: A shower or thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. High 85 to 91.



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Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	83°	64°	86°	63°	100° in 1985	48° in 1988

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	0.00"	trace	0.82"	13.02"	19.00"	18.44"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.93	-0.01
Marion	76.8	76.13	+0.15
Moultrie	75.5	74.65	+0.08
Wateree	100	101.14	+0.19

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	9.30	-0.16
Congaree River	19	7.06	-0.35
Lynchies River	14	4.08	-0.61
Saluda River	14	5.41	-1.81
Up. Santee River	80	81.49	-0.14
Wateree River	24	19.38	+0.12

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:11 a.m.	Sunset	8:31 p.m.
Moonrise	1:41 a.m.	Moonset	1:08 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
June 6	June 13	June 20	June 28

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	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	2:58 a.m.	2.8	10:00 a.m.	0.4
	3:27 p.m.	2.6	10:09 p.m.	0.9
Thu.	3:48 a.m.	2.8	10:50 a.m.	0.3
	4:21 p.m.	2.7	11:11 p.m.	0.8

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	90/69/s	91/69/s
Chicago	79/64/pc	81/60/pc
Dallas	96/75/s	94/73/s
Detroit	73/58/s	81/64/pc
Houston	95/73/pc	94/73/pc
Los Angeles	75/58/pc	75/60/pc
New Orleans	88/75/pc	92/76/pc
New York	72/57/pc	73/62/pc
Orlando	85/71/pc	86/71/t
Philadelphia	73/56/pc	77/62/s
Phoenix	104/77/pc	106/79/s
San Francisco	65/55/pc	65/54/pc
Wash., DC	73/59/pc	79/61/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	83/59/s	83/62/s	Florence	92/69/s	91/71/pc
Athens	91/66/s	91/66/pc	Gainesville	86/71/pc	89/71/t
Augusta	93/65/pc	95/68/pc	Gastonia	87/63/s	85/66/pc
Beaufort	92/73/s	91/73/pc	Goldsboro	87/64/s	84/67/pc
Cape Hatteras	81/68/s	80/71/pc	Goose Creek	92/69/s	90/70/pc
Charleston	93/72/s	90/72/pc	Greensboro	83/62/s	82/66/pc
Charlotte	88/65/s	86/67/pc	Greenville	89/65/s	87/66/pc
Clemson	88/66/s	87/67/pc	Hickory	84/62/s	82/65/pc
Columbia	94/69/s	93/71/pc	Hilton Head	89/72/s	88/72/pc
Darlington	92/67/s	90/69/pc	Jacksonville, FL	90/70/pc	91/70/t
Elizabeth City	82/62/s	80/64/pc	La Grange	91/65/pc	93/68/s
Elizabethtown	90/67/s	86/69/pc	Macon	92/66/pc	94/69/pc
Fayetteville	91/67/s	88/70/pc	Marietta	90/66/s	90/68/s
			Marion	83/59/s	82/62/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	90/71/s	88/71/pc
			Myrtle Beach	87/73/s	85/74/pc
			Orangeburg	90/66/pc	90/68/pc
			Port Royal	90/72/s	89/72/pc
			Raleigh	85/62/s	83/67/pc
			Rock Hill	88/64/s	86/67/pc
			Rockingham	89/66/s	87/68/pc
			Savannah	93/71/s	93/71/pc
			Spartanburg	87/63/s	85/65/pc
			Summerville	91/68/s	90/69/pc
			Wilmington	90/71/s	84/72/pc
			Winston-Salem	84/62/s	83/67/pc

PUBLIC AGENDA

TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
Today, 4 p.m., town hall

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

let others make assumptions, you'll end up being blamed for something you didn't do. Use your ability to research and fact-find to help you counter anyone trying to make you look bad.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): One step at a time. You may be tempted to take a leap of faith, but before you make a sudden move, consider the consequence if something goes wrong. Time is on your side, and hasty decisions will lead to regret.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Understand what you're getting into before you offer help. You'll end up getting stuck with a job that will conflict with the way you feel or the time you've allotted to taking care of your own responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Add spice to your life. Think outside the box and offer your point of view. Honor your beliefs and live life your way. Be open and share your ideas and concerns, but allow others the same privilege.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you want something, go after it. Don't wait for someone else to do the work. Live up to your promises. Recognize what you want, but live within your means. Today is about balance, integrity and making things right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Truth will matter. Elaborating is fine, as long as you don't lose sight of the facts while trying to entice others with your presentation. Live up to your standards, rules and beliefs. Change comes with honesty and faith, not deception.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Learn as you go, and put more energy behind getting things done right the first time. Don't limit what you can do because someone gives you a hard time. Learn to say no to those asking for too much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make personal changes that will make a statement regarding what you stand for. Don't back down; show the world what you have to offer and how you plan to reach your goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Question your motives before putting demands on someone or trying to convince others to do things your way. Be honest about your intentions, and question those who come on too strong. Communication is mandatory.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider investments and how best to make your money work for you. A change in the way you invest or handle your cash will encourage a higher standard of living, less stress and a positive change in your personal life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be fooled by what others say or ask for. Stick close to home, and take care of your personal situation before you offer help to outsiders, or someone will try to take advantage of you. Communication and intelligence are your strengths.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional manipulation will help you get your way. Your ability to push the envelope and get others to buy into what you say will bring about positive change, but only for so long. Truth must be upheld to ensure long-term success.



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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



TOP: Ryder, 4-5 years old, is a 75 pound medium / large Labrador retriever or Labrador mix. This lovely, low key boy seems like he has been on his own for a while. Despite this, he is friendly and happy to see volunteers and other dogs. Ryder is truly a wonderful, deserving boy with the sweetest heart. Can you offer this guy a home and a second chance?

BELOW: Tyler, 1-2 years old, is a medium-sized boxer mix. A friendly and sweet-natured fellow, he would do wonderfully with an active family. After a busy day playing with the kids, Tyler would be thrilled to watch TV with the family and maybe gobble up some popcorn with the kids. Tyler is a nice, people- and dog-friendly guy who needs his forever home.

If you would like to meet Ryder in kennel 14 or Tyler in kennel 28 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email at rescuesumtersc@gmail.com. As with all of our adoptable dogs, a spay or neuter agreement is required, and it is strictly enforced. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

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

COMMENTARY

How did Gamecocks turn it around?

Why the turnaround? Hitting, pitching, defending in timely fashion helps

Gamecocks' season become a super regional one

Hey! Remember when the University of South Carolina baseball team stunk? It shouldn't be that hard; it was just a few short weeks ago.

The Gamecocks were 20-17 after losing to Presbyterian on a Tuesday in April with defending national runner-up Louisiana State coming to Columbia. USC appeared on its way to a second straight season without a postsea-



Dennis Brunson

son bid, the first of which cost head coach Chad Holbrook his job.

Now look at Carolina. It is a regional champion again and just two victories away from the College World Series.

Those two wins aren't going to come easy, mind you. South Carolina will be traveling to Fayetteville, Arkansas, to take

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Members of the South Carolina baseball team congratulate each other after beating North Carolina Wilmington 8-4 on Monday to win the NCAA tournament's Greenville regional in Greenville, N.C. The Gamecocks went from a team that looked as though it would miss the tournament for a second straight season to one that will face Arkansas in a super regional beginning on Saturday.

ALLEN SHARPE / USC SPORTS INFORMATION

PRO FOOTBALL

Former Clemson, 49er great Clark, who made 'The Catch,' dies at 61

BY JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Dwight Clark will forever be remembered for one iconic moment, his leap in the back of the end zone to make a fingertip grab of a game-winning touchdown that launched the San Francisco 49ers dynasty and is one of the most indelible images in NFL history.

Clark, the author of one play simply known as "The Catch," died Monday just more than one year after revealing he had ALS. He was 61.

"My heart is broken," former 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr. said in a statement. "Today, I lost my little brother and one of my best friends. I cannot put into words how special Dwight was to me and to everyone his life touched. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother and a great friend and teammate. He showed tremendous courage and dignity in his battle with ALS and we hope there will soon be a cure for this horrendous disease.

"I will always remember Dwight the way he was — larger than life, handsome, charismatic and the only one who could pull off wearing a fur coat at our Super Bowl parade. He was responsible for one of the most iconic plays in NFL history that began our run of Super Bowl championships, but to me, he will always be an extension of my family. I love him and will miss him terribly."

Clark said in March 2017 that he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), which attacks cells that control muscles. He suspected playing football might have caused the illness.

The team said he died



AP FILE PHOTO

San Francisco 49er Dwight Clark, a hall of fame receiver at Clemson, makes "The Catch," an iconic touchdown reception that gave the 49ers the 1981 NFC Championship victory over Dallas and a trip to their first Super Bowl. The 49ers won five Super Bowls in a period of 14 seasons.

Monday surrounded by friends and family. DeBartolo recently host-

ed a reunion in Montana where many of Clark's former teammates came for

one final goodbye.

SEE **CLARK**, PAGE B5

NBA PLAYOFFS

Mood swing: LeBron, Cavs look to turn around Finals

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James laughed as he came around the backstage partition after arriving fashionably late for his crowded, post-practice news conference.

As he stepped onto the podium, back among friendly faces and in the building where he has done some of his finest work, James seemed at ease, almost content.

No signs of stress anywhere. Moments later, his demeanor shifted.

A few reminders about his team's urgent predicament against Golden State, questions about President Donald Trump and another review of Cleveland's heartbreaking loss in Oakland swung his emotions.

"I know it feels like we're down 2-0, and I don't like the way I feel," James said. "I don't like the mood that I'm in right now. There's no, like, 'OK, you're down 2-0 and you feel better than when you're down 2-0 before.' When you're down like this, in a deficit like this — versus a team like this — there's no good feeling. So I don't feel good about it."

The Cavaliers may be in a dark place.

For the third time in the past four Finals, James and his teammates enter Game 3 against the Warriors in a win-or-make-summer-vacation-plans situation. After they wasted a 51-point effort by James — with a reversed official's call, missed free throw by George Hill and bone-headed move from J.R. Smith — and let Game 1 slip away in overtime, and following Stephen Curry's 3-point barrage in Game 2, the Cavs are faced with the reality that their season, strange as it has been to this point, is in serious jeopardy.

However, coach Tyronn Lue, who plans to give disappointing forward Rodney Hood playing time on Wednesday night, feels his team can change the complexion of this series.

"We're very confident we can do that," Lue said. "The guys are engaged and locked in. Winning tomorrow is a step forward, but then going out with Game 4 also. We're locked into doing that, and we know we can."

"We believe."

It's easy to understand Lue's confidence. After what the Cavaliers have experienced this season, a 2-0 deficit in the Finals against a star-studded Warriors squad on the cusp of being stamped as a modern-day dynasty seems manageable.



JAMES

FRENCH OPEN

Djokovic falters, Cecchinato soars in French Open

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

PARIS — It was difficult to discern which was less likely: that 12-time major champion Novak Djokovic would falter in his French Open quarterfinal or that Marco Cecchinato, who never won a Grand Slam match until last week and once faced a possible ban for losing on purpose, would rise to the occasion.

Either way, Tuesday's outcome was stunning. To both men. And to anyone watching.

Djokovic, bothered by neck and leg problems, went from two sets down to the verge of forcing a fifth, but he frittered away good chances and in the



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serbia's Novak Djokovic reacts after missing a shot against Italy's Marco Cecchinato in the tie break of the fourth set of their quarterfinal match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, on Tuesday.

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SPORTS ITEMS

Pop Warner football and cheer registration set for June 16

Registration for the YAS Pop Warner Sumter Spartans Football & Cheer tackle program will be held on Saturday, June 16, at Brand University located at 4676 Broad St.

The registration event will also consist of a car wash and fish fry fundraiser. It will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Ivan Sanders at (803) 468-7429.

SUMTER 4 HARTSVILLE 1

KELLEYTOWN — Lathan Todd threw a 4-hit complete game to lift the Sumter P-15's to a 4-1 American Legion baseball victory over Hartsville Post 53 on Monday at Jimmy White Park.

The right-handed Todd finished with five strikeouts for Sumter, which improved to 3-1 overall. The P-15's remained undefeated in League III play at 3-0.

Sumter pushed across a run in the first inning and made it 3-0 with a 2-run single by Cory Blackley in the second. The P-15's added their final run in the fourth.

Rashard Coleman had a hit and scored Hartsville's only run.

Post 53 fell to 3-5 overall and 2-2 in league play.

Hartsville plays Sumter at Riley Park today beginning at 7 p.m.

SUMTER 7 MANNING 1

The Sumter Junior P-15's improved to 5-0 with a 7-1

American Legion junior baseball victory over Manning-Santee Post 68 on Monday at Riley Park.

Sumter scored five runs in the second inning. Dustin Kennedy had three of the Junior P-15's seven hits and Keaton Price added two. Daniel Gamble had two of Manning's four hits.

Seth Posey went the distance on the mound for Sumter. He struck out nine.

BASKETBALL CAMP STARTS MONDAY

A basketball camp for girls entering grades 5-8 will be held June 11-14 at the Manning First Baptist Church gymnasium.

The camp is free and will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. Jack Gibson and

Betsy Reynolds will run the camp.

Emphasis will be on passing, dribbling, shooting and defensive skills.

TIGERS' BEER HOUSTON'S FIRST-ROUND PICK

CLEMSON — Clemson junior outfielder Seth Beer was selected in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Houston Astros on Monday.

Beer was the No. 28 overall pick and was Clemson's first first-round draft pick since Richie Shaffer was chosen in the first round in 2012. Beer was also the Tigers' 14th first-round draft pick in history.

Beer is Clemson's second 3-time All-American in history, including 2018, when he

was a first-team All-American and hit .301 with 22 homers, 11 doubles, 54 RBIs, 64 runs, a .642 slugging percentage, 54 walks, a .456 on-base percentage and a steal in 63 games.

In his 3-year career, he is hitting .321 with 56 homers, 41 doubles, a triple, 177 RBIs, 172 runs, a .648 slugging percentage, 180 walks, 42 hit-by-pitches, a .489 on-base percentage and four steals in 188 games.

He became the first Tiger in history to hit 16 or more home runs in three consecutive seasons. He has also reached base via a hit, walk or hit-by-pitch in 178 of his 187 career games with a plate appearance.

From staff and wire reports

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

8 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Women's and Men's Quarterfinal Matches from Paris (TENNIS).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at Cleveland or Baltimore at New York Mets (MLB NETWORK).

1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Women's and Men's Quarterfinal Matches from Paris (TENNIS).
3:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at San Diego (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, MLB NETWORK, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUW-FM 102.7).

4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at San Diego (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

4 p.m. — Amateur Diving: FINA Diving World Cup from Wuhan, China — Women's 10-Meter Finals (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

6 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: K&N Pro Series East from Memphis, Tenn. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).

6:30 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: Sumter at Manning-Santee (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).

7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Toronto or Detroit at Boston (MLB NETWORK).
7 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Whelen Modified Tour from Seekonk, Mass. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

7:30 p.m. — College Track and Field: NCAA Outdoor Championships Day 1 from Eugene, Ore. — Men's Track Semifinals, 10,000-Meter Final, Hammer Final, Pole Vault Final, Javelin Final, Long Jump Final, Shot Put Final and Decathlon Day 1 (ESPN2).

8:30 p.m. — College Softball: Women's College World Series Finals Game 3 from Oklahoma City — Washington vs. Florida State (if Necessary) (ESPN).

9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Finals Game 3 — Golden State at Cleveland (WOLV 25).

10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Kansas City at Los Angeles Angels or Chicago White Sox at Minnesota (MLB NETWORK).

4:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Shot Clock Masters First Round from Atzenbrugg, Austria (GOLF).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	19	.683	—
New York	38	18	.679	1
Tampa Bay	28	30	.483	12
Toronto	26	33	.441	14½
Baltimore	17	41	.293	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	28	.517	—
Detroit	29	32	.475	2½
Minnesota	25	30	.455	3½
Kansas City	21	39	.350	10
Chicago	18	38	.321	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	37	22	.627	—
Houston	37	24	.607	1
Los Angeles	33	28	.541	5
Oakland	31	29	.517	6½
Texas	25	37	.403	13½

MONDAY

N.Y. Yankees 7, Detroit 4, 1st game
Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 2, 2nd game
L.A. Angels 9, Kansas City 6

TUESDAY

Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m., 1st game
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m., 2nd game
Seattle at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

TODAY

Tampa Bay (TBD) at Washington (Roark 2-6), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bundy 3-7) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-4), 1:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 4-4) at Cleveland (Carrasco 6-4),

1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gray 4-4) at Toronto (Gaviglio 2-1), 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Hardy 2-0) at Boston (Rodriguez 6-1), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Mengden 6-4) at Texas (Colon 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Santiago 1-2) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 3-2), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (LeBlanc 1-0) at Houston (McCullers 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 1-6) at L.A. Angels (Ohtani 4-1), 10:07 p.m.

THURSDAY

Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	35	25	.583	—
Washington	33	25	.569	1
Philadelphia	31	26	.544	2½
New York	27	30	.474	6½
Miami	20	39	.339	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	23	.617	—
Chicago	33	23	.589	2
St. Louis	32	25	.561	3½
Pittsburgh	30	29	.508	6½
Cincinnati	21	39	.350	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	31	28	.525	—
Colorado	30	29	.508	1
San Francisco	30	30	.500	1½
Los Angeles	29	30	.492	2
San Diego	28	34	.452	4½

MONDAY

San Francisco 10, Arizona 3
San Diego 11, Atlanta 4

TUESDAY

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

TODAY

Tampa Bay (TBD) at Washington (Roark 2-6), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bundy 3-7) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-4), 1:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 4-4) at Cleveland (Carrasco 6-4), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 5-3) at San Diego (TBD), 3:40 p.m.
Arizona (Buchholz 1-1) at San Francisco (Stratton 7-3), 3:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (TBD) at Pittsburgh (Williams 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 5-6) at Cincinnati (Romano 3-6), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 7-2) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 6-4), 8:05 p.m.
Miami (Chen 1-3) at St. Louis (Flaherty 2-1), 8:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Colorado at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
Miami at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.

MLB LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING: Betts, Boston, .359; Castellanos, Detroit, .333; Segura, Seattle, .331; Simmons, Los Angeles, .330; Altuve, Houston, .329; Machado, Baltimore, .327; Brantley, Cleveland, .323; Rosario, Minnesota, .317; Trout, Los Angeles, .316; Martinez, Boston, .315. RUNS: Betts, Boston, 52; Trout, Los Angeles, 52; Springer, Houston, 46; Lindor, Cleveland, 45; Segura, Seattle, 43; Judge, New York, 42; Ramirez, Cleveland, 42; Benintendi, Boston, 41; Gardner, New York, 39; 3 tied at 37. RBI: Martinez, Boston, 50; Machado, Baltimore, 47; Haniger, Seattle, 42; Lowrie, Oakland, 42; Benintendi,

Boston, 41; Judge, New York, 41; Ramirez, Cleveland, 41; 4 tied at 40. HITS: Altuve, Houston, 82; Castellanos, Detroit, 78; Segura, Seattle, 78; Machado, Baltimore, 74; Jay, Kansas City, 73; Lindor, Cleveland, 73; Simmons, Los Angeles, 71; 4 tied at 69.

DOUBLES: Abreu, Chicago, 21; Andujar, New York, 20; Escobar, Minnesota, 20; Lindor, Cleveland, 20; Pillar, Toronto, 20; Betts, Boston, 19; Castellanos, Detroit, 19; 4 tied at 18.

TRIPLES: Sanchez, Chicago, 6; Benintendi, Boston, 5; Hernandez, Toronto, 4; Profar, Texas, 4; 8 tied at 3. HOME RUNS: Martinez, Boston, 19; Trout, Los Angeles, 19; Machado, Baltimore, 18; Ramirez, Cleveland, 18; Betts, Boston, 17; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 16; Judge, New York, 16; Gallo, Texas, 15; Lindor, Cleveland, 14; Mazara, Texas, 14.

STOLEN BASES: Gordon, Seattle, 19; Merrifield, Kansas City, 14; Betts, Boston, 13; Trout, Los Angeles, 13; Anderson, Chicago, 12; Segura, Seattle, 12; Smith, Tampa Bay, 11; DeShields, Texas, 10; 4 tied at 9.

PITCHING: Severino, New York, 9-1; Kluber, Cleveland, 8-2; Porcello, Boston, 8-2; Happ, Toronto, 7-3; McCullers, Houston, 7-3; Morton, Houston, 7-1; Snell, Tampa Bay, 7-3; Tanaka, New York, 7-2; Verlander, Houston, 7-2; 8 tied at 6.

ERA: Verlander, Houston, 1.24; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.03; Severino, New York, 2.20; Cole, Houston, 2.20; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.36; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.77; Morton, Houston, 2.84; Mengden, Oakland, 2.91; Sale, Boston, 3.00; Paxton, Seattle, 3.13.

STRIKEOUTS: Cole, Houston, 116; Sale, Boston, 110; Verlander, Houston, 104; Severino, New York, 102; Bauer, Cleveland, 97; Paxton, Seattle, 95; Morton, Houston, 92; Kluber, Cleveland, 88; Snell, Tampa Bay, 88; Happ, Toronto, 87.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING: Kemp, Los Angeles, .344; Gennett, Cincinnati, .342; Markakis, Atlanta, .331; Freeman, Atlanta, .328; Arenado, Colorado, .327; Crawford, San Francisco, .320; Almonte, Chicago, .317; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .313; Belt, San Francisco, .307; Posey, San Francisco, .306.

RUNS: Albies, Atlanta, 50; Blackmon, Colorado, 46; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 42; Pham, St. Louis, 40; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 38; Markakis, Atlanta, 38; Arenado, Colorado, 37; Harper, Washington, 37; Cain, Milwaukee, 36; Yelich, Milwaukee, 36.

RBI: Baez, Chicago, 45; Suarez, Cincinnati, 44; Gennett, Cincinnati, 41; Story, Colorado, 41; Freeman, Atlanta, 40; Harper, Washington, 40; Markakis, Atlanta, 39; Rizzo, Chicago, 38; Arenado, Colorado, 36; Shaw, Milwaukee, 36.

HITS: Markakis, Atlanta, 79; Freeman, Atlanta, 75; Gennett, Cincinnati, 75; Albies, Atlanta, 68; Arenado, Colorado, 66; Crawford, San Francisco, 66; Castro, Miami, 65; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 65; Hosmer, San Diego, 65; 4 tied at 64.

DOUBLES: Hosmer, San Diego, 18; Markakis, Atlanta, 18; Albies, Atlanta, 17; Bryant, Chicago, 17; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 16; Freeman, Atlanta, 16; Longoria, San Francisco, 16; McCutchen, San Francisco, 16; Pirella, San Diego, 16; Polanco, Pittsburgh, 16.

TRIPLES: KMarte, Arizona, 6; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 6; Baez, Chicago, 5; Contreras, Chicago, 4; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 4; Nimmo, New York, 4; Story, Colorado, 4; 13 tied at 3.

HOME RUNS: Harper, Washington, 18; Villanueva, San Diego, 15; Albies, Atlanta, 14; Baez, Chicago, 14; Shaw, Milwaukee, 13; Adams, Washington, 12; Arenado, Colorado, 12; Blackmon, Colorado, 12; Gennett, Cincinnati, 12; 5 tied at 11.

STOLEN BASES: Inciarte, Atlanta, 18; Turner, Washington, 16; MTaylor, Washington, 15; Cain, Milwaukee, 11; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 10; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 10; Jankowski, San Diego, 10; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 10; 3 tied at 9.

PITCHING: Scherzer, Washington, 9-1; Nola, Philadelphia, 7-2; Stratton, San Francisco, 7-3; Wacha, St. Louis, 7-1; Gonzalez, Washington, 6-2; Lester, Chicago, 6-2; Mikolas, St. Louis, 6-1; Newcomb, Atlanta, 6-1; Quintana, Chicago, 6-4; Strasburg, Washington, 6-5.

ERA: deGrom, New York, 1.49; Scherzer, Washington, 1.92; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.18; Foltynewicz, Atlanta, 2.22; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.27; Wacha, St. Louis, 2.41; Lester, Chicago, 2.44; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.49; Arrieta, Philadelphia, 2.66; Newcomb, Atlanta, 2.73.

STRIKEOUTS: Scherzer, Washington, 120; Corbin, Arizona, 98; deGrom, New York, 98; Strasburg, Washington, 93; Foltynewicz, Atlanta, 80; Velasquez, Philadelphia, 79; Greinke, Arizona, 78; Gray, Colorado, 76; Syndergaard, New York, 76; 2 tied at 74.

NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Golden State 2, Cleveland 0

wound up having his leg taped by a trainer.

Zverev was coming off a trio of wins that went five sets and, while still just 21, could not will his body to another comeback.

"He's one of the fittest guys on tour," Thiem said, "and even for him, it's maybe even a little bit too tough to play three five-setters."

In the women's quarterfinals, No. 10 Sloane Stephens beat No. 14 Daria Kasatkina of Russia 6-3, 6-1, and No. 13 Madison Keys eliminated unseeded Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan 7-6 (5), 6-4. Stephens beat Keys in the U.S. Open final last September, and Thursday's rematch will be the first all-American women's semifinal at the French Open since Serena Williams defeated Jennifer Capriati in 2002.

That Cecchinato would be a semifinal participant was far harder to predict.

In the first round at Roland Garros, he dropped the first two sets against Marius Copil, a player ranked 94th, before coming all the way back to win 10-8 in the fifth.

"Seems like a month ago," Cecchinato said with a laugh Tuesday, when he answered reporters' questions in Italian, Spanish and English.

Since then, employing a smooth one-handed backhand, he has beaten players seeded No. 8 (David Goffin) and No. 10 (Pablo Carreno Busta), before adding Djokovic to his list.

Djokovic, who missed the last half of 2017 with right elbow trouble and had surgery in February, is clearly not at the height of his power. Indeed, his seeding of No. 20 was his lowest at any Grand Slam tournament in a dozen years. Djokovic, Cecchinato said, "seemed unsure of himself at the beginning."

By the end, though, points were tight and taught, one even lasting 30 strokes. Djokovic actually won more total points, 144-140.

Somehow, Cecchinato won the one that mattered most, the last.

"I had to push. I knew I had to take risks," Cecchinato said. "Because if I played just to stay in points, I could never beat Novak."

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end was beaten by the 72nd-ranked Cecchinato 6-3, 7-6 (4), 1-6, 7-6 (11) in a rollicking match filled with engaging exchanges and plenty of drama.

"A hard one to swallow," a glum Djokovic acknowledged during a brief news conference, in which he delivered clipped answers and said he might not play during the upcoming grass-court season.

Cecchinato is the lowest-ranked French Open semifinalist in 19 years and the first Italian man to make it that far at any major in 40 years.

"The best moment of my life," Cecchinato said.

Djokovic served for the fourth set at 5-3 — "I thought," Cecchinato would say, "my Roland Garros was about to end" — but the 2016 French Open champion got broken. Djokovic then held three set points in the tiebreaker — "I saw ghosts," Cecchinato would joke — but couldn't convert.

"A pity," Djokovic said.

At 7-6 in the closing tiebreaker, he pushed a back-

hand long. At 8-7, Cecchinato ended a 20-stroke exchange with a swinging volley winner. At 9-8, Djokovic flubbed a forehand, knelt and clasped his hands together as if praying, then raised an index finger as if to plea, "Let me have ONE of these!"

"I had a lot of courage, especially toward the end of the tiebreaker," Cecchinato said. "I was cool. Clear-headed. My heart was beating 1,000 mph. It wasn't easy. My hand was even shaking a little."

Cecchinato (it's pronounced cheh-key-NAH'-toe) came through on his fourth match point, looping in a backhand return winner as Djokovic tried to surprise him with a serve-and-volley attempt.

The 25-year-old Cecchinato dropped onto his back on the clay, then sat in his sideline chair, bowed his head and cried.

Told in an on-court interview that he wasn't dreaming, Cecchinato responded: "Are you sure?"

Consider that Cecchinato has never won a tour-level match on a surface other than red clay; as it is, he entered this season with a career record of 4-23 and entered this tournament with a Grand Slam record of 0-4.

Then there's this: The 25-year-old from Sicily was suspended for 18 months and fined 40,000 euros (about \$45,000) by his national federation in July 2016 for allegedly fixing a match by losing at a lower-tier Challenger event in Morocco a year earlier. Cecchinato appealed and, eventually, the Italian Olympic Committee announced that the sanctions were dropped on a technicality.

He has declined to discuss the case in Paris.

On Friday, Cecchinato will



PHOTO PROVIDED

South Carolina right-handed pitcher Carmen Mlodzinski (21) throws against UNC Wilmington during the Gamecocks' victory in the NCAA baseball tournament Columbia regional on Sunday.

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on No. 5 national seed Arkansas in a best-of-3 super regional beginning on Saturday. The Razorbacks beat the Gamecocks two out of three times in the regular-season series in Arkansas and beat them again in the Southeastern Conference tournament a couple of weeks ago.

So exactly how did first-year head coach Mark Kingston step on the brakes to avoid what appeared to be a train wreck of a first season? USC not only couldn't beat its in-state foes, but it lost three of its first four SEC series. Plus, it was losing games in those series where it couldn't make the pitch or play or get the hit at the right time to swing the momentum.

Kingston said he pretty much read the team the riot act after the PC game, saying he told them that kind of play wouldn't happen again. And it really didn't, save the 9-0 loss to College of Charleston — and Holbrook.

One would think though that Holbrook threw a fit or two last season, especially since he knew his job was on the line. So again, if it wasn't the magic words of Kingston then exactly what propelled Carolina to win its final six SEC series and make a run through the Greenville regional, capped by an 8-4 win over North Carolina Wilmington on Monday?

South Carolina came together as a team, matured, whatever you want to call it. Hits came at the right time, the defense locked down and the pitching staff began to get significant contributions from the starting staff and the relievers.

I personally thought it was time to stick a fork in the Gamecocks in Game 2 of a 3-game sweep by Georgia in late March. After losing a tough 7-5 contest in the opener, USC took a 12-3 pounding. Not only was the pitching terrible, Carolina's runs came on three solo home runs. Somehow, that combination made me think they were cashing it in and losing 3-0 the next game backed up that belief.

The turnaround slowly began to take place though when South Carolina traveled

to Arkansas the first time, the series before the loss to Presbyterian. That's when Kingston made the move to make freshman Logan Chapman his Friday night starting pitcher, dropping Adam Hill and Cody Morris back to the second and third games, respectively.

Of course, the Gamecocks won the first game 3-2, and even though it lost the next two 2-0 and 3-0, that was the beginning of the pitching staff being solidified with players figuring out their roles. The decision to move Chapman to the front of the rotation was one that's always made sense to me. You know you're playing three games, so why have your top guy go against the opposition's No. 1 when you can put yourself in a better position to win the series. Then when USC got into the double-elimination regional, Kingston did the sensible thing of throwing his top two pitchers in the first two games.

As far as the offense goes, LSU was the cure to Carolina's offensive woes. It put up 11, 11 and eight runs in the 3-game sweep. South Carolina scored eight or more runs in eight of nine games starting with the LSU series.

The Gamecocks were hitting up and down the lineup during that stretch. However, when the combined hot streak came to an end, and the runs weren't as plentiful, that didn't mean the key hits went away.

And that is pretty much why USC is one of only 16 teams still playing when it didn't seem to be a possibility less than two months ago.

In reality, it's a ridiculous turnaround. It's not as if Kingston inherited a terrible program. This will be the second super regional in three years for the veterans on this team, so it's not as though they haven't known success at Carolina. Still, when you miss out on the NCAAs the next year and appears to be the case over halfway through this season, it's amazing South Carolina has come back from the brink in just 23 games.

Can the Gamecocks win this weekend? Certainly, but Arkansas is having a tremendous season, and two and through is a possibility. Regardless of what happens though, Kingston's first season can now be viewed only as a success.

NCAA REGIONALS ROUNDUP

Tenn. Tech, Duke break through to make 1st super regionals

BY ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

A Tennessee Tech team that boasts the nation's most high-powered offense relied on its pitching to earn the biggest win in program history Monday night.

The Golden Eagles of the Ohio Valley Conference knocked No. 4 national seed Mississippi out of the NCAA Tournament by beating the Rebels twice, 15-5 in the afternoon and 3-2 to clinch the Oxford Regional title.

Tech joins Duke, Minnesota, Stetson and Washington as teams that will make their first appearances in super regionals this week. Winners in those eight best-of-three series advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, starting June 16.

Duke won the Athens Regional on Monday with two wins over No. 8 national seed Georgia.

No. 1 overall seed and defending national champion Florida, Mississippi State and South Carolina also advanced, giving the Southeastern Conference six teams in supers.

Eight of the 16 national seeds were eliminated in regionals, including four of the top eight.

Tennessee Tech, a No. 2 regional seed, has put up some of the college game's biggest offensive numbers in years this season, but it was the pitching of closer-turned-starter Ethan Roberts in the afternoon and Devin Lancaster and Nick Osborne at night that carried the Golden Eagles against Ole Miss.

"Everyone talks about our offense, but our pitchers can pitch, too," said Trevor Putzig, whose homer tied it 2-2 in the sixth.

Lancaster went the first 5 1/2 innings, allowing two runs on four hits. Osborne came on to start the seventh after playing the first six innings in right field and allowed two hits the rest of the way to make Kevin Strohschein's seventh-inning sacrifice fly stand up.

In the first game, Roberts, normally the closer, made his second start in 63 appearances and went a career-long 7 2/3 innings before leaving the game with a 10-2 lead.

"Our goal from the beginning was Omaha, so we're one step closer," Putzig said.

Coming through the losers' bracket, Duke won a regional for the first time since 1961.

Duke coach Chris Pollard took over in 2012, and the Blue Devils have reached at least 30 wins five straight years. They ended a 55-year NCAA Tournament drought in 2016, and Monday they completed a diffi-

cult trek in regionals that saw them come from behind to win in three games as the No. 2 regional seed after losing 6-0 to Troy on Friday.

Duke beat Georgia 8-5 in the afternoon before locking up the regional title with an 8-4 win.

Florida lost 7-4 to Florida Atlantic in the afternoon in the Gainesville Regional, forcing a winner-take-all second game that the Gators won 5-2.

Mississippi State defeated Oklahoma for the second time in two days in Tallahassee, Florida, and is in a super regional for the third straight year. The Bulldogs are the first team since the tournament went to its current format in 1999 to win a regional in back-to-back years after losing the first game.

This year's run has been wild. Andy Cannizaro resigned as coach Feb. 20 for off-field conduct, and pitching coach Gary Henderson took over in an interim role. The No. 2 regional seed Bulldogs didn't lock up an NCAA at-large bid until they swept top-ranked Florida in their final regular-season series.

They lost 20-10 to Oklahoma on Friday and, facing elimination Saturday, were down to their last strike against No. 7 national seed Florida State when Elijah MacNamee hit a three-run walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 3-2 win.

MacNamee's homer changed the team's mojo. "A lot. A bunch. More than you can imagine," Henderson said. "I think there's a constant theme of belief and they keep fighting."

MSU beat the Sooners 13-5 on Sunday and 8-5 on Monday. "Elijah was the only one saying we could do this," third baseman Justin Foscoe said. "Once he hit the home run, that sparked me and I bet it sparked the rest of the team that we could do this now. That got everyone going."

South Carolina opened SEC play 1-5 and dealt with a number of injuries before it got hot the second half of the season. The Gamecocks went 3-0 in the Greenville (North Carolina) Regional, coming from behind to beat Ohio State, knocking off No. 12 national seed East Carolina and beating No. 4 regional seed UNC-Wilmington 8-4 in the final Monday.

The run to super regionals came in coach Mark Kingston's first season. He left South Florida last June to take over at South Carolina when Chad Holbrook resigned after missing the tournament for the second time in three years.

NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL SUPER REGIONALS

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Sunday, June 10: Arkansas vs. South Carolina, 3 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Arkansas vs. South Carolina, 7 p.m.
At Boshamer Stadium Chapel Hill, N.C.
Friday, June 8: North Carolina (41-18) vs. Stetson (48-11), 11 a.m.
Saturday, June 9: North Carolina vs. Stetson, Noon
x-Sunday, June 10: North Carolina vs. Stetson, Noon
At Hawkins Field

Nashville, Tenn.
Friday, June 8: Vanderbilt (34-25) vs. Mississippi State (35-26), 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 9: Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi State, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi State, 6 p.m.
At Goss Stadium at Coleman Field Corvallis, Ore.
Friday, June 8: Oregon State (47-10-1) vs. Minnesota (44-13), 5 p.m.
Saturday, June 9: Oregon State vs. Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Oregon State vs. Minnesota, 9 p.m.
At Goodwin Field Fullerton, Calif.
Friday, June 8: Cal State Fullerton (35-23) vs. Washington (33-23), 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 9: Cal State Fullerton vs. Washington, 6:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Cal State Fullerton vs. Washington, 9 p.m.

At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium Gainesville, Fla.
Saturday, June 9: Florida (45-18) vs. Auburn (42-21), Noon
Sunday, June 10: Florida vs. Auburn, Noon
x-Monday, June 11: Florida vs. Auburn, 8:30 p.m.
At Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park Lubbock, Texas
Saturday, June 9: Texas Tech (42-17) vs. Duke (44-16), 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 10: Texas Tech vs. Duke, 6 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Texas Tech vs. Duke, 4 p.m.
At UFCU Disch-Falk Field Austin, Texas
Saturday, June 9: Texas (40-20) vs. Tennessee Tech (52-10), 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 10: Texas vs. Tennessee Tech, 3 p.m.
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RECRUITING CORNER

Big weekend for Gamecock basketball, football

University of South Carolina football head coach Will Muschamp and men's basketball head coach Frank Martin had several significant personnel moves related to their programs over the weekend. Muschamp added a pair of commitments to his 2019 recruiting class, while Martin added a commitment and a transfer for '18 and his first commitment for '19.

Muschamp hosted six targets for official visits over the weekend, including previously committed defensive end **Zacch Pickens**, and pushed his '19 class total to 14 with pledges from DE **Joseph Anderson** of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and linebacker **Derek Boykins** of Concord, North Carolina.

USC recruiter Bobby Bentley identified Anderson during early evaluations and made him a priority target for USC.

"Our relationship is strong with all the coaches. They make me feel like I'm at home," Anderson said. "I like the defense a lot. They run the 4-3 (scheme) and they can move me around in that because I'm a versatile defensive end. I can play outside or inside with my speed and my strength."

Anderson, who chose USC over Alabama and Notre Dame, said he does plan to sign and graduate early.

Boykins spent his early years living in Beaufort, and USC has been his favorite for an extended period. He chose USC over offers from Clemson, Texas A&M, Louisville, Duke, Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina State, North Carolina, Kentucky and others.

The fact Muschamp put so much effort into recruiting him was a winning point for USC.

"I didn't really have no relationship like that with no other head coach," Boykins said. "When we were going to Clemson I only talked to (head coach) Dabo (Swinney) one time. Tennessee, talked to Coach (Jeremy) Pruitt like twice. But like Muschamp, it was really every day. I feel like this was what it was supposed to be all along."

"They are really looking at my versatility. I'm not a 240-(pound) linebacker, and I'm not a 200-pound linebacker. I just weighed in at 225. I can still move. I can still run. He said I can play all over. I can play Sam, I can play Will, Mike, I can play the Dime. They mainly look at me for the Dime right now."

Others taking official visits to USC over the weekend were junior college offensive lineman **Anthony Whigan**, defensive back **Jammie Robinson**, DE **Savion Jackson** and defensive lineman **Travon Walker**.

Whigan is going into his second season at Lackawanna JC in Pennsylvania.

"They were telling me I can impact the program, be an immediate help," Whigan said. "They were telling me I'm a priority. They need a tackle because they lose three tackles next year and they need somebody to come in that's older and can play that role. That stuck with me. They are definitely a school that I can see myself going to."

Whigan does plan more official visits with one to Louisville this coming weekend and trips to Mississippi and Penn State in December. Some of his other offers are Nebraska, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and NCSU. Whigan will graduate in December and will have three years to play two.

Jackson, a native of Clayton, North Carolina, said the visit further cemented USC's spot among his favorites at this point.

"I took away a lot from this visit. It puts them in a strong place with me, a more solid place. This visit really set them apart from some other schools and really made them stand out."

Jackson does not have other visits scheduled at this point. He plans to release a top four or five this summer. He has also had Virginia, Oklahoma, NCSU, Alabama, Duke, Louisville, Ohio State, East Carolina PSU, Florida, Auburn, Virginia Tech and Tennessee on his top list.

Robinson has been a frequent visitor to USC but he said this weekend had some extra special moments for him. "Coach Muschamp and Coach

T-Rob (defensive coordinator Travaris Robinson) were telling me they want me to be like Matt Elam," Jammie Robinson said. "He played for Florida. They were just telling me I've got an advantage by playing early if I go there and possibly starting as a freshman (at safety or Nickel)."



Phil Kornblut
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Robinson, who is from Cordele, Georgia, has cut his list to a final six of USC, Georgia, Michigan, Auburn, UK and Chattanooga. Robinson said he plans to take other officials to Michigan, Auburn,

UGA and UK, but no dates have been set. He plans to make his decision during his season and he will graduate early. He does not claim a leader from his top five.

DL **CJ Clark** of New London, North Carolina, did not make his official visit to USC as scheduled. He said he had to cancel due to family plans, but he will reschedule. He has USC, UNC, NCSU, Tennessee and UGA on his short list.

Martin added his fourth high school recruit to his '18 class in 6-foot-7-inch **Keyshawn Bryant** of Winter Haven, Florida. Bryant was named Class 8A First Team after his senior season. Scouting reports on him tout his overall athletic ability and high flying attacks on the rim. He averaged 22 points and 8 rebounds per game last season. Some of his other reported offers were UGA, Charlotte, Tulane, Kansas State, Memphis, Wichita State and Florida Gulf Coast. He also was getting interest from Missouri and Ole Miss.

Also joining the '18 class, but not available to play until '19, will be 6-4 **Jair Bolden**, who will transfer from George Washington.

Bolden took an official visit to USC on Friday and Saturday. He also visited Seton Hall and San Diego after deciding to transfer in early April.

"I love the winning culture that is at South Carolina," Bolden said. "I love the fact that so many guys that played in the program are back and helping current players who are trying to achieve the same goals that some of those guys did."

Bolden worked his way into a starting role at GW midway through his freshman season. Last season, he started 24 of 32 games and averaged 11 points and 3 rebounds while leading the team with 98 assists. He shot 37 percent from the floor, 32 percent from 3-point range and 68 percent from the free throw line.

Martin landed his first commitment for the '19 class in 6-2 **Trae Hannibal** of Hartsville High School. He made a visit on Thursday, his second visit in May, and decided the next day to move forward with his commitment. He chose USC over Oklahoma State and College of Charleston. Hannibal said he's excited about the prospects of playing for Martin.

"Every coach who has coached me has coached me hard," Hannibal said. "With Frank Martin as my coach, it will be one of the best things I can experience as a player because I know he's going to get the best out of me." Hannibal averaged 17 points, 8 rebounds and 6 assists as a junior.

FOOTBALL

CLEMSON

DB **Cam Ron Kelly** of Chesapeake, Virginia, visited Clemson unofficially over the weekend. He plans to announce his decision on Friday with Clemson, UVA, Oklahoma and PSU among the strong contenders.

The battle between Clemson and NCSU, and to a lesser extent a few others, rages on for DB **Shyheim Battle** of Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

The Tigers continue to hold the edge at this point as Battle begins a string of unofficial visits in June. Battle said Tennessee and VT currently are 3-4 on his list behind Clemson and NCSU. He plans to visit Clemson, UNC, Tennessee, Ohio State, VT and NCSU unoffi-

cially this summer. He has not scheduled any official visits. Battle will sign in December and will be an early graduate.

Clemson is in the final four with DE **Ruke Orhorhoro** of River Rouge, Michigan. The others are Michigan, UK and Indiana.

Clemson is in the top five with DB **Jalyn Phillips** of Lawrenceville, Georgia. The others are Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Southern California.

LB **Spencer Lytle** of Bellflower, California, said he will visit Clemson again unofficially on Monday and Tuesday. He first visited in April. He has official visits set with Wisconsin on Friday and ND on June 15. He recently was offered by Auburn.

Clemson gave out offers to DL **Enoch Jackson** of Mansfield, Texas; OL **Trevor Keegan** of Crystal Lake, Illinois. He visited Clemson on Saturday and UGA on Sunday. He visited Alabama on Monday.

USC

USC wide receivers coach and offensive coordinator Bryan McClendon scouted WR **John Metchie** of Hagerstown, Maryland, this spring and offered him. Metchie is considering USC for an official visit. Metchie said Alabama and PSU stand out the most with him right now and he as set an official visit to PSU on Friday to Alabama on June 15. The other schools on his short list are ND, Michigan, UGA, UK, Nebraska and Tennessee.

OL **Warren McClendon** of Brunswick, Georgia, told Rivals that USC and UGA are his top two ahead of UF, Auburn and Tennessee. He will visit all of them this summer and plans to make a decision early in the season.

WR **Keveon Mullins** of Memphis, Tennessee, plans to make USC one of his stops this summer, according to Rivals. He's a former Memphis commitment.

USC is in the top eight with running back **Tahj Gary** of Atlanta. The others are Purdue, VT, Georgia Tech, Arkansas, UNC, Boston College and UK.

LB **Jamie Pettway** of Albany, Georgia, plans to be at USC on Saturday, either for a regular visit or one of Muschamp's camps on that day.

USC made offers to '20 DL **Treyshaun Mitchell** of Suffolk, Virginia, '20 quarterback **DJ Uigalelei** of Bellflower, and DL **Adarius Jones** of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

CLEMSON AND USC

RB **Michel Dukes** of First Baptist in Charleston recently announced he will concentrate on football in college and not pursue basketball. As a result, he's ended his AAU basketball participation for the summer.

His latest offer was from Temple, his 13th, and he said Auburn and Duke are new schools showing interest. Dukes plans to take an unofficial visit to USC this month and also one to Clemson. He also plans to camp at Clemson. He said he does not have a top group and won't form one until after he takes some visits.

Some other offers are Wake Forest, Indiana, VT, UNC, Arkansas, ECU, Coastal Carolina and Oregon.

DB **Dequanteous Watts** of Atlanta visited Clemson last week and is hopeful of an offer from the Tigers. His most recent offers were from VT, Rutgers, Georgia Southern and Western Kentucky. He also holds offers from BC, UVA, GT, West Virginia, Temple and others. He said he'll take upcoming visits to Ole Miss, Tennessee, Michigan State and Ohio State among others. He's also been contacted by USC.

Clemson and USC recently joined the offer parade for OL **Hunter Rayburn** of Pensacola, Florida. Clemson had earlier offered his teammate, OL **Adrian Medley**, and the two of them plan see the Tigers this month. Rayburn said the schools standing out with him at this point are Clemson, UF, A&M, Auburn, Mississippi State and Central Florida, but he said he's still "pretty much wide open."

Ta'Chawn Brooks, a '20 tight end from Dutch Fork High in Irmo, said he's hearing from USC, Oregon State,

UK and ECU. He plans to go to camps at USC, Clemson, NCSU and GT.

OTHERS

Dutch Fork athlete **Bryce Thompson** enrolled at Tennessee and expects to be eligible to play this semester. The Volunteers plan to start out the former USC and VT commitment at WR.

Clemson OL target **Zach Carpenter** committed to Michigan.

DE **Zovon Lindsay** of Fayetteville, North Carolina, who had a USC offer, committed to NCSU.

OL **John Gelotte** of Dorman High in Roebuck was offered by Rutgers, '20 WR **Jalen Coit** of Cheraw High was offered by Purdue, and '20 TE **Lavel Davis** of Woodland High in Dorchester was offered by GT.

BASKETBALL

AJ Lawson, a 6-7 player from Brompton, Ontario, made an official visit to USC over Memorial Day Weekend and things look positive for USC.

"We had a ball; they set the table so high, I really connected with the coaches," said Lawson's father, Anthony Lawson, who has strong ties to the state.

The elder Lawson was born in Baltimore but grew up in Summerton and played football at Scott's Branch High. While in the Air Force, he was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base and lived in Columbia. And he still has plenty of family around the state.

"They really have a good plan for AJ and made us feel right at home," Anthony Lawson said. "I can't say yes, but I'm probably 90 percent."

Lawson said they may take a couple of more visits just to have something with which to compare USC. Creighton, Southern Methodist and Oregon are possibilities. They'd like to make their decision by July.

AJ Lawson originally was in the '19 class and USC was following him while recruiting another player from his school, GTA Prep. However, he recently decided to move up to the '18 class, and USC offered and stepped up its interest. He averaged 21 points last season.

DJ Burns, a 6-9 player from York Prep in Rock Hill, committed to Tennessee over USC. **Michael Marsh**, a 6-8 player from Gray Collegiate in Columbia, committed to South Carolina State.

Christian Brown, a 6-7 player from Lower Richland High in Hopkins, took an official visit to Nevada-Las Vegas over the weekend, the first of his official visits.

Josiah James, a 6-6 player from Porter-Gaud in Charleston, recently added an offer from Georgetown to his list. The Hoyas join USC, Clemson, Florida State, VT, Louisville, Duke, Michigan State, GT, Tennessee and Oklahoma on his list. USC and the Tigers are doing their best to make sure this national prospect doesn't leave the state.

"They are having similar messages where they feel he's a high priority," said Porter-Gaud head coach John Pearson. "They feel like he's a kid that can come to their school and give a boost to their program, be one of those in-state faithful school kids. They view him as important to the program."

Recruiters from USC, Clemson, Louisville, VT, Michigan State, Ohio State and FSU were through the school during the evaluation period. James has not made any recent visits because of his AAU schedule and his commitment to USA Basketball that could run through June 17. Pearson does not expect him to shorten his list until after the July evaluation period.

Brandon Stone, a 6-11 player is continuing with his AAU season through the end of this month after deciding to stay in the '19 class. USC has been one of his favored schools throughout and still remains on the list. His last visit to USC was for the Vanderbilt football game. He has an official visit to PSU set for Sept. 29 and is also looking at Auburn and USC for visits. Those are his top three at this point.

Loyal McQueen, a 5-7 '20 recruit from Wilson High in Florence, committed to the UNC women.

NBA

FROM PAGE B1

Cleveland has endured injuries, trades, tragedy and drama for months. The Cavs, who climbed from a 2-0 hole to beat Boston in the conference finals, have major roster holes and unfixable flaws. There's no denying their toughness.

"We've been very persistent and very resilient throughout this whole season, no matter what has been going on," James said. "We have an opportunity to come home and

protect home, as Golden State has done. It's a very tall task. A very tough challenge going against these guys, going against this team."

Teams that have taken a 2-0 lead are 29-4 in the Finals, but the Warriors know better than to be overconfident. They've learned the hard way.

Golden State held a 3-1 lead in the 2016 Finals before the Cavs rallied to win three straight and dethrone the Dubs. And last year, the Warriors trailed by six with 3:09 left before storming back to win 118-113 in Game 3.

Cleveland has won eight straight playoff games at Quicken Loans Arena, which may be louder than ever with hometown fans still frothing from some calls that went against the Cavaliers in the Bay Area last week.

Just the sight of Warriors forward Draymond Green should be enough to push the decibel readings inside the building to unsafe levels.

"I don't really think about being up 2-0 because the series could turn so fast," Warriors star Kevin Durant said. "It's a great position to be in. I don't

want to take that for granted; don't get me wrong. But the job is not done, and you can't relax or be comfortable when you're still trying to win this thing. We know coming on the road is going to be tougher."

The Warriors may have Andre Iguodala back for the first time in the series.

One of the team's best defenders, Iguodala has missed six straight games with a left knee injury suffered in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals. Coach Steve Kerr said the 34-year-old has improved.

"He's getting closer, and I'm

hopeful that he can play," Kerr said. "If not tomorrow, then in Game 4."

While Kerr looked forward, James was forced to take another glance back at Game 1.

On Sunday, uncut TV footage showed James uncomfortably sitting on Cleveland's bench next to Smith, who inexplicably dribbled out the final seconds of regulation. James was shown asking Lue if the team had any timeouts and then reacting as if he had been punched in the stomach when he learned the Cavs could have stopped the clock.

PRO BASEBALL

Spangenberg, Lopez lead Padres in 11-4 win against Braves

BY BERNIE WILSON

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — After beating up on the other last-place teams in the NL last week, the San Diego Padres kept rolling when they opened a series against the NL East-leading Atlanta Braves.

Cory Spangenberg homered and tripled, Raffy Lopez had a homer among his career-high three hits and Eric Hosmer and Franmil Reyes also went deep to lead San Diego over the Braves 11-4 on Monday night. Clayton Richard (4-6) pitched seven

strong innings.

Nine of the Padres' 13 hits were for extra bases.



SPANGENBERG

The Padres sent 11 batters to the plate in the fifth, scoring seven runs on a triple, four doubles, a single, two walks and a sacrifice fly. Spangenberg tripled in a run, Hosmer doubled

in two and Travis Jankowski and Jose Pirela each had an RBI double. Lopez hit an RBI single and Freddy Galvis hit a sac fly. Five of the hits came

with two outs.

"It was a lot of fun, especially the first game of a series, to dig into their bullpen early," Hosmer said. "We all know how good that bullpen is so it's big for us to dig in there the first game. Hopefully that can show up in the later games in the series."

The Padres took three of four against Miami and two of three against Cincinnati before routing the Braves.

"It's just timely hitting," Hosmer said. "We're getting those big hits with guys in scoring position, those big hits with guys on. It's been a lot of fun.

We've just got to keep it going."

Manager Andy Green called the fifth "as fun of an inning as we've had offensively this year."

Richard allowed three runs and six hits, struck out five and walked two. He gave up a two-run double to Charlie Culberson an RBI single to Ender Inciarte. Richard drew a walk during the big fifth-inning rally.

Braves starter Julio Teheran walked Pirela opening the fifth and then was visited for the second time in the game by the team trainer. He then came out with an undisclosed injury.

Luiz Gohara came on and allowed six runs and six hits.

Teheran said he bruised his right thumb during his at-bat in the third, when he grounded out.

"I got jammed with it and I couldn't feel the ball in the fifth inning and I wasn't the best," he said. "I kept competing like I used to do but I wasn't my best. I wasn't throwing hard. Then I couldn't feel the ball and I threw four balls that weren't close to the plate."

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"It was beautiful because we got to see him smile," said former teammate Roger Craig, who said he almost fainted when he heard the news of Clark's death.

"That's all I wanted to see him smiling. We cried, we all got a taste of Dwight, all we wanted to do is see him smile the whole time we all were there and he smiled the whole time. He made us feel good and I know he felt good knowing he had all those teammates there to support him."

Clark won two Super Bowls with the 49ers during a nine-year career that ended in 1987. He memorably pulled down the winning touchdown pass from Joe Montana in the NFC championship game against the Dallas Cowboys following the 1981 season, a play remembered simply as "The Catch."

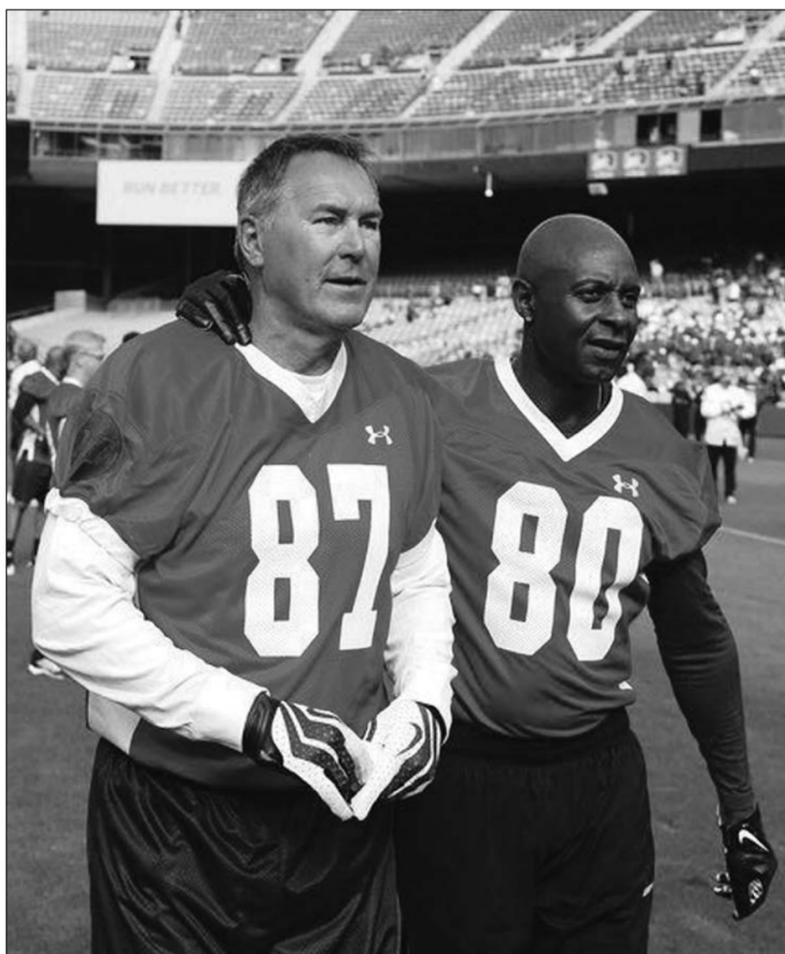
It's considered one of the most significant plays in NFL history and sent the Niners to their first of five Super Bowl titles in a span of 14 seasons.

The play happened on Jan. 10, 1982, when the upstart 49ers hosted the Cowboys in the NFC title game. With the 49ers facing a third down at the Dallas 6 with less than a minute to play, coach Bill Walsh called "Sprint Right Option."

Montana rolled out and retreated under pressure from Ed "Too Tall" Jones and Larry Bethea before lofting the ball toward the back of the end zone. Clark leaped to make a fingertip catch over Everson Walls and the 49ers went on to win the game 28-27 and then their first Super Bowl two weeks later against Cincinnati.

Clark memorably wore a fur coat to the parade.

"Start of a dynasty," said former 49ers president Carmen Policy, who later hired Clark as general manager of the Cleveland Browns. "I don't let myself go down the road of what would have happened if he doesn't make that catch? As Joe Montana says, what would have happened if I didn't throw that pinpoint pass perfectly angled to be in the only spot where he should catch and no one else would be able to interfere with it.



Former San Francisco 49ers wide receivers Dwight Clark, left, and Jerry Rice, right, walk together on the field before the 2014 "Legends of Candlestick" flag football game in San Francisco. Clark, the former 49ers wide receiver whose reception known as "The Catch" sent San Francisco to its first Super Bowl, has died one year after revealing he had ALS. He was 61. The team said Clark died Monday surrounded by friends and family.

"But without that play, I wonder where we would have been. And I stopped thinking about it, because so much happened after that. And yet, Dwight seemed to handle it in stride and the two of them, The Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, they used to have fun playing off of each other, or who would take the credit, and this and that and so forth. But it was a special day."

In attendance that day, was 4-year-old Tom Brady, who grew up cheering for the 49ers and has gone on to

win five Super Bowls with New England.

"I got a chance to meet him when we happened to share the same orthodontist in San Mateo and I sabotaged one of his visits just to meet him and shake his hand," Brady said.

"He was incredibly gracious to me that day as a young boy. And I never forget the impact he made on me as all our heroes do. I am sad tonight hearing of his passing of ALS, but I know he is now resting and at peace finally after many years valiantly

fighting such a terrible disease."

Clark joined the Niners as a 10th-round pick out of Clemson in 1979 in the same draft class that brought Joe Montana to San Francisco. He got there by good fortune after only 33 catches in three college seasons as former 49ers coach Bill Walsh needed someone to catch passes from Steve Fuller at a pre-draft workout.

Clark impressed Walsh enough to get drafted. Montana recalled that Clark left his playbook on his bed each night in case he got cut, but eventually made the team. He played on two Super Bowl winners, making two Pro Bowls and catching 506 passes for 6,750 yards and 48 touchdowns in nine seasons with San Francisco.

"We are grateful for the decades of love and friendship we shared," Montana said in a statement with his wife, Jennifer. "We are praying for Dwight, his family and for all your prayers also. We will miss you dearly!"

Clark made his last public appearance in October when the 49ers hosted "Dwight Clark Day" at Levi's Stadium. Clark spoke to the crowd from a suite that afternoon in a weakened voice, calling his disease a "little thing" he was dealing with at the time. He also thanked the fans and dozens of teammates who came back for the event.

"He will forever live on in our memories for 'The Catch' but also for his kind, gentle and courageous spirit," commissioner Roger Goodell said.

"We send our deepest sympathies and love to Dwight's wife, Kelly, his family, teammates, and the many people whose lives he touched, including mine, throughout his career and life."

Clark is survived by his wife, Kelly, and three children, daughter Casey, and sons Riley and Mac, from a previous marriage.

"I'm heartbroken to tell you that today I lost my best friend and husband," Kelly Clark said on Twitter. "He passed peacefully surrounded by many of the people he loved most. I am thankful for all of Dwight's friends, teammates and 49ers fans who have sent their love during his battle with ALS."

OBITUARIES

LUEMISHER JORDAN

LYNCHBURG — LueMisher Jordan, of Baltimore and formerly of Lynchburg, died on May 21, 2018.

Arrangement by Jefferson Funeral Home of Lynchburg.

DAVID MCCRAY JR.

David McCray Jr., 69, departed this life on June 4, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1948, in Sumter, a son of the late David McCray Sr. and Ella Williams McCray.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. daily at the home of his sister, 823 Mathis St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

CASSANDRA F. SCOTT

Deaconess Cassandra Furman Scott, wife of Deacon Ricky T. Scott Sr., departed this life on Sunday, June 3, 2018, at her home.

Born on July 8, 1970, in Sacramento, California, she was a daughter of the late Rev. George Furman and Ada Ruth McCullough Furman. Deaconess Scott, better known as "Sandy," was educated in the public schools in Sumter County. She was a 1989 graduate of Sumter High School. She furthered her education at Morris College in Sumter, where she earned a Bachelor

of Science degree in business administration in 1993. In 2008, she received her Master of Education in special education from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

At an early age, she joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter, where she served faithfully and cooperatively. She was a member of the music ministry, education department, Young Women Association, Vacation Bible School and the deaconess board. She was employed by Sumter School District for the past 22 years as a special education teacher.

Her loving memories will be cherished by her husband of 25 years, Deacon Ricky T. Scott Sr.; one son, Ricky T. Scott Jr. "RJ" of the home; one daughter, Ari'Elle R. Scott of the home; a foster son, Na-Im Johnson of Atlanta; four brothers, George (Geraldine) Nichols of Rock Hill, George (Shirley) Furman of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Anthony (Geraldine) Furman and Reginald (Cerdetricia) Furman, all of Sumter; one sister, Olivia (Lavander) Choplin of Goldsboro, North Carolina; a mother-in-law, Patricia (Bobby) Scott Buckman; two sisters-in-law, Andrea Scott and Tabitha Scott, both of Sumter; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Theresa Furman Charles.

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

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

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 W. Fulton St., Sumter, SC 29150, with Pastor James Blassingame, eulogist, and Evangelist Savitrus McFadden officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Park.

The family will be receiving friends from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the residence, 22 Collingwood Court, Sumter, SC 29154.

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.

DANIEL MCCRAY JR.

Daniel McCray Jr., 61, husband of Shirley Fullard McCray, departed this life on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 1, 1957, in Sumter, a son of the late Daniel McCray Sr. and Louise McCray McCray.

The family will receive friends at the home of his

brother, 8145 Two Mile Road, Lynchburg.

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

VELMA C. VEST

Velma "Louise" Colfield Vest, age 78, beloved wife of 60 years to Jason Clifford Vest, died on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at her residence.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



BERTHA A. EADY

BISHOPVILLE — Bertha Addison Eady, wife of James E. Eady, transitioned from her earthly home to her heavenly home on Sunday, June 3, 2018, at her residence.

Born in Lee County, she was a daughter of Paulaner Addison.

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

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 55 Dove Lane, Bishopville, with the Rev. Jerome Douglas, pastor/eulo-

gist. Interment will follow at Thomastown Cemetery, Bishopville.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at esquaredealfun@sc.rr.com or by visiting our website at www.squaredealfuneralhome.com.

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

MARY LEE JACKSON

BISHOPVILLE — Mary Lee Jackson, 83, widow of Lorene Jackson, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Steven Roach, 521 Dogwood Drive, Bishopville.

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

JENESTER R. BOLDEN

BISHOPVILLE — Jenester Reddick Bolden, widow of John Bolden, entered eternal rest on June 5, 2018, at her residence, 146 Eddie Watkins Road, Bishopville.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the residence.

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

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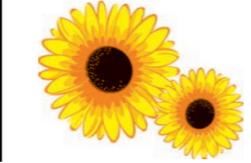
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF SUMTER DOCKET NO. 2016CP4301543 HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee in trust for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2003-HE4, Plaintiff, v. Jerlean T. Fulwood a/k/a Jerlean Tomlin; Matiel Johnson; Matilda Yvette Richardson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Annette Tomlin Ceasar a/k/a Annette T. Ceasar; Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of Annette Tomlin Ceasar a/k/a Annette T. Ceasar, 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; Defendant(s). (013263-08958) **SUMMONS** Deficiency Judgment Waived TO THE DEFENDANT(S): Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of Annette Tomlin Ceasar a/k/a Annette T. Ceasar, 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 YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 3365 Tobias Rd, Aclolu, SC 29001, being designated in the

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County tax records as TMS# 296-00-03-017, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 100 Executive Center Drive, Suite 201, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia; South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian Ad Litem Nisi, Anne Bell Fant, PO Box 796, Simpsonville, SC 29681, made absolute. Columbia, South Carolina 525/18 NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS: Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of Annette Tomlin Ceasar a/k/a Annette T. Ceasar, 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, YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on August 19, 2016. Columbia, South Carolina 525/18 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention. To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC, Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice. You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date you are served with this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, THE FORECLOSURE ACTION MAY PROCEED. Columbia, South Carolina 525/18 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF SUMTER DOCKET NO. 2016CP4301543 HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee in trust for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2003-HE4, Plaintiff, v. Jerlean T. Fulwood a/k/a Jerlean Tomlin; Matiel Johnson; Matilda Yvette Richardson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Annette Tomlin Ceasar a/k/a Annette T. Ceasar; Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of Annette Tomlin Ceasar a/k/a Annette T. Ceasar, 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; Defendant(s). (013263-08958) 06/06/2018, 06/13/2018, 06/20/2018

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a/k/a Annette T. Ceasar, 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 Richard Roe; Defendant(s). (013263-08958) **ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI** Deficiency Judgment Waived It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the appointment of Anne Bell Fant as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability, it is ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRPC, Anne Bell Fant, be and hereby is appointed Guardian Ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons under a disability, all of whom may have or may claim to have some interest in or claim to the real property commonly known as 3365 Tobias Rd, Aclolu, SC 29001; that Anne Bell Fant is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendant(s), unless the said Defendant(s), or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians Ad Litem for the said Defendant(s), and it is FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall forthwith be served upon the said Defendant(s) Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of Annette Tomlin Ceasar a/k/a Annette T. Ceasar, 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, by publication thereof in The Item, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action. s/Robert P. Davis Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF Robert P. Davis (SC Bar #74030), Robert.Davis@rtt-law.com Andrew W. Montgomery (SC Bar #79893), Andrew.Montgomery@rtt-law.com John J. Hearn (SC Bar # 6635), John.Hearn@rtt-law.com Kevin T. Brown (SC Bar # 064236), Kevin.Brown@rtt-law.com Jason D. Wyman (SC Bar # 100271), Jason.Wyman@rtt-law.com John P. Fetner (SC Bar # 77460), John.Fetner@rtt-law.com Clark Dawson (SC Bar # 101714), Clark.Dawson@rtt-law.com 100 Executive Center Drive, Suite 201 Post Office Box 100200/29202) Columbia, SC 29210 (803) 744-4444 s/ James C. Campbell Clerk of Court for Sumter County Sumter, South Carolina (013263-08958) 5/30/18 A-4659649



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Marionette maker in Egypt hopes to revive interest

BY AHMED HATEM
Associated Press

CAIRO — In a tiny Cairo workshop, Mohamed Fawzi Bakkar designs and builds marionettes from scratch, hoping to revive a traditional art.

The 32-year-old spends hours or even days designing puppets inspired by Egyptian life — farmers, street vendors, butchers and the occasional celebrity. He devotes special care to the faces, hoping to make them as unique and realistic as possible, and then he puts on shows.

Puppet shows were traditionally performed for adults and children alike, often as nightly entertainment during Ramadan, the holy month when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk, which began May 16.

The art form has deep roots in Egypt.

When the Ottoman Sultan Selim the Grim sacked Cairo in the 16th century, he was said to have been so amused by a puppet show depicting the hanging of the vanquished Mamluk ruler that

he sent the puppeteer to Istanbul to perform it for his son, the young Suleiman the Magnificent.

The most famous show of recent times was "El-Laila El-Kebira," or "The Big Night," first performed in 1961. The show recreates a mawlid — a popular street festival held in honor of local holy figures — with folk songs and dancing. The characters include a village leader, a lion tamer and a belly dancer.

On a recent night at a cultural center in Cairo, Bakkar performed a marionette version of an Umm Kulthum concert, with a puppet standing in for the famed Egyptian diva, who dominated the airwaves across the Arab world from the 1930s until her death in 1975.

He laments that there are only two venues for performing puppet shows in Cairo and only a couple dozen marionette artists.

"We all dream of having an academy in Egypt that would teach the art of puppetry and to have a theater in every city," he said. "I really dream of having my own theater."



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Egyptian artist Mohamed Fawzi Bakkar, top, prepares puppets during a performance at the El Sawy Cultural Center in Cairo, Egypt. Bakkar designs and builds marionettes from scratch, hoping to revive a traditional art. The 32-year-old spends hours or even days designing puppets inspired by Egyptian life — farmers, street vendors, butchers and the occasional celebrity.

Legend of Loch Ness monster will be tested with DNA samples

BY NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The stories seem as tall as the lake is deep. For hundreds of years, visitors to Scotland's Loch Ness have described seeing a monster that some think lurks in the depths.

But now the legend of "Nessie" may have no place left to hide. A New Zealand scientist is leading an international team to the lake this month, where they will take samples of the murky waters and conduct DNA tests to determine what species live there.

University of Otago professor Neil Gemmill says he's no believer in Nessie, but he wants to take people on an adventure and communicate some science along the way. Besides, he says, his kids think it's one of the coolest things he's ever done.

One of the more far-fetched theories is that Nessie is a long-necked plesiosaur that somehow survived the period when dinosaurs became extinct. Another theory is that the monster is actually a sturgeon or giant catfish. Many think the sightings are hoaxes or can be explained by floating logs or strong winds.

Gemmill said that when creatures move about in water, they leave behind



This undated file photo shows what some people say is the Loch Ness monster in Scotland.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tiny fragments of DNA. It comes from their skin, feathers, scales and urine.

He said his team will take 300 samples of water from different points around the lake and at different depths. They will filter the organic material and extract the DNA, he said, sequencing it by using technology originally created for the human genome project.

He said the DNA results will then be compared against a database of known

species. He said they should have answers by the end of the year.

"I'm going into this thinking it's unlikely there is a monster, but I want to test that hypothesis," Gemmill said. "What we'll get is a really nice survey of the biodiversity of the Loch Ness."

He said the real discoveries may come in determining things like the prevalence of invasive species.

Gemmill, 51, said he first visited Loch

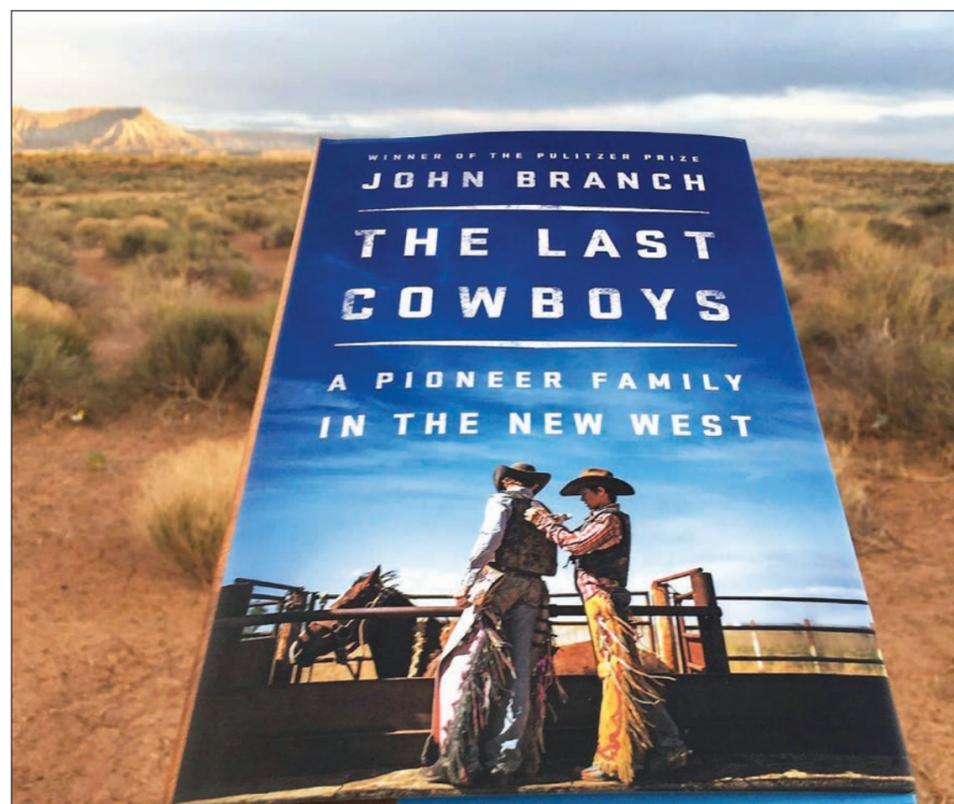
Ness in his late 20s while on vacation. Like thousands of tourists before him, he gazed out over the lake trying to catch sight of a monster. He said he first came up with the idea of testing DNA from the lake a couple of years ago and it resonated with many, including his children, aged 7 and 10.

Graeme Matheson, chief of the Scottish Society of New Zealand, said he, too, has visited Loch Ness and gazed out over the water, and that he wishes Gemmill all the best.

"I hope he and his cohorts find something, although I think they'll be battling," Matheson said. "Still, it's a good way to get a trip to Scotland."

Gemmill said that even if they don't find any monster DNA, it won't deter some Nessie believers. He said they've already been offering him theories, like that Nessie might be on vacation after swimming to the sea via hidden underwater caves, or that the creature might be extraterrestrial and not leave behind any DNA.

"In our lives we want there still to be mysteries, some of which we will ultimately solve," Gemmill said. "That's part of the spirit of discovery. And sometimes, what you find may not be what you were expecting."



RYAN MILLER / THE SPECTRUM VIA AP

John Branch spent more than three years with the Wright family to write "The Last Cowboys."

'Last Cowboys' book chronicles legendary Utah rodeo family

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — A Utah family that has produced several generations of rodeo champions is chronicled in a new book called "The Last Cowboys."

The Wrights' family book written by *New York Times* Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter John Branch was released May 15. Branch spent more than three years with the Wrights to put it together, *The Spectrum* reported.

"They're like the Mannings of rodeo," Branch said. "As long as the Mannings had five or six more quarterbacks in the NFL. The Mannings wish they were the Wrights of the NFL, probably."

The Wrights, from the southern Utah town of Milford, have produced generation after generation of rodeo champions.

But the book isn't just about winning saddle bronc titles. It's about a family's challenge adapting to a changing American West as the world grows smaller.

It's about a parcel of land on Smith Mesa and whether the Wrights can, or even should, remain there. It's about the Old West becoming new.

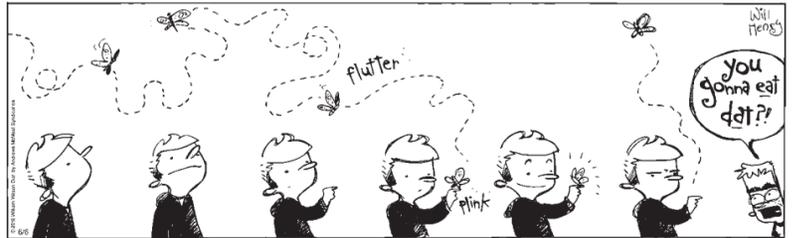
"I wanted to be able to highlight the broader picture," Branch said. "The drought, the federal land use, the organization of the West. . . Cities and small towns are dying, but some are booming, and that brings its own kind of problems."

Branch said he rarely begins to write a story without knowing the end, but he knew "The Last Cowboys" would be an exception.

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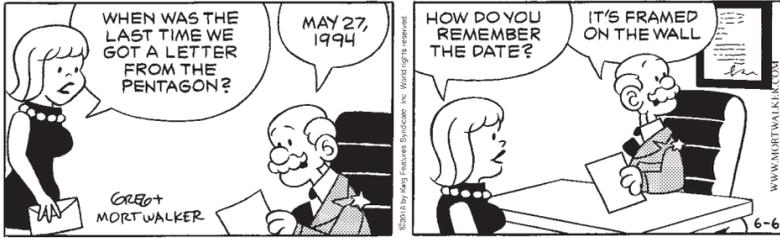
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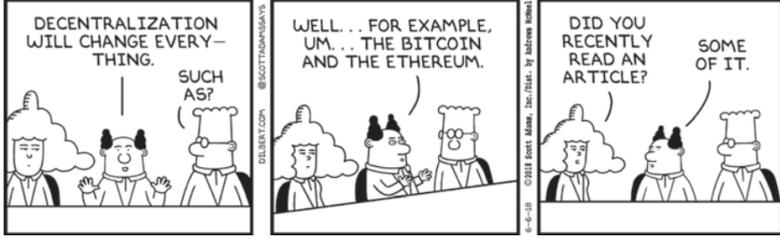
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Military marriage suffers from frequent separation



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — My husband and I are both active military. We've been married for three years and have an 18-month-old daughter. My husband is sweet, handsome and a great father. We got married very quickly, and I think that's where our problems began. He isn't good at communication or showing affection, which leaves me feeling lonely. This, on top of being separated several times due to the military, makes for a very shaky marriage. I've cheated

on him with eight different people since our wedding. The affair I am most ashamed of was when I was pregnant with our daughter. I'm currently in counseling, but I'm still unable to curb my cravings. He always forgives me and allows us to continue being married. The problem is, I don't know if he's really the one for me. I know cheating is wrong and that I'm not only hurting him, but my daughter as well. Should we divorce? Or should we continue trying to be together? We have talked about marriage counseling, but we are separated so much it makes it hard to get into a good groove.

Is he the one for me?
DEAR IS HE — I'm glad you're

in counseling because it's where you need to be right now. The questions you are asking me are ones you should be raising with your therapist. Separation is part of a military marriage. I agree that for you and your husband to fix what's wrong with your marriage, he will need to be present and accounted for. I do not think you should make any decision about divorce until he returns from his deployment. But I DO think that until he's back, if you cannot "curb your cravings," you should take every precaution you can against STDs. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

TAWIA
MHPTU
VRSYUE
THAYCC



Print answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: ROUGH INEPT LOTION MIDDAY
Answer: He paid big bucks for the race horse and had a lot — RIDING ON IT

SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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C.C. Burnikel 6/6/18

ACROSS

- Feature of distressed jeans
- Condé ___: Vanity Fair publisher
- It may be set on a smartphone
- Qualified
- Dead set against
- Show with skits
- Good thing to bring to the table
- Strunk and White topic
- Colour suffix
- False front
- Tailless Atlas Mountains monkey
- Hog heaven
- Close friend
- Hang around
- Hockey trophy
- Arizona's third-largest city
- Sound from one with 37-Down, perhaps
- SunTrust Park MLB team
- Part due salary ... and what's literally hidden in 17-, 23-, 52- and 63-Across
- Big Band ___
- Apartment agreement
- Deadly septet
- Polo or tee
- Mescaline-yielding cactus
- Evian water
- Day divs.
- Sugary snack on a stick
- "No harm done"
- "Roll Tide" school
- Smart ones?
- Bride's throwaway
- 1995 Woody Allen film
- Hospital prep area
- Orderly
- From square one
- Trickles (through)
- Namesake of the sports-oriented Courage Award
- Ambulance letters
- Nike competitor
- Dirt road features
- Timid
- "Enchanted" fantasy film
- U. of Maryland athlete
- Big ring
- "Roll Tide" school
- Smart ones?
- Bride's throwaway
- Message target
- Daniel LaRusso, to Mr. Miyagi
- Follow orders
- Muffed grounder, e.g.
- Harvests
- Take part in a biathlon
- Sleep clinic focus
- ___ carotene
- Often-barked letters
- Dance in a gym
- Reason to go green?
- Bun, e.g.
- Prince, Wonder Woman's alias
- "Holy cow!"
- Helen of Troy's mother
- Little tricksters
- Boggy area
- Double-curved arch
- Tabloid twosome
- Tends to tears
- Pulls a Charmin shenanigan, briefly
- "That's a laugh!"
- GPS output

DOWN

- Shouts from the stands
- "Fat chance!"
- Detailed sports commentary
- "No can do"
- At all
- Part of an angled case
- Buzzed
- "Odds ___"
- Admission demand

Previous Puzzle Solved

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LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Los Angeles City Qualifiers" Competitors face six obstacles. (N) (DVS)	Reverie "Bond. Jane Bond." Mara has side effects of Reverie. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Survivor	SEAL Team "Boarding Party" The team must rescue hostages on a ship.	Code Black "Step Up" A step team pyramid stunt goes wrong. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Mandy Moore; Sara Bareilles. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Tennis Week" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live "Game Night" (N) (:31) NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	2018 NBA Finals Golden State Warriors at Cleveland Cavaliers. The series shifts to Cleveland as the Cavaliers and Warriors contest Game 3 of the NBA Finals. (N) (Live)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(12:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)			
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley	Visionkeepers The green roof revolution.	Nature "Penguin Post Office" Penguins on the Antarctic Peninsula. (DVS)	NOVA "Super Tunnel" Crossrail, a railway beneath London. (DVS)	Hawking: Stephen Hawking's rise to fame.	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	Nature Penguins on the Antarctic Peninsula.	
WACH	57	6	6	To Be Announced	The Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "The Judges Do Battle, Pt. 3; against one another. (N) (DVS)	Home State Heroes" The cooks face off	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Vanessa falls asleep on the job.	Last Man Standing "Moon Over Kenya"	Supergirl "Not Kansas" Kara makes a major life decision.	The Originals "God's Gonna Trouble the Water" Ivy reveals startling news. (N)	Dateline "Valentine's Day Mystery" A murder on Valentine's Day.	Dateline "The Family Secret" Truck driver Lloyd Ford disappears.	The Game Malik has trouble with the coordinator.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130		Storage Wars	Storage Wars "Dr. Strangelid"	Storage Wars: Motor Mayhem: The bidding revs up over a lucky locker.		(:04) Storage Wars	(:34) Storage Wars	Storage Wars: Motor Mayhem		
AMC	48	180		**** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Bob Gunton. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947.			(:05) *** "The Perfect Storm" (2000, Suspense) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, John C. Reilly. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.					
ANPL	41	100		Pool Kings	Pool Kings	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	(:01) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End XL	A lush tropical jungle; coral reefs.	(:01) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools		
BET	61	162		*** "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding, A.J. Johnson. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.			*** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson. Mismatched police partners seek a kidnapped girl.					
BRAVO	47	181		The Real Housewives of New York City The ladies visit the Berkshires.	The Real Housewives of New York City "Social Edition" (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City Luann is the talk of the town. (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City Luann is the talk of the town.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New York City Luann is the talk of the town.			
CNBC	35	84		Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Deed			
CNN	3	80		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136		(6:50) South Park	(:25) South Park "AWESOM-O"	South Park	South Park "Imaginationland: The boys cross into a new dimension.	South Park	South Park "Christian Rock Hard"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) South Park "Guitar Queer-O"
DISN	18	200		Bunk'd Xander and Emma team up.	Bunk'd	Andi Mack (Part 1 of 2)	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	DuckTales	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Andi Mack Andi takes a stand.
DSC	42	103		American Chopper "Welcome Back"	American Chopper "Game Changer" (N)			Sticker Shock (N)	Misfit Garage	Misfit Garage	Misfit Garage	
ESPN	26	35		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown	College Softball NCAA World Series Championship, Game 3: Teams TBA. (If necessary). (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter			
ESPN2	27	39		College Track and Field NCAA Men's and Women's Outdoor Championships. From Eugene, Ore. (N) (Live)				E:60	NBA at the Mic (N) (Live)			
FOOD	40	109		Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Games		
FOXN	37	90		The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson			
FREE	20	131		(6:00) ** "Pocahontas" (1995) Voice of Irene Bedard.	The Fosters "Where the Heart Is" The mothers make a huge decision.	(:05) ** "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance) Shane West, Mandy Moore, Peter Coyote. A high-school delinquent courts a minister's daughter.		The 700 Club	"The Lion King II: Simba's Pride"			
FSS	21	47		XTERRA Advert.	Running (N)	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres. From PETCO Park in San Diego.		Braves Hall of Fame: Class of 2018	MLB Baseball			
HALL	52	183		Last Man Standing "Big Shots"	Last Man Standing "Risky Behavior"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Middle "Thanksgiving VII"	The Middle "The Convention"	The Middle "Not So Silent Night"	The Middle "The Rush"	The Golden Girls "Stan's Return"
HGTV	39	112		Property Brothers "Shaky Start"	Property Brothers "Changing Direction"	Brother vs. Brother (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Property Brothers	Brother vs. Brother		
HIST	45	110		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Rise of the Superbombs: The modern development of arsenals.	SIX The SEALs head out to Bosnia. (N)	SIX The SEALs head out to Bosnia.	Superbombs			
ION	13	18		Law & Order "Compassion" Grief counselor is poisoned.	Law & Order "Ill-Conceived" Clothing manufacturer.	Law & Order "Darwinian" Victim is lodged in a windshield.	Law & Order "Payback" Mob informant is murdered.	Law & Order "Married With Children" Woman is pushed off a balcony.	Superbombs			
LIFE	50	145		Little Women: LA "Get Happy" Mika tries to apologize to Tonya.	Little Women: LA Tonya gives Terra an ultimatum. (N)	Little Women: LA "Stage Fright and Heartache" Christy and Todd's old issues resurface. (N)	(:37) Little Women: LA		(12:01) Little Women: LA			
MSNBC	36	92		Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow			
NICK	16	210		Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Movie	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends			
PARMT	64	153		Friends	Friends	CMT Music Awards 2018: Hosted by Little Big Town; performances.	*** "Pitch Perfect" (2012) Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin.					
SYFY	58	152		(6:15) ** "Tomorrowland" (2015, Science Fiction) George Clooney, Hugh Laurie. A scientist and a young woman explore a mysterious city. (DVS)	The Expanse "Intransigence" The Rocinante seeks a new gameplan. (N)	** "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Bruce Willis, Channing Tatum. Threats from within the government jeopardize the G.I. Joes. (DVS)						
TBS	24	156		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee		
TCM	49	186		(6:15) ** "The Good Guys and the Bad Guys" (1969) Robert Mitchum.	(:15) *** "The Best of Walt Disney's True-Life Adventures" (1975, Documentary) Premiere. From 1949's "Seal Island" to 1960's "Jungle Cat."	** "The Legend of Lobo" (1962) Narrated by Rex Allen. Premiere.	(:15) ** "Greyfriars Bobby" (1961) Donald Crisp. An orphaned Skye terrier keeps vigil at its master's grave.	(:06) My 600-Lb. Life Ashley loses more than 200 pounds.				
TLC	43	157		(:02) My 600-Lb. Life "Erica, Part 2" (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Diana & Ashley R." Ashley loses more than 200 pounds. (N)	** "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. Batman embarks on a personal vendetta against Superman. (DVS)	(:15) *** "The Rock" (1996, Action) Sean Connery. Alcatraz Island terrorists threaten to gas San Francisco.					
TNT	23	158		NCIS: New Orleans "Second Chances" A domestic drug ring is uncovered.	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout	Impractical Jokers
TRUTV	38	129		Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	CMT Music Awards 2018: Hosted by Little Big Town; performances. (Live)	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
TV LAND	55	161		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Kim"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ridicule" Sexual assault by women.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Evidence exonerates a convicted rapist.	Colony "The Emerald City" Snyder settles into retirement. (N) (DVS)	(:01) Modern Family (DVS)	(:31) Modern Family "Snip"	(12:01) Modern Family	
USA	25	132		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ridicule" Sexual assault by women.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Evidence exonerates a convicted rapist.	CSI: Miami "Shattered"	CSI: Miami "Payback"	CSI: Miami "The Score"	CSI: Miami The Mala Noche gang.	CSI: Miami		
WE	68	166		CSI: Miami "Urban Hellraisers"	CSI: Miami "Shattered"	CSI: Miami "Payback"	CSI: Miami "The Score"	CSI: Miami The Mala Noche gang.	CSI: Miami			
WGNA	8	172		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	*** "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Christopher Walken.		

Audience Network's 'Condor' updates classic thriller

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

As "television" changes, introducing new series often means explaining how, when and even where to watch them. The Audience Network, originally exclusive to DirecTV and now owned by AT&T and available on select cable services, introduces "Condor" (10 p.m., TV-MA).

Inspired by the 1975 political thriller "Three Days of the Condor," this 21st-century paranoid head-scratcher stars Max Irons as Joe Turner, a young programmer secretly working for the CIA. He's first seen being taunted by his older brother, also an agency man, and his sexy sister-in-law, who both want Joe to find the right girl and settle down. Joe just finds it hard to open up when he can't tell anybody about his job.

His dating woes are quickly put on the back burner when an algorithm he created some years back is used without his knowledge to track down a terror suspect who is apprehended and shot while on his way to unleashing a bioweapon on a football stadium. Joe should feel like a hero, but he has nagging reservations about the way his program was deployed.

Not to give too much away, but his instincts are on the money. The real action starts when the audience discovers that the whole plot was part of a fake terror attack, a "false flag" intended to gin up public fears.

The pilot sets up Joe as a spy with a moral compass and a need to examine people and evidence from several sides, an approach that his superiors think makes him a better analyst. Until he starts sniffing around in their business. "Condor"

asks us to follow him as he discovers how much of his humanity he will shed to get to the bottom of an evil plot seemingly hatched by the "good guys" he works for.

An impressive ensemble cast includes William Hurt as Bob Partridge, Joe's bloodless superior, and Bob Balaban as Reuel Abbott, an evil mastermind-type. Look for Brendan Fraser, fresh from "Trust," and Mira Sorvino as well.

If anybody stands out in this crowd, it's Leem Lubany as Gabrielle Joubert, a no-nonsense killer unafraid to use her fetching looks or a knife to get the job done.

• Another murky thriller now available to stream on unorthodox "television" (the subscription service YouTube Red), the 10-episode series "Impulse" stars Maddie Hasson as a 16-year-old new girl in school with the unusual ability to jump from one reality to another. Directed by Doug Limon ("The Bourne Identity," "Edge of Tomorrow").

CULT CHOICE

"The Best of Walt Disney's True-Life Adventures" (8:15 p.m., TCM) compiles highlights from Disney nature documentaries and shorts produced between 1948 and 1960. While "True-Life Adventures" was released on VHS in the United Kingdom over 30 years ago, this anthology has never been available in the United States on either DVD or VHS.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Contestants face a mystery box challenge on "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
• Little Big Town hosts the CMT Music Awards 2018 (8



Ahna O'Reilly, left, stars as Rachel Kauffmann and Sarah Shahi as Mara Kint in the "Bond. Jane Bond" episode of "Reverie," airing at 10 p.m. today on NBC.

p.m., CMT, Paramount, TV Land). Look for performances from the Backstreet Boys, Carrie Underwood, Florida Georgia Line and Jason Aldean at the event, broadcast live from Nashville.

• The Cleveland Cavaliers host the Golden State Warriors in Game 3 of the NBA Finals (9 p.m., ABC).
• A false move on "Code Black" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
• Shaken, not stirred, on "Reverie" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
• Gina's intelligence offers a roadmap for a mission to Bosnia on "SIX" (10 p.m., History, TV-MA).
• En route to a new home, the family encounters danger on "Colony" (10 p.m., USA, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" pre-

views the NBA Finals (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14) * Does anybody watch repeats of "Survivor" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG)? * The Los Angeles qualifying rounds of "American Ninja Warrior" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Kara ponders a change on "Supergirl" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * "NBA Countdown" (8:30 p.m., ABC) * Adrift in the South China sea on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Back to the Crescent City on "The Originals" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Mandy Moore, Sara Bareilles, Josh Groban and Meghan Trainor appear on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon hosts Will Smith, Fran Leibowitz and Billie Eilish on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) *

Kate McKinnon, Candice Bergen, Andre Leon Talley and Matt Byrne visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Sterling K. Brown, James Marsden, Brian Tyree Henry, Shawn Mendes and Julia Michaels appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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This grilled corn recipe appears in "The Complete Cook's Country TV Cookbook, 2017."

Secret to perfectly grilled corn? Cook them unhusked

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Grilling corn sounds like a simple proposition — but our research found dozens of variations on the cooking method for this classic summer vegetable.

For a recipe that produced corn with a distinctly grilled taste and lightly charred kernels, we grilled the corn unhusked. The grill imparted great flavor to our grilled corn, but also made the kernels tough and dry. To avoid this, we soaked the husked corn in salted water before grilling, which kept the kernels moist and seasoned them as well.

GRILLED CORN ON THE COB

Servings: 4-6

Start to finish: 1 hour and 30 minutes

If your corn isn't as sweet as you'd like, stir 1/2 cup of sugar into the water along with the salt. Avoid soaking the corn for more than 8 hours, or it will become overly salty.

Salt and pepper

8 ears corn, husks and silks removed
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

In large pot, stir 1/2 cup salt into 4 quarts cold water until dissolved. Add corn and let soak for at least 30 minutes or up to 8 hours.

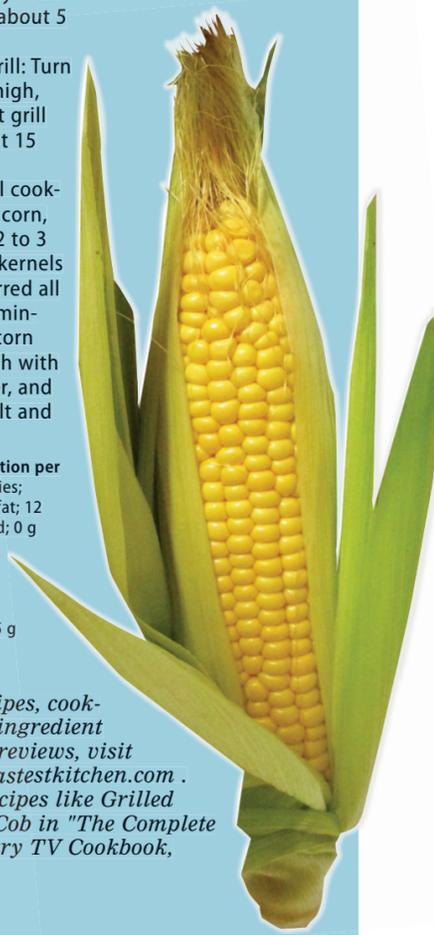
• For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent completely. Light large chimney starter filled with charcoal briquettes (6 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly over grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and open lid vent completely. Heat grill until hot, about 5 minutes.

• For a gas grill: Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes.

Clean and oil cooking grate. Grill corn, turning every 2 to 3 minutes, until kernels are lightly charred all over, 10 to 14 minutes. Remove corn from grill, brush with softened butter, and season with salt and pepper. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 222 calories; 107 calories from fat; 12 g fat (7 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 27 mg cholesterol; 199 mg sodium; 30 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 11 g sugar; 5 g protein.

For more recipes, cooking tips and ingredient and product reviews, visit www.americastestkitchen.com. Find more recipes like Grilled Corn on the Cob in "The Complete Cook's Country TV Cookbook, 2017."



Amplify peach flavor with this simple, warm dessert



JOE KELLER / AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN VIA AP

This recipe for Honey-Glazed Roasted Peaches appears in the cookbook "How to Roast Everything."

Honey-Glazed Roasted Peaches

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

It might seem impossible to improve on a perfect peach, but we decided to try.

We wanted a simple, warm dessert that amplified the peaches' flavor. To achieve tender, flavorful peaches with a lightly sweet glaze, we began by tossing peeled and halved peaches with a little sugar, salt, and lemon juice to season the fruit and extract some juice.

To help the peaches heat through and still hold their shape, and to prevent the sugar from burning, we broiled the halves cut side up in a skillet, adding water to the pan to prevent stick-

ing. Once the peaches had begun to brown, we took them out and brushed them with a mixture of honey and butter, and then slid them back under the broiler to caramelize the glaze and produce beautifully browned peaches.

Lastly, we reduced the juices that had accumulated in the skillet into a thick, intensely peachy syrup to drizzle over the warm peaches and topped them with some toasted hazelnuts. Select peaches that yield slightly when pressed.

You will need a 12-inch oven-safe skillet for this recipe. Use a serrated peeler to peel the peaches. These peaches are best served warm and with vanilla ice cream or plain Greek yogurt, if desired.

HONEY-GLAZED ROASTED PEACHES

Servings: 6

Start to finish: 40 minutes

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 tablespoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

6 firm, ripe peaches, peeled, halved, and pitted

1/3 cup water

1/4 cup honey

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1/4 cup hazelnuts, toasted, skinned, and chopped coarsely

Adjust oven rack 6 inches from broiler element and heat broiler. Combine lemon juice, sugar, and salt in large bowl. Add peaches and toss to combine, making sure to coat all sides with sugar mixture.

Transfer peaches, cut side up, to 12-inch oven-safe skillet. Pour any remaining sugar mixture into peach cavities. Pour water around peaches in skillet. Broil until peaches are just beginning to brown, 11 to 15 minutes.

Combine honey and butter in bowl and microwave until melted, about 30 seconds, then stir to combine. Remove peaches from oven (skillet handle will be hot) and brush half of honey mixture over peaches. Return peaches to oven and continue to broil until spotty brown, 5 to 7 minutes.

Remove skillet from oven (skillet handle will be hot), brush peaches with remaining honey mixture, and transfer peaches to serving dish, leaving juices behind. Being careful of hot skillet handle, bring accumulated juices in skillet to simmer over medium heat and cook until syrupy, about 1 minute. Pour syrup over peaches. Sprinkle with hazelnuts and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 154 calories; 47 calories from fat; 5 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 5 mg cholesterol; 98 mg sodium; 28 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 25 g sugar; 2 g protein.

