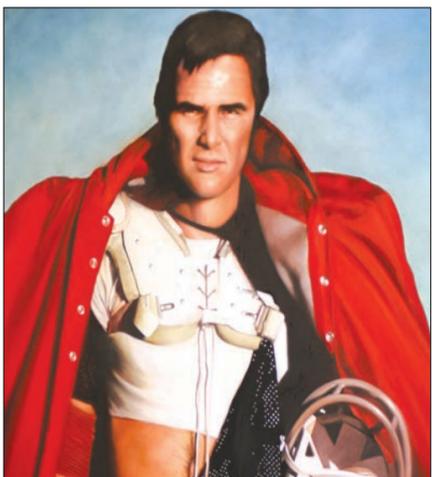


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A teacher with all the right moves

Smith now math coach at High Hills after being named district teacher of year

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Her principal says she's a perfect fit for High Hills Elementary School.

She's a military spouse and teaches at the Sumter School District school on Shaw Air Force, where most of the school's students come from. Also, she has a passion for teaching — math, specifically — which well suits the school.

She's Shasta Smith, a fourth- and fifth-grade math coach at High Hills.

In just a few minutes of observing or talking to Smith, one can sense her passion for her profession and love and compassion for students.

Given her superlatives in the classroom, it should come as no surprise that she was recently



High Hills Elementary School Math Coach Shasta Smith interacts with students Thursday at the school on Shaw Air Force Base. Sumter School District recently named Smith the district's teacher of the year for this year.

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named Sumter School District's Teacher of the Year for this school year.

Smith, 29, is in her fifth year at High Hills after her husband was transferred to Shaw from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

She says being a military spouse

gives her the unique perspective of understanding students from military families — the deployments, family moves and "transitional lifestyle" it can create for children.

Since she was in second grade, Smith said, she wanted to become

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Saving lives for free



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Sumter Fire Department Division Chief Johnnie Rose installs a smoke detector in a home near Crosswell Drive on Thursday.

Fire department installs smoke alarms from Red Cross in Sumter neighborhood where family of 5 caught in house fire

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Stuffed animals still sit on the front step of the Bowman Drive house that recently became engulfed in flames as a family slept inside. Weathered by rain and heat, the gifts bring a heartbreaking color to the boarded-up brick home that is marred by smoke and fire damage.

The house did not have a

working smoke detector. By the time the family and neighbors realized what was happening on July 28, neighbors could only pull an adult cousin out as they heard the screams of the 3-year-old, 7-year-old and 9-year-old and their 31-year-old mother. The children, who were all seriously injured, lost their father, Lorenzo Gutierrez, 36,

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The daughter of a resident of Loring Drive waits on the couch while smoke alarms are installed in her house.

Kavanaugh sails through hearing

BY LISA MASCARO and MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats hoping to block Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation pivoted Thursday to the deeply contentious issue of abortion after disclosure of an email he once wrote suggesting the high court's landmark Roe v. Wade ruling wasn't universally considered settled law. But their long-shot chances of defeating him appeared to be fading.

In the email in question, Kavanaugh was reviewing and commenting on a potential op-ed article in support of two judicial nominees while he was working at the George W. Bush White House in 2003. The document had been among many held by the Senate Judiciary Committee as confidential, over the objections of Democrats, who have

argued throughout this week's hearing that Republicans have shielded important papers about Presidential Donald Trump's nominee.

"I am not sure that all legal scholars refer to Roe as the settled law of the land at the Supreme Court level since Court can always overrule its precedent, and three current Justices on the Court would do so," Kavanaugh wrote, referring to justices at the time, in an email to a Republican Senate aide. The document was partially redacted.

The Trump White House quickly dashed off a memo saying Kavanaugh was merely discussing what "legal scholars" thought, not himself.

Asked about it by Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, Kavanaugh said the same, that he was noting "what legal scholars might say" and offered his comment on the proposed article

because he's "always concerned with accuracy."

The committee's top Democrat, Dianne Feinstein of California, who previously discussed her own memories of an era before the 1973 law made abortion access legal, pressed Kavanaugh to explain himself. Kavanaugh reiterated his previous testimony that "Roe v. Wade is an important precedent of the Supreme Court."

The 53-year-old judge has been able to stay on track toward confirmation in the Republican-held Senate, avoiding major pitfalls in hours of questioning before the Judiciary Committee. After a 12-hour session Wednesday and more questioning Thursday, he did not seem to have changed minds on the committee, which is basically split along partisan lines. But Republicans hold a slight majority there as in the full Senate.



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President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday.



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Poets Ray McManus, Ed Madden join forces

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The Columbia Museum of Art announces The Write Around Series with Ed Madden and Ray McManus, the latest initiative in its new Writer-in-Residence program. On Sunday, Sept. 16, at 3 p.m., award-winning poets Madden and McManus launch the series with work they have written inspired by the dynamic themes of the newly redesigned collection galleries.

"By grouping the art thematically rather than chronologically, the new collection galleries create conversations, not just among the works of art, but also among patrons," McManus said. "Writing that responds to the artwork — some of it displayed now for the first time — is another kind of conversation across forms of art, and one that can only amplify and extend the conversation created by the new gallery designs."

As writer-in-residence, McManus is charged with creating programs that promote literary art as a way to contemplate and connect with visual art. The Write Around Series is a year-long program that invites writers to create and share original poetry and prose inspired by the art in the CMA.

An associate professor of English at USC Sumter, McManus teaches creative writing, Irish literature and Southern literature. He is the director of the Center for Oral Narrative housed in the Division of Arts and Let-

ters. In 2014, he joined the editorial board for the Palmetto Poetry Series, and he maintains partnerships with the SC Arts Commission and local arts agencies. McManus is the founder of Split P Soup, a creative writing outreach program that places writers in schools and communities in South Carolina, and the director of the creative writing program at the Tri-District Arts Consortium. His current project is Re:Verse, a teaching initiative that works with educators and administrators to develop effective strategies to bring more emphasis to creative writing in standard education.

Madden is the author of four books of poetry, most recently "Ark," a memoir in poetry about helping with his dying father's hospice care. He is a professor of English and director of the Women's & Gender Studies Program at the University of South Carolina. He has been the inaugural poet laureate for the City of Columbia since 2015.

"I'm excited to launch The Write Around Series, and I'm especially excited to launch this program with the poet laureate of Columbia, Ed Madden," McManus said. "I can't wait to see what we come up with together."

The series is free with membership or admission. This program is supported by South Carolina Humanities.

For more information, visit columbiamuseum.org. View online: <https://bit.ly/2oFSD3x>

Palmetto Optimist Club to host Battle Buddies on Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Palmetto Optimist Club will host its annual Battle Buddies children's obstacle course from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Sumter County Fairgrounds, 30 S. Artillery Drive.

Battle Buddies is a free event where children enjoy a day of fit-

ness and fun while interacting with local first responder mentors as they go through a 16-obstacle course.

There will also be demonstrations from local dance, gymnastic and martial arts groups as well as music and games.

Volunteers needed for litter cleanup at Pack's Landing Sept. 15

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Join Keep Sumter Beautiful for the 2018 River Sweep / Beach Sweep at Pack's Landing, 9890 Pack's Landing Road, Pinewood, on Lake Marion at 9 a.m. on Sept. 15.

According to Clemson Cooperative Extension, Beach Sweep / River Sweep is South Carolina's largest one-day volunteer cleanup event. Last year, 2,675 people across the state

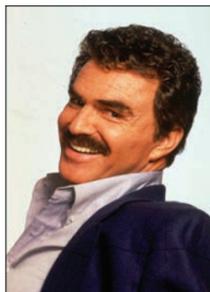
volunteered to clean up 217 miles of land. At the end of the day, volunteers had picked up 1,856 bags of trash weighing 27,150 pounds.

To volunteer for the Pack's Landing cleanup event, call Katie Altman at (803) 773-5561 at Sumter Extension Office or email kaltma@clemson.edu. For additional information on litter-related events in Sumter, visit facebook.com/KeepSumterBeautiful.

Quote of the week

"My career is not like a regular chart, mine looks like a heart attack. I've done over 100 films, and I'm the only actor who has been canned by all three networks. I epitomize longevity."

BURT REYNOLDS



In an interview with The Associated Press in 2001 about his public roller-coaster of a career and personal life, from which he was often the first to make fun of his own "conflicted image." The film, TV and tabloid star died Thursday at the age of 82.



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Silver Haired Legislature elects Sumter, Clarendon members

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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A group formed by South Carolina lawmakers to represent the needs, issues and concerns of and faced by senior citizens recently elected its new representatives in Sumter and Clarendon counties.

The South Carolina Silver Haired Legislature welcomed David O'Brien, Frances Hill, Nancy Stark and Myrtle Johnson as its 2018-2020 Sumter representatives and Mary Wilson, a Manning resident, and Loretta Pollard, a Summerton resident and chairwoman, as its Clarendon representatives for the Sumter/Lee/Clarendon region that makes up the Santee-Lynches Caucus, according to Pollard.

The SCSHL was created in 1999 by the South Carolina General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. James Hodges. It held its first orga-

nizational session at the Capital Senior Center in Columbia on July 14, 1999.

SCSHL representatives must be registered voters over the age of 60 who are elected in their counties to serve in the unicameral body, according to the group's literature.

During the group's legislative session held in even years during the second full week of September, the SCSHL develops resolutions for presentation to the General Assembly. For the 2017-18 session, priorities were providing respite for family caregivers; funding in-home and community-based services; and restoring geriatric loan forgiveness funding.

Those interested in getting involved or finding out more information can get in touch with either the caucus chair or the South Carolina Area Agency on Aging that serves their county of residence.

Twitter permanently bans Alex Jones, 'Infowars' show

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter is permanently banning right-wing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and his "Infowars" show for abusive behavior.

The company said Jones won't be able to create new accounts on Twitter or take over any existing ones. Twitter said Jones posted a video on Wednesday that violates the company's policy against "abusive behavior."

The video in question showed Jones shouting at and berating CNN journalist Oliver Darcy for some 10 minutes in between two congressional hearings focused on social media. Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey testified at both hearings, but did not appear to witness the confrontation.

Jones had about 900,000 followers on Twitter. "Infowars" had about 430,000.

Twitter had previously suspended Jones for a week. But until now it had resisted muzzling Jones further. Other tech companies have limited Jones by suspending him for longer periods, as Facebook did, and by taking down his pages and radio stations.

Jones heckled Darcy in a public hallway where reporters were waiting to enter the House committee room. He criticized the journalist's reporting and appearance, referencing his "skinny jeans" and repeatedly saying, "just look at this guy's eyes" and "look at that smile."

At one point, he said Darcy was "smiling like a possum that crawled out of the rear end of a dead cow. That's what you look like. You look like a possum that got caught doing some really nasty stuff — in my view. You're a public figure too."

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Ex-South Carolina lawmaker Jim Harrison indicted on perjury charges

COLUMBIA (AP) — The former chairman of a powerful South Carolina legislative committee is accused of lying to a grand jury investigating Statehouse corruption.

The State reported Wednesday that Republican Jim Harrison was indicted last month on perjury charges. The indictment says Harrison told

jurors he only worked on other politicians' campaigns for consultant Richard Quinn. But it says he also sponsored and voted on legislation that favored Quinn clients.

The grand jury previously charged the 67-year-old with criminal conspiracy and misconduct. Prosecutors say

Harrison failed to reveal in financial disclosure statements that he was paid \$900,000 by working for Quinn.

Harrison goes to trial Oct. 22 on the conspiracy and misconduct charges. Harrison's attorney Reggie Lloyd says the new indictment is a ploy to make Harrison plead guilty.

Congressman Ralph Norman to lecture at USC Sumter Constitution Day Program

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South Carolina's Fifth Congressional District leader in the United States House of Representatives, Ralph Norman, will present the annual Constitution Day lecture at the University of South Carolina Sumter at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the USC Sumter Arts and Letters Lecture Hall.

Constitution Day is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens.

Norman is a lifelong resident of South Carolina's District 5. He studied at Rock Hill public schools and graduated from Rock Hill High School in 1971. He attended Presbyterian College in Clinton and graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Business.

Norman has established himself as one of South Carolina's leading businessmen.

He joined his father's property and construction business right after college and grew it into one of South Carolina's most successful commercial real estate developers.

Over the course of his career, Norman has served with several organizations dedicated to improving the community, including the York County Home Builders Association, the Children's Attention Home, the Salvation Army and the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors.

In his 10 years in the South Carolina House of Representatives, Norman has consistently voted in favor of limited government, financially sound policies and a strong national defense.

Norman has been married for 42 years to Elaine Rice Norman and, together, they have four children and 16 grandchildren.

The event at USC Sumter is free and open to the public.

Gov. McMaster accuses Democrat opponent of 'cozying up' to Clinton ally

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina's governor is going after his Democratic opponent for "cozying up" to a big-name Democrat close to the Clintons.

On Wednesday, Gov. Henry McMaster's campaign told The Associated Press that state Rep. James Smith was in Washington this week for a fundraiser with Terry McAuliffe. The campaign says the Democratic gubernatorial hopeful is "cozying up to the most Clinton-loving, DC liberal in the swamp."



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McAuliffe was chairman of the Democratic National Committee in the early 2000s. He also headed up campaign efforts for President Bill Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign and chaired Hillary Clinton's 2008 effort. Serving as Virginia governor for a four-year term before leaving office earlier this year, McAuliffe has been mentioned as a possible presidential contender for 2020.

Smith campaign spokesman Brad Warthen confirmed the fundraiser, adding that Smith

welcomes support from McAuliffe, as well as members of the host committee, which included former South Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison and Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin.

"We've got people all across the spectrum supporting us," Warthen said. "It's kind of ridiculous that someone wouldn't want the support of a successful Democratic governor."

Warthen also pointed to a recent newspaper report about an upcoming fundraiser for which several host committee members have made financial contributions to Republicans this year.

Both Smith and McMaster have been doing fundraising ahead of their face-off in the November general election.

"In addition to his fondness for the Clintons, Terry is a gun control advocate with some extreme views," the McMaster campaign told AP. "He's tried to walk the tightrope of reassuring his base of his far-left views while dodging additional questions on his votes to restrict gun rights in the South Carolina House."

4 plead guilty in federal court to helping smuggle turtles in candy wrappers

COLUMBIA (AP) — Four men have pleaded guilty in federal court to taking part in an international wildlife smuggling operation that involved hiding rare turtles in candy wrappers or socks.

The State reports 30-year-old Floridian Matthew Harrison Kail and South Carolinians 29-year-old Joseph Logan Brooks and 25-year-old Matthew Tyler Fischer pleaded guilty Wednesday to wildlife conspiracy charges. Fischer's father, 48-year-old William Martin Fischer, pleaded guilty that same day to wildlife trafficking.

Their pleas follow accused ringleader, 38-year-old Ste-

ven Verren Baker, pleading guilty in June to wildlife conspiracy and agreeing to assist prosecutors. The U.S. attorney's office in Columbia says traders in the United States and China exchanged

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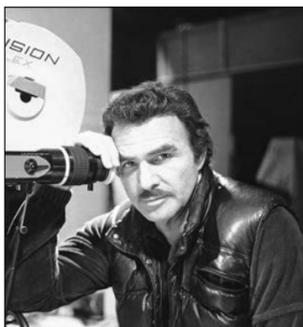
Burt Reynolds, star of film and dead at 82

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

Burt Reynolds, the handsome film and television star known for his acclaimed performances in "Deliverance" and "Boogie Nights," commercial hits such as "Smokey and the Bandit" and for an active off-screen love life which included relationships with Loni Anderson and Sally Field, has died at age 82.

His death was confirmed Thursday by his agent Todd Eisner, who did not immediately have further details.

The mustached, smirking Reynolds inspired a wide range of responses over his long, erratic career: critical acclaim and critical scorn, popular success and box office bombs.



Burt Reynolds is seen on the set of Universal Studios' Stage 27 where he directed Martin Sheen in NBC's "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" in 1985. Reynolds directed most of the episodic shows he did for television such as "Dan August" and "Gunsmoke."

AP FILE PHOTO

Reynolds made scores of movies, ranging from lightweight fare such as the hits "The Cannonball Run" and "Smokey and the Bandit" to more serious films like "The Longest Yard" and "The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing."

He received some of the film world's highest and lowest hon-

ors. He was nominated for an Oscar for "Boogie Nights," the Paul Thomas Anderson film about the pornography industry; won an Emmy for the TV series "Evening Shade," and was praised for his starring role in "Deliverance."

But he also was a frequent nominee for the Razzie, the

tongue-in-cheek award for Hollywood's worst performance, and his personal life provided ongoing drama, particularly after an acrimonious divorce from Anderson in 1995. He had a troubled marriage to Judy Carne, a romance with Dinah Shore and a relationship with Field damaged by his acknowledged jealousy of her success.

Through it all he presented a genial persona, often the first to make fun of his own conflicted image.

"My career is not like a regular chart, mine looks like a heart attack," he told The Associated Press in 2001. "I've done over 100 films, and I'm the only actor who has been canned by all three networks. I epitomize longevity."

Reynolds was candid about

his flops, his regrets and about his many famous friends. He would call posing nude for Cosmopolitan one of his biggest mistakes because it undermined the respect he had gained for "Deliverance." He revered Spencer Tracy as an early mentor and came to know Johnny Carson, Clint Eastwood, Frank Sinatra and many others.

"Burt Reynolds was one of my heroes," tweeted Arnold Schwarzenegger. "He was a trailblazer. He showed the way to transition from being an athlete to being the highest-paid actor, and he always inspired me. He also had a great sense of humor — check out his Tonight Show clips. My thoughts are with his family."

Big rigs abandoned as wildfire scorches California freeway

SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST, Calif. (AP) — Truckers abandoned big-rigs and motorists screamed in fear as they came dangerously close to an explosive wildfire that shut down about 45 miles of a major California interstate near the Oregon border that authorities were desperately trying to reopen.

In a video, a passenger in a vehicle screams: "Oh my God, I want to go!" as nearby trees burst into flames.

"I can't breathe," the woman says, sobbing. "Please, guys, come put it out."

The fire erupted Wednesday afternoon in a rural area and devoured timber and brush on both sides of Interstate 5 as it nearly tripled in size overnight, officials said Thursday.

Elsewhere in the state, a fire raging in the Sierra Nevada had grown to more than 7 square miles after shutting down stretches of U.S. 395, State Route 108 and the Pacific Crest Trail along the eastern

spine of California.

The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, campgrounds and other areas were evacuated Wednesday. Ranchers were told to prepare to move livestock out of the area in Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

The two fires Thursday were raging just weeks after a blaze in the Redding area killed eight people and burned some 1,100 homes in a frightening start to the fire season.

California's insurance commissioner said Thursday that victims of that fire and one in the Mendocino area — the two largest blazes in the state so far this year — have filed more than 10,000 claims so far totaling \$845 million.

"The worst may be yet to come," Commissioner David Jones warned at a San Francisco news conference, noting that California wildfires are typically more destructive after Sept. 1.



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California Capt. Mark Loveless examines a truck scorched by a wildfire burning along Interstate 5 in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, California, on Thursday.

The scattered homes and cabins in and around Shasta-Trinity National Forest were under evacuation orders, from the community of Lakehead north to the Siskiyou County line, said Chris Losi, a spokesman for the forest.

"It isn't a lot of people," he said. The blaze was human-caused, offi-

cialists said, without indicating whether it was arson or an accident.

About 17 big-rigs were abandoned along the interstate and at least four caught fire, Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Foster of the California Highway Patrol's Mount Shasta office told the *Los Angeles Times*. At least two trucks were partially melted.

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Hospital groups launch company to make generic drugs

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Several major hospital groups Thursday launched their own generic drug company to tackle chronic shortages and high prices.

The new company, Civica Rx, plans to start with 14 widely used hospital drugs long in short supply. The company isn't disclosing the drugs' names for competitive reasons, but they include a mix of generic pills, patches and injectable drugs for treating infections, pain and heart conditions, board chairman Dan Liljenquist said.

"The mission of Civica is to make sure these drugs remain in the public domain, that they're available and affordable to everyone," he said.

Drug shortages have been widespread for more than a decade, particularly for inexpensive generic drugs, due to manufacturers consolidating, stopping production of low-profit medicines and having to fix manufacturing problems.

Hospitals are particularly hard hit and frequently must scramble to find scarce medicines, often at huge price mark-ups, or come up with workarounds that may not be as effective or safe for patients.

Besides creating a reliable supply for its 500 hospitals, Civica aims to reduce drug prices by about 20 percent. The drugs will be sold to nonmember hospitals as well, at slightly higher prices, Liljenquist said.

The company, based in the Salt Lake City area, plans to make some of the generics itself and hire companies to produce others, he said. It is aiming to get its first medicines on the market by mid- to late 2019.

Civica was founded and funded by three health foundations and seven hospital groups, among them Intermountain Healthcare, a 23-hospital system based in Salt Lake City where Liljenquist is chief strategy officer. Veterans Affairs and the American Hospital Association also are participating.

Chief executive of the not-for-profit company will be Martin VanTrieste, the retired head of manufacturing quality at biotech drugmaker Amgen.

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Major opioid maker to pay for overdose-antidote development

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

A company whose prescription opioid marketing practices are being blamed for sparking the addiction and overdose crisis says it's helping to fund an effort to make a lower-cost overdose antidote.

OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma announced Wednesday that it's making a \$3.4 million grant to Harm Reduction Therapeutics, a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit, to help develop a low-cost naloxone nasal spray.

The announcement comes as lawsuits from local governments blaming Purdue, based in Stamford, Connecticut, and other companies in the drug industry for using deceptive marketing practices to encourage heavy prescribing of the powerful and addictive painkillers. Last week, the number of lawsuits against the industry being overseen by a federal judge topped 1,000.

The Cleveland-based judge, Dan Polster, is pushing the industry to settle with the plaintiffs — mostly local governments and Native American tribes — and with state governments, most of which have sued in state court or are conducting a joint investigation. Hundreds of other local governments are also suing in state courts across the country.

The sides have had regular settlement discussions, but it's not clear when a deal might be struck in the case, which is complicated by the number of parties and questions on how to assign blame.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that drug overdoses killed a record 72,000 Americans last year, about 10 percent more than in 2016. The majority of the deaths involved opioids. But a growing number of them are from illicit synthetic drugs, including fentanyl, rather than prescription opioids such as OxyContin or Vicodin.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SUMTER

The General Election for federal, state, county and various local offices will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Any person wishing to vote in this election must register no later than Sunday, October 7, 2018. Voter Registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, October 8, 2018. In addition to normal business hours, the Sumter County Voter Registration and Elections office will open on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00-1:00 for in-person voting.

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place.

- S.C. Driver's License
- ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

If you have one of these IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit scVOTES.org or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.

At 9:00 a.m. on November 6, the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main Street Room 113, Sumter, S.C. 29150. (803) 436-2310, (803) 436-2311 or 803-436-2312.

At 10:00 a.m. on November 9, 2018 the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at Sumter County Courthouse 141 N. Main Street, SC 29150.

The following Constitutional Amendment Question will appear on the ballots in the November 6, 2018 General Election:

Amendment 1

Must Section 7, Article VI of the Constitution of this State, relating to state constitutional officers, be amended so as to provide that beginning in January 2023, or upon a vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Education after the date of the ratification of the provisions of this paragraph, whichever occurs first, the Superintendent of Education must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate; to provide that the appointed Superintendent of Education shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and to require the General Assembly to provide by law for the duties, compensation, and qualifications for the office?

Explanation

A 'Yes' vote will require the Superintendent of Education be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate.

A 'No' vote maintains the current method of electing a Superintendent of Education.

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Precincts

Polling Places

SUMTER COUNTY Precinct and Polling Place List

Precinct	Polling Place	Street Address	City	Phone #
BATES	Bates Middle School	715 Estate St	Sumter	775-0711
BIRNIE	Birnie Hope Center	210 S. Purdy St	Sumter	436-2645
BURNS DOWN	Alice Drive Middle School	40 Miller Rd	Sumter	775-0821
CAUSEWAY BRANCH 1	Millwood Elementary School	24 Pinewood Rd	Sumter	775-0648
CAUSEWAY BRANCH 2	Millwood Elementary School	24 Pinewood Rd	Sumter	775-0648
CHERRYVALE	Cherryvale Community Center	4340 Confederate Rd	Sumter	494-4332
CROSSWELL	Crosswell Elementary School	301 Crosswell Drive	Sumter	775-0679
DALZELL 1	Hillcrest Middle School	4355 Peach Orchard Rd	Dalzell	499-3341
DALZELL 2	Hillcrest Middle School	4355 Peach Orchard Rd	Dalzell	499-3341
DELAINE	Delaine Elementary School	5355 Cane Savannah Rd	Wedgefield	494-2661
EBENEZER 1	Ebenezer Middle School	3440 Ebenezer Rd	Sumter	469-8571
EBENEZER 2	Ebenezer Middle School	3440 Ebenezer Rd	Sumter	469-8571
FOLSOM PARK	Willow Drive Elementary School	28 Willow Dr.	Sumter	775-5796
FURMAN	Furman Middle School	3400 Bethel Church Rd.	Sumter	481-8519
GREEN SWAMP 1	Sumter School District Office	1345 Wilson Hall Rd	Sumter	469-6900
GREEN SWAMP 2	Sumter School District Office	1345 Wilson Hall Rd	Sumter	469-6900
HAMPTON PARK	Sumter Co Recreation & Parks	155 Haynsworth Street	Sumter	436-2448
HILLCREST	Hillcrest Middle School	4355 Peach Orchard Rd	Dalzell	499-3341
HORATIO	Horatio Fire Station	7720 Sumter Landing Rd	Horatio	438-2600
LEMIRA	Lemira Elementary School	952 Fulton St	Sumter	775-0658
LORING	Crosswell Elementary School	301 Crosswell Drive	Sumter	775-0679
MAGNOLIA-HARMONY	South Sumter Resource Center	337 Manning Ave.	Sumter	436-2276
MANCHESTER FOREST	Wedgefield Fire Station	6280 Hwy 261 S.	Wedgefield	436-2600
MAYESVILLE	Mayesville Fire Station	20 S Main St	Mayesville	436-2600
MAYEWOOD	Mayewood Middle School	4300 E Brewington Rd	Sumter	495-8014
MCCRAYS MILL 1	Sumter County Career Center	2612 McCray's Mill Rd	Sumter	481-8575
MCCRAYS MILL 2	Sumter County Career Center	2612 McCray's Mill Rd	Sumter	481-8575
MILLWOOD	Millwood Elementary School	24 Pinewood Rd	Sumter	775-0648
MORRIS COLLEGE	North Hope Center	904 N. Main St	Sumter	436-2691
MULBERRY	Sumter County Training Center	1273 N Main St.	Sumter	774-3824
OAKLAND PLAN. 1	Oakland Primary School	5415 Oakland Drive	Sumter	499-3366
OAKLAND PLAN. 2	Oakland Primary School	5415 Oakland Drive	Sumter	499-3366
OSWEGO	Crestwood High School	2000 Oswego Rd	Sumter	469-6200
PALMETTO PARK	Central Carolina Tech Bldg 700	Guignard & Theater Drive	Sumter	778-1961
PINWOOD	Manchester Elementary School	200 Clark St.	Pinewood	452-5454
POCOTALIGO 1	Lakewood High School	350 Old Manning Rd	Sumter	506-2700
POCOTALIGO 2	Lakewood High School	350 Old Manning Rd	Sumter	506-2700
PRIVATEER	Pocalla Springs Elem. School	2060 Bethel Church Rd	Sumter	481-5800
REMBERT	Rembert Fire Station	7045 Post Office St	Rembert	436-2600
SALEM	Rural Fire Station	6090 Myrtle Beach Hwy	Gable	436-2600
SALTERSTOWN	Chestnut Oaks Middle School	1200 Oswego Rd	Sumter	775-4178
SAVAGE GLOVER	South Sumter Arts Gym	630 S Sumter St.	Sumter	436-2254
SECONO MILL	USC Sumter Park/Letter Bldg	200 Miller Rd	Sumter	775-8727
SHAW	Shaw Heights Elem. School	5121 Frierson Rd	Sumter	666-2335
SOUTH LIBERTY	American Legion Home Bldg	28 Artillery Drive	Sumter	773-9644
SOUTH RED BAY	South Hope Center	1125 S Lafayette Rd	Sumter	436-2653
SPECTRUM	Fire Training Center	470 Green Swamp Rd	Sumter	436-2600
ST. JOHN	St. John Elementary School	4515 Narrow Paved Rd	Lynchburg	659-2689
ST. PAUL	Cherryvale Elementary School	1420 Furman Drive	Sumter	494-8200
STONE HILL	Jehovah Missionary Baptist Ch	803 S. Harvin St	Sumter	775-4032
SUMTER HIGH 1	Sumter High School	2580 McCray's Mill Rd	Sumter	481-4480
SUMTER HIGH 2	Sumter High School	2580 McCray's Mill Rd	Sumter	481-4480
SUNSET	Kingsbury Elementary School	825 Kingsbury Rd	Sumter	775-6244
SWAN LAKE	Willow Drive Elementary School	26 Willow Drive	Sumter	773-5796
THOMAS SUMTER	Hillcrest Middle School	4355 Peach Orchard Rd	Dalzell	499-3341
TURKEY CREEK	Lemira Elementary School	952 Fulton St	Sumter	775-0658
WILDER	Wilder Elementary School	900 Floral Ave.	Sumter	773-5723
WILSON HALL	Wilson Hall School	520 Wilson Hall Rd	Sumter	469-3475

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Mormons let go of tradition, receive mission calls online

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The days of young Mormons anxiously waiting for letters to arrive in the mailbox telling them where they will serve their missions are over, the latest tradition fading away under the march of technology.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said Wednesday in a news release that it will send the letters known as "mission calls" online instead of by traditional mail. The change will save money spent on postage and allow missionaries to find out quicker, the church said.

The news triggered melancholy among Mormons who have fond memories of the dramatic opening of the envelopes and reading the letter as friends and family watched. Mormon homes commonly have pictures of the moment, and YouTube is full of videos.

Joyce Avaemai called it a sad change. She said she cherishes the letter she received in 2014 in her native country of Tahiti informing she would serve her mission in Montreal, Canada. She keeps the letter in her journal.

"Every word in the letter was for me. It was inspiring," said Avaemai, a 26-year-old social worker who lives in Montreal. "You receive emails every day. But the meaning of that paper was an amazing feeling."

Missions are considered rites of passage for many Mormons, broadening their perspective on the world, strengthening their faith and helping prepare some for future leadership roles within the church. Men serve two years, while women go for 18 months.

The church said Mormons will receive a text or email letting them know the letter is available to read. They suggested the letter-opening tradition could continue if the prospective missionary gathers his or her family and reads it from a tablet, phone or computer.

The change will start in Utah and Idaho and be instituted around the world by end of the year for places with reliable internet access, the church said.

"Technology is there, and it's so easy to do," said Brent H. Nielson, the church's missionary department executive director, in the

news release. "We just put it online, and they can read it in a matter of minutes."

It marks the latest change to the missionary experience in recent years.

In 2012, the church lowered the minimum age for missionaries from 21 to 19 for women and from 19 to 18 for men.

In 2014, the church began giving missionaries tablets and broadened proselytizing to social media. Last year, the faith doubled the number of missions where technology is allowed and swapped out tablets for smartphones.

Mormon scholar Matthew Bowman said the move to online letters is an illustration of a broader change afoot in the faith as it adapts to being a more global church and tries to make things more uniform for members everywhere.

The mission letter-opening tradition is reflective of the white, middle-class, Western American Mormonism that dominated the faith for most of the 20th Century, said Bowman, a Mormon scholar and associate professor of history at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Today, though, more than half of the faith's 16 million members live outside the United States.

"A kid in Nigeria and a kid in Nevada will have the same experience now," Bowman said. "It is a nod to the increasing globalization of the church and the increasing diversity of the church in such a way that is trying to downplay these older traditions when the church was a much more homogeneous than it is now."

Rob Heyward, a 48-year-old Mormon father of five, said he doesn't agree with an online notification system that feels more impersonal and corporate. He said the family gathered and live-streamed as his oldest son opened his letter a few years ago. Heyward keeps his mission letter from 20 years ago in a scrapbook.

"It captured a moment in time where I started a very important two years of my life," said Heyward, of Fort Meade, Maryland. "If I received a digital copy, it wouldn't feel the same."

Every word in the letter was for me. It was inspiring.

JOYCE AVAEMAI

Describing the letter she received that she would serve her mission in Montreal, Canada

Taking a break ...

"It's not you," she said, "It's me." Something in her tone, her lowered eyes, and her shift in the chair told him it was a lie; it was definitely him.

"Are you breaking up with me?" he asked.

"It's not really a break up, it's more like taking a break, you know?" she explained.

"Why?" he questioned.

"We've been seeing each other for a long time," she responded. "I just need some space. I mean, we started hanging out together in elementary school. And I'd be the first to say you've been there for me. When my parents got divorced, and I really struggled, you listened to all my heartbreak. In high school, you were always the one to encourage me. That's when I felt like we were the closest. I know you pressed me to get serious, but I felt like I just wasn't ready, and I backed away. Now that I'm in college, I'm ready to try some different things."

"Like what?" he asked, "Or should I ask who?"

Bowing up a little, she said, "That's just like you. You always want to know more than I want you to know. You want me to belong exclusively to you. If you must know, there's this cute guy in my philosophy class. We've been talking periodically after class. He sees the world different than you. He says we can trust our feelings and just let love lead us. He's not into being uptight about things, like you are."

"I know all about him," he said. "I'm sure you can't trust him."

"Have you been stalking me? How do you know him? How can you know anything about him? This is why I need to break up with you. You always act like you know more

than anyone else. You're always telling me what is right and wrong. What makes you so sure that you know what is right and what is wrong? And don't tell me about how you know things I can't even understand!" she shouted.

"I thought you just wanted a break. Now you are saying you want to break up?" he asked, with a gentleness in his voice.

She replied angrily, "This conversation is over. This is why I can't have you in my life anymore. You are always asking me to think about some 'deeper meaning' about what I say and what I do. I just want to live my life, have fun and live free." She got up to leave.

"Before you leave," he said, "I ask you to remember two things. Remember, being free and living without rules are two different things. And remember I will always love you."

She grimaced, paused and looked at him. A tear formed in the corner of her eye. She brushed it away, turned and walked on with a determined stride.

Jesus looked sadly down at his nail-scarred hands as her shadow retreated. What else could he do to show her that he loved her best and it would be his love that would set her free?

How many of us have broken up with Jesus because he cramped our style? How many of us have come back to him to admit life without him just doesn't work? How many of us have to say walking away from Jesus, doing our own thing, was the worst mistake we ever made?

The good news? He still loves you. Always. *Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter.*



Clay Smith

CHURCH NEWS

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

* Saturday — Pastor appreciation celebration for the Rev. Dr. George E. Hicks at 6 p.m. at West End Community Church, 101 S. Salem Ave. The Rev. Malcom O. Simpson will speak.

* Saturday, Sept. 15 — Give-away from 8 a.m. until noon.

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, 774 Douglas Ave., announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 19-21 — Fall Revival at 7 nightly with speakers as follows: Wednesday, the Rev. Jerome Sumpter; Thursday, Pastor Donna Harvin Jackson, of Pine Hill AME; and Friday, Pastor Harry Clark, of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Church Women United announces:

* Saturday, Sept. 22 — Annual salad luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 1137 Alice Drive. Donation of \$5 per ticket requested. Tickets will be available at the door or your church representative. All proceeds go to local charities such as Emmanuel Soup Kitchen, United Ministries and more. Call Lois Parsons at (803) 778-1061 or Ollie James at (803) 481-0725.

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

* Saturday, Dec. 8 — Free home ownership workshop 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder at (803) 757-8062.

Community Church of Praise, 562 S. Pike Road, announces:

* Sunday — The eighth pastoral anniversary celebration for Apostle Dorothy and Brother Warren Maple at 4 p.m. Pastor Lashonda McElveen will speak.

Dalzell United Methodist Church, 3330 Black River Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday, Oct. 21 — The 110th anniversary of the church will be celebrated. All members, former members, former pastors and friends of the church are invited to attend. Lunch on the grounds is included. If you have any questions, call

(803) 469-0160 and leave a message for someone to return your call.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church No. 1, 115 Laurel St., announces:

* Today-Sunday — The 10th pastoral anniversary of Dr. Otis and Deherda Butler will be celebrated as follows: 7:30 p.m. today, Apostle Gregory Dennis and the New Millennium Church family; 5 p.m. Saturday, banquet at the Marion H. Newton Family Life Enrichment Center, 415 Manning Ave., with Dr. Gregory Jackson, pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church; and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, worship service with the Rev. Clinton Caesar and the New Born Ministry of Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

* Friday-Sunday, Sept. 14-16 — Women's Day weekend as follows: 6:30 p.m. Friday, game night; 9 a.m. Saturday, prayer breakfast, Dr. Belinda McKoy will speak; and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, worship service, Elder Belinda Randolph will speak.

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

* Sunday — Trustee and trustee spouses day will be celebrated during 10:15 a.m. worship.

* Sunday, Sept. 16 — Pastor's aide anniversary celebration during 10:15 a.m. worship.

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

* Saturday — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. until noon for a teaching on spiritual freedom. A love offering will be received. Visit knitting-heartsministry.wordpress.com.

Love Covenant Church, 245 Oswego Road, announces:

* Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 15-16 — Family and friends weekend as follows: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, cookout; and 11 a.m. Sunday, family and friends worship.

Mayesville Associate Reformed

Presbyterian Church, 109 W. Sumter St., Mayesville, announces:

* The "Why the Battle?" study series will be presented on alternating Wednesdays beginning Sept. 12 and running through Nov. 28 (Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24 and Nov. 14 and 28). Presented via video as well as in-person speakers, the series addresses the divisiveness that many mainstream denominations are experiencing. It approaches the issues through the lens of core beliefs, theology and discipleship. A light supper will be served at 5 p.m. with the program following from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Those planning to partake of the meal are asked to register by Sept. 10 by calling (803) 453-5759, emailing mpc104@yahoo.com or register online at www.mayesvillearp.org. The series is presented by the Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon, canon theologian of the Diocese of South Carolina, and the Rev. Al Zadig, rector of St. Michael's Church in Charleston. Rev. Zadig will be present for the Oct. 10 session.

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

* Sunday — Junior Missionary anniversary worship at 10:45 a.m. The One Sumter Community group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Michelle Potts, of the Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office of Expungement, will speak.

* Sunday, Sept. 23 — The 125th anniversary of the church and the homecoming worship celebration will be held at 10:45 a.m. Pastor O'Brien Winbish, of Peoples Community Baptist Church of Silver Springs, Maryland, will speak.

* Sunday, Sept. 30 — The Sumter Baptist M & E Association fellowship worship will be held at 5 p.m. Dr. W.T. Johnson, of Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 907 Legare St., announces:

* Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 15-16 — The 35th annual homecoming celebration as follows: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, community cookout; and 3 p.m. Sunday, homecoming worship, the Rev. Karey Pointette, of St. Luke Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg, will speak.

One Step Christian Ministries, 125 S. Nettles St., Bishopville, announces:

* Today — Seventh pastoral anniversary celebration for Pastor Sheila Neal at 7 p.m. Elder Eugene Canty, pastor of Candy Memorial COGIC, will speak.

* Sunday — The seventh anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. with repast to follow the service. The Rev. Aurelia Hill, pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

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

* Saturday — The pastor's 23rd anniversary will be celebrated and an appreciation service at 5 p.m. The Rev. Kenneth Carter will speak.

Providence Baptist Church, 2445 Old Manning Road, announces:

* Sunday — Homecoming will be celebrated. The Sims Family will provide music from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The Rev. William Jeffers will speak 10:30 a.m.-noon with dinner immediately following. Bring a covered dish. For details, call (803) 481-9688.

* Saturday, Sept. 22 — Christian Music Day at Carowinds. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Sept. 9, and fees are due that day. For details, call (803) 481-9688.

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

* Saturday, Sept. 29 — Kingdom United prayer breakfast at 10 a.m. with various speakers.

* Sunday, Sept. 30 — Family and friends day will be celebrated at 5 p.m.

Southern Heritage Gospel Music Association announces:

* Saturday — The second annual Southern Gospel Music Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sumter County Fairgrounds. On the program: His Calling, Molded Clay, The Harringtons and more. There will be games, food, craft vendors and more.

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

* Sunday — The pastor's anni-

versary will be celebrated at 2 p.m. The Rev. Sheila Lozano, assistant pastor of New Hope AME Church, will speak.

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

* Today — Healing and deliverance service at 7 p.m. Bishop Keith Chambers, of Marion, will speak.

* Sunday, Sept. 16 — Homecoming / friends and family day celebration at 3 p.m. Ranzy McFadden Jr., of St. John Baptist Church of Silver, will speak.

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

* Sunday — Annual brotherhood / homecoming program at 1 p.m. The Rev. Hazel Charles, pastor of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, will speak. Visiting choirs will include the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church family and the Beulah AME Church family.

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

* Sunday — The 36th anniversary of Pastor William T. Johnson will be celebrated. There will be only one worship service. Sunday school will begin at 9 a.m. followed by devotional service at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. Pastor Adreira Black, of the Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church of Bishopville, will speak.

Truly Committed Missionary Baptist Church, 705 Oswego Road, announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 12-14 — Revival at 7:30 nightly. Evangelist Rod Wilkinson, of Salem Missionary Baptist Church of Rochester, New York, will speak.

Unity Universal Baptist Church announces:

* Saturday, Sept. 15 — Breaking Barriers and Bondage as Intercessors and Prayer Warriors Conference 2018 will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Westend Community Church, 101 S. Salem St. Speakers: Pastor Dr. Mattie P. Malachi, Minister Annisha Timmons, of Florence, and Pastor Gwendolyn Credle, of The Rock Church of Sumter. Visit paypal.me/UUBC to register.

North Korea's Kim has faith in Trump, frustrated at skeptics

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un still has faith in U.S. President Donald Trump's commitment to ending their nations' hostile relations, but he's frustrated by questions about his willingness to denuclearize and wants his "goodwill measures" to be met in kind, South Korean officials said Thursday.

The trove of comments from Kim, including his commitment to a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula and to the suspension of all future long-range missile tests, were relayed by top South Korean security officials returning from meeting him in Pyongyang as well as by the North's propaganda specialists.

Even in their indirect form, each statement will be parsed for clues about Kim's mindset as North Korea and the U.S. move forward with efforts to resolve a nuclear standoff that just a year ago many feared could lead to war. Some of his reported comments were reiterations of past stances, but there will be sharp interest in whether they push negotiators back to diplomacy after recriminations that followed Kim and Trump's June summit.

Since then, neither side has seemed willing to make a substantive move, leading to skepticism over Trump's claims that Kim will really dismantle his nuclear weapons program. Recent satellite photos have indicated Kim's weapons factories were still operating to produce fissile materials to make nuclear weapons.

South Korean officials said they forwarded a message from Trump to Kim during their meeting and would send a separate message from Kim to Trump later Thursday. The officials wouldn't discuss the content of the messages.



KIM

Chung Eui-yong, Moon's national security adviser and the head of the South Korean delegation to Pyongyang, said Kim told him that he still had faith in Trump despite diplomatic setbacks. He said Kim emphasized that he has not once talked negatively about Trump to anyone, including his closest advisers.

Trump responded Thursday by tweeting, "Kim Jong Un of North Korea proclaims 'unwavering faith in President Trump.' Thank you to Chairman Kim. We will get it done together!"

Chung reported that Kim said he wishes for North Korea and the U.S. to put an end to their seven decades of hostile relations before the end of Trump's first term.

Kim told Chung that work to dismantle the only missile engine test site in North Korea "means a complete suspension of future long-range ballistic missile tests." Kim said he'd take "more active" measures toward denuclearization if his moves are met with corresponding goodwill measures, Chung said.

Kim, however, expressed to Chung that he was frustrated by skepticism in the international community over his commitment to denuclearization.

"He said he's pre-emptively taken steps necessary for denuclearization and wants to see these goodwill measures being met with goodwill measures," Chung said.

Kim also said an end-of-war declaration that Seoul and Pyongyang have been pushing Washington to sign off on wouldn't weaken the U.S.-South Korean alliance or lead to the withdrawal of the 28,500 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea to prevent North Korean attack, according to Chung.

South Korea's liberal government is keen on keeping engagement with North Korea alive. The delegation to the North announced that they had set up a summit for Sept. 18-20 in Pyongyang between the North Korean leader and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, their third meeting since April.

That summit will be a crucial indicator of whether larger nuclear negotiations with the United States will proceed. Moon is seen as eager to keep the diplomacy alive in part so that he can advance his ambitious engagement plans with the North, which would need U.S. backing to succeed.

The inter-Korean summit would come just before a gathering of world leaders at the United Nations in New York at the end of September, but Seoul said Thursday that it was un-

likely Kim would attend. Seoul has indicated an interest in Kim and Trump meeting in New York, and Trump, who is facing growing domestic turmoil, has hinted that another summit could happen.

While pushing ahead with summits and inter-Korean engagement, Seoul is trying to persuade Washington and Pyongyang to proceed with peace and denuclearization processes at the same time so they can overcome a growing dispute over the sequencing of the diplomacy.

Seoul and Pyongyang both want a declaration to formally end the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended in an armistice. U.S. officials have insisted that a peace declaration, which many see as a precursor to the North eventually calling for the removal of all U.S. troops from the Korean Peninsula, cannot come before North Korea takes more concrete action toward abandoning its nuclear weapons.

Such steps may include providing an account of the components of its nuclear program, allowing outside inspections and giving up a certain number of its nuclear weapons during the early stages of the negotiations.

While an end-of-war declaration wouldn't imply a legally binding peace treaty, experts say it could create political momentum that would make it easier for North Korea to steer the discussions toward a peace regime, diplomatic recognition, economic benefits and security concessions.

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New advice on kids' concussions calls for better tracking

CHICAGO (AP) — New children's concussion guidelines from the U.S. government recommend against routine X-rays and blood tests for diagnosis and reassure parents that most kids' symptoms clear up within one to three months.

Signs of potentially more serious injuries that may warrant CT imaging scans include vomiting, unconsciousness and severe, worsening headaches, according to the guidelines released Tuesday.

The guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are the first broad evidence-based recommendations for diagnosing and treating children's concussions, the researchers say. They evaluated 25 years of scientific research on managing concussions in children and chose procedures with the strongest evidence of benefit.

The American Academy of Neurology has similar evidence-based guidelines, but strictly for sports concussions in child and adult athletes and focused on restricting return to play. The American Academy of Pediatrics also has guidance for managing sports concussions, and for returning to school after a concussion.

The CDC's guidelines are for concussions from all causes, including falls, sports and car accidents. They recommend rest from physical and mental activity including school and sports immediately after a concus-



Many people mistakenly think that "you need to lose consciousness or be 'knocked out' in order to have a concussion."

MATTHEW BREIDING

CDC brain injury specialist and co-author of new children's concussion guidelines from U.S. government

sion, gradually resuming normal routines.

CDC brain injury specialist Matthew Breiding, a co-author of the guidelines, said parents should tell their kids to report any concussion symptoms right away — whether they occur at home or during sports activities.

"Some children and teens think concussions aren't serious or worry that if they report a concussion they will lose

their position on the team or look weak. Remind them that it's better to miss one game than the whole season," he said.

By some estimates, at least 1 million U.S. children get con-

cussions each year although the true frequency is unknown because there is no national effort to track them and many go untreated. The CDC has proposed developing a surveillance system to fill that gap and the new guidelines, published in JAMA Pediatrics, aim to improve detection and treatment.

The guidelines provide important advice for parents and doctors on managing kids' concussions and could contribute to a "personalized approach to state-of-the-art care," according to a journal editorial by brain injury experts at the Medical College of Wisconsin and University of California, San Francisco.

Concussions, also called mild traumatic brain injury, are caused by a bump or jolt to the head. The impact causes the brain to bounce or twist, potentially damaging brain cells. Repeated concussions have been linked with a debilitating brain disease found in autopsies on some retired football players.

Breiding said many people mistakenly think that "you need to lose consciousness or be 'knocked out' in order to have a concussion."

Headaches, dizziness, sensitivity to light or noise and sleep

problems are among other possible symptoms that experts say warrant medical attention.

The guidelines' highlights include:

- X-rays and CT scans aren't effective at detecting concussions. They are sometimes done if doctors suspect a skull fracture or brain bleeding, but CT scans are preferred if a serious injury seems likely. Families should be told of potential risks from CT scans including radiation.
- Blood tests for detecting concussion haven't been proven to work and shouldn't be done outside of research.
- Most children's symptoms clear up within one to three months, but recovery varies and can be delayed in kids who've had previous concussions.
- Kids with learning difficulties and those with mental illness all tend to recover more slowly than young children.
- Rest, the main treatment, is recommended for the first three days, but inactivity beyond that may worsen symptoms.
- Children with undiagnosed concussions are at risk for another one and longer recovery times.



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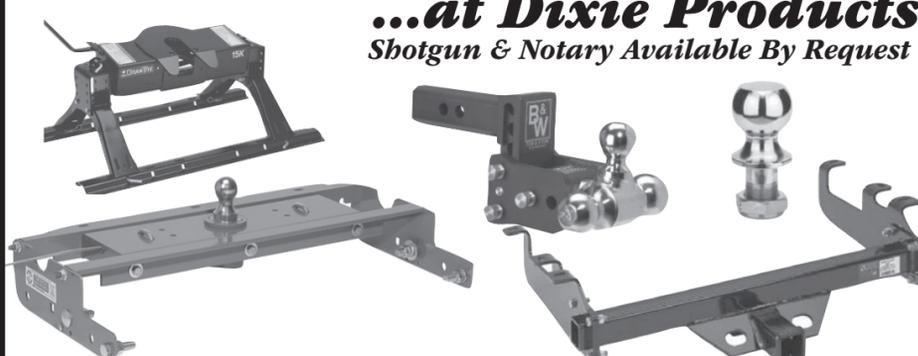
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THE CLARENDON SUN

8 inducted into school's Hall of Fame

Ceremony recognized former Wolverine athletes, coaches

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

TURBEVILLE — Eight former Wolverine athletes and coaches were inducted into the East Clarendon High School Hall of Fame at a luncheon on Aug. 25.

The inaugural induction ceremony recognized the achievements and accomplishments of the late Shelby Barrineau, the late Bennie Bennett, the late Shad Hall, Donald Hardy, Reggie Kennedy, Maxie Knowlton, Mickey Moss and the late Duane Robinson.

SHELBY RANTZ BARRINEAU

For more than 40 years, Barrineau was a vital part of East Clarendon both in the hallways and fields of his beloved Wolverines. As a teacher, coach, athletic administrator and school board member, Barrineau's impact on the academics and athletics at East Clarendon went far beyond the schools. He played an integral role in establishing and maintaining a vibrant youth recreation program in his community.

Barrineau, the youngest of six siblings, grew up on a farm in a community a few miles east of Turbeville near the Williamsburg County line that bears his family name. After high school, he attended Presbyterian Junior College, where he played baseball. He transferred to Newberry College, where he graduated in 1961. Returning home to Barrineau, he worked for a short period of time on the family farm before pursuing a career in education as a social studies teacher and coach.

For the next 24 years, Barrineau was a mainstay at East Clarendon coaching and teaching. During the 1984-85 school year, Barrineau played a vital role in establishing a middle school athletic program and served as its first athletic director. Working with other area middle school athletic administrators, Barrineau led the way to establishing the Lynches River Conference for middle school competition.

In 2008, Barrineau began sponsoring the school's "Coach of the Year" award that was given to the school's most outstanding coach for that school year.

To honor Barrineau, East Clarendon changed the name of the award to the Shelby Barrineau Coach of the Year award.

BENNIE DEXTER BENNETT

Bennett grew up in the New Zion community attending Walker-Gamble Elementary School and East Clarendon High School, where he played basketball and baseball. After graduating in 1976, he attended Newberry College, where he played basketball under Coach Niel Gordon. Before his sophomore year, Gordon left Newberry College to establish a men's basketball program at Winthrop College. Bennett and four other Newberry players followed Gordon to play on Winthrop's inaugural men's basketball team. Bennett played for the Eagles from 1978-1981 and became the first player in the school's history to score 1,000 career points.

After receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Winthrop, Bennett joined the public school system in Fort Mill, Clover and Newberry as a teacher, coach and administrator. Bennett's tenure as a teacher and coach earned him numerous honors including the 1988 Fort Mill School Teacher of the Year, Regional Coach of the Year for men's basketball on five occasions, the 2009 Athletic Administrators Association Superintendent of the Year and the 2013 Omega Psi Phi Educator of the Year. He was also inducted into the Winthrop College Athletic Hall of Fame and the York County Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

HERMAN EUGENE "SHAD" HALL

Hall, who was born in Alabama, attended East Tennessee State University, where he was captain of the school's football team for two years. Hall served in the Army for two years before moving to Clarendon County and beginning a tenure at East Clarendon High School, where the school's football field bears his name.

Hall coached at ECHS for 12 years. During that time, he coached football, baseball, basketball and track. His teams were very successful. During his leadership, the Wolverines won three baseball state championships, two football state championships and four basketball conference championships.

Hall's leadership extended past the walls of the school. He was president of the Ruritan Club, president of the Clarendon County Education Association, an inductee into the inaugural class of the Clarendon County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011 and an inductee into the South Carolina Coaches Hall of Fame in 2005.

R. DONALD HARDY

Hardy was a 1966 graduate of East Clarendon High School, where he was a four-sport athlete.



HARDY

Hardy played varsity basketball, earning Most Valuable Player and All Conference recognition during his junior and senior years. As a senior, Hardy quarterbacked the Wolverines to the 1965 state championship, which earned him All Area and All State accolades. Hardy lettered in track and field and played shortstop for the Wolverines for four years, earning the team's Most Valuable Player award for three of those four years. While at ECHS, Hardy also earned the F.E. DuBose Award for the school district's best athlete.

Hardy also played American Legion baseball for Turbeville, where he maintained a batting average over .400. Hardy's skills on the baseball diamond caught the eye of retired baseball legend Bobby Richardson, who was an All-Star second baseman for the New York Yankees. Hardy spent 1967 with the Fort Lauderdale Yankees as a second baseman and helped turn the most double plays in the league. After leaving baseball, Hardy coached basketball for three years with Christian Academy in Manning. His love for golf earned him eight club championships, and he competed on the South Carolina Golf Association Amateur circuit. Today, Hardy is the golf instructor for the Clarendon County Recreation Department's Youth and Adult Golf programs.

REGGIE KENNEDY

Kennedy graduated from East Clarendon High School, where he was a standout student-athlete in football, track and baseball. During his senior year, 1985, Kennedy helped lead the Wolverines to a perfect season and a state champion-



KENNEDY

ship in football. Kennedy's prowess on the gridiron earned him an athletic scholarship to play football for South Carolina State University, where he earned All-MEAC honors as the school's starting linebacker. Kennedy graduated from SCSU with a Bachelor in Science degree in Mathematics and earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Cambridge University.

Kennedy has spent 28 years coaching; 23 of those years he held the dual role as athletic director and head football coach. During the course of almost three decades, Kennedy has coached at Irmo High School, Kingstree Senior High School, Fairfield-Central High School, Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, Sumter High School and Blythewood High School, where he was the assistant athletic director.

Kennedy's accolades are numerous. He's earned several Coach of the Year awards during his tenure coaching. He was named to the Clarendon County Athletic Hall of Fame. Because of the death of Coach David Farnham, Kennedy was placed into the role of head coach of the 2007 South Carolina Shrine Bowl Team, where he led the team to victory for the first time in four years. At Sumter High School, Kennedy led the Gamecocks to a 2013 Division I-AAA Football State Championship. In 2016, he was the head coach of the South Team in the 2016 Touchstone Energy Cooperatives North-South All-Star football game. Kennedy was also named the 2017 and 2018 Region 5-AAA Athletic Director of the Year.

RICHARD MAXIE KNOWLTON

Knowlton was a three-sport athlete at ECHS, where he made All Conference in all three sports and was named All State in football and baseball. Knowlton was also a member of the Wolverines' 1958 and 1959 baseball State Championship teams. He played in the 1959 North-South All-Star Game and the 1959 Tobacco Bowl.

At Newberry College, Knowlton lettered four years in both baseball and football. After college, he coached baseball, football, basketball and track for two decades. In 1965, as an assistant to EC's Coach Shad Hall, ECHS won

the football state championship. He also served as the Wolverines' athletic director for six years.

MICKEY MOSS

A graduate of Blacksburg High School and Limestone College, Moss was a Marine in the Vietnam War. He's a member of the Blacksburg Hall of Fame, a member of the South Carolina Coach's



MOSS

Hall of Fame and the Lake City Hall of Fame. He was the coach of the 1985 East Clarendon State Championship team.

LARRY DUANE ROBINSON

Robinson was a true athlete. He participated in a county-wide baseball team during junior high school. He was a three-sport All Conference letterman in football, basketball and baseball at ECHS. Robinson won the F.E. DuBose award and the Coach Shad Hall award during his senior year at East Clarendon.

Robinson earned an Associate Degree from Sumter Area Technical College, attended Francis Marion University and earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Clemson University, which led to a teaching career that spanned decades. He also taught at Turbeville Correctional Institution for Youthful Offenders, an experience that he referred to as "life-changing" for the students.

Robinson's love of sports led him to coach on the recreational fields in Little League, Pony League and American Legion games. He also coached junior varsity baseball and middle school basketball and football for the Wolverines. He was the "eye in the sky" for Wolverine Football Coach Dwayne Howell.

In 1985, Robinson coached the Wolverines' varsity baseball team. During his eight years as coach, he led them to eight regional championship titles and several play-off wins. Robinson also served as an assistant baseball coach for the Clarendon School District 2 Monarchs for two years before returning to his beloved ECHS.

Robinson's athletes called him "Coach Rob," during and after their days on the baseball diamond. His love for the sport led him to becoming a mentor for each of his players. He was their best friend and at times a father figure.

Tindal honored at reception



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John Tindal, superintendent of Clarendon School District 2, recently attended a private, invitation-only reception that was held as a prelude to the Opening Ceremony of the Richard W. Riley Collection. Tindal is seen with the guest speaker for the event, former President Bill Clinton, and honoree of the evening, former U.S. Secretary of Education and Governor of South Carolina Richard W. Riley. "How blessed and honored we are in Clarendon School District 2 to have a superintendent that is widely respected and recognized throughout South Carolina," Marie Gibbons, chief academic officer for the district, said. "Clarendon 2 is very fortunate to have a stellar leader of such noble character serving as our superintendent. Congratulations, Mr. Tindal, on this fine honor."



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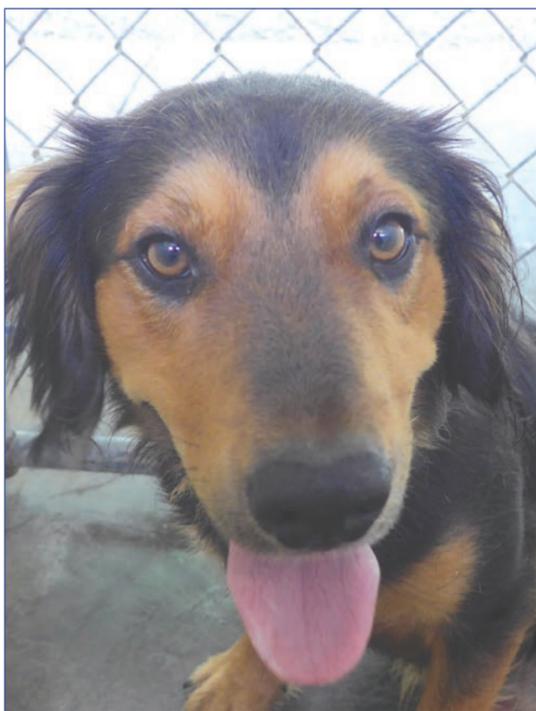
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Lacey is a 4-month-old gray tabby female domestic shorthair kitten. She has unusual orange markings, big ears and a long tail, making her a unique and adorable kitten. Lacey is full of energy but also very cuddly. Lacey weighs about 3 pounds. She is current on all of her age-appropriate shots and has been spayed. Please stop by the shelter to see this playful and loving little girl. We currently have a \$50 adoption special for all of our cats.



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Clarendon County Job Fair is on Thursday

MANNING — Central Carolina Technical College is hosting a Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday at the F.E. DuBose Career campus, 3351 Sumter Highway. This is a great opportunity to meet with notable companies that make a significant impact on the Clarendon County workforce and many of South Carolina's largest employers. Recruiters from Central Carolina Technical College will also be available. For additional information, call (803) 473-2531, extension 611 or 617, or email justicel@ccctech.edu or green@ccctech.edu.

Farm to Table Supper tickets now on sale

MANNING — Main Street Manning will host Farm to Table from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the courtyard at Land, Parker and Welch Law Firm, 29 S. Mill St. The dinner will feature dozens of delicious dishes made from locally grown produce and Margaret Holmes' canned veggies. Ticket holders will feast on tomato/watermelon gazpacho, muscadine sangria, squash, beef from the Cattleman's Association, pork from Cactus Family Farms, corn pudding, Johnny Mac peas and beans, eggplant Parmesan, rice with okra and tomatoes, Italian flat green beans and the Southern staples of cornbread and biscuits. Tickets are \$25 each with only a limited number of tickets still available. Tickets can be purchased at Land, Parker and Welch Law Firm and Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce, 19 N. Brooks St.

Public invited to revival 'Time for Awakening'

MANNING — The New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2833 Alex Harvin Highway, is hosting "Time for Awakening" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 16-19. The featured speaker for the revival will be John Black. The revival is being sponsored by New Covenant and Emmanuel Baptist churches. Dinner will be served in the New Covenant Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 16 and Sept. 17. Everyone is invited to attend.

Taste of Clarendon will be on Oct. 4

MANNING — Mark your calendars now for Clarendon County Taste of Clarendon, which will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 4 at the National Guard Armory, 2883 Raccoon Road. For tickets, contact Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce at (803) 435-4405.

Scarecrows on Main needs volunteer groups

MANNING — Main Street Manning is inviting individuals, families, clubs, church groups, civic organizations and businesses to participate in Scarecrows on Main. Groups will create scarecrows

or fall decorations on lamp posts throughout downtown Manning. The decorations will be on display for the entire month of October. All the groups will need are their materials and creativity. Interested groups must register by Sept. 28. Applications are available at Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

Sponsor a table for Think Pink banquet

MANNING — The 2018 Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Banquet will be held at 5 p.m. Oct. 6 at Manning Junior High School gymnasium, 1101 W.L. Hamilton Road. A limited number of sponsorship tables and individual tickets are still available. For more information, call Clarendon County Sheriff's Office DFC Annett Smith at (803) 435-4414 or (803) 460-6679 or email her at annett.smith1@gmail.com.

DuckFest will be held on 2 Saturdays

SUMMERTON — The Duck Capital of South Carolina, Summerton, will be hosting DuckFest on Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. On Oct. 6, the festival will feature the DuckFest Fall Open Bass Tournament and

The Duck Cup Sporting Clays Tournament. On Oct. 13, a 5K Color Run and Fun Duck Run will be held along with a Meat Calling Contest, a cook-off, a concert and lots more. For information on vendor space and sponsorships, call (803) 410-1067 or visit duckfestfun@gmail.com.

'Hotel Transylvania 2' will be shown for free

MANNING — The movie "Hotel Transylvania 2" will be shown once the sun sets on Oct. 12 at Church Street Park at the corner of Church and Rigby streets. Admission is free. Please bring a blanket or chair. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown at the Manning Fire Department's Training Room.

Inaugural Teacher's Ball will benefit students

MANNING — The 1865 Reading Academy is presenting the Inaugural Teacher's Ball at 7 p.m. on Oct. 20 at The Matrix Center, 4648 Kingstree Highway. Advance tickets for the ball are \$50 per couple and \$30 for individual tickets. Proceeds from the ball will go toward school supplies for teachers and the 1865 Reading

Academy. The attire for the evening will be formal.

For more information, contact Sharmane Anderson at (803) 566-9690 or email her at the1865academy@gmail.com.

Trick or Treat on Main Street on Oct. 27

MANNING — Main Street Manning is hosting Trick or Treat on Main Street from 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 27 in the downtown Manning area. Businesses and groups are encouraged to participate in the carnival-style trick-or-treat event by setting up tents, tables and

booths with candy or other giveaways. Small carnival-style games are encouraged but not required. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Carrie Trebil at (803) 435-8477, extension 5132.

Save the date for Holiday Open House

MANNING — Manning's Holiday Open House will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 4. For more information, contact Carrie Trebil at (803) 435-8477 extension 5132 or email her at ctrebil@cityofmanning.org.

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- *Sept. 7-10, 2018 **WASHINGTON, DC** Deposit: \$85 pp. \$495 pp **White House & Capitol viewing**, Smithsonian, Arlington. 6 meals. SOLD OUT
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- *Oct. 15-19, 2018 **PENNSYLVANIA AMISH** Deposit \$85 pp \$622 pp **Sight & Sound Production of "JESUS"**, Amish Farms, Strasburg, Lititz, Columbia, Bird-In-Hand areas. 8 meals included. SOLD OUT
- Nov. 4-16, 2018 **PANAMA CANAL CRUISE-plus Colombia, SA, Costa Rica and Honduras,** \$2985 pp \$250 pp deposit to book. Passport Book Needed. SOLD OUT
- Nov. 23-Dec. 2, 2018 **HAWAII CRUISE - Norwegian Cruise Line \$350 deposit pp.** \$3990 pp **Pre-night hotel in Honolulu.** Airfare to/from Columbia SC Balconies only SOLD OUT
- *Dec. 15-16, 2018 **BILTMORE HOUSE-ASHEVILLE AT CHRISTMAS** \$75 deposit pp \$336 pp Hotel near Biltmore Village, Dinner Deerpark Restaurant at Biltmore, Tour of House.
- April 10-12, 2019 **SPRINGTIME IN SAVANNAH/TYBEE ISLAND** Deposit \$75 pp \$400 pp City Guided tour, Savannah Theatre Show, Dinner at Paula Deen's NEW restaurant, "Creek House" Guided tour of Tybee Island, 2 more Dinners - Mrs. Wilkes' Dining Room and Cracker Barrel
- *May 4-10, 2019 **NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO CANADA** Deposit \$100 pp \$845 pp Cruise to the Falls, 4 dinners (one at Skyline Tower overlooking the Falls), Niagara on the Lake, Welland Canal, local guide, beautiful gardens and so much more. PASSPORTS NEEDED
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- August 15-23, 2019 **ALASKA CRUISE - new ship - OVATION OF THE SEAS (RCCL)** \$3420 pp \$300 deposit pp. Pre-night in Seattle, Skagway, Juneau, Inside Passage, Victoria, Glaciers, Airfare to/from Charleston SC included. PASSPORT BOOKS NEEDED.
- *Sept. 9-12, 2019 **COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA.** Deposit \$85 pp \$595 pp **Plantation** Tour, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown Settlements Upgraded Hotel booked in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg, Multi Day Tickets for shuttle services for the area. 6 meals.
- Sept 17-24, 2019 **NATIONAL PARKS/CANYONS TOUR- Early booking discounts (til Oct. 9)** \$2675 pp Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon & Zion National Park. Airfare to/from Charleston SC, 11 meals fully escorted tour, gratuities included. Last night lodging in Las Vegas. Deposit: \$300 pp
- *Oct 8-10, 2019 **PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE (Fall Foliage Time)** Deposit: \$80 pp \$452 pp **2 breakfasts, 2** dinners, 3 shows, Smoky Mtn Park Guided Tour, The Apple Barn and The Island shopping (Christmas is coming)
- Oct 24-Nov. 3, 2019 **GREEK ISLES plus 2 pre nights in Venice, Italy.** Passport needed. \$3700 pp \$350 pp deposit. Balcony Cabins. Airfare to/from Charleston, SC. SOLD OUT (Waiting List Started)

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NOTICE OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CLARENDON COUNTY

The General Election for federal, state, county and various local offices will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Any person wishing to vote in this election must register no later than Sunday, October 7, 2018. Voter Registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Tuesday, October 9, 2018. In addition to normal business hours, the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Elections Office will open on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00-1:00 for in-person voting.

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place.

- S.C. Driver's License
- ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

If you have one of these IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit scVOTES.org or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.

At 9:00 a.m. on November 6, the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at Clarendon County Administration Building, Voter Registration and Elections Office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102, 803-435-8215.

At 10:00 a.m. on November 9, the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at Clarendon County Election Central, 20 West Keitt Street, Manning, SC 29102.

The following Constitutional Amendment Question will appear on ballots in the November 6, 2018 General Election:

Amendment 1
 Must Section 7, Article VI of the Constitution of this State, relating to state constitutional officers, be amended so as to provide that beginning in January 2023, or upon a vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Education after the date of the ratification of the provisions of this paragraph, whichever occurs first, the Superintendent of Education must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate; to provide that the appointed Superintendent of Education shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and to require the General Assembly to provide by law for the duties, compensation, and qualifications for the office?

Explanation

A 'Yes' vote will require the Superintendent of Education be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate.
 A 'No' vote maintains the current method of electing a Superintendent of Education

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

Precincts		Polling Places
Alcolu	Alcolu Elementary School	1423 Hotel St Alcolu, SC 29001
Barrineau	Barrineau Fire Station	3802 St James Rd Lake City, SC 29560
Barrows Mill	Friendship Presbyterian Church	10123 Black River Road New Zion, SC 29111
Bloomville	Liberty Fire Station	5119 Brewer Road Manning, SC 29102
Calvary	Panola Fire Station	1984 Elliot Road Pinewood, SC 29125
Davis Station	Davis Station Fire Station	2634 MW Rickenbaker Rd Manning, SC 29102
Harmony	Harmony Pres. Church	8629 US 301 Alcolu, SC 29001
Hicks	Pinedale Pentecostal Church	4456 Turbeville Hwy Turbeville, SC 29162
Home Branch	W.R. Simpson Farm Office	2526 W R Simpson Rd Manning, SC 29102
Jordan	Wyboo Fire Station	1101 Herring Drive Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 1	Weldon Auditorium Lobby	7 Maple Street Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 2	Cypress Center Complex	50 East Hospital Street Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 3	Clarendon County Administration Building Council Chambers	411 Sunset Dr Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 4	Manning Fire Station	42 West Boyce St Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 5	Manning United Methodist Church	17 Rigby St Manning, SC 29102
New Zion	Clarendon County EMS Building	15677 US 301 New Zion, SC 29111
Paxville	Paxville Town Hall	10279 Lewis Rd Manning, SC 29102
Panola	Mt. Pleasant RUME Church	14076 Panola Rd Pinewood, SC 29125
Sardinia-gable	Sardinia Fire Station	12878 US 301 Gable, SC 29051
Summerton No. 1	St. Matthias Episcopal Church	9 N Dukes St Summerton, SC 29148
Summerton No. 2	Scott's Branch High Alumni Association Building	1 Larry King Hwy Summerton, SC 29148
Summerton No. 3	Clarendon District One Resource Center Gym	1154 4th St Summerton, SC 29148
Turbeville	Turbeville Town Hall	1400 Main Street Turbeville, SC 29162
Wilson-foreston	Wilson-Foreston Fire Station	1015 N Brewington Rd Manning, SC 29102
Oakdale	Friendship Pres. Church	10123 Black River Rd New Zion, SC 29111

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO. 2018-CP-14-00266 DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

Robert E. Andrews aka Robert Andrews and if Robert E. Andrews aka Robert Andrews be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of Robert E. Andrews aka Robert Andrews, distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Robert E. Andrews aka Robert Andrews and if any of the same be dead under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Betty Andrews; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee of CVI Loan GT Trust I DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Clarendon County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

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YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

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NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, South Carolina, on July 3, 2018.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), 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, Hutchens Law Firm, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm, represents the Plaintiff in this action and 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

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the date of this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION.

If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

NOTICE TO APPOINT ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S) IN MILITARY SERVICE TO UNKNOWN OR KNOWN DEFENDANTS THAT MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALL BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED that Plaintiff's attorney has applied for the appointment of an attorney to represent you. If you fail to apply for the appointment of an attorney to represent you within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you Plaintiff's appointment will be made absolute with no further action from Plaintiff.

Park it in the **CLASSIFIEDS** and watch it go fast!

Summons & Notice

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

IN THE FAMILY COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO. 2017-DR-14-139

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON

Robin Pruett Prosser, PLAINTIFF, vs. Shelby Taylor Webster and Bobby Pillsbury, DEFENDANTS.

TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a final custody hearing has been scheduled in the above matter for October 12, 2018, at 10:30 A.M. at the Clarendon County Family Court, 102 South Mill Street, Manning, South Carolina.

Failure to appear at the final hearing constitutes consent to custody said child.

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803-778-2471
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF



Estate Notice Clarendon County NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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

Estate: Joseph Ferdinand Peters, Jr. AKA Joseph Frederick Peters, Jr. #2018ES1400210

Personal Representative: Gary Lee Peters 5546 Dunsmore Rd. Alexandria, VA 22315 08/31/18 - 09/14/18

Estate: Leonard Roberts, Sr. #2018ES1400119

Personal Representative: Leonard Roberts, Jr. 126-08 95th Ave. Richmond Hills, NY 11419 08/31/18 - 09/14/18

Estate: Lena Mae Lucas #2018ES1400177

Personal Representative: Joyce Dale Collins 3809 Hasty Pointe Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 Henrietta Golding Attorney at Law P.O. Box 336 Myrtle Beach, SC 29578 09/07/18 - 09/21/18

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Estate: Clifton B. Benbow #2018ES1400103

Personal Representative: Helen W. Benbow 205 Walker Street Manning, SC 29102 08/31/18 - 09/14/18

Estate: Richard Dyson #2018ES1400231

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Pursuant to §6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that Clarendon County Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 8, 2018, at The Clarendon School District 1 Board Room, 12 South Church St., Summerton SC in consideration of the following Ordinances:

ORDINANCE 2018-10 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY, WITH IMPROVEMENTS, OWNED BY CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND IDENTIFIED AS CLARENDON COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL NO.: 187-03-03-002-00.

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COMMENTARY

Confirmation hearing is all a partisan show

WASHINGTON — If you missed Day One of Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court hearing, just try to imagine a mud-wrestling contest attended by banshees howling at the referee.

Between senators interrupting the all-wise-and-patient Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and shrieking protesters, the proceedings were too low-brow to resort to the usual circus metaphor. It was a performance, all right, but it was embarrassing to watch.

The falderol was allegedly about a document dump from the Kavanaugh team that arrived in Democratic members' offices Monday night, too late for staffers to read and analyze everything. These were the last of nearly a half-million pages provided to the Senate — or more than the total for the past five nominees combined, according to Ed Whelan, president of the conservative Ethics and Public Policy Center.

Tuesday morning began with Grassley attempting to begin the hearing, and Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., attempting to immediately adjourn. Next came Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., followed by Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., etc., etc.

This choreographed effort to obstruct the proceedings continued most of the morning. Republicans could barely speak without a Democrat barging through the gossamer veil of mutual respect, while the audience, including an organized cabal of shriekers, seemed to think this was a multimedia carnival in which participation is welcome. All that was missing was the canned laughter.

Throughout, Kavanaugh sat solemnly stoic, looking very much the law student who keeps his eyes on the professor's face to avoid staring at the mustard stain on his tie. Every now and then, he appeared to jot down a note, though given the debate taking place, he might have been sketching scarecrows.

So what about those 42,000 pages? It is a rather large cache, you have to admit. And what about the last-minute dump? Isn't that an act of bad faith? Not necessarily.

First, the last-minute dump is a time-honored tradition in the nation's capital and a common tactic in litigation. Lawyers will do what lawyers do. As for the whining about needing more time, really? This is Washington, folks, where Starbucks is literally on all four corners of a downtown park. Teams of fast skimmers and a case or two of Red Bull could have produced a rash of salient bullet points by

breakfast — if Democrats were really curious. Happens all the time. Indeed, Garrett Ventry, Grassley's communications adviser, tweeted Tuesday afternoon that the senator's legal documents team did review the full stack Monday. "We had 15 people working on it."

But this is a case of style over content. Tuesday's takeaway can be distilled to four points: (1) Democrats will do anything to postpone confirmation until after the midterm elections, when they hope to blue-wash the Senate; (2) at least two Democratic committee members (Harris and Cory Booker of New Jersey) are running for

president and needed to show their chops; (3) the Democratic Party base needed a backrub; (4) Democrats want to be able to say, "We tried."

As for the quantity of documents, Kavanaugh suffers from his own work ethic and productivity, which has resulted in a vast paper trail that is far longer than anyone else's in Supreme Court history. Indeed, members of this Judiciary Committee know far more about Kavanaugh than they've known about any other nominee.

But Democrats remain obsessed with the documents they know they'll never get and this, too, has become a weapon in their arsenal. These 101,921 pages, which pertain to Kavanaugh's tenure as White House staff secretary to George W. Bush are protected by executive privilege because they contain candid deliberations, "the confidentiality of which is critical to any president's ability to carry out this core executive function," according to Bill Burck, former President George W. Bush's presidential records representative.

Democrats now complaining about the inappropriateness of this protection weren't always of such mind. The estimable Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., not so long ago co-signed a letter to the Bush Library acknowledging that some documents should never be released. And Democrats had no objection when some of Elena Kagan's records weren't disclosed during her confirmation hearing. Alas, but for a few rhetorical flourishes here and there, it's all just a partisan show, ladies and gentlemen. Politicians will pontificate; screamers will scream; Grassley will maintain his reputation for fairness and integrity. And Kavanaugh will be confirmed.

Let's get on with it.

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Disclosure of an audit over a nuclear project

"Disclose or not."

That's the question Santee Cooper officials raised in 2015 before contracting firm Bechtel finished an audit of the nuclear reactors the state-run utility was working on with project partner SCANA and its subsidiary, SCE&G.

According to an analysis of documents uncovered by *Post and Courier* reporters Chad Moore and Andrew Brown, Santee Cooper leaders were referring to whether the information in the report should be shared with the utility's bondholders.

Their decision, of course, was not to disclose.

We know this because the Bechtel report's existence was only revealed after construction on the two nuclear reactors had been abandoned and \$9 billion had been lost. And even then it took a stern warning from Gov. Henry McMaster to make the audit public.

It's no wonder Santee Cooper and SCANA officials wanted the information kept secret. Bechtel raised serious questions about the nuclear project's viability and suggested that estimates about completion timelines and final costs were unrealistic.

Obviously, those warnings would have been of vital interest to Santee Cooper bondholders and SCANA shareholders, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of South Carolina ratepayers who kept paying part of their monthly power bills toward a doomed effort.

State regulators and watchdog staff certainly ought to have been alerted as well.

Other notes show that the final Bechtel report was "scrubbed" of the most damning portions. And Santee Cooper and SCE&G officials questioned whether the report should be provided in writing at all.

In other words, they knew that things were going badly. They feared the blowback that would result if the information went public. And they chose to keep it secret and proceed with the reactor construction as if nothing were wrong.

So far, most of the investigation related to the nuclear failure has hinged on whether SCANA acted "prudently" in spending ratepayer money on the reactors. That's the legal standard that could determine how much SCE&G customers owe in the future for the project.

But these new documents, which *The Post and Courier* obtained after they were handed over to the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, raise even more serious questions. The revelations they contain detail activity that federal investigators will sift through for possible criminal activity.

State law enforcement also is conducting a probe.

It's possible that state regulators still would have given the nuclear project the go-ahead even after red flags were raised by the Bechtel report. Investors might not have panicked. After all, construction delays and cost overruns were well-known even if the audit's details were not.

But when given the decision to "disclose or not," Santee Cooper and SCANA offi-

cials chose to keep critical information to themselves. They remained silent while leading South Carolina into an economic disaster from which it could spend years or even decades recovering.

THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT

Sept. 3

Does your job bring you satisfaction?

It's 6 o'clock the morning after Labor Day. Your alarm goes off. You bang around your night stand until you find it and shut it off. As you wake up, are you excited about going back to work? Or is that "Not again!" knot bulging in your stomach?

If you're thinking, "Not again!" you're not alone, though Americans' satisfaction with their work has improved in recent years.

In 2017, for the first time in more than a decade, a majority of U.S. workers were satisfied with their jobs.

According to data from the Conference Board, job satisfaction reached 50.8 percent, up from 49.6 percent in 2016 and above the 50 percent threshold for the first time since 2005.

Still, job satisfaction is far below the 61.1 percent who liked their jobs in 1987 and the 58.6 percent who said they did in 1995.

Life Coach, best-selling author and professional speaker Dr. Joey Faucette, who has coached thousands of business people, suggests asking yourself the following questions to help identify why you wake up with that "Not again!" knot in your stomach the morning after Labor Day.

- **"Am I bored?"** Is it the "same job, different day" for you? Do you wonder if anybody cares what you do?

- **"Am I overwhelmed?"** Maybe you just feel lucky to have a job, but the reality is that two other people on your team were laid off, and you have their work to do too.

- **"Is my boss a psychopath?"** Does your boss run "hot and cold," one day effusive about your work and the next day chewing you out for nothing?

- **"Am I worried about losing my job?"** The financial pressure of spending what you make creates a lot of stress, especially with the uncertainty of job security rampant in American corporations.

- **"Is my significant other giving me that 'What's wrong with you?' look?"** Face it, no one truly leaves work at work. Ask the one you live with, "How's my attitude?"

How do you increase your work satisfaction and move from just making a living to making a life and a living? Faucette recommends a six-step process he refers to as L.I.S.T.E.N.

The first step is to LISTEN to your life for passion.

The second step is to INVEST in your talents.

The next step is to discover your STYLE.

The fourth step of making a life and not just a living involves some outer work, specifically assessing the TERRAIN of your work environment.

The next step also involves outer work. Discovering your passion, talents and style and the terrain of your work place, you are now ready to ENGAGE the world's needs.

Find a need that your passion, talents and style meet, align the terrain accordingly, and you achieve what Faucette calls your NATURAL SWEET SPOT. Your natural sweet spot is when you are clicking instead of clanking.

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a teacher, and because math was always her favorite subject in school — “calculus and trigonometry, the most loved” — it was a natural choice for her.

She not only has a love for the subject, but also an influential role model in high school showed her the importance of being active in students’ lives in and outside the classroom.

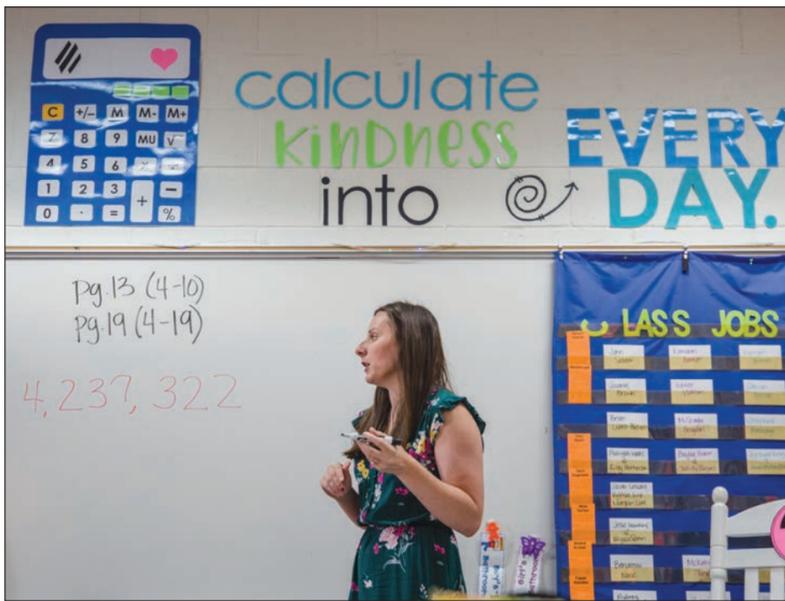
He was Coach Ray Keith back in the Wichita Falls area, and he served as Smith’s high school basketball coach and also was her algebra II and geometry teacher.

Smith said Keith was active in all his students’ lives, going to their various games, and was always a positive influence.

She has carried that perspective with her through the years and tries to inspire her own students “by taking the time to invest in them from Day 1.”

The most rewarding part of being a teacher, Smith said, is when “the light bulb comes on for her students” and they grasp a concept for the first time or when they present a new way for understanding a math concept to the entire class.

“When a student surprises me while I am teaching, and he or she brings something to the table for the lesson that I didn’t even think of,” Smith



High Hills Elementary School Math Coach Shasta Smith reviews math problems with a class on Thursday at the school on Shaw Air Force Base. Sumter School District recently named Smith the district’s teacher of the year for this year.

said. “I think for teachers that is like the aha! moment when your own student becomes the critical thinker. When they bring something to the lesson that made it better for everybody.” For the last couple years, Smith

served as a classroom math and science teacher, but this year High Hills Principal Mary Kay Norton moved her into a math coach position where she can touch all fourth- and fifth-grade students at the school and the

six math teachers on staff. “We made the change so that she can touch everybody — not just the students in one class,” Norton said. “Now, she is going to be the coach that’s actually going to touch all the students in the building, plus the math teachers.”

In the role, Smith models instruction for teachers and also co-teaches with them in the classroom.

Norton said one of Smith’s many strengths is she understands “grouping students” and differentiating instruction within the classroom so well.

“Grouping kids in the classroom is a special talent as a teacher,” Norton said. “Now, she is going to be taking groups, the teacher will be taking groups, and there will be two certified teachers in the classroom to assist those students. With that in mind, we’re thinking that is going to help the at-risk students and the students that really need the help will get a whole lot more attention with her being in the classroom.”

Norton also spoke highly of Smith’s dedication, “team player” attitude and being a leader at the school.

An educator for 31 years, Norton said Smith is one of the best teachers she has ever worked with.

“She was born to teach,” Norton said.

ALARMS FROM PAGE A1

a week later because of injuries sustained in the blaze.

Sumter County first responders spent Thursday in that same Crosswell Drive neighborhood trying to prevent the same thing from happening again.

“We installed 62 smoke detectors,” Sumter Fire Department Division Chief Johnnie Rose said. “Some didn’t have them, and some were outdated.”

Firefighters canvassed the neighborhood on Tuesday to see which houses needed new or updated smoke detectors and fire alarms.

The Red Cross supplied the alarms to the fire department, which installs them for free, according to Selena Smith, the department’s fire prevention specialist.

She said low-income households often do not have working alarms — or do not have

them at all — because of a lack of education on the necessity of them and lack of access.

Smith said bringing Red Cross volunteers on the project helps because many families, especially residents who do not speak English, may see a uniform and think they are the police and are there for a bad reason.

As fire department personnel installed smoke detectors in every bedroom and “key points in the house,” Red Cross volunteers gave the residents information about fire safety and prevention.

“We emphasize the education piece about how, in the case of a fire with the detector, you have two minutes to get out of the house safely without any issues,” said Steve Shumake, a volunteer and Red Cross disaster action team co-

ordinator. “We go through a fire escape plan for the home.”

He said they explained to families the difference between priority exits (doors) and secondary exits (windows) and that most house fires happen late at night or early in the morning when people are sleeping. Window air-conditioning units can overheat in the summer. Heating units can spark in the winter. Old and outdated housing units and appliances can become igniters.

Volunteers collected data on families such as the number of people living in the house, how many are under the age of 17 or above the age of 65 and anyone with disabilities.

With a steep language barrier — the neighborhood largely consists of Guatemalan families who often don’t speak Spanish well and speak different dialects — a translator accompanied the two-hour project on Thursday.

Jeannette Mendoza, a victim advocate with the YWCA of Sumter, said her presence and ability to speak to the families comforted them. Instead of seeing strangers in uniforms that can’t communicate with them, they were told these life-saving safety measures in a language they understand.

“I tell them what causes fire hazards and what could have prevented that fire,” Mendoza said. “They all witnessed it. It’s certainly a traumatic event.”

She said most parents work jobs that have long nighttime hours and that they were tired but open to the help because they saw the consequences.

They also talked to the families about hurricane pre-

paredness and flooding dangers as hurricane season is in full swing and Hurricane Florence continues to head west toward the East Coast.

She said the residents of the Crosswell Drive neighborhood all know each other, including the family whose house burned. One man even let them inside another’s home because he was at work.

The fire department’s Rose and Smith said there are no laws in South Carolina that require homeowners or landlords to have working smoke detectors.

They install them for free, but they have to know where to go. They can only hope, through their efforts, that if one is needed, it’s there.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Sumter is an Entitlement Community. This Entitlement status affords the City the opportunity of receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on an annual basis. The purpose of the funds is to improve the neighborhoods and make life more livable for residents; especially those whose income falls within the HUD Income Limits and are considered low-moderate-income citizens. Citizens’ participation is a requirement. The City of Sumter will satisfy this requirement by holding public meetings prior to preparing the upcoming Annual Action Plan. The schedule for these meetings follows:

- **Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 6:00pm, South Hope Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Dr.**
- **Thursday, September 20, 2018, 6:00pm, South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave.**
- **Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 6:00pm, North Hope Center, 904 S. Main St.**
- **Thursday, September 27, 2018, 6:00pm Birnie Hope Center, 210 S. Purdy St.**
- **Public Hearing, Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:00pm, Council Chambers 4th floor, Opera House, 21 North Main Street**

Citizens are invited to come out and participate in these community meetings in preparation of the City of Sumter, Community Development Department fiscal year budget process for the period April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020. Entry to all meeting places is handicapped accessible. Hearing impaired or deaf persons may call 774-1649 for assistance. Persons needing an interpreter may call the same number for assistance.

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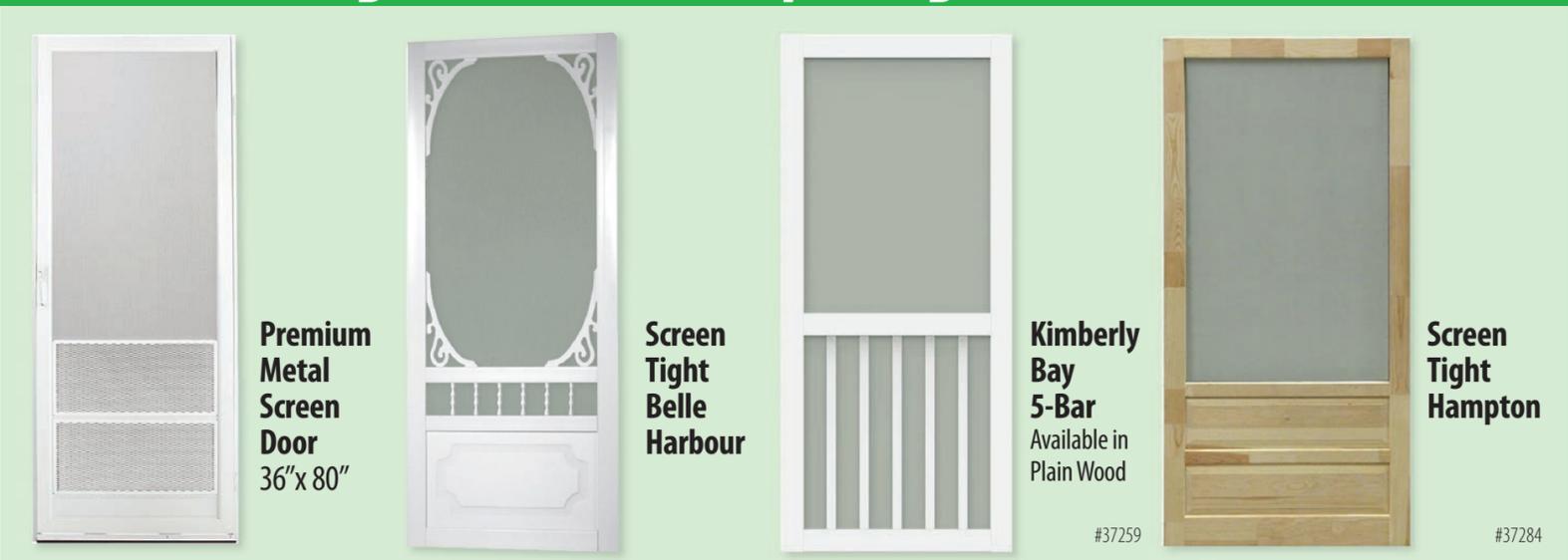
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AROUND TOWN

Clarendon School District One will conduct free vision, hearing, speech and developmental screenings as part of a child find effort to identify students ages 3-5, who may need special education services and are not enrolled in a public school. Screenings will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon at the Summerton Early Childhood Center, 8 South St., Summerton, on the following Tuesdays: Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 2019; Feb. 12, 2019; March 12, 2019; April 9, 2019; and May 14, 2019. Call Robert Collar at (803) 574-2117.

Lake Marion Artisans will hold an artists reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 108 Main St., Summerton, in recognition of the Glorious Gourds exhibit by the Cypress Gourd Patch Organization of Sumter. The exhibit will run Sept. 1-30 and will feature painted, embellished, carved, embossed beautiful creations all made with / from gourds. Many of these items will be for sale. Refreshments will be served during the artists reception.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA) will hold its first Hall of Fame celebration at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Historical Lincoln Center, 22 Council St. The 2018 inductees are: Dr. Leroy Bowman — 1940; Rep. James Clyburn — 1953-1956; Maggie Ellison — 1956; John H. Kilgo — 1947-1966; Freddie Solomon — 1972; Dr. Junior Earl Vaughn — 1950; and Dr. Agnes Hildebrand-Wilson — 1951-1973.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10813 will hold a recognition program at 6 p.m. on Saturday,

Sept. 8, at 610 Manning Ave. One of the citizens being honored is a World War II veteran who served in the 1st Cavalry. Call Al Spencer at (803) 406-0748.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St., for a summer evening of getting to know each other while members chat-n-chew. It's time to reserve your tables for the Dec. 11 gala. Contact Debra Canty at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will hold its annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course, 1305 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is \$50 per golfer limited to the first 40 teams. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, souvenirs, cart, green fees and refreshments during play. Team format will be two-person Captain's Choice. There will be first- and second-place prizes for men's and women's teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. Raffle tickets for a La-Z-Boy recliner will be \$2 each or three for \$5. Call Rich Grimmsley at (803) 469-6227, Earnest Roland at (803) 840-0935 or Johnny Goodley at (803) 236-0488 or email at vnam6970@yahoo.com.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA) will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 26 Council St. For more information, call the alumni office at (803) 775-0444 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday or Wednesday.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Express yourself emotionally.

Share your feelings and find out where you stand. Don't let a situation that is bothering you build into a feud when communication, understanding and solutions are what's required. A romantic gesture will enhance your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look for an alternative if a situation isn't going according to plan. Listen to suggestions offered, and do your best to stick to tried-and-true methods. A practical approach will help to ward off mistakes that can be costly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Be willing to do your part, and stick to the truth to avoid being called out by someone fact-checking. Personal improvements should include health as well as your domestic environment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Working hand in hand with trusted individuals will help promote steady progress. Shy away from anyone exhibiting excessive tendencies or who is emotionally manipulative. Know when to say no, and surround yourself with people who are practical, moderate and efficient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Getting all worked up over nothing will not serve you well. Before you initiate an emotional conversation with someone, get your facts straight. If you act on an assumption or hearsay, you will not only offend someone, you'll damage your relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A day trip or visiting old friends or relatives should be scheduled. Attending a reunion and socializing

with people from different walks of life will stimulate you mentally as well as prompt you to make changes to your life and future endeavors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Tread carefully when dealing with friends and family. Not everyone will see things your way. Someone will put demands on you or try to interfere with what you want to do. Don't let indulgent behavior be your way of dealing with negativity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An emotional situation will escalate quickly if you don't pull back and rethink your strategy. Focus on something you have control over, not something you don't. Be upfront and do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No one knows better than you when it comes to how you feel and what you want. Try not to pussyfoot around issues that need to be discussed. By avoiding the truth, you will give someone a false impression.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Find the best way to use your knowledge to bring about positive changes at work and at home. A chance to reinvent yourself will turn out to be quite prosperous. Recycle old ideas and format the journey you want to pursue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotions will take over if you aren't careful. Don't let anyone bait you into a discussion about something you aren't ready to talk about. If you want to change something, start with yourself. A new diet, exercise routine or look is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have some interesting ideas. Discuss your plans with an expert to work out any kinks that could slow you down. Money, contracts and a change in the way you earn your living look promising.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny and warm	Partly cloudy and humid	Warm with clouds and sun	A thunderstorm in spots	A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	An afternoon t-storm in spots
93°	70°	92° / 70°	90° / 71°	90° / 71°	91° / 71°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 45%
ENE 4-8 mph	S 2-4 mph	ESE 3-6 mph	SSE 4-8 mph	S 4-8 mph	SE 3-6 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

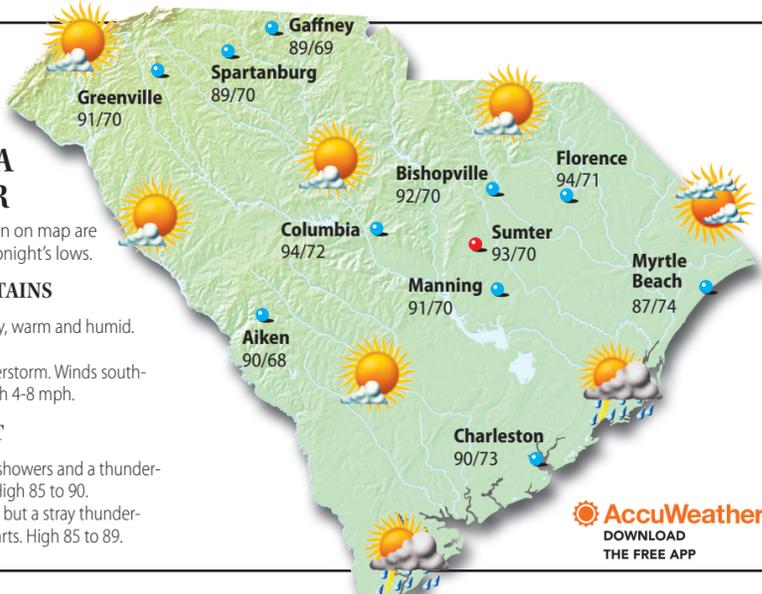
Today: Mostly sunny, warm and humid. Winds east 4-8 mph.

Saturday: A thunderstorm. Winds southwest becoming south 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later. High 85 to 90.

Saturday: Showers, but a stray thunderstorm in southern parts. High 85 to 89.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
93°	93°	71°	86°	65°	102° in 1954	50° in 1997

PRECIPITATION

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.79"
Year to date	26.76"
Last year to date	28.01"
Normal year to date	34.18"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.93	-0.06
Marion	76.8	75.38	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.23	none
Wateree	100	97.36	-0.08

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	2.70	-0.05
Congaree River	19	3.06	+0.02
Lynches River	14	1.30	none
Saluda River	14	2.13	-0.01
Up. Santee River	80	76.33	+0.09
Wateree River	24	9.37	-1.08

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:00 a.m.	Sunset	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise	4:21 a.m.	Moonsset	6:28 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Sep. 9	Sep. 16	Sep. 24	Oct. 2

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	7:24 a.m.	3.2	2:05 a.m.	0.2
	7:56 p.m.	3.8	2:15 p.m.	-0.3
Sat.	8:24 a.m.	3.4	3:00 a.m.	0.0
	8:52 p.m.	3.9	3:13 p.m.	-0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	90/72/s	89/72/s
Chicago	72/61/c	71/59/c
Dallas	87/73/t	79/69/t
Detroit	76/60/s	72/58/pc
Houston	89/76/t	87/75/t
Los Angeles	87/69/pc	93/70/s
New Orleans	87/74/c	89/75/t
New York	75/65/c	74/61/pc
Orlando	88/74/t	88/74/t
Philadelphia	81/65/t	73/63/c
Phoenix	106/84/s	107/84/s
San Francisco	72/55/pc	72/54/pc
Wash., DC	86/69/t	74/66/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	87/66/t	83/67/t	Florence	94/71/s	92/71/t
Athens	90/68/s	91/68/t	Gainesville	88/72/t	89/72/t
Augusta	93/68/s	94/68/pc	Gastonia	90/70/s	87/69/t
Beaufort	90/74/t	89/74/t	Goldboro	91/71/pc	89/70/t
Cape Hatteras	88/76/pc	88/74/pc	Goose Creek	89/72/t	88/73/pc
Charleston	90/73/t	89/74/t	Greensboro	90/72/pc	85/67/t
Charlotte	92/71/s	90/69/t	Greenville	91/70/s	89/69/t
Clemson	90/71/s	89/71/t	Hickory	89/69/s	85/67/t
Columbia	94/72/s	94/72/pc	Hilton Head	87/74/t	87/74/t
Darlington	93/70/s	90/70/pc	Jacksonville, FL	87/72/pc	87/71/pc
Elizabeth City	90/71/pc	88/70/t	La Grange	90/71/s	89/71/s
Elizabethtown	91/71/pc	90/71/t	Macon	94/70/pc	93/71/pc
Fayetteville	93/71/s	91/70/t	Marietta	89/70/s	88/70/pc
			Marion	88/67/t	84/67/t
			Mt. Pleasant	88/73/t	87/73/sh
			Myrtle Beach	87/74/t	87/74/pc
			Orangeburg	91/71/s	90/71/t
			Port Royal	87/74/t	87/74/t
			Raleigh	91/70/pc	88/67/t
			Rock Hill	90/70/s	89/69/t
			Rockingham	91/70/s	89/69/t
			Savannah	88/72/t	88/72/t
			Spartanburg	89/70/s	87/70/t
			Summerville	88/71/t	88/72/pc
			Wilmington	88/71/pc	88/72/sh
			Winston-Salem	89/71/pc	85/67/t

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SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



FAR LEFT: Karly is a 4-month-old Labrador retriever mix. She is sweet, affectionate and great with other dogs and children. Karly loves to run, play and be active. She would make a super play buddy for any family.

LEFT: Jasper is a neutered and housebroken 3-year-old American short hair. He is great with other cats, children and even dogs. He is super sweet and affectionate. Although he likes to play and explore, he also has a lazy, couch potato side. Jasper loves to lounge around and would be a very low-maintenance pet.

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

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

PREP FOOTBALL

Sumter County Friday night



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter running back Jonathan Henry gets a breather and a wet towel between possessions during the Gamecocks' 49-20 victory over Crestwood on Aug. 26 at Sumter Memorial Stadium. Henry is averaging more than 150 rushing yards per game as Sumter gets set to travel for another district rivalry game today against Lakewood at J. Frank Baker Stadium. Kickoff

Henry, 3-0 Gamecocks set to take on 3-0 Lakewood in district rivalry

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT

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Despite his team's 3-0 record, Lakewood High School varsity head football coach Larry Cornelius feels like his team took a step backward in last week's bizarre 27-26 victory over Manning in a game that had the Gators

staring into the jaws of defeat until an inexplicable safety by Manning on the game's last play gave them a one-point win.

The Gators will need to get moving in the right direction in a hurry, however, if they're to remain undefeated after entertaining No.8 Sumter on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium at Lakewood.

"It's just one of those odd plays you'll probably never see again," Cornelius said of the crazy ending. "Our kids were excited to win, but at the same time they knew we didn't play as well as we should have. We had some miscues on offense in that game and gave up a few big plays on defense. I felt like we took a little bit of a step

back after games one and two. Yes, we got the win, but we're definitely not satisfied with it."

Sumter head coach Mark Barnes said he and his team are excited about playing another district rival and expect a good crowd.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Wilson Hall netters growing with tough schedule

BY DANNY KELLY

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The 2018 season has been a little tough on the young Wilson Hall volleyball team to date. The team is 3-12 so far, but that's mainly because they've played some tough competition.

"Our schedule has been pretty intense," head coach Rip Ripley said. "We've played Porter-Gaud, who won (SCISA 3A) state (last year), Wando and Cardinal Newman, who's been the best team in Columbia for the last 15 years."

Ripley looks at the positives from playing these South Carolina volleyball



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

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The Wilson Hall varsity volleyball team huddles between points during a recent match.

PRO BASKETBALL

Allen, Nash, Kidd, Hill in lineup for basketball hall

BY JIMMY GOLEN

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The most prolific 3-point shooter in NBA history would like to make the case for the mid-range jumper.

On the eve of his induction into the basketball Hall of Fame, Ray Allen says that watching the conference finals

last year convinced him that teams are over-relying on the long-range shot. The Houston Rockets missed 27 straight 3s in Game 7 against Golden State last



ALLEN

year, and the Boston Celtics went 7 for 39 from beyond the arc against Cleveland in the East finale.

Even though Allen, the former standout at Dalzell's Hillcrest High School, reached the Springfield, Massachusetts, shrine thanks in part to his 3-point shooting, he also had a mid-range shot. And fellow Class of 2018 member Grant Hill says Allen wasn't afraid to drive past the defender to the basket.

Also to be enshrined on Friday night are Steve Nash, Jason Kidd, Maurice Cheeks, Tina Thompson, coach Lefty Driesell, Charlie Scott, long-time executive Rick Welts, NBA executive Rod Thorn, Katie Smith, the late Ora Mae Washington and Croatian star Dino Radja.

PREP FOOTBALL

Winless Knights hope to turn tables against Manning

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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When the football teams from Crestwood and Manning high schools meet today at 7:30 p.m. at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium, both will be trying to right their ships after disappointing losses.

One came in a conventional manner; Crestwood had the extra point blocked after scoring a go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, and Richland Northeast responded with a touchdown -- and the PAT -- for a 21-20 victory.

The Monarchs lost to Lakewood 27-26 in likely the most unconventional manner ever. Leading 26-25 with two seconds remaining in the game, Manning quarterback ran into the end zone for a safety instead of taking a knee to end



MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning wide receiver Aaron Smith tries to stay in bounds and haul in a pass during the Monarchs' 27-26 loss to Lakewood last week in Manning.

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WNBA FINALS

Storm, Mystics to meet in WNBA Finals

BY DOUG FEINBERG
The Associated Press

Elena Delle Donne has the Washington Mystics in the WNBA Finals for the first time in franchise history, where they'll face Sue Bird and the Seattle Storm.

The star forward came to Washington last year to try and lead the Mystics to a championship. She has them one step away.

"D.C.'s become home to me," said Delle Donne, who grew up about two hours north in Delaware. "Now we need the city to rally behind us because we're not finished yet."

Bird chose to stay in Seattle a few years ago while the franchise was rebuilding. Now she'll get a chance to win her third WNBA championship.

"It's been a great run," said Bird, who scored 14 of her 22 points in the final 5:48 of a 94-84 win over Phoenix in the semifinals Tuesday night.

"When the season started I wasn't sure what was going to happen and now we're in the Finals."

Game 1 is Friday night in Seattle.

The two stars helped their teams win decisive Game 5s and advance to the championship round. Both players did so while overcoming injuries from earlier in their series.

Delle Donne sustained a bone bruise in her left knee during Game 2 that forced her

to miss the third game of the series. Bird broke her nose in Game 4 and sat out the second half. Yet with the season on the line, both stepped up.

They certainly didn't do it alone. Washington rookie Ariel Atkins was instrumental, leading her team with 20 points and seven rebounds Tuesday in an 86-81 victory over Atlanta.

"My goodness did Ariel Atkins step up for us. She's not a rookie," Delle Donne said.

League MVP Breanna Stewart scored 28 points to lead the Storm, and reserve Sami Whitcomb had 11 crucial points off the bench.

"You have to take your hat off to the heart that we had down the stretch. ... We really dug in," Seattle coach Dan Hughes said. "Watching Sue Bird have the presence in that moment. I played Stewie for the first time 40 minutes, and then you get a player like Sami Whitcomb who trains like no other and was ready for a big moment. So a lot of things that we had to dig to get, and that's what you've got to do to advance. Advance we will."

Here are a few other tidbits looking ahead to the Finals:

FIRST-TIME WINNER

Either Washington coach Mike Thibault or Hughes will win his first WNBA title. Thibault had reached the finals twice before with Con-

necticut in 2004 and 2005 before falling just short. The 2004 loss came against Bird and the Storm.

Hughes had one shot at a title in 2008 when he was coaching in San Antonio before the Silver Stars lost to the Detroit Shock.

FITTING SHOWCASE

After a regular season that featured parity around the league, it was fitting both semifinals came down to decisive games.

"It's great for the league. The more we can be on television and be visible, it's a good thing. So, I think this year shows just how equal the league is," Mystics star Kristi Toliver said. "All the teams are really, really great. We should be very thankful and lucky — well, not lucky, we earned the right to be here — but it's a tough league. For this series to go to five, for Phoenix and Seattle to go to five, it's just the female players in the world doing what they do. And it's great that everybody gets to see that."

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The Mystics will play their home games at George Mason. Washington's normal home — the Capital One Arena — is being renovated. The Mystics played their semifinal home games at George Washington's arena, but that also has a conflict.



Washington guard Elena Delle Donne (11) and the rest of her Mystic teammates will take on Seattle in the WNBA Finals beginning today.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
5:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour European Masters Second Round from Crans Montana, Switzerland (GOLF).
9:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour European Masters Second Round from Crans Montana, Switzerland (GOLF).
Noon — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's Doubles Championship Match from New York (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — PGA Golf: BMW Championship Second Round from Newtown Square, Pa. (GOLF).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Nations League Match from Bologna, Italy — Poland vs. Italy (ESPN2, UNIVISION).
4 p.m. — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's Singles Semifinal Matches from New York (ESPN2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — High School Football: Trinity Christian (Texas) vs. Florida A&M (Fla.) (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Houston at Boston or Chicago Cubs at Washington (MLB NETWORK).
7 p.m. — International Basketball: Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony from Springfield, Mass. (NBA TV).
7 p.m. — High School Football: Sumter at Lakewood (WIBZ-FM 95.5).
7 p.m. — High School Football: Porter-Gaud at Wilson Hall (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
8 p.m. — College Football: Texas Christian at Southern Methodist (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — International Soccer: United States vs. Brazil from East Rutherford, N.J. (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).
8 p.m. — High School Football: Hoover vs. Thompson (STADIUM).
9:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Arizona (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
10 p.m. — NWSL Soccer: Seattle at Portland (LIFETIME).
10 p.m. — High School Football: Friday Night Prep Zone Scoreboard Show (WIBZ-FM 95.5).

SATURDAY
6:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour European Masters Third Round from Crans Montana, Switzerland (GOLF).
8:50 a.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Nations League Match from Belfast, Northern Ireland — Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Northern Ireland (ESPN2, UNIVISION).
10:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Lilly Diabetes 250 Pole Qualifying from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — PGA Golf: BMW Championship Third Round from Newtown Square, Pa. (WIS 10).
Noon — College Football: Arizona at Houston or Georgia Tech at South Florida (WOLO 25).
Noon — College Football: Liberty at Army (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Football: Mississippi State at Kansas State (ESPN).
Noon — College Football: Arizona at Houston or Georgia Tech at South Florida (ESPN2).
Noon — College Football: Duke at Northwestern (ESPN2).
Noon — College Football: Western Michigan at Michigan (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — College Football: Nevada at Vanderbilt (SEC NETWORK).
Noon — Professional Tennis: ATP Oracle Challenger Matches (TENNIS).
12:30 p.m. — College Football: Georgia State at North Carolina State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
1 p.m. — College Football: UCLA at Oklahoma (WACH 57).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami at Pittsburgh (MLB NETWORK).
1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Lilly Diabetes 250 from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).
3 p.m. — College Football: Sacred Heart at Bucknell (STADIUM).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Ball State at Notre Dame (WIS 10).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Georgia at South Carolina (WLTX 19, WIBZ-FM 95.5, WNKT-FM 107.5).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Colorado at Nebraska (WOLO 25).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Memphis at Navy (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Arkansas State at Alabama (ESPN2).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: North Carolina at East Carolina (ESPN2).
3:30 p.m. — PGA Golf: BMW Championship Third Round from Newtown Square, Pa. (GOLF).
4 p.m. — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Women's Championship Match from New York (ESPN).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston at Houston (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. — College Football: Lamar at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
4 p.m. — College Football: East Tennessee State at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
5 p.m. — College Football: Iowa State at Iowa (WACH 57).
5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pole Qualifying from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Football: Clemson at Texas A&M (ESPN, WWBD-FM 94.7).
7 p.m. — College Football: Southeastern Louisiana at Louisiana State (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Football: Wyoming at Missouri (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — Women's International Basketball: United

States vs. Canada from Bridgeport, Conn. (NBA TV).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Washington or San Francisco at Milwaukee (MLB NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Arkansas at Colorado State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Fresno State at Minnesota (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Utah at Northern Illinois (ESPN2).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Kentucky at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Alabama State at Auburn (SEC NETWORK-A).
8 p.m. — College Football: Penn State at Pittsburgh (WOLO 25).
8 p.m. — College Football: South Alabama at Oklahoma State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Arizona (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8:30 p.m. — College Football: Southern California at Stanford (WACH 57).
9 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Danny Garcia vs. Shawn Porter for the WBC Welterweight Title from Brooklyn, N.Y. (SHOWTIME).
9:45 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Felipe Orcuta in a Super Flyweight Bout, Donnie Nieves vs. Aston Palicte in a Super Flyweight Bout and Kazuto Ioka vs. McWilliams Arroyo in a Super Flyweight Bout from Inglewood, Calif. (HBO).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Seattle or Atlanta at Arizona (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).
10:15 p.m. — College Football: California at Brigham Young (ESPN2).
10:15 p.m. — College Football: Connecticut at Boise State (ESPN2).
10:45 p.m. — College Football: Michigan State at Arizona State (ESPN).
11:30 p.m. — College Football: Jackson State vs. Tennessee State from Memphis, Tenn. (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

PREP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY
Varsity Football
 Sumter at Lakewood, 7:30 p.m.
 Manning at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina Christian at Lee Central, 7:30 p.m.
 Aynor at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
 Scott's Branch at Edisto, 7:30 p.m.
 Porter-Gaud at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Laurence Manning at Heathwood Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Robert E. Lee at The King's Academy, 7:30 p.m.
 Christian Academy at Thomas Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
 Patrick Henry at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Varsity and JV Volleyball
 Sumter Christian at Northside Christian, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY
Varsity Cross Country
 Sumter, Lakewood in Coaches Classic (at Sandhills Research Center in Columbia), 8:30 a.m.
 Manning in Central Carolina Invitational, TBA
 Thomas Sumter at Spartanburg Christian, TBA
Varsity Swimming
 Sumter in Upstate Invite (in Rock Hill), 10 a.m.
 Wilson Hall at Spartanburg Day, TBA
 Thomas Sumter in Hilton Head Meet, TBA
Varsity Volleyball
 Sumter in Lady Gamecock Spike-Off, TBA

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	97	44	.688	—
New York	87	53	.621	9½
Tampa Bay	75	64	.540	21
Toronto	63	76	.453	33
Baltimore	41	99	.293	55½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	79	60	.568	—
Minnesota	63	76	.453	16
Detroit	57	83	.407	22½
Chicago	56	84	.400	23½
Kansas City	46	93	.331	33

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	87	53	.621	—
Oakland	84	57	.596	3½
Seattle	78	62	.557	9
Los Angeles	68	72	.486	19
Texas	61	79	.436	26

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Boston 9, Atlanta 8
 Cleveland 3, Kansas City 1
 Toronto 10, Tampa Bay 3
 L.A. Angels 9, Texas 3
 Detroit 10, Chicago White Sox 2
 Houston 9, Minnesota 1
 Oakland 8, N.Y. Yankees 2
 Seattle 5, Baltimore 2

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Cleveland at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Cleveland (Carrasco 16-8) at Toronto (Estrada 7-11), 7:07 p.m.
 Baltimore (Bundy 7-13) at Tampa Bay (Snell 17-5), 7:10 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 13-5) at Boston (Price 14-6), 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Gomber 5-0) at Detroit (Norris 0-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Fillmyer 2-1) at Minnesota (Gonsalves

0-2), 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Pena 1-4) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 6-4), 8:10 p.m.
 Texas (Gallardo 8-3) at Oakland (Hendriks 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 10-5) at Seattle (Paxton 11-5), 10:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Houston at Boston, 4:05 p.m.
 Texas at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
 Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	63	.547	—
Philadelphia	73	66	.525	3
Washington	69	71	.493	7½
New York	63	76	.453	13
Miami	56	84	.400	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	82	57	.590	—
Milwaukee	79	62	.560	4
St. Louis	78	62	.557	4½
Pittsburgh	69	71	.493	13½
Cincinnati	59	81	.421	23½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	77	62	.554	—
Los Angeles	76	64	.543	1½
Arizona	75	64	.540	2
San Francisco	68	73	.482	10
San Diego	55	86	.390	23

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Boston 9, Atlanta 8
 Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
 St. Louis 7, Washington 6
 Miami 2, Philadelphia 1
 N.Y. Mets 7, L.A. Dodgers 3
 Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 4
 Colorado 5, San Francisco 3

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 San Diego at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 San Diego (Kennedy 1-2) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-4), 6:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Lester 15-5) at Washington (Ross 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Miami (Straily 5-6) at Pittsburgh (Archer 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Eflin 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 5-11), 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Gomber 5-0) at Detroit (Norris 0-3), 7:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Holland 7-8) at Milwaukee (Anderson 9-7), 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-5) at Colorado (Gray 11-7), 8:40 p.m.
 Atlanta (Gausman 9-9) at Arizona (Corbin 10-5), 9:40 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Miami at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 Atlanta at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Tampa Bay 0 0 0 .000 0 0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Houston at New England, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
 Dallas at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.
 Seattle at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
 Washington at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
 Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at Oakland, 10:20 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13
 Baltimore at Cincinnati, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16
 Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
 Detroit at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
 New England at Jacksonville, 4:25 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17
 Seattle at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
Thursday, Aug. 21
 Phoenix 101, Dallas 83
 Los Angeles 75, Minnesota 68

SECOND ROUND
Thursday, Aug. 23
 Washington 96, Los Angeles 64
 Phoenix 96, Connecticut 86

SEMIFINALS (Best-of-5)<

AREA ROUNDUP

2-point conversion lifts Bantams over Hawks

The Bates Middle School football team scored a touchdown and added a 2-point conversion to beat Alice Drive 14-12 in overtime on Wednesday at the Bates field in the season opener for both teams.

The game was tied 6-6 at the end of regulation. Alice Drive's Keon Jett scored on a 10-yard run to make it 12-6. However, the Hawks failed to convert on the conversion.

Bates answered with a touchdown run by Jamal Taylor, who then ran for the 2-point conversion to give the Bantams the win.

Zyair Gamble rushed for 110 yards

and had the touchdown in regulation to lead the Bates offense. Taylor had 44 yards and scored a touchdown as well.

Terrion Nelson led the Bantams defense with six tackles and Jaheim Rose had four.

Amarion Smith returned a kickoff 80 yards for the Hawks' touchdown in regulation.

MANNING 32
R.E. DAVIS 0

MANNING — Manning Junior High School defeated R.E. Davis on Wednesday at Ramsey Stadium.

It was the season opener for both teams.

GIRLS GOLF

WILSON HALL 251
HAMMOND 257

Wilson Hall opened its season with a 6-stroke victory over Hammond on Wednesday at Beech Creek Golf Club.

The Lady Barons shot 251 to Hammond's 257. Claire Kirkley had a 9-hole score of 51 to lead Wilson Hall. Isabelle Weston followed with a 59, Amanda Kimbrell shot a 70 and Bree Plemons a 71.

VARSITY TENNIS

WILSON 6
SUMTER 0

FLORENCE — Sumter High School lost to Wilson 6-0 on Wednesday at the Wilson courts.

SINGLES

- 1 — Rebecca Lui (W) defeated Whitney Crawford 6-0, 6-1.
- 2 — Valoria Santiago (W) defeated Jordan Shuping 6-0, 6-1.
- 3 — Kamari Hudson (W) defeated Burgess Dubose 6-1, 6-0.
- 4 — Brianna Mason (W) defeated Windsor Pittman 0-6, 6-4, 1-0.
- 5 — Alexi Hinson (W) defeated Carmen Carrigan 6-4, 6-2.

DOUBLES

- 1 — Did not play.
- 2 — Alice Lee/Keanna Wong (W) defeated Madelyn Jordan/Kadyn Dickerson 6-0, 6-2.

From staff reports



MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

A host of Lakewood defenders brings down Manning wide receiver Aaron Smith during the Gators' 27-26 victory over the Monarchs last week at Ramsey Stadium in Manning. Lakewood hosts No. 8 Sumter in a district rivalry game today at J. Frank Baker Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

RIVALRY FROM PAGE B1

"We're excited at 3-0 — you can't be better than that -- and we're kind of excited that they're 3-0," Barnes said. "For a county rivalry game, both teams 3-0, it ought to be a great atmosphere and a great crowd there."

"We knew coming into the year that we had a lot of experienced offensive guys coming back," he said. "We felt like we had a chance to be good offensively early in the year because of that. In coaching, you always worry early especially when guys don't have experience; but this year, we had 10 starters back and knew we ought to be able to be good on that side of the ball. Defensively, we've gotten better every week, which is what we hoped would happen. We've started getting to the ball well and being more disciplined on defense. We're excited for where we are and just hope to continue to get better every week."

Cornelius pointed to sputtering execution and coaching as points where the Gators can improve.

"We did score, but I felt like we could score more," Cornelius said. "Each of our first three games has been the same. We're putting points on the board offensively, but we feel like we can put more points on the board, and it comes down to coaching and execution."

Cornelius praised his team's effort and its spirit of camaraderie early in the 2018 season.

"I'm proud of their charisma this year, and their never-give-up attitude," Cornelius said. "That's definitely something that we're building off of. 3-0 is more important to the kids than it is to me personally. I'm looking at improving. Our goal is to win the region. That's our first priority, and at the very least making the playoffs. I'm looking at each game as 'have we improved or not' so in my mind we're 2-1, because I didn't feel like we improved enough in game three."

"We have a kind of brotherly attitude here," he said. "We're going to have our brother's back, good or bad, so if the defense makes a mistake, the offense is there to pick them up, and vice-versa. That's just how it's happened this year. When the offense isn't rolling yet, the defense bowed their backs until the offense gets rolling."

Cornelius said his team isn't doing anything different to prepare for the nonregion game, which he characterized as another opportunity to improve heading into the important part of the schedule.

"These first five games are

nonregion games," Cornelius said. "We're looking to improve in different ways, and trying to put our best foot forward. Sumter is a very well-coached team under Coach Barnes, and we've got to focus on what we can do to get better. We're going into it just like any other game."

Cornelius didn't want to elaborate, but did say that he'd have a few players sitting out tonight's contest for a variety of reasons.

"It's just what you have to do with the program," he said.

For its part, Sumter is looking as impressive as anyone in the state three games in, with double-digit wins in all three contests, including a 49-20 dismantling of 4A rival Crestwood and, most recently, a 34-10 road win over Conway.

Similarly to Lakewood, Sumter is led by a senior quarterback-running back duo. Quarterback Ontra' Harvin is 29-of-38 passing on the season with a 76.3 percent completion average, 136.3 yards per game and five touchdowns. Harvin has a QB rating of 139.1; but it has been senior running back Jonathan Henry garnering most of the attention with better than 150 yards rushing per game and nine touchdowns. Henry has 459 yards on 68 carries, good for a 6.8 yards-per-carry average.

Barnes pointed to the coalescing of the offensive line that has allowed the skill-position players to have success this season.

"All five of those guys — Tavian Gass, Zion Nelson, those are the two big tackles, but Michael Krommah has moved in at guard, a new guy for us, and Cameron Gaymon at tight end, John Adams at center and Kurt Lewis at guard. Those guys have been a big part of what we're doing and the tailbacks will tell you that. They do a good job of controlling the line of scrimmage and get good position running the football."

Senior quarterback Malik Richardson, who has committed to play college football at East Carolina University, leads the Gators in both passing and rushing. Richardson has completed nearly 40 percent of his passes for just under 75 yards per game, and leads the team in rushing with 462 yards in three games on 77 carries, good for a 6-yards-per-carry average. Senior running back Travis Epps is also averaging better than 100 yards per game on the ground, with 335 yards on 53 carries. The two have accounted for all 12 of Lakewood's touchdowns this season, contributing six apiece.

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the game with a win. Monarch head coach Keith West said his team set the bizarre loss aside at the first of the week and has focused is attention on the Knights.

"It's actually been good this week," said West, whose team is 1-2 on the season. "We had a little cookout after practice on Monday -- Labor Day. "Everyone had a good time and is ready to move on."

"Jack, he's been good," West added. "He's a good kid, a great leader, and he's ready to move on."

Crestwood comes into the contest at 0-3. Head coach Roosevelt Nelson said his team has not been disheartened by the close loss.

"We're still very confident in what we're doing," Nelson said. "We've had a good week of practice. There is a lot of enthusiasm with the team."

One reason for that enthusiasm is the improvement the defense made against RNE. After losing to West Florence 59-47 and to Sumter 49-20, the Knights limited the Cavaliers to just three touchdowns.

"We're getting more comfortable with what we're doing," Nelson said when asked about the reason for the improvement. "We had a lot of young players (only three returning starters), and they're getting better with their responsibilities." Crestwood will be facing in Manning a team that has been sporadic on offense. The Monarchs defeated Scott's Branch 28-0 in a game that was cut to a 1½ quarters due to a thunderstorm to open the season. They followed that with a 20-0 loss to Wilson and the defeat to Lakewood.

Manning has been limited in its running game due

LOCAL PREP FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY**
Sumter at Lakewood, 7:30 p.m.
Manning at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina Christian at Lee Central, 7:30 p.m.
Aynor at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
Scott's Branch at Edisto, 7:30 p.m.
Porter-Gaud at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Heathwood Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at The King's Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Christian Academy at Thomas Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Patrick Henry at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.

to injuries to Caleb Wright and Cam'Ron Cain. Owens has completed 27 of 47 passes for 436 yards and four touchdowns against just one interception. He's also ran for two touchdowns.

Joshua Simon will be back behind center for Crestwood, but he might be seeing some time at his regular position of wide receiver. Nelson said Simon's backup, Clayton Feagin, has been getting work in practice this week.

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juggernauts.

"It lets us grow and pushes us to be better," he said.

Inexperience has also been something the Barons have had to overcome this season. "We're very young; eight of our 12 players are freshmen and sophomores," Ripley said. "We only have a handful with varsity experience. We have to get comfortable with the speed of the varsity game."

This year, the Lady Barons are led by senior outside hitter Sydney Jarecki, middle hitter Cameron Duffy and junior outside hitter Madison Sliwonik. Some of their younger players include sophomore setters Madison DesChamps and Camryn Bateman, sophomore libero Abbie Beatson and freshman right side hitter Lucy Matthews, who is

only in her second year of playing volleyball.

"We have to approach this season like it's not a rebuilding year," Ripley said. "We lost seven seniors from last year, but we have to play hard for our seniors (this year) and hope it carries over (next year)."

Ripley enjoys seeing his team improve each day.

"As a coach, there's an excitement of seeing improvement," he said. "If we can keep this effort we'll be OK."

Wilson Hall played well in wins over Lakewood, Williamsburg and Thomas Sumter Academy. Ripley knows what it will take to get more matches in the win column.

"The big thing is how well we can pass and receive," he said. "It's hard to win when you can't serve and serve- receive."

Wilson Hall's next game is on the road on Tuesday against Florence Christian School.

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USC FOOTBALL

No. 24 South Carolina eager for showdown with No. 3 Georgia

BY PETE IACOBELLI

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley is excited about his team's new, fast-paced offense. He believes the 24th-ranked Gamecocks will be able to move the ball effectively this week against No. 3 Georgia.

Bentley passed for a career-high four touchdowns in a 49-16 season-opening win over Coastal Carolina of the Sun Belt Conference. The snaps came quickly, as did the points — the Gamecocks scored their most points in a game in five years.

The QB knows that Coastal Carolina is not Georgia.

"You take a lot of good away from Coastal and use that this week," Bentley said Tuesday. "I think the way we were able to move the ball and execute effectively is a positive. Georgia's got a lot of great players so we've got to execute even better and continue to build on what we did last week."

The Gamecocks are back in the Top 25 for the first time since 2014, cracking the rankings on Tuesday. It's a milestone coach Will Muschamp will spend almost no time thinking of or discussing with players.

"If I do discuss it, it will be a solid, 15 seconds of a waste of our time," Muschamp said.

More important to Muschamp is win against Georgia, something he and the Gamecocks have not been able to do recently on a regular basis.

Muschamp is a woeful 1-5 as a head coach against the Bulldogs, the last two of those losses coming as South Carolina coach. The Gamecocks weren't blown out in either defeat — 28-14 in 2016 and 24-14 last year — but their defensive line struggled to contain Georgia's run game and the offense couldn't get going against the Bulldogs' defense.

South Carolina linebacker Bryson Allen-Williams said the Gamecocks have upgraded their personnel and worked to improve their techniques. He knows, too, that toppling Georgia could get those skeptical about the Gamecocks to take another look.

"They competed for the national championship last year," he said. "They've got talented players, just like we have talented players. The biggest thing is just us taking all games the same and not doing what some guys like to do in getting up for certain games."

Bentley completed 22 of 29 passes for 250 and threw touchdowns to four different receivers. One of those, returning playmaker Deebo Samuel, had a stunning, one-handed grab stretch-



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South Carolina's A.J. Turner (25) returns a kick against Coastal Carolina during the second half of the Gamecocks' 49-15 victory last Saturday in Columbia. South Carolina, ranked No. 24 in The Associated Press Top 25, hosts No. 3 Georgia on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in a 3:30 p.m. kickoff on WLTX 19.

ing out in the end zone.

Samuel, a senior back from a broken leg that caused him to miss this game a year ago, sees a more polished approach from Bentley and the offense as the tempo has increased. "Everybody has talked about what we need to do to win this game," he said. "And that's what we're going to do."

Muschamp does not want his players cycling up and down through the season, rather building an even-keeled approach where they execute well and don't get caught up in what's ahead.

He understands the winner Saturday has early control of the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division. But no matter, there's a lot of football to be played after Saturday's Top 25 matchup.

Muschamp simply wants the Gamecocks to play with as much efficiency and effort as they did in the opener.

Some at Georgia see a mirror-image of the Bulldogs in the Gamecocks.

"They kind of remind me of our team with the receivers, running backs and smart quarterback that they have," Georgia safety J.R. Reed said. That's not surprising since both

(3) GEORGIA (1-0, 0-0 SEC) AT (24) SOUTH CAROLINA (1-0, 0-0)

3:30 p.m. ET (WLTX 19)

Line: Georgia by 9½

Series Record: Georgia leads 50-18-2

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

The winner gets early control of the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division. The Bulldogs have not lost to South Carolina since 2014 and would love to continue that dominance as they try for another league title and trip to the College Football Playoff. The Gamecocks returned to the Top 25 for the first time in four years this past week. They hope to validate that inclusion with a victory.

KEY MATCHUP

QB Jake Fromm of Georgia vs. QB Jake Bentley of South Carolina. The two passers had big days in their opener as both came into the season with lofty expectations. Whoever best plays turnover-free football will likely come out on top.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Georgia: RBs D'Andre Swift and Elijah Holyfield: The sophomore Swift and the junior Holyfield have to step in for the Bulldogs NFL runners from a year ago in Nick Chubb and Sony Michel. Swift got the start against Austin Peay and ran for 43 yards on eight carries. Holyfield had 24 yards on five carries. Both scored TDs. South Carolina: WR Deebo Samuel. He was the Gamecocks most dynamic playmaker a year ago until he got hurt in the third game and missed the rest of the season. A healthy Samuel returned last week and had seven catches for 56 yards, including a one-handed grab in the end zone.

FACTS & FIGURES

Georgia has won the past three games in the series, including a 52-20 victory in 2015 where quarterback Greyson Lambert set an NCAA record by completing 24 of 25 passes (96 percent). ... Two years ago, this game at Williams-Brice Stadium was moved to an NFL Sunday because of Hurricane Matthew. Georgia won 28-14 as it gained 326 yards on the ground. ... South Carolina coach Will Muschamp is 1-5 against his alma mater, Georgia ... Georgia ranked fourth best in the country at scoring from 20 yards and in last year, getting points on 53 of 55 trips. The Bulldogs started strongly in that regard this year by going five-of-five on such drives last week against Austin Peay.

Muschamp and Georgia coach Kirby Smart are friends and cut from a similar Nick Saban coaching tree as his one-time assistants.

"It would be a statement to come out of here and win," Bentley said. "If we're going to do that we've got to prepare the right way first."

CLEMSON FOOTBALL

(2) CLEMSON (1-0) AT TEXAS A&M (1-0)

Saturday, 7:05 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Line: Clemson by 12

Series record: Texas A&M leads 3-1.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Clemson looks for its first win in the state of Texas since beating TCU in the 1959 Bluebonnet Bowl against a Texas A&M team that has won 29 straight nonconference games at home, but has lost its last five overall against top 25 opponents. It will be the first test of the season for the Tigers after they handled Furman easily in their opener last week and a chance for new A&M coach Jimbo Fisher to see where his team stacks up against one of college football's elite teams.

KEY MATCHUP

Clemson's defensive front vs. Texas A&M's offensive line. The Tigers have arguably the best defensive line in the country with first-team All-America end Clelin Ferrell and tackle Christian Wilkins and second-team All-America selection tackle Dexter Lawrence leading the way. The trio will be a big test for a Texas A&M line adjusting to the loss of Koda Martin, who transferred in the offseason.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Clemson: QBs Kelly Bryant and Trevor Lawrence. Last year's starter Bryant started the opener, throwing for 127 yards and a touchdown and running for another before Lawrence, who is a freshman, took over and had 137 yards passing with three TD passes. The Aggies must prepare for both players with coach Dabo Swinney saying this week that both would play again on Saturday.

Texas A&M: RB Trayveon Williams. The junior will have to have a big game for the Aggies to have any hope of pulling off the upset. Williams was great in the opener, running for a career-high 240 yards and three touchdowns in just more than two quarters to surpass 2,000 yards in his career.

FACTS & FIGURES

Texas A&M has won both previous meetings in College Station with the last win coming in 2004. ... Clemson has won a school-record 16 straight nonconference games. ... Texas A&M LB Otaru Alaka needs two tackles to reach 200 in his career. ... Swinney is 14-9 against Southeastern Conference opponents. ... Swinney and Fisher are tied at 4-4 against each other, but Swinney's teams have won the last three games.

STATE COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

SOUTH CAROLINA (1-0)

Sept. 1 Coastal Carolina, 49-15 W
Sept. 8 Georgia, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 Marshall, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Vanderbilt TBA
Sept. 29 at Kentucky TBA
Oct. 6 Missouri TBA
Oct. 13 Texas A&M TBA
Oct. 27 Tennessee TBA
Nov. 3 at Ole Miss TBA
Nov. 10 at Florida TBA
Nov. 17 Chattanooga TBA
Nov. 24 at Clemson TBA

CLEMSON (1-0)

Sept. 1 Furman, 48-7 W
Sept. 8 at Texas A&M, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 Georgia Southern, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Georgia Tech TBA
Sept. 29 Syracuse TBA
Oct. 6 at Wake Forest TBA
Oct. 20 NC State TBA
Oct. 27 at Florida State TBA
Nov. 3 Louisville TBA
Nov. 10 at Boston College TBA
Nov. 17 Duke TBA
Nov. 24 South Carolina TBA

COASTAL CAROLINA (0-1)

Sept. 1 at South Carolina, 49-15 L
Sept. 8 UAB, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 Campbell, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Louisiana TBA
Sept. 29 at Troy TBA
Oct. 13 UL Monroe TBA
Oct. 20 at UMass, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 at Georgia State TBA
Nov. 3 Appalachian State TBA
Nov. 10 Arkansas State TBA
Nov. 17 Georgia Southern TBA
Nov. 24 at South Alabama TBA

CITADEL (0-1)

Sept. 1 at Wofford, 28-21 L
Sept. 8 Chattanooga, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 Charleston Southern, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Mercer, 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 at Towson, 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 East Tennessee State, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 at Virginia Military Institute, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 Furman, 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 at Western Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 10 Samford, 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 at Alabama, TBA

FURMAN (0-1)

Sept. 1 at Clemson, 48-7 L
Sept. 8 at Elon, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 Colgate, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 at East Tennessee State, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29 Western Carolina, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 Wofford, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 Samford, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 at The Citadel, 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 Chattanooga, 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 at Virginia Military Institute, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 17 at Mercer, 3:00 p.m.

WOFFORD (1-0)

Sept. 1 The Citadel, 28-21 W
Sept. 8 Virginia Military Institute, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Wyoming, 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 at Gardner-Webb, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Chattanooga, 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 at Furman, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 East Tennessee State, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 Mercer, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 3 at Samford, 3:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 at Western Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 17 Presbyterian, 1:30 p.m.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (0-1)

Sept. 1 at Georgia Southern, 37-6 L
Sept. 8 at Central Florida, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 NC Central, 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 22 Norfolk State, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 27 at NC A&T, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 Morgan State, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 Bethune-Cookman, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 Delaware State, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 at Howard, 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 at Florida A&M, 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 Savannah State, 1:30 p.m.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (0-1)

Sept. 1 at Florida, 53-6 L
Sept. 15 at The Citadel, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 Elon, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 at Hampton, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Savannah State, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 VU of Lynchburg, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 Presbyterian, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 Kennesaw State, 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 at Monmouth, 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 Gardner-Webb, 3:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 at Campbell, 2:00 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN (0-0)

Sept. 8 at Austin Peay, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 Stetson, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 Bluefield, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Kennesaw State, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 Hampton, 12:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 at Charleston Southern, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 Monmouth, 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 3 at Gardner-Webb, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 10 Campbell, 12:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.

NEWBERRY (0-1)

Sept. 1 at Western Carolina, 33-26
Sept. 8 at Florida Tech, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 VU of Lynchburg, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 Carson-Newman, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 at UNC Pembroke, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 Lenoir-Rhyne, 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 at Tusculum, 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 at Limestone, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 Wingate, 3:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 Catawba, 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 at Mars Hill, 1:00 p.m.

LIMESTONE (0-1)

Sept. 1 at Gardner-Webb, 52-17 L
Sept. 8 at West Georgia, 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Tusculum, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 West Alabama, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 Mars Hill, 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Carson-Newman, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 at Lenoir-Rhyne, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 Newberry, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 Catawba, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 3 Wingate, 4:00 p.m.

NORTH GREENVILLE (1-0)

Sept. 1 at Tusculum, 13-3 W
Sept. 8 Lenoir-Rhyne, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 Mississippi College, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Delta State, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 West Alabama, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 at West Georgia, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 Shorter, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 at Valdosta State, 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 West Florida, 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 at Florida Tech, 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 at North Alabama, 2:30 p.m.

BENEDICT COLLEGE (0-1)

Sept. 1 Florida Tech, 33-14 L
Sept. 8 at Johnson C. Smith, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Fayetteville State, 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 23 Fort Valley State, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29 at Central State, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 VU of Lynchburg, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 at Clark Atlanta, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 Morehouse, 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 Albany State, 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 at Kentucky State, 2:00 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

STATE

Saturday
(2) Clemson at Texas A&M, 7 p.m. (WWBD-FM 94.7)
(3) Georgia at (24) South Carolina, 3:30 p.m. (WLTX 19, WIBZ-FM 95.5, WNKT-FM 107.5)
South Carolina State at (19) Central Florida, 6 p.m. (WXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240)
VMI at Wofford, 6 p.m.
Furman at Elon, 6 p.m.
Alabama-Birmingham at Coastal Carolina, 7 p.m.
Presbyterian at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
Newberry at Florida State, 7 p.m.
Lenoir-Rhyne at North Greenville, 7 p.m.
Limestone at West Georgia, 2 p.m.
Benedict at Johnson C. Smith, 6 p.m.

ACC

Saturday
William & Mary at (12) Virginia Tech, 2 p.m.
(13) Penn State at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Savannah State at (22) Miami, 6 p.m.
Georgia Tech at South Florida, noon (WOLO 25 or ESPN2)
Georgia State at North Carolina State, 12:30 p.m. (FOX SPORTSOUTH)
Duke at Northwestern, noon (ESPN)
North Carolina at East Carolina, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Indiana State at Louisville, 7 p.m.
Samford at Florida State, 7 p.m.
Towson at Wake Forest, noon
Holy Cross at Boston College, 1 p.m.
Wagner at Syracuse, 3:30 p.m.
Virginia at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

SEC

Saturday
Arkansas State at (1) Alabama, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Alabama State at (7) Auburn, 7:30 p.m. (SEC NETWORK-A)
SE Louisiana at (11) LSU, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
(18) Mississippi State at Kansas State, noon (ESPN)
Kentucky at (25) Florida, 7:30 p.m. (SEC NETWORK)
Nevada at Vanderbilt, noon (SEC NETWORK)
Southern Illinois at Mississippi, 4 p.m. (SEC NETWORK-A)
East Tennessee State at Tennessee, 4 p.m. (SEC NETWORK)
Wyoming at Missouri, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Arkansas at Colorado State, 7:30 p.m. (CBS SPORTS NETWORK)

TOP 25

Today
(16) TCU at SMU, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)
Saturday
Rutgers at (4) Ohio State, 3:30 p.m.
New Mexico at (5) Wisconsin, noon
UCLA at (6) Oklahoma, 1 p.m. (WACH 57)
Ball State at (8) Notre Dame, 3:30 p.m. (WIS 10)
North Dakota at (9) Washington, 5 p.m.
(17) Southern Cal at (10) Stanford, 8:30 p.m. (WACH 57)
Youngstown State at (14) West Virginia, 6 p.m.
(15) Michigan State at Arizona State, 10:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Connecticut at (20) Boise State, 10:15 p.m. (ESPN2)
Western Michigan at (21) Michigan, noon (FOX SPORTS 1)
Portland State at (23) Oregon, 2 p.m.

US OPEN

Nadal vs. del Potro, Djokovic vs. Nishikori in U.S. Open

BY BRIAN MAHONEY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Rafael Nadal finally finished a nearly five-hour climb into the U.S. Open semifinals, he thought backward as much as ahead.

His victory over Dominic Thiem reminded him of Wimbledon, where he outlasted Juan Martin del Potro in five sets in the quarterfinals before Novak Djokovic edged him in a 10-8 fifth set in the next round.

“When you win or when you lose like this,” Nadal said, “you come back home with the feeling that you did all the things that you can do.”

Now, Nadal might have to face those same two players again to defend his title in Flushing Meadows.

The top-ranked Spaniard plays third-seeded del Potro, and No. 6 seed Djokovic meets No. 21 Kei Nishikori in Friday’s other semifinal.

All four players have reached the U.S. Open final — only Nishikori hasn’t won it — to make this the first Grand Slam final four since the 2012 Australian Open in which all four players were past finalists.

Djokovic, bidding for his second straight major title, would seem to have the easier road to the final. He is 14-2 against Nishikori, including a victory in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon. He has won the last 13 meetings, such a run of dominance that the



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Novak Djokovic will meet Kei Nishikori in one of the men’s singles semifinal matches in the U.S. Open today in New York.

Japan native didn’t recall that he beat Djokovic in Flushing Meadows in the 2014 semifinals, adding that maybe he should rewatch the match.

“Yeah, for sure it’s going to give me good confidence,” Nishikori said, “even though I (don’t) remember.”

Nadal would figure to have a tougher time in his fourth

meeting with del Potro in the last five Grand Slam tournaments. The two that preceded the Wimbledon classic were easier victories, a semifinal rout en route to the French Open title and a four-set victory in last year’s U.S. Open semifinals, when Nadal dominated the last three sets.

But del Potro was on fumes

by then after winning his own memorable five-setter against Thiem in the fourth round and beating Roger Federer in the quarterfinals. And while he still had the devastating forehand that’s been one of tennis’ signature shots and carried him to the 2009 title, repeated wrist injuries had made him one dimensional on the backhand

side.

Now, the Argentine has regained strength there, allowing him to change it up from slice to power.

“I feel that this tournament, Juan Martin is hitting a little bit bigger off his backhand. That can help him,” 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic said after Nishikori beat him Thursday.

“In the other case, Rafa had a tougher draw to go through the semis. But, you know, he’s got two days now to recover, so he’s going to be fresh. I don’t know. I would give slight advantage to Rafa, but I feel it’s going to be a great match.”

Nadal leads the series 11-5, though del Potro routed him in straight sets in the 2009 semifinals.

Both Nadal and Djokovic are in position for a two-slam season and a chance to inch closer to Federer’s men’s record of 20 Grand Slam titles. Nadal has 17, including three at the U.S. Open, and Djokovic could tie Pete Sampras for third all-time with 14 if he wins his third in Flushing Meadows.

This one, given the added difficulty created by unusually high heat and humidity, would certainly be meaningful.

“From my experience, and I can only talk about myself,” Djokovic said, “this has been definitely the toughest U.S. Open in the last, you know, 10 years that I have played in in terms of conditions.”

PRO FOOTBALL

Watson on key to success: “Be me. That’s it.”

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson isn’t overthinking things as he prepares for his first game on Sunday at New England since a season-ending knee injury last November.

The key to being successful this year is simple.

“Really just one thing,” he said. “Be me. That’s it.”

That approach helped Watson excel immediately as a rookie last season when he took over for Tom Savage at halftime of Houston’s season opener.

He made six starts after that and finished with 1,699 yards passing and 19 touchdowns before tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in practice in early November.

His performance was a revelation for a team that has dealt with years of disappointment and inconsistency at quarterback, with the lowlight coming when the team signed Brock Osweiler to a \$72 million contract in 2016 and traded him after just one tough season.

This will be Watson’s second trip to New England after he and the Texans came up just short in a 36-33 loss there last year. Watson, who was the 12th overall pick in last year’s draft, threw for 301 yards and two touchdowns, but what he remembers most about that game are the two interceptions he threw.

“We had the opportunity to put the game away and we didn’t,” he said. “Left too much time for Tom Brady. The interception I threw early on in the game. That was pretty much it.”

Coach Bill O’Brien wasn’t surprised that Watson handled himself well in the tough environment in New England after he starred for Clemson while leading the Tigers to a national championship in the



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Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) is back from a knee injury and ready to go when the season starts on Sunday against the New England Patriots.

2016 season.

“From the time that he arrived here ... he had really good poise, very smart guy,” O’Brien said. “This guy had beaten Alabama in the national championship game in front of 100,000 people on national television and almost did it the year before. I don’t think there was ever going to be any stage too big for him.”

Though Watson’s rookie season was cut short, his injury didn’t end his learning and development. He was at the stadium almost every day, watching film and talking to coaches and players to try and get better.

“When you get injured as a rookie, that’s a tough deal,” O’Brien said. “He approached

it in a very professional manner. He got his rehab done. He would study tape. He’s been with us out on the field ever since the offseason program started on April 18. He’s worked diligently to get back to where he is right now.”

Star receiver DeAndre Hopkins has dealt with a revolving door at quarterback, including playing with four different ones last season, since he was drafted in 2013. After what Watson did in limited work last year, Hopkins can’t wait to see what’s next for the 22-year-old.

“I’m very excited,” Hopkins said. “I think everybody is, not just myself. He’s shown improvement, he’s matured a lot since last year.”

Road, Summerton.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel.

MILDRED RUTH C. CHICK

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — On Friday, Aug. 24, 2018, Mildred Ruth Clark Chick, widow of Leroy “Bob” Chick, departed

this life at her residence.

Born on Nov. 27, 1946, in Manning, she was a daughter of the late Erbie and Louise Cooper Clark.

Service of remembrance will take place at noon on Saturday at Fleming & DeLaine Chapel, 222 W. Boyce St., where Evangelist Ernestine Oliver will officiate. The service of committal will follow

at the family plot, located in Manning Cemetery.

Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel of Manning is in charge of these services.

Online condolences for the family may be sent to www.flemingdelaine.com or flemingdelaine@aol.com.

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PRO BASEBALL

Front-running Rockies chasing first NL West title

BY PAT GRAHAM

The Associated Press

DENVER — The scorecard in the archives of the Colorado Rockies’ history stands like this: World Series appearances 1, NL West titles 0.

No divisional crowns is a particular figure that All-Star shortstop Trevor Story and his teammates are keenly aware of and hope to remedy, especially with the Rockies climbing into a place they’ve rarely been this late in the season: All alone at the top of the NL West. The Rockies haven’t occupied first place this late in the year since 1995.

Colorado began an off day Thursday with a 1 ½-game divisional lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers and 2 games over the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Rockies (77-62) start a pivotal stretch by hosting the Dodgers for three games starting Friday and then Arizona for four more.

Buckle up. These last 23 games reckon to be quite a ride.

“A division title would be huge, obviously, since we’ve

never done that,” said Story, who crushed three homers Wednesday, including one that went a Coors Field-record 505 feet according to Statcast. “We’re very confident we can do it. We’re going for it.”

The Rockies are a little bit of an anomaly among division-leading team. Consider this: The Rockies are a minus-8 in run differential. For comparison, the front-running Boston Red Sox are plus-223 in the AL East and the defending World Series champion Houston Astros a plus-235 in the AL West.

Colorado doesn’t even have the best odds of making the postseason out of its division. According to ESPN, the Rockies have a 48.2 percent chance, while the Dodgers check in at 77.6 percent.

“I still think we are the best team and I know when we are doing things right and playing the way we should,” said right-hander Jon Gray, who pitches Friday as the Dodgers counter with ace Clayton Kershaw. “We are going to be where we need to be at the end of the season.”



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Colorado’s Charlie Blackmon and the rest of the Rockies are trying to win the franchise’s first National League West title.

OBITUARIES

MINNIE DELORIS R. HILLARD

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, Minnie Deloris Richburg Hillard, widow of the late Rev. Richard Hillard, heard her master’s call at NHC Health-care of Sumter.

Born on July 23, 1942, in Summerton, she was a daugh-

ter of the late Willie George “Son” and Josie Elizabeth Brailsford Richburg.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from noon to 8 p.m. at the residence of her sister, Margaret Loretta “Wee Wee” Richburg, 1821 Willie G. Richburg

VERNON EVONE R. DAVIS

GREELEYVILLE — Vernon Evone Rogers Davis, 64, wife of Albert Davis, died on Saturday, Sept. 1,

2018, at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

She was born on Dec. 16, 1953, in Greeleyville, a daughter of the late Nathaniel and Either Mae Jacobs Rogers.

Funeral services for Mrs. Davis will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Good Hope Baptist Church, 95 C.E. Murray Blvd., Greeleyville, with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Walker, pastor, eulogist, the Rev. Leverne O. Brown presiding and the Rev. Retha Thompson and Evangelist Deloris Jacobs assisting. Burial will follow at Big Spring Cemetery, Greeleyville.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 45AA Daniels Lane, Greeleyville.

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

ARGENELL A. THAMES

MANNING — Argenell Deloroi Andrews Thames, 82, wife of Leon Thames, died on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

She was born on April 3, 1936, in Cheriton, Virginia, a daughter of the late England and Dora Mae Gunter Andrews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Thames will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, 1130 Grandy Lane, Summerton, with the Rev. Dr. W.T. Johnson, pastor, Pastor James Clark, eulogist, and the Rev. Terry Johnson and the Rev. Carl Parrot assisting.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 1032 Leo Road, Manning.

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

JUANITA FOX

Juanita Fox, affectionately known as “Momma Fox,” went from labor to reward on Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The life of this phenomenal woman began on Feb. 7, 1937, in Sumter County. She was the only daughter of the late Catherine Spencer and Lewis Brown. Juanita was educated in the public school system of Sumter County. In the summer of 1951, she joined her mother Catherine in New York City, where she resided for more than 40 years. Shortly after arriving in New York, she became a member of Williams Institutional CME Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. L.S. White. From a child, Juanita loved to sing and she would entertain herself for hours, tinkering on her piano and singing songs from the family’s hymnal book. When the opportunity came for her to join Williams Institutional’s 100-Voice Temple Choir, Juanita was thrilled. Although she was much younger than the other members, her beautiful soprano voice made room for her among those great singers.

On Easter Sunday of 1952, while sitting in the choir stand, she spotted the love of her life (“Pop Fox”) coming up the aisle to join the church. When the Rev. White announced his name, she leaned over and whispered to her best friend, Lois Blue, “Mrs. Juanita Fox.” After lunch that day, a courtship began that lasted 64 years. They were united in holy matrimony on Nov. 4, 1952, and from this union, they were blessed with four beautiful children, one son and three daughters, whom they nurtured to love God and each other above all else ... family over everything!

Juanita had been a domestic worker for many years. In 1966, she was employed with New York Bell Telephone Co., which later became AT&T, until her retirement in 1989. However, her greatest joy was being a wife and mother to her four children. She also

helped her husband to finish raising his baby brother and baby sister when her mother-in-law passed.

Although Juanita was always a church-going, God-fearing woman, she truly gave her heart to the Lord in 1979 at the Hollis Community Bible Study. She and the family attended Bible study every Saturday night. During that time, she and “Pop Fox” joined Faithway Church of Deliverance, under the leadership of the late Pastor Mary Bryant. In the late 1990s, “Momma Fox” was ordained as a minister by the late Revs. Samuel and Elvina Manigault at the True Vine Tabernacle of God in Brooklyn, New York.

Mom and Pop Fox enjoyed spending summer vacations in Sumter with their lovable grandchildren, nieces and nephews. When they decided to officially relocate to Sumter, Mom and Pop Fox started attending Bethel Farm Pentecostal Faith Church, under the watch-care of Bishop Joseph Heyward. Once they settled in Sumter, they began a nursing home ministry that covered Darlington, Clarendon and Sumter counties. They were faithful, serving the Lord in that capacity for 19 years. After much prayer, they were led by the Lord to join Nathan Temple FBH in Hartsville, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dorothy L. Heard. Nathan Temple embraced them with open arms. Momma Fox was later ordained as a minister and would serve on the usher board. She later became president of the mothers’ board.

When failing health limited their ability to travel, they began to attend Grace Cathedral Ministries. Momma Fox was loved, honored and recognized as a pillar of strength, faith and love by her Grace family. She loved and cherished her Grace family as well. It was not uncommon to see her spiritual children line up after service for hugs and kisses from their dear “mother.” She was proud to serve as chaplain for the culinary ministry and prayed diligently for that leg of ministry on a daily basis.

Before Momma Fox’s health failed, she loved to cook, bake and dote on her family. On any given day, you might find her preparing homemade soups, pies, banana pudding and those famous Momma Fox banana pancakes. She would deliver meals to the elderly as well as the sick and shut-in, who enjoyed her food — both the spiritual and the natural. Her smile was infectious and her prayers were powerful. Her days were filled with times of devotion, reading her word, sending cards and making phone calls to pray for whomever the Lord would lay on her heart. You might also find her tinkering on the piano, singing the hymns she loved from her childhood, and chatting with her friends on the porch at Morningside.

Before Pop Fox transitioned, she loved to watch Jimmy Swaggart Ministries while holding her honey-bun’s hand. They would join in with the choir, singing her favorite hymns. Momma Fox’s legacy of love touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with, not just her family. Even though her time at Morningside Assisted Living was brief, her deep love for others permeated throughout the Morningside community and she quickly made family members of the residents and staff alike.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rutley L. Fox Sr.; a sister-in-law, Johnny Mae Calloway; two grandchildren, Joseph Brunson and Mychal Ja Vaughn Bernard; and her beloved great-granddogs, Kimba Fox and Mr. Kibbles Valentine Ferguson.

To cherish her memory and celebrate her legacy are her loving and devoted children, Yvette Ferguson (Raymond Sr.) of Brooklyn, New York, Lillie Fox Bernard, Rutley L. Fox Jr. (Monica) and Katrina Fox-Beard (Carl), all of Sumter; one brother-in-law, Charles Ray Fox Sr.; a sister-in-law, Peggy Fox; nine grandchildren, Monique Adafia (Ceasar), Raymond Ferguson II (Staci), LaToya Brunson, Derrick Brunson (Angela),

Shannon Hopkins, Kevin Ferguson, Curtis Hopkins Jr. and Brooklyn Fox; one granddog, Sir Bear; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She also inherited seven bonus grandchildren; an adopted son and daughter, Shirley and Elijah Williams; one goddaughter, Joyce Brunson; one godson, Kenneth Simon; one “brother” (cousin), Wheeler LeRoy Small; one “sister” (best friend) Lois Foster; and a host of spiritual children / grandchildren and relatives too numerous to mention.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Katrina Fox Beard (Carl), 4920 McPhail St., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Grace Cathedral Church, 60 Oswego Road, Sumter, with Bishop Anthony Gibson officiating, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 8:30 a.m.

The funeral procession will leave at 9:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park, 802 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter.

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

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

RAY CHARLES MELLETT

Ray Charles Mellette, 62, was born on Aug. 25, 1956, in Sumter, to the late Roy Mellette and Annie Bell Hickman.

He departed this life on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, in Sumter.

He is survived by a sister, Carolyn Ramsey; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday at the chapel of Whites Mortuary, 517 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

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

The family is receiving friends at 109 Carolina Ave., Sumter.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

JAMES LEE DOZIER

CHARLESTON — James Lee “Little Bubba” Dozier died on Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, in Charleston.

Memorial services for Mr. Dozier will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Progressive Church of Jesus, 4325 Greeleyville Highway, Manning, with Eldress Joan Wilson, pastor, officiating.

Courtesy announcement by Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

RAQUAN B. HICKMON

BISHOPVILLE — Raquan B. Hickmon 19, passed away on Aug. 31, 2018.

Funeral service will held on Saturday at the JP Holley Chapel. Interment will follow at Boone Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be held from noon until 6 p.m. today.

Plans are announced by JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

QUEEN ELIZABETH A. HARPER

Queen Elizabeth Anderson Harper, 75, widow of Johnnie Harper Sr., departed this life on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, at her residence.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1943, in Wedgefield, a daughter of the late Jack B. and Victoria Heyward Anderson.

The family will receive friends at the home of her brother, 5590 Cane Savannah Road, Wedgefield.

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

LATOSHA DENISE MCCALL

Latosha Denise McCall, 37, was called from labor to reward on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, at the home of her brother.

Born on March 9, 1981, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence Coard and Barbara Deloris McCall. She was educated through the public schools of Sumter County. Tasha accept-

ed Jesus Christ at an early age and was affiliated with Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

She leaves to cherish her memories: fathers of her children, Cornelius McCall and Carlton McBride; three sons, Jeremetrius McCall, Jahiem McBride and Omanon Morant, all of Sumter; one daughter, Pershalia Morant of Sumter; brothers and sisters, Anthony Coard, Sheaquana Strasley, Alvin Henry (Miha), Wilhelmina Coard and Joseph Henry (Samantha Nixon); aunt and uncle, Willie McCall Jr. (Jackie) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Charles McCall (Mary) of Sumter, Corine McCall and Al Donnie McCall (Teresa) of Dalzell; and a host of special cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 16 Franklin St., Sumter.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Bennie Bradley officiating, eulogist.

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

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

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SARA MILLER VINSON

AIKEN — Entered into rest on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, Sara “Kay” Miller Vinson, age 78.

Services and burial will be held privately at a later date.

Mrs. Vinson was the wife of the late Billy Ross Vinson and a daughter of the late William Lawrence Miller Sr. and Elphena Caraway Miller. Mrs. Vinson was born in Georgetown and had made Aiken her home for the past two years, after moving from Sumter. She had retired from Tuomey hospital in Sumter after more than 15 years of service as a registered nurse. Mrs. Vinson also worked at Sumter Rehab and Nursing Home for several years and finished her nursing career at a home health agency in Sumter. Mrs. Vinson was a member of Dalzell Baptist Church, where she served as organist for several years.

Survivors include her only daughter and grandson, both of Aiken.

She was also predeceased by one brother, William Lawrence Miller Jr.

Cole Funeral Home, 1544 University Parkway (118 Bypass), Aiken, SC 29801, (803) 648-7175.

Please sign the online registry at www.colefuneralhomeinc.com

GIGI M. HERZER

Gigi M Herzer, age 56, received her wings on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, at her home in Sumter.

Gigi was born on April 18, 1962, in Rosiclare, Illinois. She worked as a paralegal in her early years and later as a counselor for drug and alcohol rehabilitation but her biggest accomplishment was earning her title as “Mimi” to seven grandchildren. In 2002, she married her best friend, David Herzer, they were together 16 years. Gigi was extremely passionate and loved helping people, volunteering in the church nursery with babies and always donating her time in the community. She was a bright light with a contagious laugh who brought so much happiness to everyone she came in contact with. Even with her illness and health problems working against her, she still pushed through every day and managed a smile. Stubborn? Not at all. She preferred strong-willed.

Loved ones who cleared the path for Gigi are her father, John Bau; sister, Ginger Bau; and beloved aunt, Boo Boo.

Loved ones who will miss Gigi until they meet again are her mother and stepfather, Mary and Robert Owens; brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Morgan; her husband, David; daughter, Tassie; daughter and son-in-law, Jaci and Zac; daughter, Amanda; son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Renee; furbaby,

Lacie; as well as her heart and joy, her grandbabies, as she called them. They were the people she loved the most in this world. We all know there was no place like Mimi’s house and the time spent there was always very special.

Friends and family will come together on Saturday at Lake Wateree recreation area to celebrate her life. Family will be available for visitation from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Celebration of life at 1 p.m.

We would like to ask that, in lieu of flowers, you donate to Any Length Recovery Center in Sumter or the Lupus Foundation of America.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**LESLIE RENEE HODGE**

Leslie Renee Hodge, wife of Thomas Hodge, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

The family is receiving friends and relatives at the residence, 3695 Manville-St. Charles Road, Mayesville.

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

CORNELL BROWN

Cornell Brown, 79, died on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at his home in Sumter.

Born on April 12, 1939, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Willie Brown Sr. and Rovenia Davis Brown.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 3410 Hill Road.

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

MARY LEE G. MACK

Mary Lee “Trixie” Gregg Mack, 89, departed this earthly life on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, in Philadelphia.

Born on Sept. 4, 1929, in Mayesville, she was a daughter of the late Arnold and Rosa Gregg. She was educated in the Lee County Public School System. At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and joined Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church, where she sang with the senior choir. In 1945, Trixie was joined in holy matrimony to the late Arnold “Butterbean” Mack. From this union, they were blessed with six children.

One of her children, Leroy Mack, preceded her in death.

She was employed by the Sumter County Public School System for 29 years, where she never missed a day of work.

Trixie leaves to cherish her memories: her five children, Laura (Dewey) Turner of Glenside, Pennsylvania, Arnold “Nookie” (Della) Mack Jr. of Sumter, Jackie (Jack) Wilson of Sumter, Patricia “Pam” (Everett) Burk of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, and Johnnie “Pokey” Mack of Sumter; 19 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; a special brother-in-law, Nathaniel Butler; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 327 Mooneyham Road, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1275 Oswego Highway, Sumter, with the Rev. Daniel Bennett, pastor, eulogist.

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

The funeral procession will leave at 1:20 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park, 802 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter.

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

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

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IN BRIEF

New York attorney general issues subpoenas over church sex abuse

New York's Attorney General's Office issued subpoenas Thursday to all Catholic dioceses in the state over how they've handled sexual abuse cases.

The subpoenas went to the seven dioceses and one archdiocese in New York as Attorney General Barbara Underwood has ordered a civil investigation into sexual abuse within the Catholic Church.

The Attorney General's Office also started a hotline in hopes of furthering the effort, she said, citing rampant abuse recently found in Pennsylvania.

People who were sick on flight from Dubai test positive for flu

Ten passengers and crew members who got sick on Emirates Flight 203 from Dubai to New York on Wednesday tested positive for the flu and other common viruses including the common cold, authorities said Thursday.

Tests for other viruses were inconclusive and will be readministered, according to the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said patients were being treated with antivirals.

Academy changes course, won't add Oscar for 'popular' movie

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has had a change of heart about the Oscar for popular achievement in film, which was announced last month to global criticism. The controversial award won't be given out at the Oscars on Feb. 24 as planned. Instead, the academy said Friday that its board of governors will continue to research the question of a popular-Oscar award.

Moscow envoy calls poisoning claims 'anti-Russian hysteria'

A top Russian diplomat denounced British accusations that Russian military intelligence agents poisoned a former spy in England, calling them base untruths aimed at whipping up hostility toward Moscow.

The statement Thursday by Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia to a session of the U.N. Security Council came hours after Britain's security minister said Russian President Vladimir Putin is ultimately responsible for the nerve-agent poisoning in March of Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, in the city of Salisbury.

World court has jurisdiction over Rohingya allegations, judges rule

Judges at the International Criminal Court ruled Thursday that the court has jurisdiction to investigate widespread allegations that Myanmar forces have driven hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims from their homes. The decision opens up the possibility of crimes against Rohingya people being prosecuted at the Hague-based court, even though Myanmar is not a member of the court.

From staff and wire reports



Brett Kavanaugh is sworn in Tuesday before the Senate committee. USA TODAY

Kavanaugh weathers storm over documents

Supreme Court nominee sidesteps Day 3 trouble

Richard Wolf
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Brett Kavanaugh steered a narrow course toward confirmation to the Supreme Court on Thursday, sidestepping tough questions from Democrats and a Senate battle over documents withheld from his years in George W. Bush's White House.

The multiple challenges facing President Donald Trump's nominee — including the third day of sudden outbursts from angry protesters — did little to slow his progress toward becoming the ninth and decisive vote on the high court.

Democrats who had sought to adjourn the hearing before it began appeared resigned to his ascendance. Before Thursday's session even got underway, they fought to publicize some documents that shed light on Kavanaugh's previous views about abortion and racial profiling.

Not even their repeated efforts to get Kavanaugh, a defender of presidential powers, to comment on issues involving Trump knocked him off his game. They raised the president's attacks on the Justice Department and

"I've had no inappropriate discussions with anyone."

Brett Kavanaugh
Supreme Court nominee, when asked if he's spoken about special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation with anyone from a law firm headed by one of Trump's lawyers

special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election to no avail.

Perhaps recognizing that Kavanaugh's confirmation appears inevitable, Democrats asked him whether he has discussed the Mueller investigation with anyone from a law firm headed by one of Trump's lawyers — talks that could taint his independence in a future Supreme Court case.

"I've had no inappropriate discussions with anyone," Kavanaugh said as he approached 20 hours of exhausting testimony over two days.

Democrats have said Kavanaugh's nomination is more fraught with controversy than others because of Trump's authoritarian instincts as president — "not a particular case, but

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USA TODAY ANALYSIS

Calls of crisis from within

New voices sound off on chaos engulfing Trump



Susan Page
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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — A storm is gathering.

The voices raising alarms about President Donald Trump's temperament, steadiness and attitude toward the competing power centers of a democracy aren't new; they date to his days as candidate Trump.

But the new authors of those arguments are making those concerns louder and more credible.

The consequences ahead — the velocity and direction of the storm — aren't set, at least not yet. But the stakes are pretty clear, and they could include Trump's presidency.

Consider the past week.

Last Saturday, two former presidents, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican George W. Bush, spoke at Arizona Sen. John McCain's memorial service with words that were hard to interpret as anything but castigation of the current occupant of the White House, though Trump's name was never mentioned. The Washington establishment, past and present, was listening in the pews of the National Cathedral.

McCain, who was perhaps Trump's most persistent critic within the GOP, "could not abide bigots and swaggering despots," Bush declared.

Then Obama spoke.

"So much of our politics, our public life, our public discourse, can seem small and mean and petty, trafficking in bombast and insult, in phony controversies and manufactured outrage," he said. "It is politics that pretends to be brave but in fact is born of fear."

On Tuesday, details from an explosive new book by journalist Bob Woodward, published in The Washington Post, described a "nervous breakdown" in the Trump administration as top aides maneuvered to prevent the president from making disastrous and impulsive missteps.

And Wednesday, there was jaw-dropping confirmation of Woodward's point when an anonymous "senior administration official" wrote an op-ed in The New York Times, describing himself or herself as a member of the

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Study: Key to a longer life may lie in fasting

Dalvin Brown
USA TODAY

People have been fasting for years to lose weight, but could there be a link between the length of fasting and how long they live?

A new study by the National Institute on Aging suggests intermittent fasting could be the key to longevity.

A group of scientists from the NIA, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Louisiana found that increasing time between meals improved the overall health of male mice

and lengthened their lives compared to mice that ate more frequently. Perhaps even more surprisingly, the health benefits were seen regardless of what the mice ate or how many calories they consumed.

"This study showed that mice who ate one meal per day, and thus had the longest fasting period, seemed to have a longer lifespan and better outcomes for common age-related liver disease and metabolic disorders," said NIA Director Richard Hodes.

He said the "intriguing results" in the animal model deserve a closer look.

The researchers suggest the findings

could translate into longer, healthier lives for people.

"Prolonged, daily fasting times could help improve health and survival for humans," said the study's lead author, Rafael de Cabo. "But scientists are working to find out how long you need to fast every day to see some of the benefits seen in the animals. That's the next big question to answer."

He also said that there were no obvious negative side effects to the rodents' fasting and that the mice who chowed down once a day lived up to 40 percent longer than the ones that had access to food around the clock.

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internal resistance. “Many of the senior officials in his own administration are working diligently from within to frustrate parts of his agenda and his worst inclinations,” the essay said.

At least two potential constitutional crises could follow – from one side, over questions about the president’s fitness for office, and from the other, over the notion of what Woodward calls “an administrative coup d’etat.”

Unelected officials, however well-meaning, stand on perilous legal ground when they presume on their own to undermine the decisions of a duly elected president.

“TREASON?” Trump tweeted to his 54 million Twitter followers Wednesday evening.

This uproar doesn’t necessarily mean that congressional Republicans or oth-

ers who have stayed in the president’s corner are about to speak out against him, or more seriously to consider articles of impeachment or the 25th Amendment, both ways to remove a president from power. Trump retains solid support among Republican voters – 89 percent of them in last week’s USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll.

He was characteristically defiant Thursday morning. “The Deep State and the Left, and their vehicle, the Fake News Media, are going Crazy – & they don’t know what to do,” he wrote, then ticked off what he says are his greatest achievements: “The Economy is booming like never before, Jobs are at Historic Highs, soon TWO Supreme Court Justices & maybe Declassification to find Additional Corruption. Wow!”

The most piercing assault Trump faces isn’t ideological, however. It’s not over his deregulatory agenda at government agencies or over the conservative stance of his Supreme Court nominee, although Brett Kavanaugh is facing a

“The Deep State and the Left, and their vehicle, the Fake News Media, are going Crazy – & they don’t know what to do.”

Donald Trump, in a tweet Thursday morning

pounding from Democrats in Senate Judiciary Committee hearings.

This debate is much more personal, centering on Trump’s judgment and character, and it is much more unusual.

Presidents have faced questions about their fitness for office before, including Bill Clinton during the Monica Lewinsky investigation and Richard Nixon during the Watergate scandal. The clarity of Ronald Reagan’s thinking was a concern for some during his final days in office.

But the spectacle of a president’s own top aides, in the Woodward book and in daily news stories, describing a toxic workplace and an erratic boss is stunning. So is the need Vice President Mike Pence apparently felt to deny he was the op-ed’s author.

“The Vice President puts his name on his Op-Eds,” said Pence’s communications director, Jarrod Agen.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, traveling in India, said, “It’s not mine.”

Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats issued a similar denial.

The furor sets the stage for whenever special counsel Robert Mueller delivers his report on whether the president’s campaign colluded with Russian meddling in the 2016 election and whether the president tried to obstruct the investigation.

It makes it harder for Trump to dismiss whatever Mueller concludes as fraudulent or unimportant.

It increases Mueller’s credibility. It erodes Trump’s. And it fuels the storm.

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a particular moment in history,” said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

In response, Kavanaugh painted himself as willing to stand up to any president.

“I am one not afraid at all, through my record of 12 years, to invalidate executive power,” Kavanaugh said. When a court blocks a president’s action, he said, “that is the final word.”

Similar results followed Democrats’ pointed questions about his views on abortion, guns, race, health care and other issues. Democrats sought specifics. The dispassionate, 53-year-old nominee responded with sweeping generalities.

The third day of the confirmation hearing began with a bitter dispute over documents. Democrats have complained about getting none for three years of Kavanaugh’s career, when he served as White House staff secretary. On Thursday they focused on 190,000 pages released to the Senate but withheld from public release.

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., threatened to flout Senate protocol and release an email elucidating Kavanaugh’s views on

racial profiling. Republicans beat him to it, releasing a range of documents requested by Democrats.

Another confidential email concerning abortion was leaked to The New York Times. It showed that in 2003 as a White House associate counsel, Kavanaugh said some legal scholars did not consider the right to abortion, legalized by the Supreme Court in 1973 and reiterated in 1992, “settled law.”

He stuck by that description during his confirmation hearing, calling the high court’s abortion rights jurisprudence “precedent on precedent” but not settled law.

By contrast, he applied the latter term to Brown v. Board of Education, which struck down school segregation.

Documents sought by Booker and Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, were released Thursday morning by the Republican-controlled committee. But the simmering battle illustrated Democrats’ frustration at a process they said has left large swaths of Kavanaugh’s record in the White House a black hole.

Republicans accused Booker of political grandstanding. “Running for president is no excuse for violating the rules of the Senate,” Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said, calling it “irresponsible conduct unbecoming a senator.”

Booker and fellow committee Demo-

crats Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Kamala Harris of California are potential 2020 candidates.

National civil rights groups whose leaders have attended much of the hearing since Tuesday complained Thursday about withheld documents.

“It’s a process that has proven to be shrouded in secrecy, incredibly covert and devoid of transparency,” said Kristen Clarke, president of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

The judge stands weeks away from being confirmed to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose votes most often decided 5-4 cases for more than a decade. He worked for President George W. Bush from 2001-06 before ascending to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, where he has written more than 300 opinions over the past 12 years.

The four-day confirmation hearing is scheduled to conclude Friday, with committee and full Senate votes coming later this month. Republicans have a 51-49 Senate majority. Thus far, no Republicans have opposed Kavanaugh’s nomination, and no Democrats have supported it.

As the hearing wore on late Thursday, protesters sporadically shouted grievances from the back of the room, briefly interrupting the process.

BURT REYNOLDS 1936-2018

Sex, smirk, swagger charmed his fans

With roguish, casual cool, he ruled the '70s

Bryan Alexander
USA TODAY

Burt Reynolds, who balanced rugged toughness and good-ol’-boy appeal to achieve superstardom in films such as “Deliverance,” “The Longest Yard” and “Smokey and the Bandit,” died at age 82.

Reynolds’ niece, Nancy Lee Hess, confirmed the news Thursday in a statement to USA TODAY.

“My uncle was not just a movie icon; he was a generous, passionate and sensitive man,” she wrote. “He has had health issues; however, this was totally unexpected. He was tough. Anyone who breaks their tail bone on a river and finishes the movie is tough. And that’s who he was.”

With his devil-may-care attitude, a permanent twinkle in his eyes and his trademark mustache, Reynolds was a bankable box-office star of the 1970s and early '80s – accumulating a string of box-office hits and unforgettable appearances on “The Tonight Show” couch with his friend Johnny Carson.

He earned his first and only Oscar nomination in 1998 for Paul Thomas Anderson’s “Boogie Nights.” He flaunted his sex appeal in 1972, posing rakishly on a bearskin rug as the first male nude (well, nearly) centerfold in Cosmopolitan magazine – a choice he later described as “one of the biggest mistakes I’ve ever made.”

Reynolds was known for his personal dramas off the screen: his high-profile lost love with his “Smokey” co-star Sally Field and a messy divorce from actress Loni Anderson, a string of box-office clunkers, and financial problems.

Reynolds re-emerged earlier this year for personal project “The Last Movie Star,” which looked at the life of a faded star filled with regret and longing, an exaggerated version of the actor content to live a mostly quiet life in Jupiter, Florida.

“I’ve been very, very lucky through



Burt Reynolds did publicity for “The Last Movie Star” as recently as in March.

DAN MACMEDAN/USA TODAY

ups and downs. When you crash and burn, you have to pick yourself up and go on and hope to make up for it,” Reynolds told USA TODAY in an interview in March. “Along the way, I’ve met some wonderful people. And you always run into some jerks. But that would be the same if you were working for the Ford Motor Company.

“It’s a tough business. Very tough. But I always tried to leave a good impression wherever we shot, and I didn’t leave any buildings burning or anything,” he added with a smile. “And I’ve had a good time through it all.”

Reynolds was born Feb. 11, 1936, in

Lansing, Michigan, and moved to Riviera, Florida, where his war-hero father, Milo, was the chief of police. The young Reynolds often clashed with his tough dad, who arrested and locked him up for fighting when he was a teenager.

“For two more days, I sat in there. And for two more days, he threw every drunk he could on top of me,” Reynolds recalled. “We never really made up. But I think he was proud of me at the end.”

Reynolds excelled in football and was a star halfback at Florida State University before an injury derailed his career. He moved into movie stunts and eventually small acting parts in TV and movies.

In 1972, he made his breakthrough performance in the Oscar-nominated “Deliverance,” the film of which he was most proud throughout his career.

“It didn’t make as much money as a lot of the others,” Reynolds said. “But it was a very difficult picture to make it. And it was done with a crazy leading man.”

Reynolds insisted that it was his appearances with Carson on the “Tonight Show,” including as host in Carson’s absence, that shot him to true stardom.

“My career was going along OK. But it didn’t really take off until the ‘Tonight Show.’ And that was because of the way Johnny treated me,” Reynolds said. “The public treated guests the way he treated you.”

Leading roles in box-office hits followed, including “Smokey” and “Semi-Tough” in 1977, and continued through banner years such as 1981, when “The Cannonball Run,” “Paternity” and “Sharky’s Machine” all hit the big screen.

He lamented losing out on the relationship with his “Smokey” co-star Sally Field. “That will never die,” Reynolds said in 2017.

“There are times in your life that are so indelible, they never fade away. They stay alive, even forty years later. My years with Burt never leave my mind,” Field said in a statement.

Contributing: Hannah Yasharoff and Patrick Ryan



The Bandit stole Sally Field’s heart.

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Man armed for 'bloodbath' kills 3

Police kill shooter in Cincinnati office building

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USA TODAY NETWORK

CINCINNATI — A gunman carrying hundreds of rounds of ammunition opened fire in a downtown office building Thursday, killing three people and wounding at least two more before he was fatally shot by cops.

Police Chief Eliot Isaac said three or four officers exchanged gunfire with the shooter, identified as Omar Santa Perez. The 29-year-old Perez was armed with a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol that was legally purchased, Isaac said.

No motive for the carnage had immediately been determined. Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley said the gunman appeared to target random people during the "horrific" attack.

"There's something deeply sick at work here, and we as a country need to work on it," Cranley said.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters told WLWT-TV that the rapid police response likely prevented many more casualties. He said officers immediately charged toward the sound of gunfire coming from the Fifth Third Bancorp's 30-story headquarters along Cincinnati's Fountain Square.

He said that an investigator told him the suspect had enough ammunition to cause "a bloodbath beyond imagination."

According to records available online, Perez was a North Bend, Ohio, resident who previously lived in South Carolina and Florida. Police were searching his apartment in North Bend on Thursday afternoon, looking for any clues about the attack or its motive.

Perez is a U.S. citizen born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, family members said Thursday. Yudy Martinez Perez broke down crying in the kitchen floor of her Forest Park, Ohio, home Thursday afternoon when she learned that her nephew was the shooter.



First responders patrol the scene at Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati on Thursday. MEG VOGEL/CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

"There's something deeply sick at work here, and we as a country need to work on it."

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley

"Oh, no, no, no, no," the woman said as she slumped against the wall and spoke to Perez's sister.

Isaac said the rampage took place on the loading dock and then the lobby of the Fifth Third Center in the heart of downtown.

A witness said he heard up to 15 shots. Leonard Cain was entering the bank when someone alerted him to the shooting. He said a woman was also walking into the bank, and people tried to get her attention, but she had headphones on.

"She walked in the door, and he shot her," Cain said.

Michael Richardson, who works in the building, was just outside the main doors smoking a cigarette when he heard gunshots. He said he saw a man firing a gun inside the bank lobby.

"I looked behind me and saw the guy — he shot, and then he shot again," Richardson said. "After that I started running."

Police said two people were wounded. The University of Cincinnati Medi-

cal Center said two victims died at the hospital, and one survivor was in critical condition and another in serious condition.

"We prepare for situations like these and hope they never happen," said Amanda Nageleisen, UC Health spokeswoman. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families and all involved."

Gov. John Kasich and Ohio's senators, Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown, said they were monitoring the situation.

"There was a senseless act of gun violence on the streets of Cincinnati this morning," Kasich said.

Bacon reported for USA TODAY. Contributing: Bob Strickley, Sharon Coolidge, Anne Saker, Kevin Grasha and Sarah Brookbank, Cincinnati Enquirer

Explosive Calif. fire roars into a second county, closes I-5

Jim Schultz, Steve Kiggins and John Bacon
USA TODAY

REDDING, Calif. — An explosive wild-fire spewing flames 300 feet into the air roared into a second Northern California county Thursday after forcing closure of a stretch of the Pacific Coast's primary interstate in both directions.

Scores of homes and seasonal residences were threatened by the Delta Fire, and some mandatory evacuations were ordered. The blaze was burning on both sides of Interstate 5 in Shasta County and pushing northwest into Trinity County. The fire, which began Wednesday, ballooned to 15,294 acres, or 24 square miles.

The two counties were devastated earlier this summer by the Carr Fire that killed eight people, burned 360 square miles and destroyed more than 1,000 homes. The Carr Fire, fully contained last week, cost nearly \$160 million to douse.

Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said Thursday that insured residential and commercial losses from the Carr and the recent Mendocino Complex fires topped \$845 million and are now counted among the most destructive wildfires in the state's history.

"Our wildfire history tells the story of how our fire season has changed over the years from a four-month season to a year-round threat," Jones said.

"Life safety is a top priority for firefighters" combating the Delta Fire, the National Forest Service said in a statement. "Firefighters are working quickly to protect communities and structures immediately threatened by the fire."

Weather forecasts called for continued hot and dry conditions with gusty winds that could strengthen the blaze, which was not even partially contained, the Forest Service warned. Officials said the blaze was "human-caused" but didn't say whether it was



Trucks ignited by the Delta Fire burn Wednesday on Interstate 5 north of Redding. REDDING RECORD SEARCHLIGHT

arson or accidental.

There was no estimate on when several miles of I-5 would reopen. Burned-out vehicles littered the freeway. Trees adjacent to the freeway also have burned, and officials must determine how many must be removed before the highway can be safely reopened.

U.S. Forest Service workers helped the driver of one burning truck to safety, and firefighters were among those who assisted other drivers.

About 17 tractor-trailers were abandoned, and at least four caught fire, Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Foster of the California Highway Patrol's Mount Shasta office told the Los Angeles Times.

"There's vehicles scattered all over," Brandon Vaccaro with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection told the Redding Record Searchlight, part of the USA TODAY NETWORK. "Whatever occurred here was probably pretty ugly for a while."

Amtrak halted its Coast Starlight service between Sacramento, California, and Klamath Falls, Oregon. The company said in an email it would resume when "conditions safely permit."

Contributing: Associated Press



Members and supporters of the LGBTI community celebrate the Supreme Court's decision Thursday striking down anti-gay laws in India. AFP/Getty Images

India's Supreme Court decriminalizes gay acts

John Bacon
USA TODAY

India's Supreme Court on Thursday struck down the nation's 157-year-old law banning homosexual acts in a historic ruling that dismissed the British colonial-era tenet as "irrational, arbitrary and incomprehensible."

The court found that the ban — and punishment of as much as 10 years in prison — had effectively "closeted" the LGBT community, which it said has the same rights as others in Indian society.

"The court must try to protect the dignity of every individual of the society, including people from LGBT," the ruling said. "Sexual orientation is natural, and people have no control over it."

Chief Justice Dipak Misra said the ruling was unanimous, and all five judges wrote sections of the order that runs almost 500 pages long. Announcement of the ruling sparked an outpouring of joyous rallies across the nation of 1.3 billion people.

"The repeal of this law will open the door for the larger LGBTI community, a larger discourse to ensure fundamen-

tal rights in India," said activist Gopi Shankar Madurai. "With this ruling, everyone in India, not just the LGBTI community, will be free from fear of prosecution. ... Everyone will have their basic rights guaranteed once again for the first time in centuries."

The ruling said the Indian constitution "nurtures dissent ... and does not impose conformity," adding that "we cannot change history but can pave the way for a better future."

The law had punished "intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animal." The judges ruled that sex with an animal would remain illegal.

The effort to toss out the law dates back almost 20 years. Supporters of the effort won a legal skirmish in 2009 when a New Delhi court ruled in favor of decriminalization. The victory was short-lived, however, when the Supreme Court ruled four years later that the law's fate should be determined by Parliament.

The ruling was appealed, and in 2016 the Supreme Court agreed to revisit the case. Divya Roop, a vocal LGBTQ activist in India, was encouraged by the ruling but said it was a first step.

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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				Anderson Cooper		
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office	(:25) The Office "St. Patrick's Day"	The Office "New Leads"	The Office "Happy Hour"	The Office "Secretary's Day"	The Office "Body Language"	Kevin Hart: I'm a Grown Little Man: The Next Level	Kevin Hart: The Next Level	Kevin Hart: I'm a Grown Little Man: The comic performs.			
DISN	18	200	(6:15) "Zombies" (2018, Adventure) Milo Manheim, Meg Donnelly	"Freaky Friday" (2018) Cozi Zuehlsoff. A woman and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies.	(:40) Stuck in the Middle	(:05) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd				
DSC	42	103	BattleBots "USA vs. The World"	BattleBots "A Bull in a Bot Shop" (N)	(:01) Treasure Quest: Snake Island (N)	(:02) Deadliest Catch "Bad Decisions"	(:02) Treasure Quest: Snake Island	Deadliest Catch				Deadliest Catch		
ESPN	26	35	(4:00) 2018 U.S. Open Tennis Men's Semifinals. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)									SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	27	39	College Football Countdown (N) (Live)	College Football TCU at SMU. (N) (Live)									NFL Live	ESPN FC (N)
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive		
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson				Tucker Carlson		
FREE	20	131	(5:00) *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright	Stand Up to Cancer: Stars support research into the disease. (Live)	* "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler. A simpleton's angry outbursts lead to gridiron glory.							The 700 Club	** "Troop Beverly Hills" (1989)	
FSS	21	47	P1 AquaX USA	P1 Superstock	Fight Sports: Boxing							3 Wide Life (N)	Raceline (N)	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Love Struck Cafe" (2017) Sarah Jane Morris, Andrew Walker	"Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Brendan Penny, Marcus Rosner. A woman dreams of turning a ranch into a winery.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls		
HGTV	39	112	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Tiny Paradise (N)	Tiny Paradise	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l		
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "Shiva the Destroyer"	Ancient Aliens: Declassified Evidence that aliens visited Egypt. (N)	In Search Of "Life After Death" (N)	Law & Order "Enemy" An Afghan warlord is suspected.	Law & Order "Fixed" A motorist strikes a child-murderer.	(:03) Ancient Aliens A strange object.	In Search Of				In Search Of	
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Cry Wolf" A radio personality is shot.	The Closer "Til Death Do Us Part" A suspect's unbreakable alibi.	The Closer "Next of Kin" Search for a gang. (Part 1 of 2)	NWSL Soccer Seattle Reign FC at Portland Portland, Ore. (N) (Live)	Thorns FC. From Providence Park in	(12:01) The Closer (Part 2 of 2)				The Closer (Part 2 of 2)		
LIFE	50	145	The Closer Brenda cannot get a suspect to confess. (Part 1 of 2)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow				
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	(:01) Friends	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends			
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	64	153	(:06) Friends	(:44) Friends	(:22) Friends							** "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann.		
SYFY	58	152	** "Annabelle" (2014, Horror) Annabelle Wallis, Ward Horton, Tony Amendola. A vintage doll becomes a conduit for ultimate evil.	Wynonna Earp "Waiting Forever for You" A formidable foe stalks the gang.	Killjoys "It Takes a Pillage" Dutch and Zeph risk it all for science. (N)	The Purge "What Is America?" For 12-hour period, all crime is legal.	Futurama "Zapp Dingbat"							
TBS	24	156	Bob's Burgers "Two Snakes a Village"	** "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill. Personal vendetta against Superman. (DVS)	Amy Adams. Batman embarks on a	ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2018- Opening Match. (N)	"Batman v Superman: Dawn"							
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Jezebel" (1938) Bette Davis, Henry Fonda. (DVS)	** "The Big Heat" (1953, Crime Drama) Glenn Ford, Gloria Grahame, Jocelyn Brando. A detective's wife dies in a trap meant for him.	** "Too Late for Tears" (1949, Crime Drama) Elizabeth Scott, Don DeFore, Dan Durryea. A woman's greed surfaces when stolen cash lands in her car.							*** "Dark Passage" (1947)		
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days Jon's sketchy past worries Rachel. (N)	Unexpected (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days								
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans "Chasing Ghosts" A cold case is reopened.	Stand Up to Cancer: Stars support research into the disease. (Live)	*** "War of the Worlds" (2005, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto. A man and his children try to survive an alien invasion. (DVS)							*** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman.		
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Late Snack	Impractical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens		
USA	25	132	NCIS "Rogue" The team investigates a car explosion. (DVS)	NCIS "Being Bad" A murder probe uncovers a theft ring. (DVS)	NCIS "Double Down" A senator's son is injured. (DVS)							Modern Family "Me? Jealous?"		
WE	68	166	CSI: Miami "Out of Time"	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	(:05) David Tutera's CELEBRATIONS (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage- Stars				Marriage- Stars		
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Stand Up to Cancer (Live)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	*** "Blades of Glory" (2007)			

Networks join forces for annual 'Stand Up to Cancer' fundraiser

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

A broadcast event since 2008, "Stand Up to Cancer" (8 p.m., ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC and numerous cable outlets) returns. The live one-hour event will raise funds for new research into cancer treatments. In a show of broadcast solidarity, rarely seen except in the case of a natural disaster or national calamity, "Stand Up" will air simultaneously on more than 65 networks in the United States and Canada. It can also be streamed live or later on demand via Hulu.

In addition to the appearance of too many celebrities to possibly mention, the program will profile people whose lives have been changed by research breakthroughs and experimental clinical trials.

• "American Masters" (PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) continues its two-week salute to 20th-century American artists with profiles of Elizabeth Murray (9 p.m.) and Andrew Wyeth (10 p.m.).

Much like its subject, "Wyeth" is intensely personal and deeply rooted in two distinct rural locations, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, and Cushing, Maine. Born to famous children's book illustrator N.C. Wyeth, Andrew became famous in his own right in the late 1940s.

At a time when art was increasingly abstract in style and universal in scope, Wyeth painted his country neighbors, often poor, simple people. "Christina's World," his paint-

ing of a disabled neighbor in a field of grass far from a haunted household, appealed to many in and outside the art world.

"Wyeth" explores how the artist's popularity, accessibility and representational style fell out of favor in the mid-century art scene, when Abstract Expressionism was king. Wyeth showed little inclination to travel to big city art centers or to ever leave his studio and his two austere hideaways.

The film makes a strong case that critics' disdain for Wyeth stemmed from an elitist distrust of the painter's popularity. It was alleged that if he was "obvious" enough to reach a mass audience, then he couldn't possibly be serious or significant.

Scandal and sensation rocked Wyeth later in his life when a cache of nude paintings of a neighbor named Helga emerged. Even then, his harshest critics dismissed it as a publicity stunt.

Wyeth lived long enough to see his critical star ascend with younger curators and art historians who placed him with such painters as Edward Hopper as a 20th century master.

"Wyeth" explores a lot of serious issues and ignores others. Besides his father, who were his influences? Because he was considered a "magical" realist, how was he influenced by photography? Cinema? But these frustrations stem

mostly from an attempt to cram an epic story into a single hour.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- The men's semifinals of the **U.S. Open Tennis Championships** (4 p.m., ESPN).
- The fourth day of **Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh** (8 p.m., CSPAN2).
- Professionals with years of distrust behind them find their feelings mellow when they're forced to collaborate amid gorgeous scenery in the 2016 romance **"Autumn in the Vineyard"** (8 p.m., Hallmark).
- Danny seeks help from the least likely source on **"Blue Bloods"** (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Sharon Osbourne and Jay Rock are booked on **"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Nick Jonas and Elizabeth Olsen on **"The Tonight Show"** (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Terry Bradshaw, Shannon Purser and Dreamers appear on **"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Jessica Biel, Awkwafina and Matt Groening visit **"Late Night With Seth Meyers"** (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * William H. Macy appears on **"The Late Late Show With James Corden"** (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Book Review: Author chronicles her coming of age in memoir

BY TRACEE M. HERBAUGH
The Associated Press

A girl's emotional connection to her mom never stops evolving, even decades after the mother dies. Sometimes the thing that was fraught in a mother-daughter relationship later turns out to be a source of strength.

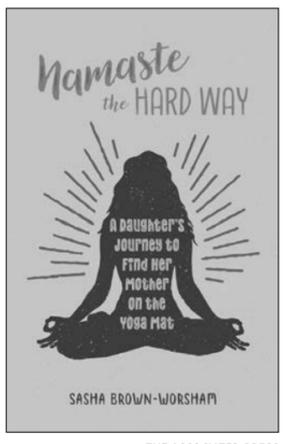
Such is a theme in Sasha Brown-Worsham's memoir, "Namaste the Hard Way: A Daughter's Journey to Find Her Mother on the Yoga Mat" (HCI).

Brown-Worsham chronicles her coming of age, from a young girl growing up in an upper middle class neighborhood near Dayton, Ohio, to her adulthood living with a husband and children in the suburbs of New York City.

As a child, Brown-Worsham was embarrassed by her mother's Sanskrit chanting, middle-of-the-day yoga poses and flowing linen pants. But as an adult, long after her mother's death from cancer, Brown-Worsham gravitated to the very thing that pricked the unease of her adolescence. Yoga became the way she reconnected with the mother she lost as a teen. Yoga helped her heal.

"I am playing with discomfort on my mat so I can deal with what happens off the mat as well," Brown-Worsham writes.

The book was conceived following a widely shared essay that Brown-Worsham



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This cover image released by Health Communications Inc. shows "Namaste the Hard Way: A Daughter's Journey to Find Her Mother on the Yoga Mat," by Sasha Brown-Worsham.

wrote for *The New York Times* titled, "Not my Mother's Yoga."

The author works in her own adventures in parenting and how having children helped put her mother in a more favorable light.

"There is danger every day of turning a dead woman into a saint, of making my mother into someone with no flaws ... even 24 years after her death," she writes. "I am still chasing her ghost and it's not because she is a perfect human or mother."

Readers of this genre, especially those interested in yoga, will find the book's messages resonate.

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SATURDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 8

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM		
LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	10	3	10	Entertainment Tonight (N)			America's Got Talent "Live Semi Finals 1" Semifinalists perform.			Dateline NBC		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "John Mulaney; Jack White" Host John Mulaney; Jack White performs.	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	Pink Collar Crimes (N)		48 Hours		48 Hours		News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "Foreign Interference" A dangerous Russian enters the U.S. (DVS)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Wheel Loves NY"	Jeopardy!	(:07) College Football Penn State at Pittsburgh. The Panthers continue a three-game home stand to begin the 2018 campaign as they host the Nittany Lions. Quarterbacks Trace McSorley (PSU) and Kenny Pickett (Pitt) created three touchdowns apiece in leading their clubs to season-opening victories.			Gamecock Saturday Night		(12:05) Wipeout			
WRJA	27	11	14	The Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece Larry's writing career.	Father Brown "The Cat of Mastigatus" A girl is found left for dead.	The Doctor Blake Mysteries "A Lethal Combination" A boxer appears to be beaten to death.		Shetland Maguire's death.		Austin City Limits "Herbie Hancock" Keyboardist and composer Herbie Hancock.		Bluegrass Underground "Billy Strings"		
WACH	57	6	6	(5:00) College Football Iowa State at Iowa. (N) (Live)			College Football USC at Stanford. The Cardinal host the Trojans as Pac-12 teams test their 1-0 records at Stanford Stadium. JJ Arcega-Whiteside had 226 receiving yards and three touchdowns in a 31-10 Stanford win over San Diego State in Week 1. USC beat Stanford twice last season. (N) (Live)			Panthers Huddle				
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Project Mandy"	Last Man Standing "Eve's Boyfriend"	Rookie Blue		Saving Hope "Don't Poke the Bear" A couple is attacked by a bear.		Leverage "The Beantown Bailout Job" A banker who is gaming a government bailout.		Impractical Jokers Humiliating text messages.	Impractical Jokers "Bellydancer"	Impractical Jokers "Charity Case" Hi-jinks at a pet store.
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 04.14.18" Riding along with law enforcement.			Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 144" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 06.01.18" Riding along with law enforcement.			Live PD "Live PD -- 06.01.18"			
AMC	48	180	(6:00) *** "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith.			** "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan, Bruce Greenwood. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.			(:35) * "Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance" (2012) Nicolas Cage, Idris Elba. Premiere. A secret sect hires Johnny Blaze to save a boy from Satan.					
ANPL	41	100	My Cat From Hell: Scratch Tracks (N)		My Cat From Hell "Ferocious Foster"		(:01) My Cat From Hell (N)		(:02) Wolves and Warriors (N)		(:03) My Cat From Hell			
BET	61	162	(6:55) The Bobby Brown Story "Part 1" Bobby Brown's career blows up.			The Bobby Brown Story "Part 2" Bobby and Whitney's marriage ends.					My Cat From Hell (12:05) * "Obsessed" (2009)			
BRAVO	47	181	(6:16) ** "Next Friday" (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. A young man lives with kin who won the lottery.			(:24) * "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. Premiere. Five friends learn that age and maturity do not, necessarily, coincide.			(10:54) * "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock.					
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "Checkers & Rally's"		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss "Hudson Group"		Undercover Boss "Peavey Electronics"		Undercover Boss "4 Wheel Parts"			
CNN	3	80	The Van Jones Show (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown		Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown		Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown			
COM	57	136	(5:15) * "Dirty Grandpa" (2016)		(:35) * "Tammy" (2014, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon, Kathy Bates. A woman hits the road with her feisty grandmother.		** "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days" (2012) Zachary Gordon. Greg's summer plans go awry.		* "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler. A simpleton's angry outbursts lead to gridiron glory.		Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler. A (12:10) * "Tammy" (2014)			
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd Model rocket competition.		Bunk'd		(:40) Stuck in the Middle		Raven's Home		Raven's Home			
DSC	42	103	Expedition Unknown "Viking Secrets"		Expedition Unknown		(:01) Expedition Unknown		(:02) Expedition Unknown		(:03) Expedition Unknown			
ESPN	26	35	College Football Clemson at Texas A&M. (N) (Live)						Scoreboard		(:45) College Football Michigan State at Arizona State. (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	27	39	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						(:15) College Football California at BYU. From LaVell Edwards Stadium in Provo, Utah. (N) (Live)					
FOOD	40	109	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped Four comics compete.		Chopped		Chopped			
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report with Jon Scott (N)		Watters' World (N)		Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		Watters' World			
FREE	20	131	(6:35) ** "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey. A frustrated reporter receives divine powers from God.		(:40) ** "Just Go With It" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman. A man's careless lie spins out of control.						(:20) ** "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" (2008) Adam Sandler.			
FSS	21	47	College Football All the Way Up: College Football South Alabama at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live)								College Football			
HALL	52	183	"Love at First Dance" (2018, Romance) Niall Matter, Becca Tobin. Sparks fly between a dance instructor and a wealthy bachelor.		"Wedding of Dreams" (2018, Romance) Debbie Gibson, Robert Ganit. Premiere. Debbie's manager tries to lure her back into the limelight.		The Golden Girls "Isn't It Romantic"		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls "Family Affair"			
HGTV	39	112	Love It or List It "Elbow Room"		Love It or List It		House Hunters Renovation (N)		Mountain Life		Mountain Life			
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars		Pawn Stars		Pawn Stars		(:31) Pawn Stars		(:03) Pawn Stars			
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A travel writer is murdered.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A college coed is found murdered.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A attorney defends a known pedophile.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Benson may be stalked by a rapist.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A financial analyst is found dead.			
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Stalker's Prey" (2017) Cynthia Gibb, Saxon Sharbino, Mason Dye.		"Her Boyfriend's Secret" (2018, Suspense) Kelly Sullivan, Mark Famiglietti. Premiere. Melissa learns that her new boyfriend has a dark secret.		(:05) "Her Worst Nightmare" (2018, Suspense) Claire Blackwelder, Bryan Lillis, Trevor St. John. After surviving a kidnapping, a woman gets stalked again.		(:12:01) "Her Boyfriend's Secret"					
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show		The Loud House		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams		Deadline: White House			
NICK	16	210	The Loud House		The Loud House		Henry Danger		*** "The LEGO Movie" (2014) Voices of Chris Pratt, Will Ferrell.		Friends			
PARMT	64	153	Four Brothers		*** "Unstoppable" (2010, Action) Denzel Washington, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson.		*** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen.							
SYFY	58	152	(:07) ** "Lake Placid" (1999, Horror) Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda, Oliver Platt. A monstrous crocodile chomps on villagers in a rural Maine.		"Tremors 6: A Cold Day in Hell" (2018, Horror) Michael Gross, Jamie Kennedy. Premiere. Burt must create an antidote from a giant worm's venom.		(:03) Futurama "Viva Mars Vegas"		(:33) Futurama "31st Century Fox"		(:12:03) Futurama "Naturama"			
TBS	24	156	(5:30) ** "Tomorrowland" (2015) George Clooney. (DVS)		Seinfeld "The Gum" Seinfeld "The Rye"		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		Full Frontal With Samantha Bee			
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "The Year of Living Dangerously" (1982) Mel Gibson.		*** "Robin and Marian" (1976, Adventure) Sean Connery, Audrey Hepburn, Robert Shaw. Robin Hood returns after the Crusades to find Maid Marian.		*** "The Man Who Would Be King" (1975, Adventure) Sean Connery, Michael Caine. Two mercenaries on their way to a remote Eastern kingdom.		(:12:15) ** "Desperate" (1947)					
TLC	43	157	90 Day Weddings		90 Day Fiancé: What Now		90 Day Fiancé: What Now		90 Day Fiancé: What Now		90 Day Fiancé			
TNT	23	158	(5:30) *** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman.		*** "The Dark Knight Rises" (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane. (DVS)		** "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (2012, Fantasy) Ian McKellen.		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers			
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.			
TV LAND	55	161	Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men			
USA	25	132	(5:30) *** "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo. (DVS)		** "San Andreas" (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario. Premiere. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. (DVS)				Criminal Minds "Safe Haven"		Criminal Minds "Devil's Night"			
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds "JJ"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "Safe Haven"		Criminal Minds "Devil's Night"			
WGNA	8	172	(6:00) *** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama)		*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton.				Carter "Pig, Man, Lion" (DVS)		Person of Interest			

Showtime's 'Kidding' fails to live up to its potential

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Jim Carrey returns to episodic television as a sad clown. He stars in "Kidding" (10 p.m. Sunday, Showtime, TV-14) as Jeff Piccirillo, the very "Mr. Rogers"-like host of "Mr. Pickles' Puppet Time," a public television staple familiar to several generations of children young and old.

His life is upended when his son is killed in a car accident, sending him into a tailspin, estranging him from his wife (Judy Greer) and turning his surviving son (and grieving twin), Will (Cole Allen), into a churlish adolescent.

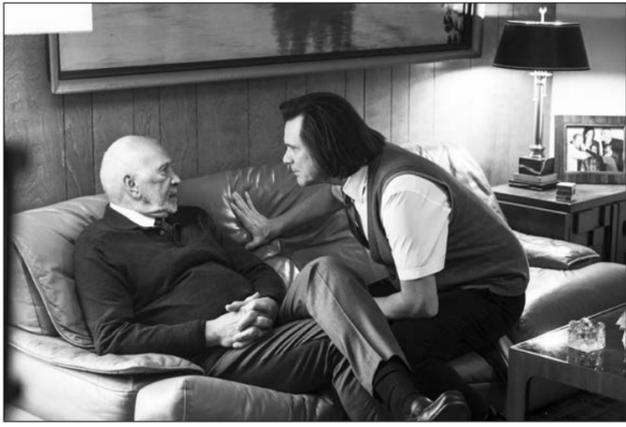
Professional duties as Mr. Pickles leave Jeff no time to grieve, and his attempts to incorporate that process into the show are rebuffed by the show's executive producer (Frank Langella), whose authority over Jeff transcends mere showbiz.

Catherine Keener stars as the show's head puppet-master, who happens to be Jeff's sister and confidant. She, too, has a precocious and outspoken child to corral, something of a theme here.

Known for his manic energy, Carrey's Jeff is deadpan on the verge of catatonic. His restraint reminded me of some of Robin Williams' classic later roles in "One Hour Photo" and "World's Greatest Dad," memorably dark films.

Despite endless potential and a sterling cast, nearly every moment in "Kidding" seems too on the nose, with every dramatic (or comedic) choice the obvious one. From jokes about puppeteers soiling their costumes during sex to grave desecrations and indulgent tantrums, much of "Kidding" never rises above the adolescent. A decade or three too old to pull off the demented kids' show host routine, Carrey more resembles something out of a Stephen King horror tale. And if that's the point, it's obvious, too.

• Fox premieres a new scripted comedy with a decidedly old-fashioned multi-camera approach. It shares a Chicago setting with the just departed CBS sitcom "Superior Donuts" and an executive producer (Jerrod Carmi-



Frank Langella, left, stars as Seb and Jim Carrey as Jeff Pickles in "Kidding," premiering at 10 p.m. Sunday on Showtime.

chael) from NBC's "The Carmichael Show."

"Rel" (8 p.m., Sunday, TV-14) stars Lil Rel Howery in the title role. He's a somewhat delusional "self-made" man who is not entirely sure what he's made of himself.

He's first seen spilling his guts during a one-sided phone conversation, explaining that his wife had an affair with his barber and left him alone without his children, dignity or furniture. Poignancy gives way to laughter when we realize that he's been confessing his unmaning to the technical assistant helping him reboot his wireless router.

News that Rel has been cuckolded by his barber spreads like wildfire through his immediate world. Strangers on the bus taunt him so brutally that even his little brother admires their comic genius. Rel's dad (Sinbad) can't be seen sitting with him in church, and even the preacher turns his entire sermon into a meditation on Rel's humiliation.

A public shaming so universal, so savage and continual calls to mind the profound and the familiar. It's not unlike existential philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre's adage that "hell is other people." And it reminded me of Charlie Brown, forever the butt of the "Peanuts" gang's disrespect. At least Rel hasn't been laughed at by his dog.

• On a Saturday night cable schedule that's clogged with tepid temptations to re-watch dumb movies featuring

Adam Sandler ("Grown Ups," 8:24 p.m., Bravo, and "The Waterboy," 10 p.m., Comedy Central), Nicolas Cage ("Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance," 10:35 p.m., AMC) and Dwayne Johnson ("San Andreas," 8:30 p.m., USA), HBO serves up "The Greatest Showman" (8 p.m.), the 2017 musical biography of P.T. Barnum, starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, Rebecca Ferguson and Zendaya.

The next time somebody complains that they just don't make movies like they used to, one should point to this larger-than-life spectacle of illusion and bluster, bursting with song. It's exactly the kind of movie musical that Oscar used to love. Made for "only" \$84 million, the movie grossed nearly half a billion dollars worldwide to date, making it one of the highest-grossing movie musicals ever.

Oddly enough, some of its critical detractors complained that the film took license with Barnum's real-life story. Imagine a musical doing that!

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- College football action includes Iowa State at Iowa (5 p.m., Fox), Penn State at Pittsburgh (8 p.m., ABC) and USC at Stanford (8:30 p.m., Fox).
- Felonious females perpetrate "Pink Collar Crimes" (8 p.m., CBS).
- An outdoor feline resists domestication by fouling everybody's nest on "My Cat From Hell" (8 p.m., Animal Planet, TV-PG).
- A home renovator realizes her new dream date might not pass muster in the 2018 shocker "Her Boyfriend's Secret" (8 p.m., Lifetime).
- A musical star resists entreaties to return to the big time to pursue her heart in the 2018 romance "Wedding of Dreams" (9 p.m., Hallmark), a movie title sure to put every editor's teeth on edge.

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- "Great Performances at the Met" (noon, PBS, check local listings) concludes its 12th season with "Cendrillon," Massenet's operatic variation on Cinderella.
- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): sexual predators in the Olympics community; cloning pets; animal athletes.
- The Green Bay Packers host the Chicago Bears in "Sunday Night Football" (8:20 p.m., NBC).
- Carrie Ann Inaba hosts the 2019 Miss America pageant (9 p.m., ABC).
- "Masterpiece" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-14, check local listings) adapts the 2014 period novel "The Miniaturist," set in 17th-century Amsterdam.
- Strand and Dorrie find themselves stuck on "Fear the Walking Dead" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- "The Last Ship" (9 p.m.,

TNT, TV-14) embarks on its fifth season.

- The second season of "The Deuce" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA) returns to the confluence of prostitution, pornography and organized crime in 1970s Times Square New York.
- "Shameless" (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA) enters its ninth season.
- A weekend break on "Insecure" (10:30 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

Sean Connery and Audrey Hepburn star in the 1976 romance "Robin and Marian" (8 p.m. Saturday, TCM), about a later life encounter between Robin Hood and his lady love. A film set in the Middle Ages in more ways than one.

SATURDAY SERIES

The semifinals of "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Two hours of "48 Hours" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., CBS) * "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC).

SUNDAY SERIES

"Football Night in America" (7 p.m., NBC) * Julie Chen hosts "Big Brother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * NFL legends play "Celebrity Family Feud" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14) * Marge jokes at Homer's expense on "The Simpsons" (8:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * A Russian sub surfaces on "Hawaii Five-0" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Valentine's Day on "Bob's Burgers" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * Peter slips into a coma on "Family Guy" (9:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Real robbers target fake currency on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

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