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Teen charged in sexual assault, armed robbery of pizza delivery driver

19-year-old also a suspect in string of other robberies

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A 19-year-old man is being held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center for the alleged robbery and sexual assault of a female pizza delivery driver Monday evening, according to City of Sumter law enforcement officials.

The suspect faces a total of 12 charges, as of Wednesday, in a string of pizza delivery robberies



HICKMAN

reported in the city, beginning in late September.

Lander Lee Hickman, 19, of Miller Road, faces charges including first-degree criminal sexual conduct for allegedly attacking the woman when she made a pizza delivery to a residence on Crescent Avenue some time before 11:30 p.m. that evening, according

to a Sumter Police Department news release.

Officers located Hickman inside a house on Crescent Avenue after receiving a call about the alleged attack and took him into custody.

He is also charged with kidnapping, financial transaction card fraud, pointing and presenting a firearm, four counts of armed robbery and four counts of possession

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High winds expected today



BRUCE MILLS / THE SUMTER ITEM

Steve Shumake, disaster action team coordinator for the area American Red Cross region, sorts through supplies in a relief trailer Wednesday outside the Sumter County Recreation Center, 155 Haynsworth St., which is open as a shelter.

Hurricane Michael intensifies to Category 4 just before Florida Panhandle landfall; Sumter to see effects today

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Sumterites and South Carolinians watched Hurricane Michael batter the Florida Panhandle on Wednesday as the storm made landfall as a Category 4 and threatened, yet again, the area with tropical storm-force winds.

Sumter, Lee, Clarendon and most of the state should expect maximum sustained winds of 45 miles per hour throughout today as the speedier successor to September's Hurricane Florence is predicted to make its way into the state this morning and into North Carolina this evening, according to National Hurricane Center models.

As of the agency's 4 p.m. advisory, the last before press time Wednesday, Michael had weakened to a Category 3 storm with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph as it made its way inland near Pan-

ama City and Tallahassee at 16 mph before heading through extreme southeastern Alabama and southwestern Georgia.

Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties, as well as the entire Midlands, was issued a tropical storm warning Wednesday and remains in it today. Flash flood watches are also in effect until 11 p.m.

The National Hurricane Center is also warning of tornadoes and is predicting wind to be a bigger factor in the area than rain.

Shaw Air Force Base evacuated its F-16 Fighting Falcons aircraft Wednesday to avoid potential damage from the storm.

There were about 6,000 people in 80 shelters in five states, including nearly 1,200 still in shelters from Florence, as of Wednesday afternoon, according to The Associated Press.

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RED CROSS SHELTERS OPEN IN TRI-COUNTY AREA

Forecasts have been showing Michael to weaken to a tropical storm by the time it passes near or over Sumter, with the main threat being wind instead of rain. Those who live in low-lying areas prone to flooding, who live in a mobile home or anyone who would feel safer in a shelter may go to one of the following listed facilities operated by the Red Cross.

- **Sumter County Recreation Center**, 155 Haynsworth St., Sumter – Opened at 7 p.m. Wednesday
- **Lee Central High School**, 1800 Wisacky Hwy., Bishopville – Opened at 6 p.m. Wednesday

Cots will be available at these shelters, but people are urged to bring important medications, pillows, additional blankets, hygiene items and other items for children or anyone with special needs, according to Cuthbert Langley, spokesman for the Red Cross' Palmetto S.C. Region. For a list of more shelters throughout the state, go to www.theitem.com.

School district earns millions in grants

1st will provide mental health services in all schools; 2nd will follow current 7th-graders

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter School District will receive two new multi-million-dollar grants during multiple-year timeframes to address students' mental health issues and academic achievement.

District officials informed the Board of Trustees of the grants on Monday night at the board's regularly scheduled meeting at Lemira Elementary School.

Assistant Superintendent Norris

Williams explained the first grant is a partnership between the district, state Department of Mental Health and state Department of Education and is called the Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education (AWARE) Grant. The district will receive about \$500,000 per year in federal funding for five years to use additional local mental health therapists to provide intensive, therapeutic support services to students in need. A project manager will also be hired for the district for the five-year period.

Mental health programs will be administered in every school and in every grade level to provide interventions and support to children, Williams said. A goal of the grant is to help students develop skills that will promote resilience and positive social behaviors, he said.

Another goal is to develop an infrastructure that will sustain and expand mental health services for youth, even when the grant period ends.

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Sumter Board of Realtors to host fair housing event

BY BRUCE MILLS
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To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, the Sumter Board of Realtors will host a community-wide awareness event on Saturday.

DiverCity Day will focus on making the public aware of various opportunities in area housing and educating them on proper ways to identify housing discrimination and report it properly, according to Jay Linginfelter, Multiple Listing Service and new membership director with the local Board of Realtors.

The event, to be held at the Sumter County Fairgrounds, will have activities for the whole family, Linginfelter said. Barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs and other items will be available for purchase.

Real estate offices, mortgage lenders and community-service partners will also be in attendance. Those partners will include Habitat for Humanity, Santee Lynches Affordable Housing and the City of Sumter Community Development Department, among others.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

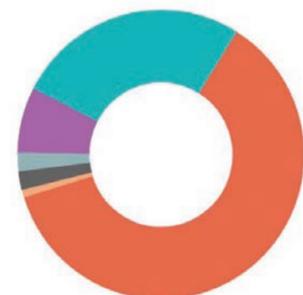
CORRECTION

Admission to the Main Street Society Drop-in is free to society members, but a \$5 donation is requested of non-members. The reception and tour of the Economic Development Headquarters building and Hyatt Place hotel will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday.

Poll of the week

'Tis the season for ghouls, turkey, lights and fireworks. What is your favorite upcoming fall/winter holiday?

Answers combined from poll on www.theitem.com, Facebook and Instagram. Have a question you want us to ask? Email pressrelease@theitem.com.



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Extra performances added for SLT's 'Little Shop of Horrors'



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The cast of Sumter Little Theatre's "Little Shop of Horrors" pauses during a recent rehearsal for a group photo. From left are: top row — Matt Wilt, Todd Warrick, Cierra Stewart (in plant), John Michael Osteen and David Shoemaker; front row — Alyssa Gibbs, Keonna Porter, Jaycie Wisor and Aaleyah Powell. The musical comedy opens Thursday, Oct. 18, and will run for 10 performances.

10 total performances between Oct. 18 and Nov. 3

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

Every element in Sumter Little Theatre's "Little Shop of Horrors" is on track to make it one of SLT's best, the show's director said.

In fact, the theater has added an extra weekend of performances "because we want everyone to have a chance to see it," Eric Bultman said.

It has been 10 years since SLT first presented "Little Shop," and many people were unable to get tickets because the show was so well-received, Bultman said, explaining the added shows. The musical will be presented Oct. 18 through 21, 25 through 28 and Nov. 2 and 3. An opening reception will be held Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Patriot Hall in conjunction with the Fall for the Arts Student Art Exhibit.

One of the most important elements of "Little Shop" is the mysterious plant, Audrey II, which local artist Heidi Adler made for the 2008 production. Bultman said the plant has had "only minor touch-ups. Michael Duffy did an amazing job restoring it."

David Shoemaker, technical director, who has never acted on the SLT stage, voices the plant and sings its songs, Bultman said.

"He's having a ball, and he does a wonderful job. He also built the set and designed the lighting," Bultman said.

The play begins when Seymour Krelborn, a young employee of Mushroom's Skid Row Florists, finds a plant that appears suddenly during an eclipse. Seymour, played by Todd Warrick, takes the plant to the flower shop and names it Audrey II after his

"LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS"

WHERE: Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave.

WHEN: Oct. 18-21, Oct. 25-28, Nov. 2-3; Sunday shows begin at 3 p.m., all others at 8 p.m.

TICKETS: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students, seniors and military

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crush, Audrey Mushnick, played by Cierra Stewart.

The plant seems to be dying until it drinks blood from Seymour's accidentally pricked finger. Audrey II soon becomes the "horror" in the little shop.

Bultman said the music in "Little Shop" is also memorable.

"The second song, 'Skid Row,' is the exposition song," he said. "The actors sing about themselves and their aspirations, how they've got to get out of their situations. Their savior is the plant, which brings in a lot of customers. Only it's not a nice plant — it's an evil plant."

To keep Audrey II thriving and growing, Bultman said, "You have to sacrifice your friends and family. You're in its power. You have to keep it alive, or you'll never get out of Skid Row. It's the main attraction."

Warrick said "Little Shop of Horrors" is his favorite musical comedy, and Seymour is the role he's always wanted to play.

"This is my fifth show here," he said. "I've always been a fan of musical theater, and I love the opportunity to sing, dance and perform. This is just a sweet, funny show with great music."

In 2010, Stewart played Chiffon, a member of the Doo-wop trio that served as a kind of Greek chorus for "Little Shop," their songs helping to move the story along. She said she loves her role as Audrey Mushnick because "she's nice and innocent."

Stewart solos on "Somewhere That's Green" and has a duet with Warrick on "Suddenly Seymour," which she described as "our power ballad."

The doo-wop trio for the current production comprises Aaleyah Powell, Jaycie Wisor and Keonna Porter. John Michael Osteen is the florist shop owner and father to Audrey; Alyssa Gibbs and Matt Wilt have multiple roles. Andrew Lawrence will manipulate Audrey II.

Bultman said music director and voice coach Linda Beck has put together an excellent band: "It'll blow your socks off."

Orchestra leader Beck on piano is joined by Sean Hackett, Evan Thompson, Brandon Graves, Dave Auerbach, Darren Polutta and Barry Simpson. Libby Singleton is choreographer.

Stage manager is Colby Rearden; Sylvia Pickell and Norma Holland made the costumes; and Michael Bacon is lighting and sound operator. Set construction and painting was by Shoemaker, Kendall Jones, Jennica Greco, Braden Bunch, Treva Walker, Warrick and Stewart. Pickell, Greco and Jones are in charge of props.

The backstage crew comprises Kendall Jones, Greco, Brittan Jones, Bill Tawfan, Rhiannon Lemon, Bri Gray, Hugh China, Melanie Leone, Traga Schaare and Nancy Reading.

There will be art exhibit by Sarah Jones in the SLT lobby.



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Historical tour tells of Sumter Cemetery's famous inhabitants

BY DANNY KELLY
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If you've ever wondered who's buried here in Sumter, now's your chance to find out.

Dearly Departed Tours will be giving lantern-led "Echoes from the Past Tours of Sumter Cemetery," which is located at 700 W. Oakland Ave., with period-dressed tour guides this month.

"There are a lot of famous people (buried there)," said Diana Roof, office manager at Sumter Cemetery and Dearly Departed tour guide. "We go around and tell stories of people who are buried there."

Some of the people the tour covers include: John K. Crosswell, who left his estate to open John K. Crosswell Home

for Children in Sumter; Martha Williams-Brice, who the University of South Carolina's football stadium is named after; George Haynesworth, who fired the first shot of the Civil War; Ervin David Shaw, the namesake of Shaw Air Force Base; Mr. and Mrs. John Haynesworth, who were the first ones buried at the cemetery; Joseph Levan, a black slave who became a barber and had a monument erected by his white friends in the early 1900s; Antonio Gibson, a famous nurse; and William McQueen, who fought in the Civil War and died at Dingle's Mill.

"We also discuss the robbery at the Claremont Hotel and the China murders," Roof said.

Roof does the tours with her friend, Becca Smilowska. Tours are \$10 each



Diana Roof and Becca Smilowska will be giving lantern-led "Echoes from the Past Tours of Sumter Cemetery" beginning today.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY DANIEL RIDDLE

and last between 60 and 90 minutes. Roof said she wants the tours to educate people.

"People don't realize famous people are in the cemetery," she said. "They don't realize the history here, and that's what we're trying to get across."

Tours are scheduled for today, Oct. 13, 18, 23, 26 and 27 and for Nov. 1 and 3 at 6 and 8 p.m. On Oct. 31, there will be a special tour at 9 p.m. On Oct. 20, there will be no tours in Sumter, but Sumterites are encouraged to join Dearly De-

parted Tours for the Haunted Legends Tour of Camden at 6 and 8 p.m.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling (803) 468-8630 or (912) 532-246, emailing dearlydepartedtours.sc@gmail.com, or by going on the Dearly Departed Tours Facebook page.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Jazzy Creations on 31 W. Calhoun St. — behind Flowers and Baskets Florist — Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests are asked to arrive 15 minutes before their tour time.

Palmetto Health partnering with Sumter schools for telehealth program

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Palmetto Health is joining MUSC Health, Sumter School District and the SC Telehealth Alliance to offer education and clinical telehealth services to Sumter County students in select schools.

To kick off the partnership, Manchester Elementary School will host a demonstration and news conference from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15. The partners will demonstrate equipment, and a family will talk about how school-based telehealth has already benefited their health. The community is invited.

The clinical service will be available for six elementary schools in the Sumter School District. Students with non-emergent health needs will be instantly connected to a Palmetto Health or MUSC Health

nurse practitioner or pediatrician and have prescriptions sent to the pharmacy of their choice following the visit.

"Palmetto Health is committed to improving the lives of our children and communities beyond our hospital walls," Chief Community Health Services Officer Vince Ford said. "This partnership extends our reach to more communities through remote access to health care education. It starts early. Healthy children create healthier communities."

The clinical telehealth program is aimed toward:

- Helping students feel better quickly;
- Reducing missed time from school;
- Reducing parents' missed work days;
- Eliminating transporta-

tion barriers to health care; and

- Reducing unnecessary emergency room visits.

This service does not replace the student's primary care provider. To participate, parents/guardians are required to complete enrollment forms and will be contacted before any telehealth visit occurs with students.

Palmetto Health's telehealth

program also includes after-school education for the participating schools. Students are able to engage in interactive sessions that teach them about healthy eating, meal

planning and making healthy relationships with family and friends.

Manchester Elementary is located at 220 W. Clark St., Pinewood.

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More than 70 years later, an unknown soldier will come home to the U.S.

BY ASHRAF KHALIL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gerard Murphy never met his uncle Richard. But the Potomac, Maryland, native grew up hearing stories of the former journalist who enlisted in the Marines during World War II and disappeared during the June 15, 1944, amphibious assault on the Pacific island of Saipan.

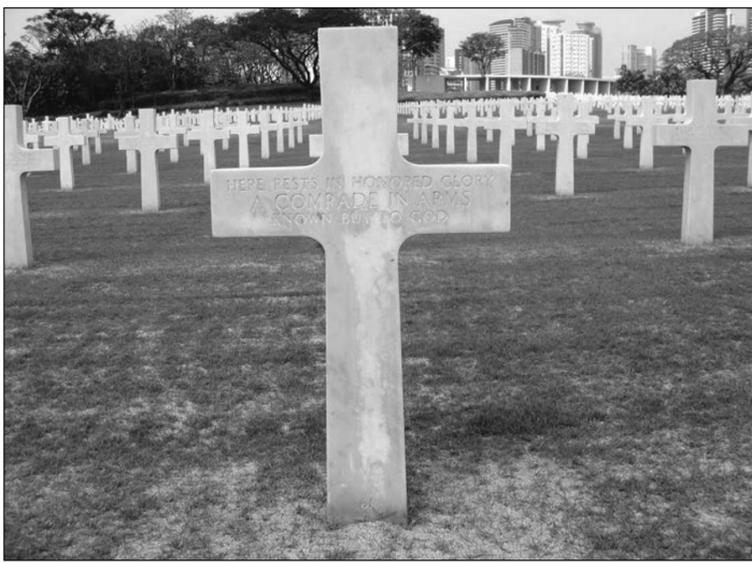
“This was a mystery in our family for basically my entire life,” said Gerard Murphy, a lawyer. “It’s bad enough to lose someone in a war. Having them missing in action is an added burden and grief to carry.”

That all changed in 2015, when Gerard Murphy was contacted by Ted Darcy, an independent researcher specializing in identifying World War II-era military remains. Darcy, a retired Marine gunnery sergeant, thought he had made a match between Richard Murphy’s dental records and the remains of an unidentified Saipan casualty buried in the Philippines as unknown soldier X-15.

Three years and many steps later Richard Murphy’s remains are finally coming home. Darcy’s efforts resulted in the military disinterring the remains in the X-15 grave and bringing them to Hawaii for genetic testing. Gerard Murphy and one of his cousins provided DNA samples — “basically we spit in a bag” — and the military was able to make a positive match.

Richard Murphy’s remains are expected to arrive in late November, where they will be reburied in a cemetery in Silver Spring, Maryland, “right next to his mother,” Gerard Murphy said.

A native of Washington, D.C., Richard Murphy graduated from Georgetown University and worked for several years for the *Washington Evening Star*, an afternoon newspaper that



AP FILE PHOTO

This 2011 photo provided by Ted Darcy shows the unknown soldier grave site of Richard Murphy at Manila American Cemetery at suburban Taguig city, east of Manila, Philippines. The body of the former journalist and U.S. Marine spent decades in this unknown soldier grave. The efforts of a volunteer researcher prompted the military to exhume the body for further testing in Hawaii. Now Murphy’s remains are expected to be brought to the Washington area in late November to be buried alongside his mother and other relatives in a family plot in Silver Spring, Maryland.

ceased publication in 1981. When the U.S. entered World War II, Murphy enlisted in the Marines as a combat correspondent, island hopping through the Pacific with American troops.

“He carried his M-1 rifle and his typewriter,” Gerard Murphy said. “All my life we heard about Uncle Richard. Having his remains brought home feels really amazing — very spiritual.”

Working from his home in Florida, Darcy was able to make the match by comparing dental records from Richard Murphy’s enlistment with those of unknown soldier X-15, all supplied for a fee by the National Archives and Records Administration. Darcy said he has dealt with dozens of such cases and often ends up dealing directly with family members — sometimes with diver-

gent reactions to news of a long-dead relative.

“Some are very, very grateful,” he said. “Some don’t want to be bothered.”

Darcy said he has personally helped complete 15 such unknown soldier cases from World War II, a small fraction of the nearly 9,000 unknown soldier cases from that conflict.

His work frequently brings him in contact with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Darcy expressed some frustration with the pace of the process on the military’s end.

“It took three years for them to decide to disinter (Murphy), go get the body and ship it to Hawaii for DNA testing,” Darcy said. “I’ve got 48 more on my desk right now. How long is it going to take to get them through those?”

S.C. Democrats say it’s better if Sanders ‘got lost’

COLUMBIA (AP) — As Bernie Sanders prepares to return to South Carolina to feel out a potential 2020 presidential bid, some Democrats in this early primary, heavily Republican state say the visit isn’t wanted or helpful to their candidates in advance of next month’s election.



SANDERS

The state, home to the first-in-the-South presidential primaries, is accustomed to hosting candidates testing out their messaging and building activist and donor relationships ahead of a national run. But some party stalwarts say Sanders’ left-leaning, progressive messaging doesn’t resonate in a state where Democrats know they will need cross-over support to win in many races.

Amanda Loveday served as executive director of South Carolina’s Democratic Party and previously did communications for U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, the state’s lone congressional Democrat. Asked about the effect of Sanders’ visit to South Carolina, she called the trip “extremely selfish” and not in the best interest of the state’s Democratic candidates.

“I just think it’s extremely selfish of Bernie Sanders to think he could walk into South Carolina without an invitation from a candidate and think he’s going to be welcomed with open arms,” Loveday said. “It’s hard for me to think of an actual, legitimate Democratic candidate who would stand on stage with him here.”

Sanders’ Tuesday announcement of his planned trip to South Carolina came the same day as the state’s Republican governor aimed to link him to his Democratic challenger. In a new digital ad, Gov. Henry McMaster pointed out that, despite his self-portrayal as a moderate, state Rep. James Smith has boasted of his endorsement by Our Revolution, an offshoot of Sanders’ 2016 presidential effort.

Turbocharged: How Hurricane Michael got 55 percent stronger in 1 day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moist air, warm waters in the Gulf of Mexico and ideal wind patterns turbocharged Hurricane Michael in the hours before it smacked Florida’s Panhandle.

Hurricane Michael’s wind speed increased by 50 mph in 24 hours, to 140 mph Wednesday.

“Michael saw our worst fears realized, of rapid intensification just before landfall on a part of a coastline that has never experienced a Category 4 hurricane,” University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy said Wednesday morning.

Hurricanes have something called a potential intensity. That’s how strong a storm can get if all other factors are aligned, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate and hurricane

expert Jim Kossin said. Michael had nothing holding it back.

“Everything was there for it to reach its potential, and it did,” Kossin said.

As Michael’s eye started coming ashore, it boasted the third-lowest central pressure of any storm to hit the United States, behind only a 1935 Labor Day storm and 1969’s Camille.

Meteorologists first got a sense something big could be happening by watching how Michael’s eye changed shape. Early Tuesday, it was oddly shaped and ragged. Later in the morning it started to get better organized, and by Tuesday night real-time satellite imagery was showing the eye getting stronger and scarier by the minute.

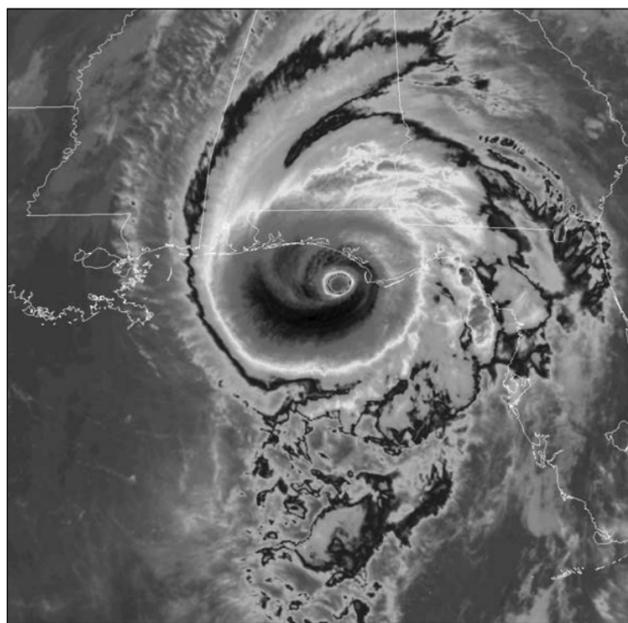
Another factor: Its pressure, the measurement meteorolo-

gists use to gauge a hurricane’s strength. The lower the pressure, the stronger the storm. Before landfall, Michael’s pressure fell so low it looked like the winds were sure to pick up fast, said Ryan Maue, a meteorologist for *weathermodels.com*.

And none of the factors that hold a storm back were present, especially something called “wind shear.” Wind shear is when there’s a mismatch either in speed or direction between winds near the surface and those five to six miles up.

That mismatch “pushes the storm over” or decapitates it, Kossin said. When the wind shear near Michael eased, the storm took off, he said.

“It’s kind of like someone was holding on to it when it was trying to run, and they let it go,” Kossin said.



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This infrared satellite image made available by NOAA shows Hurricane Michael approaching the Florida Panhandle on Wednesday.

Scramble for holiday season workers already near fever pitch

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
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AP Staff Writers

WASHINGTON — Companies that depend on holiday season sales will need more workers at a time when the ranks of the unemployed have dwindled to their lowest level since the recession.

Envisioning an even tougher struggle than in recent years, many are taking steps they’ve not tried before to recruit seasonal workers such as offering higher pay, dangling bonuses and providing more full-time, rather than part-time, work. Some warehousing companies that fear they still won’t be able to fill enough jobs are turning to automation.

Meanwhile, the U.S. job market is the tightest it’s been in five decades, consumer confidence is near an 18-year high, and online shopping is surging.

“I can’t remember the last time it was this tight,” said Tony Lee, a vice president at the Society for Human Resource Management. “You are going to see a real battle for seasonal employees.”

At 3.7 percent, the unemployment rate is at a 49-year low, and the government says a record 6.9 million job openings are being advertised — more than the number of un-

employed Americans.

With more job seekers able to choose among employers, many companies have rushed to begin their seasonal hiring earlier than before. Kohl’s, the nationwide discount chain, with 1,100 stores, tried to get a jump on its rivals by advertising seasonal jobs back in late June.

UPS is holding its first-ever nationwide job fair next week. In 170 locations, applicants can have interviews on the spot, and driver candidates can schedule a road test. On its job-fair day — which it’s dubbing “Brown Friday” — UPS hopes to hire up to 40,000 of the more than 100,000 seasonal workers it will need.

Sakeria Crawford, who will start a seasonal package-handling job with UPS next month, will earn about \$13 an hour — the most she’s ever made.

“I’m very, very happy that I even have the opportunity,” said Crawford, 24, of Atlanta, who has a 3-year-old son. “I need something stable.”

Target wants to hire 120,000 seasonal workers, 20 percent more than last year. The company has raised its starting wage by a dollar to \$12 an hour. Applications jumped 20 percent in the first week after they were announced compared with the same period last year, according to Angie Thompson, a Target spokeswoman.

The company is further raising its minimum wage, in stages, to \$15 by 2020.

Trump says he may pick UN ambassador this month to replace Haley

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the latest shake-up for President Donald Trump’s turbulent administration, U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley abruptly announced she is resigning at the end of the year, raising questions about who will fill the key national security post and about the outspoken diplomat’s own political ambitions.

Trump later told reporters he was considering five candidates for Haley’s job and that a successor would be named in two to three weeks — or maybe sooner.

Among those under consideration, Trump said, is former deputy national security adviser Dina Powell. The Goldman Sachs executive and former Bush administration official is a close ally of Trump’s daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law, Jared Kushner —

both senior White House aides.

The news of Haley’s departure blindsided some key U.S. allies and many congressional Republicans involved in foreign policy matters. And it came less than a month before congressional elections, thwarting White House efforts to project an image of stability, with the loss of one of the highest-profile women in the administration at a time when women’s votes are being vigorously pursued.

A smiling Haley announced her decision at an Oval Office meeting alongside the president, bringing up her own political prospects even as she underscored her continued support for Trump. Without prompting from reporters, she said she had no plans to run for president “in 2020” and would campaign for Trump.

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Marijuana is set to become legal in Canada

BY GENE JOHNSON
AND ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

DELTA, British Columbia — Mat Beren and his friends used to drive by the vast greenhouses of southern British Columbia and joke about how much weed they could grow there.

Years later, it's no joke. The tomato and pepper plants that once filled some of those greenhouses have been replaced with a new cash crop: marijuana. Beren and other formerly illicit growers are helping cultivate it. The buyers no longer are unlawful dealers or dubious medical dispensaries; it's the Canadian government.

On Oct. 17, Canada becomes the second and largest country with a legal national marijuana marketplace. Uruguay launched legal sales last year, after several years of planning.

It's a profound social shift promised by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and fueled by a desire to bring the black market into a regulated, taxed system after nearly a century of prohibition.

It also stands in contrast to the United States, where the federal government outlaws marijuana while most states allow medical or recreational use for people 21 and older. Canada's national approach has allowed for unfettered industry banking, inter-province shipments of cannabis, online ordering, postal delivery and billions of dollars in investment; national prohibition in the U.S. has stifled greater industry expansion there.

Hannah Hetzer, who tracks international marijuana policy for the New York-based Drug Policy Alliance, called Canada's move "extremely significant," given that about 25 countries have already legalized the medical use of marijuana or decriminalized possession of small amounts of the drug. A few, including Mexico, have expressed an interest in regulating recreational use.

"It's going to change the global debate on drug policy," she said. "There's no other country immediately considering legalizing the nonmedical use of canna-



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Marijuana plants are shown growing in a massive tomato greenhouse being renovated to grow pot in Delta, British Columbia, that is operated by Pure Sunfarms, a joint venture between tomato grower Village Farms International and a licensed medical marijuana producer, Emerald Health Therapeutics. On Oct. 17, Canada will become the second and largest country with a legal national marijuana marketplace.

but, I think Canada will provide almost the permission for other countries to move forward."

At least 109 legal pot shops are expected to open across the nation of 37 million people next Wednesday, with many more to come, according to an Associated Press survey of the provinces. For now, they'll offer dried flower, capsules, tinctures and seeds, with sales of marijuana-infused foods and concentrates expected to begin next year.

The provinces are tasked with overseeing marijuana distribution. For some, including British Columbia and Alberta, that means buying cannabis from licensed producers, storing it in warehouses and then shipping it to retail shops and online customers. Others, like Newfoundland, are having growers ship directly to stores or through the mail.

Federal taxes will total \$1 per gram or 10 percent, whichever is more. The feds will keep one-fourth of that and return the rest to the provinces, which can add their own markups. Consumers also will pay local sales taxes.

Some provinces have chosen to operate their own stores, like state-run liquor stores in the U.S., while others have OK'd private outlets. Most are letting residents grow up to four plants at home.

Canada's most populous province, Ontario, won't have any stores open until next April, after the new conservative government scrapped a plan for state-owned stores in favor of privately run shops. Until then, the only legal option for Ontario residents will be mail delivery.

British Columbia, home of the "B.C. Bud" long cherished by American pot

connoisseurs, has had a prevalent marijuana culture since the 1970s, after U.S. draft-dodgers from the Vietnam War settled on Vancouver Island and in the province's southeastern mountains. But a change in government last year slowed cannabis distribution plans there, too, and it will have just one store ready next Wednesday: a state-run shop in Kamloops, a few hours' drive northeast of Vancouver. By contrast, Alberta expects to open 17 next week and 250 within a year.

There is no immediate crackdown expected for the dozens of illicit-but-tolerated medical marijuana dispensaries operating in British Columbia, though officials eventually plan to close any without a license. Many are expected to apply for private retail licenses, and some have sued, saying they have a right to remain open.

Market forces put America's recycling industry in the dumps

BY MARY ESCH
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — America's recycling industry is in the dumps.

A crash in the global market for recyclables is forcing communities to make hard choices about whether they can afford to keep recycling or should simply send all those bottles, cans and plastic containers to the landfill.

Mountains of paper have piled up at sorting centers, worthless. Cities and towns that once made money on recyclables are instead paying high fees to processing plants to take them. Some financially strapped recycling processors have shut down entirely, leaving municipalities with no choice but to dump or incinerate their recyclables.

"There's no market. We're paying to get rid of it," says Ben Harvey, president of EL Harvey & Sons, which handles recyclables from about 30 communities at its sorting facility in Westborough, Massachusetts. "Seventy-five percent of what goes through our plant is worth nothing to negative numbers now."

It all stems from a policy shift by China, long the world's leading recyclables buyer. At the beginning of the year it enacted an anti-pollution program that closed its doors to loads of waste paper, metals or plastic unless they're 99.5 percent pure. That's an unattainable standard at U.S. single-stream recycling processing plants designed to churn out bales of paper or plastic that are, at best, 97 percent free of contaminants such as foam cups and food waste.

The resulting glut of recyclables has caused prices to plummet from levels already depressed by other economic forces, including lower prices for oil, a key ingredient in plastics.

The three largest publicly traded residential waste-hauling and recycling companies in North America — Waste Management, Republic Services and Waste Connections — reported steep drops in their second-quarter financial results. Houston-based Waste Management re-

ported its average price for recyclables was down 43 percent from the previous year.

"A year ago, a bale of mixed paper was worth about \$100 per ton; today we have to pay about \$15 to get rid of it," says Richard Coupland, vice president for municipal sales at Phoenix-based Republic, which handles 75 million tons of municipal solid waste and 8 million tons of recyclables nationwide annually. "Smaller recycling companies aren't able to stay in business and are shutting down."

Kirkwood, Missouri, announced plans this summer to end curbside recycling after a St. Louis-area processing facility shut down. Officials in Rock Hill were surprised to learn that recyclables collected at curbside were being dumped because of a lack of markets. Lack of markets led officials to suspend recycling programs in Gouldsboro, Maine; DeBary, Florida; Franklin, New Hampshire; and Adrian Township, Michigan. Programs have been scaled back in Flagstaff, Arizona; La Crosse, Wisconsin; and Kankakee, Illinois.

Other communities are maintaining recycling programs but taking a financial hit as regional processors have raised rates to offset losses. Richland, Washington, is now paying \$122 a ton for Waste Management to take its recycling; last year, the city was paid \$16 a ton for the materials. Stamford, Connecticut, received \$95,000 for recyclables last year; the city's new contract requires it to pay \$700,000.

A big part of the problem, besides lower commodity prices overall, is sloppy recycling.

In the early days of recycling, people had to wash bottles and cans, and sort paper, plastic, glass and metal into separate bins. Now there's single-stream recycling, which allows all recyclables to be tossed into one bin. While single-stream has benefited efficiency, and customers like it, it's been a challenge on the contamination side.

A tour of Republic's facility in Beacon, about an hour's drive north of New York City, makes the challenges clear. A third of the material dumped by collection trucks is non-recyclable "contaminants" such as garden hoses, picnic coolers and broken lawnmowers. Workers have to pull that out and truck it to a landfill, adding to overall costs. Plastic bags contaminate bales of other materials and tangle machinery. Spilled ketchup and greasy pizza boxes turn otherwise marketable material into garbage.

"The death of recycling was completely avoidable and incredibly easily fixed," says Mitch Hedlund, executive director of Recycle Across America, which advocates standardized labeling on recycling bins so people understand what goes in and what doesn't.

A range of initiatives have been launched to get people to recycle right. Chicago is putting "oops" tags on curbside recycling bins with improper contents and leaving them uncollected. Rhode Island is air-

ing "Let's Recycle Right" ads.

While some recyclables have been diverted to other Asian markets since China's closure, there are also signs of market improvement in the U.S. to offset the lost business, said David Biderman, CEO and executive director of the Solid Waste Association of North America. He noted Chinese paper manufacturers that had relied on recyclables imported into their country have recently purchased shuttered mills in Ken-

tucky, Maine and Wisconsin.

Meanwhile, recyclable materials processors are re-negotiating contracts with municipalities to reflect the fact that prices paid for recyclables no longer offset the cost of collecting and sorting them.

"What we're advocating is to step back and re-look at recycling," Republic's Coupland said. "This is the new normal. The model no longer funds itself."

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of a weapon during a violent crime. Some of those charges stem from previous alleged crimes also involving the robbery of pizza delivery drivers. In four of those reported incidents, according to the release, the suspect is accused of orchestrating the robberies

by placing pizza orders to different addresses and waiting nearby for the driver's arrival. Hickman is accused of robbing a delivery man of a pizza, cash and other items at gunpoint about 10 p.m. on Sunday at a location on Charlotte Avenue, on the same side of town as Monday's reported assault. Two other similar incidents were reported on Sept. 26 in the 300 block of

North Magnolia Street and on Sept. 28 in the 20 block of Crescent Avenue. Police were able to link Hickman to another incident that occurred on Sept. 27 on Chestnut Street where a woman was approached at gunpoint by a man who ordered her to be quiet and threatened her while she was sitting outside. The woman managed to get away, according to the release.

At the time of his arrest on Monday, Hickman was out on bond related to an alleged 2017 sexual assault of a boy under the age of 7. Hickman was initially denied bond; however, he was later given a \$30,000 surety bond with GPS monitoring during a requested bond reduction hearing in August of last year. An investigation into Monday's incident is ongoing.

MICHAEL

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A Red Cross official said it's possible as many as 320,000 people on Florida's Gulf Coast did not evacuate, the AP reported. Michael went from a tropical storm to a projected Category 3 hurricane in about six hours before striking as a Category 4.

Brad Kiersman, vice president of operations and logistics for the American Red Cross, said the storm "intensified extremely quickly and didn't give anyone enough time to do much."

Gov. Henry McMaster signed an executive order

Wednesday extending a state of emergency that was in place from Florence, a crawling hurricane that dumped more than 2 feet of rain in swaths of North Carolina and northeastern South Carolina. The rivers that Florence flooded have just receded.

Beaufort County Emergency Management Division Commander Neil Baxley said a 15-year-old and two 9-year-olds

were playing in the ocean on boogie boards off Hilton Head Island just after noon Wednesday as the waves started to pull them from shore, the AP reported.

Lifeguards were able to rescue them and bring them to safety.

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CLOSURES, CANCELLATIONS AFFECTING SUMTER, LEE AND CLARENDON COUNTIES

Schools

All Central Carolina Technical College campuses are closed today.

USC Sumter is closed today.

All Clarendon School District 2 schools are closed today.

Lee County School District is closed today, including all extracurricular activities, after-school programs and athletic events.

Sumter School District is closed today with plans to re-open Friday unless otherwise announced.

Shepherd Center classes are canceled today.

Government

Clarendon County government offices are closed today. Pending the storm's impact, normal business hours will resume Friday.

The offices of the City of Sumter, South Carolina and Sumter County government are closed today.

All City of Sumter residential and commercial sanitation services, including garbage, recycling and debris,

are postponed. Thursday customer routes will resume a regular schedule next week.

All City of Sumter parks are closed today.

All Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments offices are closed today.

Medical

All offices of Tandem Health are closed today.

The 20th Medical Group, including the BX Pharmacy, is closed today.

Military

Shaw Air Force Base is operating on a mission-essential reporting duty status.

The following FSS facilities are closed: Child Development Center, Family Child Care, Youth programs, Rickenbackers, Carolina Skies Club, Afterburner Grill, Tee Top Café, Weasel Wagon, Carolina Lakes Golf Course, Shaw Lanes Bowling Center, Skeet & Trap Range, Woodland Pool, Wateree Rec Area, Outdoor Recreation, Spratt Education Center, Fitness Center, ITT, McElveen Library, MPP & IDs, Arts & Crafts Center, A&FRC.

Other

Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce is closed today and is planning to reopen at 8 a.m. Friday.

Sumter Family YMCA is closed today. Barring any power outages or damage in the area, it will reopen Friday at 8 a.m.

Harvin Clarendon County Library in Manning is closed today. Overdue fees will not be charged for items while the library is closed because of the weather.

South Carolina Department of Transportation has closed all movable bridges to marine traffic.

The Sumter Item's front office will be closed today. Expect a paper Friday and updates online as they come in.

This list was being updated throughout the day, and there may be more added since press time at www.theitem.com.

If you have a closure or cancellation you can officially release to us that is not on this list, please email pressrelease@theitem.com.

GRANTS

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The AWARE Grant is a total of about \$1.5 million per year but will be divided between Sumter, Florence School District 1 and Anderson School District 2, Williams said.

Through the five-year period, the total grant is about \$8.4 million, which will cover personnel, training, services and supplies in all three districts.

In the second grant — named the Central Carolina Consortium for GEAR UP Grant — the district will receive \$872,200 a year for seven years to help the entire current seventh-grade class cohort (1,240 students) increase academic performance and eventual entry into college.

GEAR UP Grants are designed to increase awareness and readiness of college programs.

Lori Smith, a district coordinator, gave an overview of the award to the board.

The district will partner with area colleges, including Central Carolina Technical College and Morris College, to provide various activities and services to current seventh-graders in all the district's middle schools and R.E. Davis College Preparatory Academy. Support services will be provided to that cohort of students starting in January and go through their first year of college.

Activities and services will include tutoring during the regular school day and after-school tutoring to students who need additional support, student mentoring, summer programs to include college visits for students and counseling on college.

Parents will also be involved in various services and activities, Smith said.

In the GEAR UP Grant, which is \$16 million total, the district joined four others in the state. Smith said Sumter's annual allotment adds up to about \$6.1 mil-

lion for the seven years.

BOARD SELECTS SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FIRM

The trustees voted to select B.W.P. and Associates as a consulting firm in their upcoming search for the district's next superintendent.

The firm's team consists of lead consultant Kevin Castner from Charlottesville, Virginia, and three people with area ties — Percy Mack, a former Richland School District 1 superintendent; Frank Morgan, a former Kershaw County superintendent; and Mary Ann Blaskowitz, who also previously worked for Kershaw County School District.

Castner said Wednesday the team will make a presentation to the board at an upcoming meeting soon and will also host community forums in the future to gather the public's input as it works to help the board in its search.

The district is paying B.W.P. \$25,000 to serve as its search consultant in the process.

A SERENADE TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Lemira Elementary School's Golden Steppers and the Percussion Ensemble conducted musical performances to open the meeting for the Board of Trustees and those in attendance.

In their performances, Lemira students serenaded and paid tribute to the board's three outgoing members — Vice Chairwoman Karen Michalik,

Linda Alston and Lucille McQuilla — who are not running for re-election in November. Monday's regularly scheduled monthly board meeting was the final one for all three. There is one scheduled work session for Oct. 22.

Michalik served a total of 16 years on the board and previously the Sumter School District 2 Board of Trustees. Alston and McQuilla each served one four-year term as a trustee.

IN OTHER NEWS:

• The board unanimously approved the allocation of about \$2.5 million for capi-

tal projects as part of an already approved \$8.4 million fall bond proposal. A total of about \$1.7 million will be for a detailed list of district maintenance projects, and about \$800,000 will be for Information Technology projects.

• Sumter County Relay for Life Chairman Shawn Rardon announced the district raised about \$47,000 in this spring's countywide Relay for Life event, which raised a total of \$105,000. Top-donating schools were Crestwood High School and Po-calla Springs, Willow Drive and Alice Drive elementary schools.

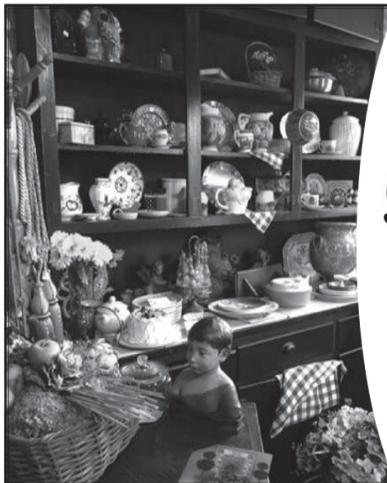
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

OFFICERS TAKE THEIR JOBS SERIOUSLY AND SHOULD BE RESPECTED

Roughly two months ago I had a family emergency and I dialed 911 and, in all my confusion, I hung up.

The very next thing, three young police officers showed at my front door. I apologized.

If there's anyone out there who thinks those officers don't take their jobs seriously, please think again. And always, when I/we dial either number, please show respect.

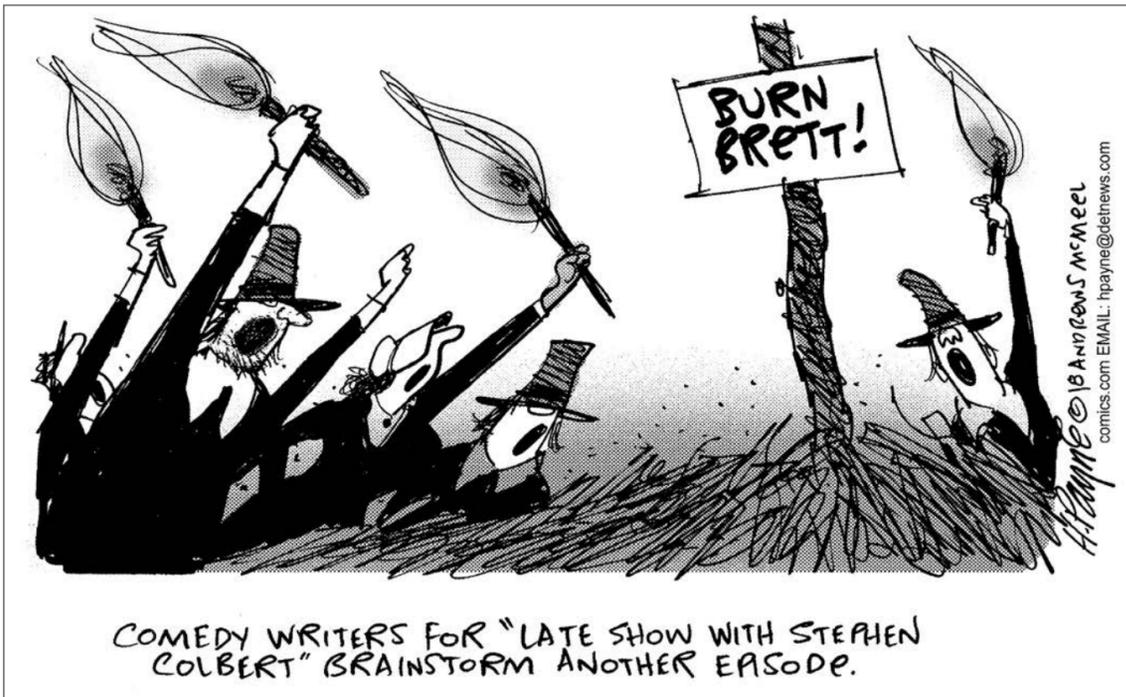
I really learned my lesson, and I will not forget it.

We all should remember when police officers are sent out, they have no idea of what they could or would be facing.

So, let's thank all of our South Carolina men and women police officers.

I also have a thing that I do when I see a military man or woman. I shake their hand and say thanks for your time to our country.

LILLI KALIE
Sumter



COMEDY WRITERS FOR "LATE SHOW WITH STEPHEN COLBERT" BRAINSTORM ANOTHER EPISODE.

COMMENTARY

Democrats' foul tactics may come back to bite them

"I can't think of a more embarrassing scandal for the United States Senate since the McCarthy hearings," said Texas Republican Sen. John Cornyn as then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the afternoon of Sept. 27, "and the question was asked, 'Have you no sense of decency?'"

Cornyn was quoting Joseph Welch, the Boston lawyer who represented Sen. Joe McCarthy's targets in the

June 1954 hearing, responding to McCarthy's charge that a young lawyer of Welch's was a communist. Six months later, the Senate censured McCarthy by a vote of 67-22, and his name became a synonym for manipulating parliamentary procedure and making spectacular and unsubstantiated charges for political gain.

Which is what Senate Democrats, with the active and avid cooperation of many of their friends and fans in the press, did throughout the confirmation process for Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh. They have, in truth, been doing it for decades now. Character assassination has become their weapon of choice.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, ranking Democrat on the committee, concealed a letter she received on July 30 from Christine Blasey Ford for six weeks, rather than turn it over to bipartisan staff in accord with normal committee protocols, which would have allowed confidential investigation of her charges. She did not take advantage of opportunities to pursue the matter in private meetings with the nominee or with committee Republicans. That allowed the letter's charges to be leaked, by one or more Democratic sources, after the long-scheduled four-day committee hearings on the nomination.

This naturally left the field open for other highly implausible charges to emerge from the undergrowth of ideological warfare, to be leaked to left-wing media outlets eager to give them an airing without being subject to the committee's bipartisan scrutiny. Senate Democrats, starting with Feinstein's opening statement in the Sept. 27 hearing, cited not only the ostensible subject matter, but also the dubious charge of Deborah Ramirez that Kavanaugh exposed himself to her while they were students at Yale; this was aired in the *New Yorker* but not in *The New York Times*, whose reporters failed to obtain corroboration.

Feinstein also raised the utterly ludicrous claim by slime lawyer Michael Avenatti and his client Julie Swetnick that Kavanaugh engaged in gang rapes. Swetnick has a history of dubious legal claims, and her incredible story totally lacked corroboration, but Democrats nevertheless launched it into public debate with their blessing and made sure it was in the official record.

News media reported a claim made in an anonymous letter to a Republican senator that Kavanaugh had shoved a woman up against a wall; the woman denied the story that day.

Nonetheless, the impression was cre-

ated that there were multiple plausible charges of sexual assault against the judge. One cable network headlined "5 accusations," even after one of them was retracted. Viewers were invited to assume that where there's smoke there's fire. Republicans, to their credit, took a different course. The morning of the Sept. 27 hearing, two men were reported to have claimed that they, not Kavanaugh, assaulted Ford in the 1980s. Sen. Lindsey Graham dismissed the charges succinctly, saying: "One's crazy as a loon. I don't believe the other one. ... I'm not going to play this game."

Events that led to the Sept. 27 hearing with Ford pitted against Kavanaugh were reminiscent of those that led to the October 1991 confrontation featuring Anita Hill and then-Supreme Court nominee Judge Clarence Thomas. Ford, like Hill, had requested that her charges not be made public. Democrats in both cases nevertheless violated that stricture.

Anger is a reasonable response. Clarence Thomas reacted angrily to the "high-tech lynching" and was criticized. Kavanaugh reacted with outrage to the even more voluminous and excessive attack on him, and he, too, has been criticized for it. It's been argued by some that his righteous anger demonstrates that he lacks the right judicial temperament. But it seems likely that at some point, voters, too, will react with anger to Democrats' revolting excesses. And voters always get the last laugh.

Feinstein's withholding of the Ford letter for six weeks, during the first of which her staff recommended that she hire lawyer Debra Katz, left time for a two-question polygraph test and for her account to be altered in several particulars, as the detailed Sept. 30 memorandum by Judiciary Committee Republicans' sexual crimes professional Rachel Mitchell demonstrated. Ford's testimony was further delayed, until 20 days after the regular hearings on Kavanaugh's nomination ended, by claims that the Californian accuser was afraid of flying.

Kavanaugh was not the first Supreme Court nominee in recent decades opposed by a unified Democratic front. Nor was Thomas. The first, in 1987, was Robert Bork, opposed by 52 Democrats and six Republicans, who was attacked for his positions on legal issues. Every nominee of either Republican or Democratic presidents since has declined to state their views on legal controversies.

In 1991, Thomas was opposed by 46 Democratic senators and two Republicans. This was far more than the three Republicans who voted against Bill Clinton nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg in 1993 or the nine who voted against Stephen Breyer in 1994. Chief Justice John Roberts drew 22 nay votes in 2005; Barack Obama nominees Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan drew 31 and 37 nay votes in 2009 and 2010, respectively. Republican nominees Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch drew 42 and 45 nay votes in 2005 and 2017.

Alito and Gorsuch were both confirmed, even though neither got the 60 yea votes needed to overcome a filibuster under the Senate rules in effect from the 1970s until very recently. In 2005, the filibuster was under attack by some Republicans, who favored a "nu-

clear option" in which the Senate would change its rules to allow a majority of senators, rather than a supermajority of 60, to close debate.

Republicans were particularly frustrated that Democrats used the filibuster to prevent confirmation of lower-court judges. One case in particular stood out: For more than two years, Democrats blocked Miguel Estrada's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, because of fears that this highly qualified Hispanic lawyer might be appointed to the Supreme Court. During this time, Estrada's wife miscarried. She then died of an accidental drug overdose.

By spring 2005, enough Democrats feared that Republicans would pass the nuclear option that the so-called Gang of 14 senators, seven of each party, was formed pledging that they would filibuster judicial nominations only "in extraordinary circumstances." They managed to hold down the number of Democrats voting to filibuster Alito to just 25 (including Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama), even though 42 Democrats sided against his nomination when it came to a vote. Among other results of the Gang of 14 agreement was the 2006 confirmation of Kavanaugh to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals by a 57-36 margin.

Senate Republicans, always more willing to vote for Democratic Supreme Court nominees than Democrats are for Republicans, made no attempt to filibuster the nominations of Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. But they used the filibuster to block confirmation of some of President Obama's appointments to federal judgeships. In November 2013, with lawsuits challenging Obamacare pending in the D.C. Circuit Court and three vacant judgeships, Sen. Harry Reid, then-Democratic Majority Leader, decided to employ the nuclear option, outlawing filibusters for lower federal courts but not Supreme Court nominations. Only a few years before, he and many Democratic colleagues had decried that proposal as a violation of venerable Senate tradition, a protection for the Senate minority and an incentive for bipartisan cooperation. But to preserve endangered provisions of Obamacare, all that high-sounding rhetoric was tossed in the trash. The nuclear option passed 52-48, and the balance of the D.C. Circuit Court was shifted temporarily to the left.

It was characteristic of Reid's 12 years as Senate Democratic leader that he did not bother to enunciate a neutral principle in favor of this rules change. It was enough that it served his purpose for the time being, and perhaps for a few years to come; in November 2013, there were three more years left in Obama's term, and it was widely assumed that Hillary Clinton would be elected in 2016 to follow him in the White House. Thus, the filibuster was seen by Democrats as an irritant from which they wished to be free. Once again, it was Democrats judging that the accumulation of power exercised or justified any procedural outrage.

For Reid, the ends justified the means. In August 2012, a few weeks before the national conventions, Reid went to the Senate floor (where his words cannot be questioned in libel lit-

igation) and attacked then-Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney for not paying taxes. "The word's out that he hasn't paid any taxes for 10 years," said Reid, knowing it was a lie he had invented. When asked for his source, he told reporters, "I have had a number of people tell me that." Actually, Romney disclosed records that said he paid \$1.9 million in federal taxes in 2011 and \$3 million in 2010.

The Washington Post fact-checker gave Reid four Pinocchios for his claim, but Reid was not embarrassed. When challenged on his false claim by CNN's Dana Bash, he blandly replied, "Romney didn't win, did he?" To the *Post*'s Ben Terris he bragged, "It's one of the best things I've ever done," and when Terris asked him whether there was a line he wouldn't cross in political warfare, he replied, "I don't know what that line would be." His party seems to not see any line now, either.

Reid's invocation of the nuclear option ensured that Kavanaugh would be in the minority in the D.C. Circuit Court in several important cases, but it also seems to have increased his chances of being confirmed to the Supreme Court. After President Trump nominated Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court in 2017, Senate Democrats made it clear that they would use the filibuster to block the Senate from confirming him.

Back in spring 2005, Mitch McConnell's predecessor as Senate Republican leader, Bill Frist, could not convince all of his Republican colleagues to support the nuclear option; many resisted changing a longtime Senate tradition. But in April 2017, after Reid had done so for federal trial and appeals court judges, McConnell had no difficulty getting his narrow Republican majority to make the change apply to Supreme Court nominations as well. It helped that there were no heavily publicized personal charges against Gorsuch. If Democrats had declined to change the filibuster rule in the relatively quiet winter of 2013, it might have been harder to persuade every Republican senator to do so in the turbulent spring of 2017.

One of my longstanding rules of life is that nothing is free in politics; there is some question of when you pay the price. The Democrats are now paying the price of Harry Reid's shameless promotion of lies and cynical and unprincipled changes in the rules for short-term gain. The question still remains whether voters will also make the party pay. Until recently, the intensity of the Democratic voter base was measurably greater than that of the Republicans heading toward the mid-term elections. Now the gap has closed. Conservative talk show hosts such as Rush Limbaugh warned Republicans that voters would destroy them if they were to fail to confirm Kavanaugh. It's an issue that has stoked political passions. If Democrats don't get the blue-wave election they have been hoping for and believing in, they will know at least one reason why.

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AROUND TOWN

Clarendon School District Two is beginning the process of screening students for placement in the Gifted and Talented Academic PRIDE Program. The school district conducts census testing of all second graders each fall on the CogAT (aptitude test) and ITBS (achievement test) as part of an effort to identify students for the program, which begins in the third grade. Students in grades three through eight who are new to the district or who have not been identified through census testing may be referred for screening by administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, parents, peers or themselves. **Deadline for referrals is Oct. 12** and referral forms are available at Manning Primary School, Manning Elementary School and Manning Junior High School in the guidance office. Contact Marie Gibbons at (803) 435-4435 or mgibbons@csd2.org.

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: 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.

The Concerned Citizens of the Horatio community will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at Willow Grove Community Center, 8106 Sumter Landing Road, Horatio. Call Lowery Williams at (803) 499-2236 for information.

The Shepherd's Center will hold its annual spaghetti lunch fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, at Swan Lake Presbyterian Church, 912 Haynsworth St. Cost: \$6 per ticket.

The MSA Hospice Annual Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, at Wise Drive Baptist Church, 2751 S. Wise Drive.

The Lee County Branch of the NAACP will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Dennis Community Center, 410 W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville. Stan Barnhill, director of the Lee County Registration Office, will speak. Ennis Bryant, chairman of the Lee County Democratic Party, will also speak. The public is encouraged to attend to learn about the changes and procedures to expect in the upcoming November election.

The One Sumter Community Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 Fulton St. The

candidates running for the at-large and non-partisan Sumter School Board have been invited to this meeting. The public is invited. Call the Rev. Joshua Dupree Jr. at (803) 795-3600 for information.

Lake Marion VFW Post 11078, Summerton, will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 1 Duke St., Summerton (behind First Citizens Bank). All VFW members are encouraged to attend. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Call Carl A. Farley, commander of the post, at (803) 460-8910.

The Carolina Coin Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Parks and Recreation Department building, 155 Haynsworth St. The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month and visitors are always welcome. Call (803) 775-8840 for more information.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, at the headquarter's building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All area veterans are encouraged attend.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 26 Council St. Call the alumni office at (803) 773-0444 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday or Wednesday.

A fatherhood fall festival, presented by the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at 687 N. Guignard Drive. The whole family is encouraged to attend. Event will feature trunk-or-treat, pumpkin carving contest, games, prizes, vendors and more. There will be food and refreshments for sale with proceeds donated to the coalition. There will also be a fright fight video game tournament with prizes awarded to first, second and third place winners for each game. Games include Dragonball Fighterz, Mariokart Deluxe, Madden19 and NBA 2K. Entrance fee for tournament is donation of a non-perishable food item (canned food, pasta, rice, oatmeal, etc.). Registration is limited. Register early by emailing acoston@midlandsfathers.com or call (803) 774-2140.

Because of God We Can Outreach Ministry will hold its final giveaway at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the home of Viola Shaw, 186 Green Lane. Food will be served at noon. Minister Darlene Dillinger will speak and Lisa Bradley will provide music. Donated items to be given away include clothing (adults and children), shoes, table saw, dishwasher, dresser, raised toilet seats, toilet safety rails, bed, comforter sets and much more. Call Viola Shaw at (803) 428-3488 for information.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
80°	56°	78° / 53°	76° / 54°	77° / 61°	83° / 58°
Chance of rain: 80%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 35%
ESE 20-30 mph	WNW 8-16 mph	N 4-8 mph	N 4-8 mph	NE 4-8 mph	SSW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

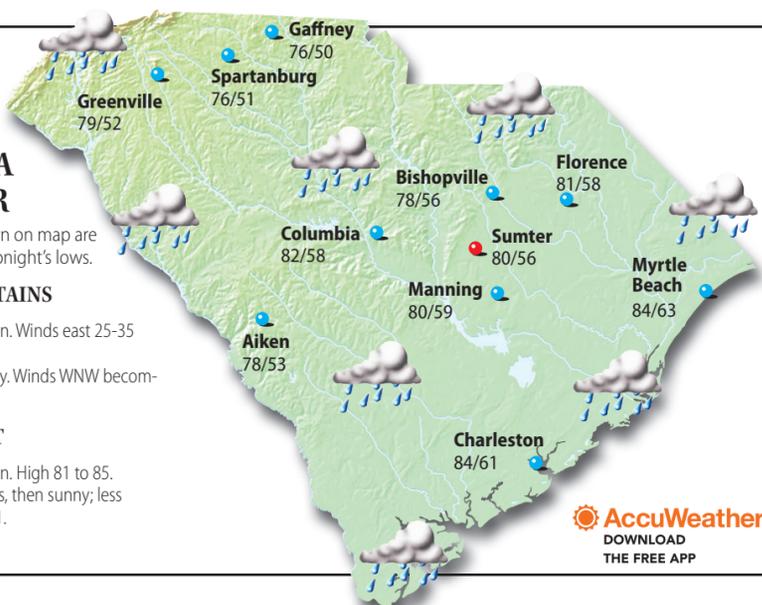
Today: Wind and rain. Winds east 25-35 mph. Mainly clear.

Friday: Mostly sunny. Winds WNW becoming SSW 3-6 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Wind and rain. High 81 to 85.

Friday: Some clouds, then sunny; less humid. High 76 to 81.



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LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	80°	73°	76°	53°	90° in 2017	36° in 1988

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	1.46"	1.50"	1.22"	34.01"	31.84"	38.46"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.14	-0.02
Marion	76.8	75.28	-0.05
Moultrie	75.5	74.85	-0.20
Wateree	100	96.14	-0.87

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.39	+0.15
Congaree River	19	3.62	+0.17
Lynches River	14	5.28	-0.60
Saluda River	14	2.22	+0.02
Up. Santee River	80	77.00	+0.04
Wateree River	24	16.27	+3.17

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:24 a.m.	Sunset	6:53 p.m.
Moonrise	9:48 a.m.	Moonset	8:54 p.m.

Phase	First	Full	Last	New
	Oct. 16	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	11:28 a.m.	3.7	5:45 a.m.	0.0
	11:38 p.m.	3.3	6:20 p.m.	0.1
Fri.	12:14 p.m.	3.6	6:28 a.m.	0.2
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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	79/51/r	75/54/s
Chicago	50/34/s	48/32/pc
Dallas	71/57/s	72/60/pc
Detroit	58/39/pc	53/37/pc
Houston	82/60/s	81/66/s
Los Angeles	72/59/pc	81/62/pc
New Orleans	83/61/s	80/65/s
New York	76/61/r	62/49/pc
Oriando	90/71/t	89/65/s
Philadelphia	79/57/r	64/47/pc
Phoenix	82/66/pc	80/65/sh
San Francisco	68/52/s	74/56/s
Wash., DC	79/57/r	66/49/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	73/46/r	69/46/s	Florence	81/58/r	77/52/s
Athens	83/51/r	79/53/s	Gainesville	92/65/t	87/56/s
Augusta	83/56/r	78/53/s	Gastonia	77/52/r	73/49/s
Beaufort	85/64/r	81/59/s	Goldsboro	84/60/r	75/52/s
Cape Hatteras	86/71/r	77/66/s	Goose Creek	82/61/r	78/55/s
Charleston	84/61/r	80/56/s	Greensboro	76/51/r	72/50/s
Charlotte	78/53/r	75/52/s	Greenville	79/52/r	75/52/s
Clemson	81/52/r	75/53/s	Hickory	75/51/r	72/50/s
Columbia	82/58/r	78/55/s	Hilton Head	84/64/r	78/60/s
Darlington	77/57/r	75/50/s	Jacksonville, FL	92/64/t	86/57/s
Elizabeth City	85/63/r	75/53/s	La Grange	80/50/pc	75/51/s
Elizabethtown	82/61/r	74/51/s	Macon	85/52/r	79/53/s
Fayetteville	81/60/r	76/51/s	Marietta	77/49/r	72/52/s
			Marion	73/48/r	71/46/s
			Mt. Pleasant	83/63/r	78/58/s
			Myrtle Beach	84/63/r	76/57/s
			Orangeburg	80/57/r	77/53/s
			Port Royal	83/63/r	79/59/s
			Raleigh	79/55/r	72/50/s
			Rock Hill	77/52/r	73/49/s
			Rockingham	79/56/r	74/49/s
			Savannah	86/61/r	82/57/s
			Spartanburg	76/51/r	73/50/s
			Summerville	81/59/r	77/54/s
			Wilmington	84/64/r	77/54/s
			Winston-Salem	76/53/r	71/50/s

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Volunteer your assistance

and get involved in activities that require your skills. What you do to help others will have an influence on how you are treated and what opportunities come your way. A favor you offer now will be repaid.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look forward, not backward. In order to bring about positive changes, it's best to let go of regrets. A clean slate moving forward will expand your vision, encouraging you to live in the moment and embrace the future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pack as much into your day as possible. What you accomplish will make a difference, and it will ward off those who are looking for fault or reasons to complain. Anger and aggressive behavior are a waste of your time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got more going for you than you realize. Don't be afraid to offer your thoughts and to work alongside people who are unique. Someone from your past will be a reminder of old dreams that you can turn into new possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give more consideration to what others may be experiencing before you say something you may regret. Problems at home or at work will result in unexpected changes. How things unfold will depend on your attitude and your actions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take some "me" time. Visit someone you find interesting or sign up for a course that will broaden your scope regarding what you want to achieve. Networking functions will lead to ideas, partnerships and new beginnings. Romance is

highlighted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't put off what you can do today. You'll feel better once you have laid your to-do list to rest, and you'll ward off complaints from people who like to point out your shortcomings. Hard work deserves a reward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions will be difficult to control. Consider what others say and do before you retaliate. You'll feel better and accomplish more if you focus on a creative project or something or someone you find unusual or intriguing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Concentrate on work and do whatever you have to do to earn your keep. Refuse to let someone who is a poor influence interrupt you or convince you to get involved in something that could tarnish your reputation. Avoid meddlers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Live up to your word. How you conduct your day-to-day affairs will determine how favorably you are received by others. An unexpected or unusual opportunity will change the way you live. Be open to new ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be gullible when dealing with friends, peers or relatives. Someone will take advantage of you or put you in an awkward position if you don't stand up for your rights and maintain your integrity. Be a leader, not a follower.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have plenty of opportunities today. Look at the possibilities and consider how they can lead to personal gains. A gift, investment, unexpected find or debt repaid will improve your mood and encourage personal or physical improvements.

PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Brooke Whiteley comments on her photo, "A sweat bee soaking up the last days of summer."

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PREP FOOTBALL



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning defensive back Trenton Brown wraps up a Georgetown ball carrier during the Monarchs' 37-7 victory on Friday at Ramsey Stadium in Manning. The Monarchs are going for their fifth-straight win Friday on the road at Waccamaw in Pawleys Island.

Monarchs seek third Region VIII-3A win against Waccamaw

BY DANNY KELLY
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The Manning High School football team looks to make it five wins in a row — but more importantly three wins in a row in Region VIII-3A — when it travels to Pawleys Island on Friday to take on Waccamaw beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Monarchs are 2-0 in region play and 5-2 overall. They are coming off an impressive 37-7 win over Georgetown. "Our defense played great and we got our running game going," Manning head coach Keith West said. "We also had a fake punt on fourth (down) and 12 (yards to go) that led to a touchdown, a blocked punt touchdown and a big (kick) return also."

Anthony Gibbs led the defensive charge with eight tackles and a fumble recovery, and he also blocked the punt that was scooped up and returned for a touchdown. Punter Chris Livingston completed a 25-yard pass on the faked punt to keep a scoring drive alive.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Local prep football games still on for now

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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With all of the local school districts and each of the five South Carolina Independent School Association schools cancelling classes for Thursday because of the remnants of Hurricane Michael expected to come through the area, there will be no athletic activities on Thursday.

However, each of the 11 varsity football games scheduled for Friday are still on, according to the athletic directors at each of the respective schools.

Some of the events scheduled for Thursday were moved up to Wednesday. It remains to be seen what kind of affect, if any, the postponements and cancellations, will have on the state playoffs, which are scheduled to begin in the next couple of weeks.

While the football games are still scheduled for Friday, it remains to be seen if that will be the case after Michael makes it way through. The South Carolina High School League has already added a week to the football season after Hurricane Florence affected schools along the coast in the north-eastern part of the state.

Sumter, Crestwood and Lakewood are all scheduled for home games. Sumter will take on Blythewood, while Crestwood will meet Dreher, and Lakewood will play host to Lower Richland.

Wilson Hall is scheduled to go to Columbia and take on Cardinal Newman, while Laurence Manning is at home against Hammond. Robert E. Lee Academy is at home against Carolina, Thomas Sumter Academy travels to Florence to meet The King's Academy, and Clarendon Hall is to play host to Wardlaw.

Manning will be traveling to Pawleys Island to face Waccamaw, Lee Central will go to Kershaw to take on North Central, and East Clarendon will be at home against Kingstree.

PRO BASEBALL



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Boston first baseman Steve Pearce stretches for the throw to the bag ahead of New York's Gleyber Torres for the final out of Game 4 of the American League Division Series between the Red Sox and Yankees on Tuesday in New York. The Red Sox won 4-3.

Red Sox hold off Yanks, face Astros in ALCS

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eduardo Nunez charged Gleyber Torres' four-hopper toward third base and whipped the ball across the diamond. Steve Pearce stretched, falling on his chest for a sprawling catch. The umpire signaled: "Out!"

The Boston Red Sox gathered around exhausted closer Craig Kimbrel, hugging and celebrating after the New York Yankees' two-run rally in the ninth inning fell short.

But wait!
In 21st century baseball, the game doesn't always end when it seems, hanging in limbo until umpires in a downtown Manhattan replay room agree.
A Yankee Stadium crowd of 49,641 wondered and the Red Sox paused as they watched from the infield in suspended celebration, fixated on the center-field video board.
After 63 seconds that felt like a lot longer, crew chief Mike Winters heard

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CLEMSON BASKETBALL

Clemson, Brownell looking for more after NCAA run

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Clemson coach Brad Brownell believes neither he nor his team is satisfied with their major accomplishments from a year ago.

The Tigers were 25-11 last season, matching their best-ever win total. Their 11 Atlantic Coast Conference wins were also a school record and Clemson returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since Brownell's first season in 2010-11.

"There are a lot of positive things going on in the program," Brownell said Wednesday.

Perhaps the most positive development was Clemson's core players that had the chance to give up remaining eligibility decided to return to school. Leading scorer Marquise Reed and point guard Shelton Mitchell explored the NBA draft before returning. Elijah Thomas, the 6-foot-9 forward who led Clemson in rebounds and blocked shots, decided early that he wanted another year.

Reserve forward David Skara, the Tigers' best defender last year, stunned Brownell when he wanted to go back to play professionally in



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson head coach Brad Brownell, left, talks to Elijah Thomas (14) and Aamir Simms (25) during the second half of the Tigers' 90-82 victory over Boston College in the quarterfinal round of the ACC tournament in March in New York.

his home country of Croatia last April. Skara floored his coach once more in August with his choice to rejoin Clemson.

It all makes for a veteran group eager to improve on its third-place finish in the ACC and move beyond the Sweet 16.

"These are guys that are proven players who have been in our system," Brownell said. "And I think they're still pretty hungry and that's what's really important."

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AREA ROUNDUP

Bates finishes 2nd straight undefeated regular season

The Bates Middle School football team finished with its second straight undefeated regular season with a 26-6 victory over R.E. Davis on Tuesday at the R.E. Davis field.

Zyeir Gamble threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Carrell Smith to lead the Bantams, who are 6-0 on the season. Donovan Nelson returned a kickoff for a touchdown, Jamal Taylor had a 20-yard scoring run and Terrian Nelson had a 10-yard TD run. Terrian Nelson also ran for a 2-point conversion.

Taylor and Calvin Harvin led the defense with five

tackles apiece.

ALICE DRIVE 20 EBENEZER 0

Alice Drive Middle School finished the regular season with a 4-2 record after beating Ebenezer 20-0 on Tuesday at the AD field.

Alijah Brown led the Hawks defense with three quarterback sacks and two forced fumbles. Xavier Bradley had six tackles, while Mason Gregg had five tackles and a fumble recovery. Keon Jett also had five tackles.

Jett led the offense with two touchdowns, and Josh Oliver scored the other one. William

Dinkins scored on a 2-point conversion.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

WILSON HALL 3 TRINITY-BYRNES 2

Wilson Hall won the final two games to beat Trinity-Byrnes 3-2 on Tuesday on Senior Night at Nash Student Center.

The Lady Barons, who concluded the regular season with an 11-17 overall record and a 4-4 region mark, won by the scores of 24-26, 27-25, 17-25, 25-22, 15-11.

Seniors Cameron Duffy had 21 digs and 10 kills, while fellow senior Sydney Jareckis

had 12 kills and 17 digs. Camryn Bateman had 19 assists, while Abbie Beatson had 31 digs and three aces.

Andi Grae Wingate had three blocks, three aces and five kills.

LUGOFF-ELGIN 3 SUMTER 2

Sumter High School fell to 1-5 in Region IV-5A as it lost to Lugoff-Elgin 3-2 on Monday. L-E won by the scores of 25-18, 19-25, 23-25 25-22, 15-9.

VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

SUMTER'S BRUNSON QUALIFIES

ROCK HILL -- Sumter High

School's Danae Brunson qualified for the upper state championship with her performance in the Region IV-5A tournament on Monday at Waterford Golf Club.

Brunson shot a 102 to earn all-region honors.

Sumter finished fourth out of five teams in the tournament. Blythewood won with a 300 followed by Spring Valley at 424, Lugoff-Elgin at 430, Sumter at 452 and Irmo at 588.

Other low scores for Sumter were Kathryn Parker at 111 and Audrey Shuping at 115.

From staff reports

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

5:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Shanghai Masters Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Shanghai Masters Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
1:30 p.m. — LPGA Golf: LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship First Round from Incheon, South Korea (GOLF).
3:30 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Nations League Match from Kaliningrad Oblast, Russia — Sweden vs. Russia (ESPNEWS).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — High School Football: Archer (Ga.) vs. Grayson (Ga.) from Loganville, Ga. (ESPNU).
7 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Mississippi at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Texas Tech at Texas Christian (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Georgia Southern at Texas State (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. — International Soccer: United States vs. Colombia from Tampa, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:30 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship Group B Match from Edinburg Texas — Cuba vs. Jamaica (FOX SPORTS 2).
8:20 p.m. — NFL Football: Philadelphia at New York Giants (WACH 57, NFL NETWORK, WNKT-FM 107.5).
10 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship Group B Match from Edinburg Texas — Costa Rica vs. Canada (FOX SPORTS 1).
10 p.m. — NBA Preseason Basketball: Utah at Sacramento (NBA TV).
10:30 p.m. — PGA Golf: CIMB Classic Second Round from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (GOLF).
4:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour British Masters Second Round from Surrey, England (GOLF).

PREP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Varsity Cross Country
 Sumter, Crestwood at Lakewood, 5 p.m.
Varsity Football
 Blythewood at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
 Dreher at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
 Lower Richland at Lakewood, 7:30 p.m.
 Manning at Waccamaw, 7:30 p.m.
 Lee Central at North Central, 7:30 p.m.
 Kingtree at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Cardinal Newman, 7:30 p.m.
 Hammond at Laurence Manning, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Robert E. Lee, 7:30 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at The King's Academy, 7:30 p.m.
 Wardlaw at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball
 Sumter Christian at Legacy Christian, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Varsity Swimming
 Wilson Hall, Thomas Sumter in SCISA 3A State Meet (at Augusta Aquatics Center), TBA

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

No. 23 South Florida at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

No. 1 Alabama vs. Missouri, 7 p.m.
 No. 2 Georgia at No. 13 LSU, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 3 Ohio State vs. Minnesota, Noon
 No. 5 Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh, 2:30 p.m.
 No. 6 West Virginia at Iowa State, 7 p.m.
 No. 7 Washington at No. 17 Oregon, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 8 Penn State vs. Michigan State, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 9 Texas vs. Baylor, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 10 UCF at Memphis, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 12 Michigan vs. 15 Wisconsin, 7:30 p.m.
 No. 14 Florida at Vanderbilt, Noon
 No. 16 Miami at Virginia, 7 p.m.
 No. 19 Colorado at Southern Cal, 10:30 p.m.
 No. 21 Auburn vs. Tennessee, Noon
 No. 22 Texas A&M at South Carolina, 3:30 p.m.

STATS FCS POLL

The top 25 teams in the STATS Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 7, points and previous rank:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (160)	5-0	4000	1
2. South Dakota State	3-1	3629	3
3. Kennesaw State	5-1	3592	4
4. Eastern Washington	5-1	3535	5
5. Elon	4-1	3281	10

6. James Madison	4-2	3126	2
6. Wofford	4-1	3126	7
8. Jacksonville State	4-1	2881	8
9. McNeese	5-1	2691	9
10. North Carolina A&T	5-1	2431	11
11. Nicholls	4-2	2228	12
12. Illinois State	4-1	2018	15
13. Weber State	3-2	2009	6
14. UC Davis	4-1	1869	16
15. Sam Houston State	3-2	1574	17
16. Rhode Island	4-1	1499	18
17. Towson	4-1	1480	23
18. Central Arkansas	3-2	1124	20
19. Stony Brook	4-2	1030	13
20. Colgate	5-0	1018	21
21. Maine	3-2	815	25
22. Montana	4-2	771	14
23. ETSU	5-1	415	NR
24. South Dakota	3-2	356	NR
25. Princeton	4-0	354	NR

Others: UNI 251, Idaho State 246, Villanova 169, Dartmouth 109, Missouri State 68, Chattanooga 66, North Dakota 60, Montana State 50, Delaware 37, Northern Arizona 36, Prairie View A&M 20, Incarnate Word 14, Western Illinois 12, Mercer 6, Tennessee State 2, Campbell 1, Bryant 1.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	2	0	.600	133	108
Miami	3	2	0	.600	99	117
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	63	118
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	123	105

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	87	86
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	102	86
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	124
Indianapolis	1	4	0	.200	118	138

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	153	130
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	132	77
Cleveland	2	2	1	.500	114	113
Pittsburgh	2	2	1	.500	143	133

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	0	0	1.000	175	129
L.A. Chargers	3	2	0	.600	137	130
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100	131
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	107	149

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	2	2	0	.500	83	87
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	83	96
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	103	104
N.Y. Giants	1	4	0	.200	104	128

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	180	140
Carolina	3	1	0	.750	104	91
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	112	139
Atlanta	1	4	0	.200	133	163

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	111	65
Minnesota	2	2	1	.500	113	131
Green Bay	2	2	1	.500	115	114
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	125	137

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	5	0	0	1.000	173	98
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	116	114
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	65	112
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	118	146

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Seattle vs Oakland at London, UK, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at Miami, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
 Baltimore at Tennessee, 4:25 p.m.
 Kansas City at New England, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Detroit, New Orleans

MONDAY'S GAMES

San Francisco at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

Denver at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

Tennessee vs L.A. Chargers at London, UK, 9:30 a.m.
 Minnesota at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Miami, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Washington, 4:25 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Seattle, Green Bay, Oakland, Pittsburgh

MONDAY, OCT. 22

N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 8:15 p.m.

MLB POSTSEASON

All Times EDT

WILD CARD

Tuesday, Oct. 2: Colorado 2, Chicago 1, 13 innings
 Wednesday, Oct. 3: New York 7, Oakland 2

DIVISION SERIES

(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)

American League

All Games on TBS
 Boston 3, New York 1
 Friday, Oct. 5: Boston 5, New York 4
 Saturday, Oct. 6: New York 6, Boston 2
 Monday, Oct. 8: Boston 16, New York 1
 Tuesday, Oct. 9: Boston 4, New York 3
 Houston 3, Cleveland 0
 Friday, Oct. 5: Houston 7, Cleveland 2
 Saturday, Oct. 6: Houston 3, Cleveland 1
 Monday, Oct. 8: Houston 11, Cleveland 3

National League

Milwaukee 3, Colorado 0
 Thursday, Oct. 4: Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings
 Friday, Oct. 5: Milwaukee 4, Colorado 0
 Sunday, Oct. 7: Milwaukee 6, at Colorado 0
 Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 1
 Thursday, Oct. 4: Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 0
 Friday, Oct. 5: Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 0
 Sunday, Oct. 7: Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 5
 Monday, Oct. 8: Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 2

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

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

American League

All Games on TBS
 Houston vs. Boston
 Saturday, Oct. 13: Houston (Verlander 16-9) at Boston (Sale 12-4), 8:09 p.m.
 Sunday, Oct. 14: Houston at Boston, 7:09 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 16: Boston at Houston, 5:09 p.m.
 Wednesday, Oct. 17: Boston at Houston, 8:39 p.m.
 x-Thursday, Oct. 18: Boston at Houston, 8:09 p.m.
 x-Saturday, Oct. 20: Houston at Boston, 5:09 p.m.
 x-Sunday, Oct. 21: Houston at Boston, 7:39 p.m.

National League

Game 2 Fox; all others FS1
 Los Angeles vs. Milwaukee
 Friday, Oct. 12: Los Angeles (Kershaw 9-5) at Milwaukee, 8:09 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 13: Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 4:09 p.m.
 Monday, Oct. 15: Milwaukee at Los Angeles, 7:39 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 16: Milwaukee at Los Angeles, 9:09 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, Oct. 17: Milwaukee at Los Angeles, 5:05 p.m.
 x-Friday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 8:39 p.m.
 x-Saturday, Oct. 20: Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 9:09 p.m.

WORLD SERIES

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

All Games on FOX
 Tuesday, Oct. 23: Los Angeles-Milwaukee winner at Boston-Houston winner
 Wednesday, Oct. 24: Los Angeles-Milwaukee winner at Boston-Houston winner
 Friday, Oct. 26: Boston-Houston winner at Los Angeles-Milwaukee winner
 Saturday, Oct. 27: Boston-Houston winner at Los Angeles-Milwaukee winner
 x-Sunday, Oct. 28: Boston-Houston winner at Los Angeles-Milwaukee winner
 x-Tuesday, Oct. 30: Los Angeles-Milwaukee winner at Boston-Houston winner
 x-Wednesday, Oct. 31: Los Angeles-Milwaukee winner at Boston-Houston winner

TIGERS

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Brownell's seat was very warm when last season began, a popular pick among some analysts as a coach in need of a big year to keep his job.

The Tigers delivered in a major way. Their splashiest feat may have been an 84-53 victory over Auburn in the NCAA's round of 32. Clemson hung tough in the following game before falling to No. 1 seed Kansas 80-76.

Brownell received a six-year, \$15 million contract that ties him to Clemson through 2024.

Brownell sees confidence, not cockiness entering this year, which gives him hope for another big year.

"Human nature is that we all our foot off the gas a little bit when we experience some success in life. We get patted on the back a lot, feel good about ourselves," the ninth-year coach said. "I've had a lot of conversations with our older players about that. But I don't see that in them right now. They've been pretty focused."

Brownell understands he easily could've watched all four of his seniors depart and is committed to making their final year in college a memorable one.

"I think they have things they want to do in this game and they know that they need to have productive senior years to try and help reach those goals," he said.

Clemson assistant coach Steve Smith said the team's steady rise and Brownell's stability has opened recruiting doors for the Tigers. Clemson was a finalist for Spartanburg, South Carolina star Zion Williamson before he signed with Duke.

Smith said Clemson's next step is to land such a difference maker and show that players can be productive playing with the Tigers and reach their goals of playing professional basketball.

"We're getting in places where we haven't been," Smith said.

Clemson added six newcomers to the roster, including 6-10 forwards Javan White and Jonathan Baehre.

White is a graduate transfer from Oral Roberts who is eligible to play this season. Baehre started 21 games at UNC Asheville last season and must sit out this year due to NCAA transfer rules.

The Tigers also bring in 6-11 freshman Trey Jemison, who was recruited by Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M among others before choosing Clemson.

Brownell always believed given time, he could make the Tigers contenders in the ACC. Now, he's got the players who believe it, too.

SOX

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the decision, took off his headset, raised his right fist and made it official: The Red Sox beat the Yankees 4-3 Tuesday night to win the AL Division Series 3-1, setting up a post-season rematch with the World Series champion Astros.

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OLIN A. DAVIS SR.

BISHOPVILLE — Funeral services for Olin A. Davis Sr., 80, who entered into rest on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday in the chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. The Rev. Nat Brown will officiate with burial to follow at St. Andrew Church of God Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and also at the home of Brandy Elmore, 604 Elmore Road, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Memorials may be made in his honor to Walker's Chapel, 99 Walter Ave., Sumter, SC 29153.

Born in Lee County, he was a son of the late B.B. "Doc" Davis and Ella Bradley Davis.

He is survived by his son, Olin "Bumble Bee" Davis Jr. of Sumter; daughters, Patricia (Van) Morris of Sumter, Christina (Justin Racine) Sok of Sumter, Tina Davis of Manning, Sheila (Legrand) Morris of Sumter and Vickie Davis of Sumter; grandchildren, Brandy, Faith, J.P., Grace, David, Lauren, Anna, Heath, Kayla, Keith, Melissa and Jayboo; great-grandchildren, Liam, Emmett, Katelynn, Zander, Zowie, Kaian and Easton.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, L.A. Davis, Wilford Davis and Tony Davis; and a sister, Margie Atkinson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Justin McCoy, David Berry, Keith Morris, Heath Gainey, Justin Racine and Bryan Young.

BETTY D. EMBRY

SUMMERTON — Betty Doughty Embry, 82, widow of Donald Edwin Embry Sr., died on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, at her home in Summerton.

Born on Jan. 23, 1936, in Norfolk, Virginia, she was a daughter of the late

Lonnie Wilson Doughty and Annie Eliza "Virgie" Livingston Doughty. She was a volunteer with the American Red Cross and involved in many humanitarian efforts both locally and internationally. She was a prolific artist and master Scrabble player. However, most of all, she was an encourager to her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Donald Edwin "Eddie" Embry Jr. (Deb) of Summerton, Amy Blanche Embry of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Emily Embry Dowdy (Danny) of Isle of Palms and Thomas Lloyd Embry (Katie) of Williamsburg, Virginia; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and special cousin, Jackie Kelly of Vance.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Heifer International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202, www.heimer.org

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

SIXTA T. ARANGO THAMES

MANNING — Sixta Tulia Arango Thames, 95, died on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, at the home of her daughter.

Born on May 6, 1923, in Bocas del Toro, Panama, she was a daughter of the late Roberto and Maria Dolores Garcia Arango.

She is survived by four children, Marion Thames of Summerton, Dolores T. Morris of Kingstree, Hugh Thames (Darlene) of Sumter and Douglas Thames (Kathy) of Charleston; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Clarendon Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Hugh Elmore officiating.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 307 Dillon St., Manning.

The family would like to thank Kathy Thames and the staff of Amedisys Hospice for their loving care and affection.

Memorials may be made to Amedisys Hospice Foundation, 3854 American Way, Baton Rouge, LA 70816-4013.

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VIRGINIA STILES

The Lord requested the presence of Virginia "Ginny" Stiles, 96, widow of Lt. Col. Edward Stiles, on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, at her home in Palmetto, Georgia.

Born in Coolidge, Georgia, she was a daughter of the late L.G. Baker and Jewel Barrow Baker. She was, at different times, a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church — through which she was active in missions including migrant and prison ministries, as well as Santee Baptist Crisis Closet, which she helped establish.

She also was involved in establishing the first Hospice programs in Sumter, serving as director for two years. She was president of the American Cancer Society in Sumter for three years. Mrs. Stiles received the Governor's Volunteer Award in human services in 1986, presented by then Gov. Dick Riley. She proudly served her country in the U.S. Air Force beginning in 1951.

She is survived by a son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Kim Stiles, of Atlanta; her grandchildren, Brad and Madeline Stiles; two stepdaughters, Allison Sexson and Sheridan Curtis; three step-grandsons; five step-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a son, Lehman; a sister; and two brothers.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, support can be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation or Grace Baptist Church.

Special thanks to Kevin Geddings, whom she regarded as a son, and caregivers, Lisa Hardin, Linda Magnin and Geraleina Baldwin.

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

ROGER LEE HUDSON

Roger Lee Hudson, 58, entered into eternal rest on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, at his home.

Born on Feb. 28, 1960, in St. Charles, he was a son of the late Nathaniel and Josephine Damon Hudson. He was educated in the public

schools of Lee and was a 1978 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, Elliott. He was employed at Georgia Pacific, until it closed, and later at Eaton Inc., until his health failed. At an early age, he joined Unionville AME Church. Roger Lee was a member of the Do Rite Masonic Lodge of Lynchburg. Roger Lee enjoyed sports — baseball, football and basketball. He played basketball in high school for the Mt. Pleasant Rattlers. He also played baseball with the St. Charles Red Caps and coached the B.J. Blue Jays of Lynchburg.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted special friend, Brenda Oliver of the home; a loving young man he raised as his son, Leandra (Tyquanna) Davis of Greenville; sisters, Mattie (the Rev. Leo) Chapman of Darlington, Patricia D. Wingate, Dorothy G. Hudson and Minnie Scarbrough, all of Mayesville, and Linda H. (Lafayette) McDonald of Sumter; brother, Kenneth O. (Melinda) Hudson of Dalzell; one aunt, Janie M. Wilson of Lamar; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 3200 S. Darlington Highway, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held

at 1 p.m. on Friday at Unionville AME Church, 1330 Swimming Pen Road, Mayesville, with the Rev. Alvin E. Webb, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at noon.

The funeral procession will leave at 12:30 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be at the Unionville AME Churchyard Cemetery.

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.

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

DEBRA KING FISHER

MARSHALL, Mo. — Debra "Deb" King Fisher, 63, of Marshall, formerly of Sumter, died on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, at her home.

A Wake and Living Wake will be held for Deb and Jeanette Klinge from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Klinge family farm located at 24643 Fox Ave., rural Marshall. Ashes will be spread under Deb's special tree.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Fitzgibbon-Mary Montgomery Hospice, Community Cancer Center or family choice in care of Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.campbell-lewis.com

Born on April 4, 1955, in Landstuhl, Germany, she was a daughter of the late Corvin and Jeannette Farmer King. Deb was a 1973 graduate of Sumter High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from College of Charleston and her master's degree from Francis Marion College. Deb was a teacher and retired from her alma mater, Sumter School District 17. Deb lived in Marshall the past 18 years. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church and Mid-Day Optimist Club.

Deb is survived by her life partner, Jeanette Klinge, who survives of the home; one grandson, Dylan Lee Fisher of Duncanville, Texas; two sisters, Valerie Hutchinson and life partner, Mike Reynolds, of Amity, Pennsylvania, and Denise Stapleton and husband, Emory, of Greenville; four nieces, Elizabeth Kay, Julie Fowler and Jenny Moore and husband, David, all of Greenville, and Amanda Bilodeau and husband, Jared, of Pembroke, Kentucky.

In addition to her parents, Deb was preceded in death by one son, Matthew Lee Fisher.

ELIZABETH K. GARRETT

Elizabeth "Betsy" Kathryn Garrett, 71, died on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, at her residence.

A funeral service has been rescheduled and will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Allan Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Bullock Funeral Home.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**REGINALD THOMAS**

CAMDEN — Funeral service for Reginald Keels Thomas, 74, was held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Powers Funeral Home, Lugoff.

Memorials may be made to Kershaw County Recreation Department.

Mr. Thomas passed away at home on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of the late James Wesley Thomas Sr. and Mable Keels Thomas. He served in the United States Air Force and retired from DuPont. He enjoyed farming and landscaping.

Surviving are his son, Mandrell Green (Alicia Wood); brother, James Wesley Thomas Jr. (Carmelita Thomas); and grandson, Austin Wood.

He was predeceased by a brother, Malcolm Blanding.

Sign the online register at www.powersfuneralhome.net

Powers Funeral Home of Lugoff was in charge of arrangements.

JOHN W. SPANN

John W. Spann, 74, widower of Dianne Sanders Spann, died on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

Born on June 19, 1944, in Sumter County, he was a son of Eugene Spann Sr. and Catherine Joiner Spann.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1475 Florence Highway (U.S. 76), Sumter.

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

IRENE C. MATHIS

Irene Chokos Mathis, age 91, beloved wife of the late Raymond J. "Chic" Mathis Jr., died on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, at her residence.

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Chris and Aspcia Stevens Chokas. Over the years, Mrs. Mathis worked alongside her family and husband in their many businesses. She was a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Columbia.

Surviving is one son, Dr. Stephen Marcus Mathis of Canton, Georgia.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Sumter Cemetery, 700 W. Oakland Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Fr. Michael A. Platanis officiating.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1931 Sumter St., Columbia, SC 29201.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter for the arrangements.

**SHALANDA R. WILEY**

Shalanda Renee Wiley entered eternal rest on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018.

Shalanda was born on Feb. 6, 1980, in Sumter, to George Wiley and the late Amelia Choice Wiley. She matriculated through the Sumter school system and was a 1998 graduate of Lakewood High School. She was the manager of Claire's Boutique in Sumter Mall for 15 years, where she touched many lives with her sense of style, warm personality, infectious smile and joy of the Lord and life.

Shalanda grew up at High Hills African Methodist Episcopal Church in Dalzell, where she served in the young people's department, the usher board and friendship choir. As an adult, Shalanda attended The Brook in Columbia, where she served faithfully on the First Touch ministry for two years. After the passing of her mother, she returned to High Hills AME, where she sang with the praise team, Next Generation choir and benevolence ensemble.

She enjoyed reading books, listening to music, cutting dry but hilarious jokes, dressing everyone, and harassing her goddaughter, all while mastering the art of no sleep.

Shalanda leaves cherished memories with her father, George Wiley; twin sister, Jawanda Wiley (Frederick) Stukes; brothers, Bryant (Amanda) Wiley and Malcolm Roach; aunts, Rosa Lee Wiley, Edna Wiley and Albertha Hales, all of Sumter, and Louise Hunter of Vineland, New Jersey; her precious niece, Taryn Wiley; beloved goddaughter, Deja Fennoy; dear friend, Tiffany Trollinger; very special friends, Jason Chandler, Denise Baker, Tia Deschamps-Turner, Caryn Brown-Bolden, Kirstin Richard-Goodman, April Howard, Crystal Dixon and Patrice Conyers; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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

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

Funeral services will be held

at 2 p.m. on Friday at High Hills AME Church, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, with Pastor Keith R. Mayes Sr. officiating. Interment will follow at High Hills Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 9 p.m. at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, 850 Carmiler Lane, Wedgefield.

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

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

DOROTHY M. FRIERSON

Dorothy Moore Frierson, 84, widow of Sammie Frierson, died on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, at Agape Hospice House in Lexington.

Born in Olanta, she was a daughter of the late H.T. and Ruby Floyd Moore. Mrs. Frierson was a member of Sumter Freewill Baptist Church of the Pentecostal Faith for more than 35 years.

Surviving are one son, Wayne Frierson of Sumter; one daughter, Joyce Brunson of Saluda; one sister, Betty Barwick of Alcolu; two grandchildren, Jason Frierson of Sumter and David Matthews of Saluda; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manning.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.

**MARIE EDEN JONES**

Marie Eden Jones, 95, widow of Samuel Jones, departed this life on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, at her residence.

She was born on May 17, 1923, in Lee County a daughter of the late Mary Bell Canty.

The family will receive friends at the home, 28 S. Purdy St., and the home of her sister, 929 Jenson St.

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

BRYANT PATRICK ROBBINS

COLUMBIA — Bryant Patrick Robbins, 34, husband of Christina Taylor Robbins, died on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in Spartanburg.

He was born on July 17, 1984, in Manning, a son of Worthy Land Robbins and the late Mary Patrick Robbins and stepson of Emma Murray Robbins.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 416 Valley Spring Road, Columbia, and at the home of his father and stepmother, 1278 Little Star Road, Manning.

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

ABE FELDSOTT

Abe Feldsott, age 95, beloved husband of 66 years to Florence Pearlstone Feldsott, died on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

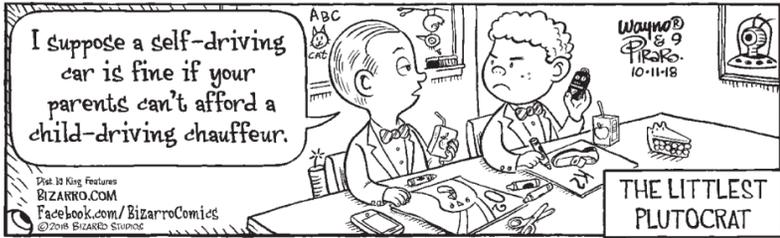
Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**CLYDE A. WHITE**

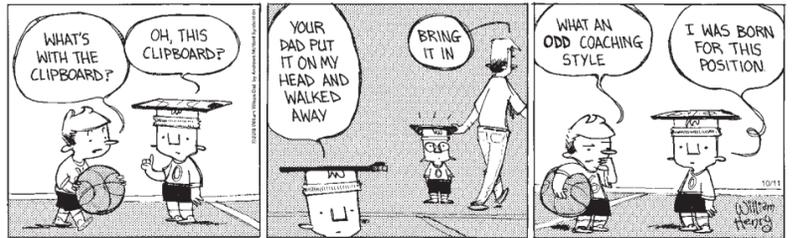
MANNING — Clyde A. White, 70, husband of Elsie Bryant White, died on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, at his home.

Services will be announced. Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

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WALLACE THE BRAVE



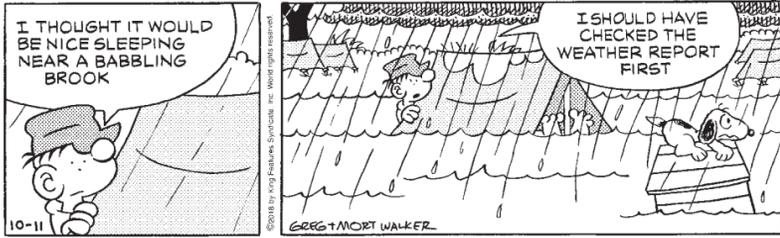
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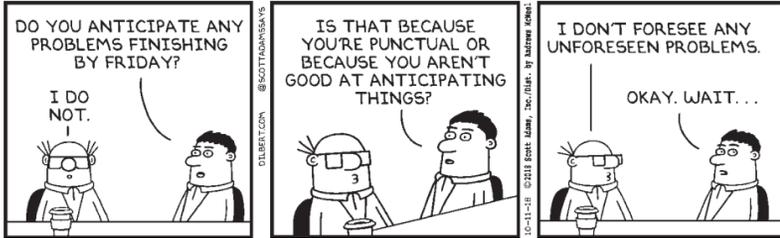
MOTHER GOOSE



DOG EAT DOG



DILBERT



JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



'Perfect' man vanishes when alcohol loosens his lips



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I have been dating the most amazing man for the past 11 months. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the day we met, this "perfect" man is showing some not-

so-perfect traits. I was unlucky in love for many years until he swept me off my feet. We have both become extremely close with each other's respective friends and family.

He's everything I have been searching for in a life partner and husband. But when he drinks, he confides his deep fears of dating me and enumerates each and every one of my relationship insecurities — nagging, anxiety, loneliness, etc. The next day he acts like nothing happened! He swears up and down that it was the alcohol talking and he doesn't mean any of the harsh words he spoke the night before.

Should I believe him? Please don't let me be the naive girl traveling down a dark rabbit hole.

Self-conscious girlfriend

DEAR GIRLFRIEND — Your "amazing" man appears to be a loose-lipped lush. Not knowing him, I can't guess the degree to which he blacks out when he's been drinking. Some alcoholics don't remember what happened the night before. Others simply don't

WANT to remember, so they claim amnesia.

Regardless of how you feel about him, for your own well-being, draw the line and tell him he needs to stop drinking. If he's as alcohol-dependent as I suspect he is, he will give you an argument or an outright refusal. And that's your cue to tell him if he wants a future with you, he will have to make a choice.

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

UNSGW

LATLY

LARLET

GRIFDI

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

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: VOICE FLOCK STIGMA SPRING
Answer: When asked if the sandpaper was rough enough, he said — OF "COARSE" IT IS

SUDOKU

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

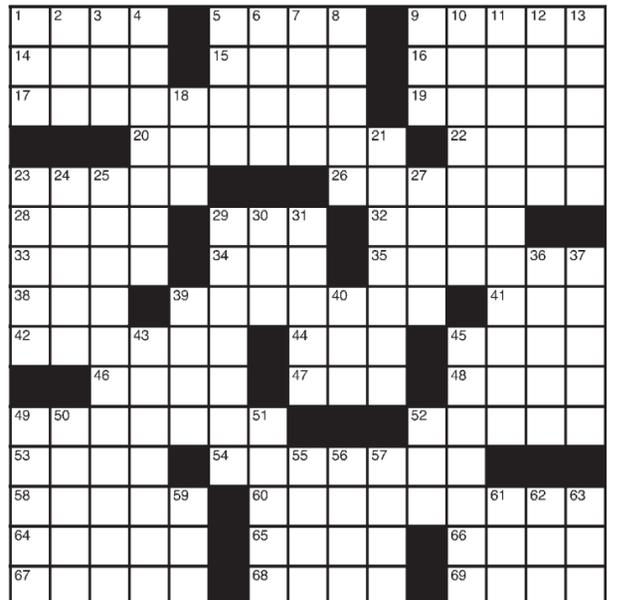
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Susan Gelfand

ACROSS

- 1 Moment of remorse
- 5 Portrayer of a big scaredy-cat
- 9 One thing on top of another
- 14 Saucony rival
- 15 Resort town near Santa Barbara
- 16 Buffalo hockey player
- 17 *They're for the dogs
- 19 French clerics
- 20 Make rough 22 tick:
- 23 Open, as toothpaste
- 26 By any means
- 28 It may be proper
- 29 Start to mature?
- 32 Poll gathering
- 33 Lancelot and Mix-a-Lot
- 34 "La Cage — Folles"
- 35 Bleak
- 38 Linguistic suffix
- 39 *Enter on the sly
- 41 Word before and after "oh"
- 42 Freshwater minnow
- 44 Chaps
- 45 2002-'03 viral outbreak, briefly

- 46 Together, so to speak
- 47 Droop
- 48 Plasm prefix
- 49 Followers of shots
- 52 Taj
- 53 Put the brakes on
- 54 Phantom
- 58 *Mental illness
- 60 Grammy winner Mann
- 60 Jiffy Lube service, and a hint to the start of the answers to starred clues
- 64 Engagement ring
- centerpiece
- 65 Lackluster
- 66 Like some U.S.
- 27 Key
- 67 Belarus capital
- 68 Start of a decision-making rhyme
- 69 Actor Miller of "Justice League"

- 7 Verbal hesitations
- 8 Reacts to yeast
- 9 ID issuer
- 10 Laptop alternatives
- 11 *Two-time women's soccer Olympic gold medalist
- 12 Espresso foam
- 13 *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- novelist
- 18 Short trip
- 21 Dropping (off)
- 23 Indy racing family name
- 24 Din
- 25 *Gravlox
- 27 Key mail
- 29 They go for the gold
- 30 Feel remorse for
- 31 Finals, say

- 36 Major artery
- 37 Germ-killing brand
- 39 Triangle ratio
- 40 Hawaii's Mauna
- 43 Buckles, as a seat belt
- 45 Yachting event, e.g.
- 49 Great divide
- 50 French-speaking Western Hemisphere country
- 51 Fine English china
- 52 "So-so"
- 55 Kerry locale
- 56 Extended family
- 57 Frozen dessert chain
- 59 "Yikes!"
- 61 Pince-glasses
- 62 Watchdog's warning
- 63 ORD posting

Previous Puzzle Solved

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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	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Jennifer Garner; Steve Carell.	Superstore Amy reluctantly agrees to a baby shower. (N)	The Good Place "The Snowplow" (N) (DVS)	Will & Grace Karen goes missing. (N) (DVS)	I Feel Bad Emet tries to stop coddling her son. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Revenge" SVU unravels a complicated revenge plot. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory "The Tam Turbulence" (N)	(:31) Young Sheldon Sheldon hides out at Tam's. (N)	(:01) Mom Bonnie tries to trick Adam. (N)	Murphy Brown "Hashtag Murphy-Too" (N)	S.W.A.T. "Fire and Smoke" The team protects endangered jurors. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Neil deGrasse Tyson; Michael Rapaport.	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Spa Getaway" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Momma Knows Best" Meredith goes on a blind date. (N)	(:01) Station 19 "Under the Surface" A young boy falls into water pipes. (N)	How to Get Away With Murder "The Baby Was Never Dead" The governor goes after Annalise. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Dakota Johnson; Ike Barinholtz. (N)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe Hunting for truffles.	Palmetto Scene Agape Chocolates; Bene wafers. (N)	By The River "Bernie Schein: Famous All Over Town"	By The River "Alan Chapat: Savannah Sleuth"	Jamestown Disdain intensifies.	Poldark on Masterpiece Cornwall's election approaches.	Amanpour and Company (N)		The This Old House Hour	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Lunar Excitation"	NFL on FOX Pre-game (N) (Live)	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at New York Giants. NFC East foes meet as the Giants host the Eagles for Thursday Night Football. Both teams are coming off tough Week 5 losses. New York lost to Carolina on a 63-yard field goal as time expired, while Minnesota defeated Philadelphia 23-21 on the road. (N) (Live)				WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Sinkhole"	Last Man Standing "School Merger"	Supernatural "Stranger in a Strange Land" (Season Premiere) Jack adjusts to life as a human. (N)	All American "Pilot" Spencer James seizes an opportunity.	The Good Wife "Crash" Alicia and Jackie clash.	The Good Wife "Conjugal" Alicia agrees to a conjugal visit.			The Game Derwin rehires Irv; Malik's lifestyle.	
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130		The First 48 "Stray Shot" Young thugs terrorize a neighborhood.	The First 48 Deadly home invasion in Atlanta.	The First 48 A teenager dies saving his friend. (N)	(:01) Nightwatch Nation "Testing Fate" Patrick prepares to deliver a baby. (N)	(:04) Nightwatch Nation Box-cutter knife attack; gunshots fired.	(:12:03) The First 48				
AMC	48	180		(5:00) ** "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña.	** "The A-Team" (2010, Action) Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Biel. Former soldiers form a rogue unit.		(:35) ** "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan, Bruce Greenwood. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.						
ANPL	41	100		Northwest Law "The Bone Collector"	Northwest Law	Northwest Law (N)	Northwest Law "Smoke on the Water"	Northwest Law	Northwest Law				
BET	61	162		** "ATL" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Tip Harris, Lauren London, Mykelti Williamson. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.	Shahs of Sunset The Shahs take Las Vegas by storm.	Shahs of Sunset A shocking discovery about Mike. (N)	(:35) ** "Above the Rim" (1994, Drama) Duane Martin, Leon, Tupac Shakur. Turmoil clouds the life of a talented young athlete.	Shahs of Sunset A shocking discovery about Mike.	Watch What Happens Live	Shahs of Sunset A shocking discovery about Mike.			
BRAVO	47	181		Shahs of Sunset Destiney hires a private detective.	Shark Tank Aromatherapy sprays.	Shark Tank	Beyond the Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank				
CNBC	35	84		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
CNN	3	80		(6:50) The Office "The Return"	(:25) The Office "Ben Franklin"	The Office "Phyllis Wedding"	The Office "Business School"	The Office "Cock-tails"	The Office "The Negotiation"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Jim Jeffries Show	(:12:01) South Park	
COM	57	136		Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Jessie	
DISN	18	200		Gold Rush: Haulin' Pay "Frozen Pay"	Gold Rush: Haulin' Pay "Rising Waters"	Parker fights rising floodwaters. (N)	(9:59) Gold Rush "The Story So Far"	Gold Rush One miner says goodbye.	Gold Rush				
DSC	42	103		Countdown	College Football Texas Tech at TCU. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter				
ESPN	26	35		High School Football Archer (Ga.) at Grayson (Ga.). (N) (Live)			Drone Racing	Drone Racing	Drone Racing			Baseball Tonight	
ESPN2	27	39		Chopped Candy and chicken feet.	Chopped "Halloween Hijinks"	Chopped "A Chopped Halloween"	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped	
FOOD	40	109		The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)			Fox News at Night with Shannon		Tucker Carlson	
FOXN	37	90		(6:40) ** "Hocus Pocus" (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker. Youngs conjure up three child-hungry witches on Halloween.	(8:50) *** "Despicable Me" (2010) Voices of Steve Carell, Jason Segel. Animated. Three orphans challenge one of Earth's greatest villains.	The First Boys of Spring	Driven	ACC All-Access	P1 AquaX USA 2018			*** "The Box-trolls" (2014)	
FREE	20	131		Women's College Volleyball Texas Tech at Oklahoma.	"A Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster, Merren McMahon. A successful wedding planner returns to her hometown.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls			P1 Superstock	
FSS	21	47		(6:00) "Love on Safari" (2018, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Jon Cor.	"A Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster, Merren McMahon. A successful wedding planner returns to her hometown.							The Golden Girls "Golden Moments"	
HALL	52	183		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop At	Flip or Flop At	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters	Flip or Flop At
HGTV	39	112		Mountain Men "Conquer the Mountain"	Mountain Men "Milestones"	Mountain Men "The Rising Storm" (N)	The Return of Shelby the Swamp Man	(:05) Mountain Men (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Murder at Catherine's daughter's school.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Murder and Wendy embellish their roles.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Murder at Catherine's daughter's school.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Mountain Men
HIST	45	110		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation The team investigates a boy's death.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Vartann and Catherine grow closer.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Irradiator" A family is murdered.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Hodges and Wendy embellish their roles.					CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
ION	13	18		Grey's Anatomy Miranda forms an advisory committee.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "The Bucket List" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. Dying men make a list of things to do before they expire.						(:12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	
LIFE	50	145		Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word			The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow	
MSNBC	36	92		The Loud House	Magical Things	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	*** "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015)		Friends	Friends	Friends	
NICK	16	210		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984, Horror) John Saxon.		"A Nightmare on Elm Street 2: Freddy's Revenge" (1985)			
PARMT	64	153		* Texas Chainsaw 3D (2013, Horror) Alexandra Daddario, Dan Yeager, Bill Moseley. A young woman meets her murderous relative, Leatherface.	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. Game 5 of the ALDS. (If necessary). (N) (Live)	"Leatherface" (2017, Horror) Sam Strike, Stephen Dorff, James Bloor. Premiere. An escaped Texas mental patient becomes a legendary killer.		MLB Postseason Show (N)	MLB Postseason Show (N)	The Guest Book (DVS)			
SYFY	58	152		(6:15) ** "Tall Story" (1960, Comedy) Anthony Perkins, Jane Fonda.	*** "His Girl Friday" (1940, Comedy) Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell, Ralph Bellamy. Comedy erupts in this reworking of "The Front Page."	*** "My Man Godfrey" (1936, Comedy) William Powell, Carole Lombard. A society woman picks a bum from shantytown to be a butler. (DVS)	7 Little Johnstons "The M Word"	7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons	*** "Theodora Goes Wild" (1936)			
TBS	24	156		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days	7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons	*** "Boyz n the Hood" (1991, Drama) Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr. Three boys become men in a tough L.A. neighborhood.					
TCM	49	186		NCIS: New Orleans "The Recruits" A Navy SEAL is murdered.	** "Safe House" (2012, Action) Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds, Vera Farmiga. A gade operative try to evade assassins. (DVS)	*** "Mega Machines: Sea Giants" (10 p.m., Science) looks at some of the largest fireboats ever made.							
TLC	43	157		ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	Laff Mobb Laff	Laff Mobb Laff	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	
TNT	23	158		Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	
TRUTV	38	129		NCIS "The Wall" A war vet helps solve a Marine's murder. (DVS)	NCIS "House Divided" The search goes on for Gibbs and McGee.	NCIS "Iwofer" A case of a murdered Navy lieutenant. (DVS)	NCIS "Exit Strategy" Torres' partner mysteriously vanishes. (DVS)	The Purge "The Forgotten" Joe remembers the past.	The Purge "The Forgotten" Joe remembers the past.	NCIS: Los Angeles "Praesidium"			
TV LAND	55	161		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens			
USA	25	132		Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta (N)	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Braxton Family Values	Braxton Family Values	Braxton Family			
WE	68	166		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing			
WGNA	8	172											

Can 'Murphy Brown' find humor in #MeToo?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

"Murphy Brown" (9:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) has its #MeToo movement. And not without some discomfort.

Tonight's "Brown" is hardly the first sitcom to mine awkward humor from a lame PowerPoint human resources presentation about workplace harassment. But it cannot be easy for CBS executives to laugh along, given the recent departure of network personalities Charlie Rose, Jeff Fager and Les Moonves.

At first, the seminar makes for slapstick. Frank (Joe Regalbutto) tries to adapt to the 21st century and submits to a phone app that buzzes him every time he says, or even thinks, something inappropriate. Soon, he's subject to all of the shocks that flesh is heir to.

Meanwhile, Miles (Grant Shaud) is driven to nervous disorder by his growing feelings for a fetching staff researcher, played by actress Paloma Guzman, who was probably in day care when the first "Murphy Brown" debuted.

The heart of the show belongs to Murphy's misgivings about her own past and memories of being taken advantage of by a professor and mentor (Harris Yulin) when she was young and impressionable. Did the fact that such behavior was "normal" back then make it acceptable? Or any less traumatic?

As her only female contemporary,

Phyllis (Tyne Daly) from the coffee shop provides a cantankerous sounding board and offers even more reluctant advice. Banter between two such veteran performers should be a delight, but instead seems weighed down with strident political sloganeering. Their dialogue sounds more like the exchange of bumper sticker quips or internet memes. It made me pine for the relative subtlety of Judd Hirsch's asides on "Superior Donuts."

Yulin is perfectly typecast as Murphy's nemesis and clueless chauvinist heel. His film and television credits as heavies, no-nonsense authority figures and bad guys are extensive, ranging from his role as a corrupt cop in "Scarface" to "Frasier," where he scored an Emmy nomination for portraying a gangster. You may not know his name, but you've seen his face everywhere.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Sam needs help on the 14th season premiere of "Supernatural" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- A trapped boy clings to life on "Station 19" (9 p.m. ABC, TV-14).
- Loved ones make a stink about too much ink on "How Far Is Tattoo Far?" (9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., MTV, TV-14).
- The 2017 shocker "Leatherface" (9 p.m., Syfy, TV-14) offers an explanatory



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Misha Collins, left, stars as Castiel and Jared Padalecki as Sam in the season 14 premiere episode of "Supernatural," airing at 8 p.m. today on the CW.

prequel to the oft-told story of "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre."

- A masked man delivers assault and battery on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- A CEO accused of murder becomes a client on "How to Get Away With Murder" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- "Mega Machines: Sea Giants" (10 p.m., Science) looks at some of the largest fireboats ever made.

SERIES NOTES

A brief encounter with an old friend on "The Big Bang Theory" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * A party spirals out of control on "Superstore" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) *

Day for night on "Grey's Anatomy" (8 p.m. ABC, TV-14) * Secrets and lies on "Young Sheldon" (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Michael and Janet intervene on "The Good Place" (8:30 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Boundary disputes on "Mom" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Major changes on "Will & Grace" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Emet worries she's coddling her son on "I Feel Bad" (9:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Jurors need protecting on "S.W.A.T." (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Nicole Chung is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Neil deGrasse Tyson and Michael Rapaport are on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Jonah Hill, Charles Barkley and Bazzi on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Dakota Johnson, Ike Barinholtz, Tom Morello, Portugal. The Man and Whethan appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Keira Knightley, Neal Brennan and Caitlyn Smith visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Mayim Bialik, Ben Simmons and Florida Georgia Line on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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Once vowing not to record anymore, Elvis Costello is back

BY DAVID BAUDER

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — Besides the fact that he's still here, Elvis Costello's fans can be grateful that he's open to changing his mind.

While something short of a vow, Costello said in 2010 that he didn't plan to record anymore. Yet on Friday, he releases "Look Now," his second disc since that declaration. The lush showcase for his backing band, the Imposters, is musically inspired by Dusty Springfield's "Dusty in Memphis" and has a renewed collaboration with Burt Bacharach at its heart.

That Costello, 64, is around to talk about it is because he was treated for what was described as a small, but aggressive form of cancer earlier this year. The world learned about it, somewhat to his regret, when he had to cancel some concerts.

The changing music business had taught Costello, like other older artists, that there was a

diminishing return to recording.

"I didn't feel like I could justify the vanity of making records, compared to making my living with what I do most of the time, which is do shows," he told The Associated Press. "Up until that point, it had always been that (recording and touring) were connected, and it was just finding a way to disconnect them again."

Thus began his "impresario years." He's had a handful of themed concert tours, including one focusing on the period around his "Imperial Bedroom" album and another accompanied by a game show-like "spinning songbook" that determined the evening's set list.

He didn't stop writing, however, much of it aimed toward theater. He and the 90-year-old Bacharach, with whom he made 1998's "Painted From Memory," are working on a stage show.

While waiting for that to

progress, longtime drummer Pete Thomas encouraged Costello to record some of the new material that had backed up. Costello recognized that his three-piece band had never really shown its range on a single CD, and concentrated on the garage band side of his diverse catalogue while in concert.

The work on "Look Now" is ballad-heavy and lightly soulful, with plenty of space for the rhythm section of Thomas and Davey Faragher, the keyboards of Steve Nieve, orchestration and backing vocals. This was his original idea for a follow-up to "Painted From Memory" years ago, although Costello didn't get to it. He said it benefits from the extra time and experience.

"Do we sound like we're old?" he said. "No, we sound like we know what we're doing and are alert to the possibilities. We could play it a lot of ways but we decided to play it like this."

The songs, which include a

20-year-old collaboration with Carole King, tell typically complex stories: a woman stripping wallpaper and reflecting on a failed relationship, a rich woman who disdains the former lover hired to paint her portrait, a woman whose childhood memories are haunted by her father's infidelities. In three of the songs, he sings from the perspective of a female narrator.

Another highlight is "Unwanted Number," a song he wrote for the female band For Real in the 1990s, about a

woman deciding to raise a child born from a youthful relationship. He subtly rewrites the song to de-emphasize the childhood abuse she suffered at the hands of her father and put more focus on her choice to raise the baby.

Material written with Bacharach — most notably "Photographs Can Lie" and "He's Given Me Things" — set the record's tone.

Costello said he and Bacharach haven't given up on Broadway. It's just a question of securing the financial backing.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Docket No. 2017-DR-32-02643

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

Eileen Rodriguez Rojas, Plaintiff, v. Hilario Rojas Barradas, Defendant.

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber at his offices located at 7 Surrey, Suite A, Columbia, South Carolina 29212 within thirty (30) days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for relief demanded in the Complaint.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Sharon Griffin, Plaintiff, v. Thermon Robinson, Defendant.

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscriber, 7008 Shakespeare Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29023, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid,

Summons & Notice

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*What you should know about
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Conquering her fear

Sumter woman's doctors
gave her 6 months to live
almost 60 years ago

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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*W*ithin a couple weeks of getting her master's degree, Eliza Black was told she would never be able to lift her arms to hang clothes on the line again. If she survived.

The 86-year-old breast cancer survivor still remembers that time when the fear of death loomed almost 60 years ago perfectly. Fear will do that. So will triumph, faith and love.

"That was the scariest thing I've ever felt," Black said.

She and her son, Randolph Black, remember having to drive to Columbia to the Good Samaritan-Waverly Hospital to get cancer treatment in the segregated '60s.

She remembers feeling tired. All the time. She remembers thinking it was simply because she had



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Eliza Black, 86, was diagnosed with breast cancer in the 1960s and thanks God and her doctors for her survival.

just gone through getting a master's degree. But she remembers, having been trained, luckily, in what to look and feel for, feeling a lump in her left breast. She said her doctor thought he got all the cancer out, having had to take the muscle in her breast and left pectoral and arm to get to it. But, when the bandages came off, it was already re-infested.

"Everybody I knew who got it died, so I thought why should I be different," Black said.

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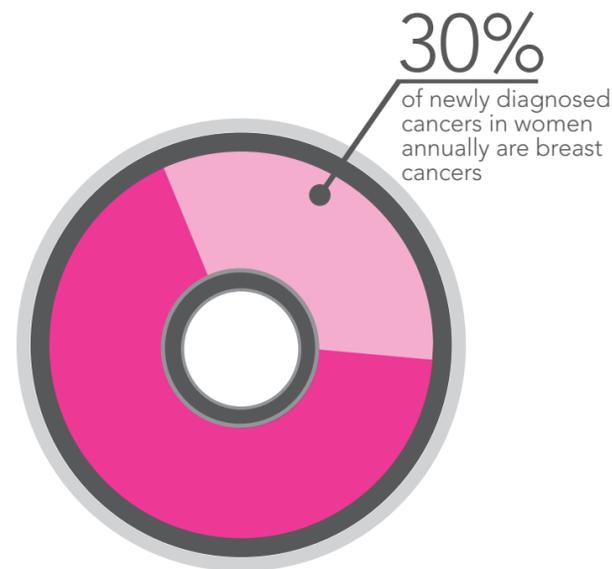
Know risk factors, symptoms of breast cancer

FROM THE CDC

Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. When cancer starts in the breast, it is called breast cancer. Except for skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women.

Breast cancer screening means checking a woman's breasts for cancer before she has any symptoms. A mammogram is an X-ray picture of the breast. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

Most women who are 50 to 74 years old should have a screening mammogram every two



years. If you are 40 to 49 years old or think you may have a higher risk of breast cancer, ask your doctor when to have a screening mammogram.

SOME THINGS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK

The main factors that influence your breast cancer risk are being a woman and

getting older. Other risk factors include:

- Changes in breast cancer-related genes (BRCA1 or BRCA2);
- Having your first menstrual period before age 12;
- Never giving birth or being older when your first child is born;
- Starting menopause after age 55;
- Taking hormones to replace missing estrogen and progesterone in menopause for more than five years;
- Taking oral contraceptives (birth control pills);
- A personal history of breast cancer, dense breasts, or some other breast problems;
- A family history of breast cancer (parent, sibling or child);
- Getting radiation therapy to the breast or chest; and
- Being overweight, especially after menopause.

SYMPTOMS

- New lump in the breast or underarm (armpit);
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast;
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin;
- Redness or flaky skin in the nipple area or the breast;
- Pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area;
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood;
- Any change in the size or the shape of the breast; and
- Pain in the breast.

CAN'T AFFORD A MAMMOGRAM?

If you have a low income or do not have insurance and are between the ages of 40 and 64, you may qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram through CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. To learn more, call (800) CDC-INFO.



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Eliza Black and her son, Randolph Black, traveled to Columbia for her treatment in the 1960s. She said beating your fear of cancer is important for surviving.

SURVIVOR FROM PAGE C1

Randolph Black, one of the four children she had at the time, was 13 when his mother was diagnosed. He remembers going to the doctors' offices and the appointments and the treatment centers.

"I had everyone up and down praying. As far as I was old enough to travel, I would go door to door, saying, 'Would you pray for my momma?' That's all I knew," he said.

Though the heaviest burden of a cancer diagnosis rests with the patient, his or her entire family and network are also affected.

"It was a family experience. We didn't know what she was going through, but we were all in this together," he said.

The doctors gave Eliza Black six months to live. At the most.

Of all the pain and fear she remembers, she also remembers, and knows to this day, that "God is good."

"I went to church, and it must have been a good service, because God healed me at that church," she said. "I was trying to take my dress off, and back then you didn't step

into no dress. You put it on over your head. I was pulling it off and they said, 'Momma, do you realize what you're doing?'"

She had her arms over her head. She said she is thankful for the help her doctors gave her and that she knew how to recognize the lump in her breast.

"But, there's a higher power," she said, "and God is good."

Black said though it can seem impossible, those diagnosed with cancer must beat their fear. The fear will incapacitate you.

She remembers being in the hospital and having her sister and her young daughter visit.

"I saw my baby girl. She was 18 months old, and she was about to forget who I was. She was going to be calling her aunt 'Momma,'" she said. "I took a look at my girl and said, 'No.' I want to raise my children."

She had three more children after going into remission. After getting tested from her doctor, she was able to breastfeed them all.

Today, Eliza Black can raise her arms to the sky.

How to juggle work and breast cancer treatment

FROM METRO CREATIVE

Age is a risk factor for breast cancer, as the organization Susan G. Komen notes that the older a woman is, the more likely she is to get breast cancer. However, data from the National Cancer Institute indicates that breast cancer rates in women begin to increase after age 40, meaning many women diagnosed with breast cancer have to juggle both their disease and their careers.

The nonprofit organization *Breastcancer.org* says that breast cancer treatments can produce some cognitive side effects that affect thinking and memory. Memory loss and difficulty concentrating are two such side effects that can make it difficult for working women to do their jobs while being treated for breast cancer.

Professional women diagnosed with breast cancer may be able to take advantage of short- and long-term disability programs that provide a percentage of their incomes if they are diagnosed with an illness that prevents them from doing their jobs. In addition, *Breastcancer.org* notes that, in the United States, the Family and Medical Leave Act allows employees to maintain their benefits and keep their jobs while taking up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to heal from serious health conditions.

Despite those options, many women may want to continue working while receiving treatment for breast cancer. Such women can heed the following tips, courtesy of *Breastcancer.org*, to overcome any cognitive effects of treatment so they can continue to perform their jobs capably.

• **Start taking notes.** Take notes during meetings, important work-related conversations and even doctor's appointments to counter any issues with memory. Keep such notes on a tablet or smartphone so they can be quickly and easily accessed throughout the day.

• **Write down deadlines and work schedules.** Accomplished professionals may keep lists of deadlines and work schedules in their heads, but that internal list might not be so reliable while women are being treated for breast cancer. Make use of the calendar function on your smartphone or tablet to note deadlines, even setting alerts so you receive routine reminders when important dates are coming up.

• **Make and routinely update a to-do list.** Some professional women diagnosed with breast cancer may be juggling work, treatment and their families. Keeping a to-do list and checking items off as they're completed can help women effectively manage such juggling acts and save time.

• **Set realistic goals.** Breast cancer treatment can produce a host of side effects, including fatigue. So women who plan to continue working during treatment should be sure to set realistic goals that take into account the effects that treatment may have on their energy levels. If need be, delegate more tasks and ask for more help.

Many women continue working while being treated for breast cancer. A few simple adjustments can help such women overcome many treatment-related obstacles.



Questions to ask your surgeon about breast reconstruction

FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

If you've had surgery to treat your breast cancer and are considering breast reconstruction, it's important to know as much as you can about what to expect. Your breast surgeon can help you find a plastic surgeon who should be able to explain all of your choices and answer your questions. Be sure you get all of your questions answered, so that you can make the best decisions for you about breast reconstruction.

To find a board-certified plastic surgeon in your area, or to find out if your surgeon is board certified, contact the American Society

of Plastic Surgeons.

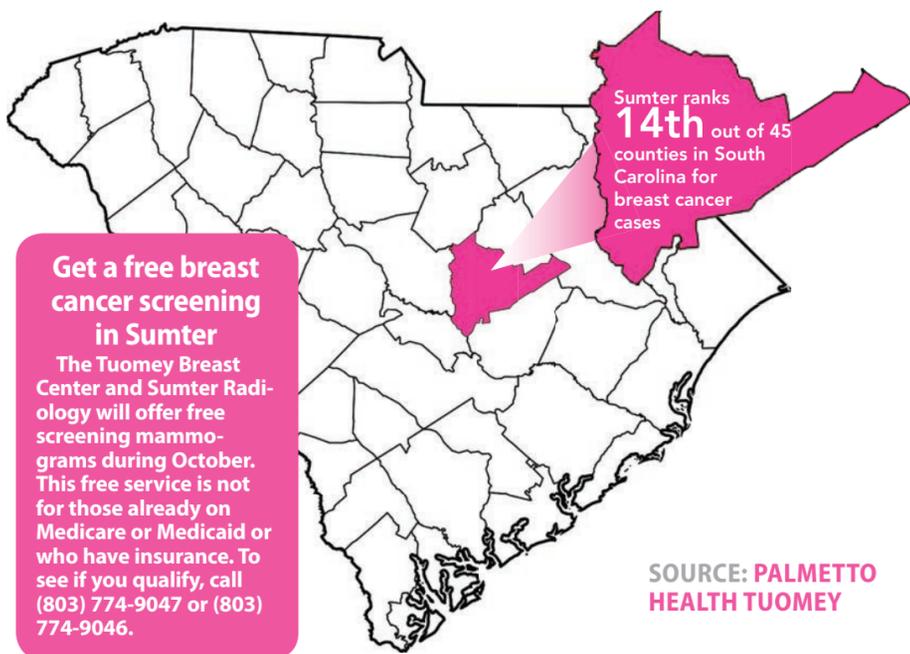
It's common to get a second opinion before having surgery. Don't rush to get reconstruction surgery, or even mastectomy, before you know all of your options. It's more important for you to make the right decisions based on complete information than to act quickly.

It's very important to get all of your questions answered by your plastic surgeon before having breast reconstruction. If you don't understand something, ask your surgeon about it. You might want to take notes or bring a partner or friend with you to the doctor to help remember what was said and to help ask other questions.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

- Can I have breast reconstruction?
- When can I have reconstruction done?
- What are the pros and cons of doing it at the same time as my cancer surgery versus waiting?
- Will reconstruction interfere with chemotherapy?
- Will reconstruction interfere with radiation therapy?
- What types of reconstruction could I have?
- What are the pros and cons with each option?
- What type of reconstruction do you think would be best for me? Why?

- What's the average cost of each type? Will my insurance cover them?
- How long would it take me to recover from each type?
- How many of these procedures have you (plastic surgeon) done?
- What results can I expect?
- Will the reconstructed breast match my other breast?
- Should I consider surgery on the other breast as well to help them match?
- Could I have the nipple reconstructed if I choose to? How would this be done?
- How will my reconstructed breast(s) feel to the touch?
- Will I have any feeling in my reconstructed breast(s)?



Get a free breast cancer screening in Sumter
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Breast cancer survival rates soar

FROM METRO

A breast cancer diagnosis can be a devastating blow. Upon receiving such a diagnosis, people may begin to ask questions about treatment and the impact cancer may have on their personal lives. Many people who are diagnosed with cancer also begin to wonder about their mortality.



Early detection and better treatment options are improving the chances of surviving breast cancer.

An estimated 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 63,960 new cases of non-invasive, or in situ, breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States this year, according to *Breastcancer.org*. According to the latest statistics presented by the Canadian Breast Cancer foundation, 26,300 women and 230 men had been diagnosed with breast cancer in Canada in 2017.

The good news is that breast cancer incidence rates began decreasing in 2000 after increasing for the previous two decades. In addition, death rates from breast cancer have been decreasing steadily since 1989.

The National Cancer Institute says that the change in age-adjusted mortality rates

is an indicator of the progress being made in the fight against breast cancer. The most recent SEER Cancer Statistics Review released in April 2018 indicates cancer death rates among women decreased by 1.4 percent per year between the years of 2006 and 2015. The American Cancer Society says that decreasing death rates among major cancer types, including prostate, colorectal, lung and breast cancers, are driving the overall shift in survival. The ACS says breast cancer death rates among women declined by 39 percent from 1989 to 2015. That progress is attributed to improvements in early detection and treatment protocols. For anyone doing the math, over the last 25 years or so, 322,000 lives

have been saved from breast cancer.

A similar scenario has unfolded in Canada. Breast cancer mortality rates in Canada recently decreased to 21.4 percent, down from 21.8 percent in 2011, states data from the Canadian Cancer Society. Currently, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer among Canadians is 87 percent, and the five-year net survival in the United States is 85 percent.

Increased knowledge about breast cancer, early detection through examinations and mammography and improved treatments are helping to drive up the survival rates of breast cancer. Although this does not make diagnosis any less scary, it does offer hope to those recently diagnosed.

What really causes cancer?

FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

We've all seen them: Facebook posts, viral emails and blog posts that make frightening claims about cancer risk from surprising sources. There are far too many to address here, but we've listed a few of the most common. You can also see the American Cancer Society's "What Causes Cancer" page for several other commonly talked about potential risks, from cell phone towers to water fluoridation. We would be remiss if we did not mention *snopes.com* as a leading source for reliable information about misinformation on social media.

PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

The issue: The original version of an email begins by saying "Many are unaware of poisoning caused by re-using plastic bottles" and says "bottles are safe for one-time use only; if you must keep them longer, it should be or no more than a few days, a week max, and keep them away from heat as well." The email says the bottles contain diethylhexyl adipate (DEHA), which it calls a potential carcinogen. A 2007 version of the email quotes an unidentified doctor as saying women should not drink bottled water that has been left in a car because the heated plastic of the bottle has certain chemicals that can lead to breast cancer.

Facts: These emails are apparently based on a student's college thesis. In fact, DEHA is not inherent in the plastic used to make these bottles, and even if it were, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says DEHA "cannot reasonably be anticipated to cause cancer, teratogenic effects, immunotoxicity, neurotoxicity, gene mutations, liver, kidney, reproductive, or developmental toxicity or other serious or irreversible chronic health effects." Meanwhile, the International Agency for Research on Cancer says DEHA "is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans."

MICROWAVING PLASTIC

The issue: Anyone who's heated something up in the microwave has probably wondered about possible health effects. One common email exploits this fear by quoting information allegedly contained in a newsletter from Johns Hopkins University, adding that the "information is being circulated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center." Various versions of

this email say a Dr. Fujimoto from Castle Hospital was on a TV program warning that heating plastic in the microwave or freezing water in plastic bottles releases toxins, like dioxin and DEHA. In August 2004, the email took on new life when the name of an American Cancer Society staffer at the bottom of the email seemed to give the story real credibility. In 2007, a "cancer update" email quoting a newsletter purportedly from Johns Hopkins Hospital with lots of other false claims was added to the email.

Facts: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on its website does say substances used to make plastics can leach into foods. But the agency has found the levels expected to migrate into foods to be well within the margin of safety based on information available to the agency. As for dioxin, the FDA says it "has seen no evidence that plastic containers or films contain dioxins and knows of no reason why they would." This email has its roots in a January 2002 appearance on KHON-TV, Honolulu, by a genuine person, Dr. Edward Fujimoto, who apparently made these claims. As to the information added in 2007 and attributed to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins officials say they did not publish the information nor do they consider its contents valid.

ANTIPERSPIRANTS

Internet and e-mail rumors have suggested that chemicals in underarm antiperspirants are absorbed through the skin, interfere with lymph circulation and cause toxins to build up in the breast, eventually leading to breast cancer.

Based on the available evidence (including what we know about how the body works), there is little if any reason to think that antiperspirants increase the risk of breast cancer.

BRAS

Internet and e-mail rumors and at least one book have suggested that bras cause breast cancer by obstructing lymph flow. There is no good scientific or clinical basis for this claim, and a 2014 study of more than 1,500 women found no association between wearing a bra and breast cancer risk.

INDUCED ABORTION

Several studies have provided very strong data that neither induced abortions nor spontaneous abortions (miscarriages) have an overall effect on the risk of breast cancer.

Young women can get breast cancer

FROM THE CDC

Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 and older, but breast cancer also affects younger women. About 11 percent of all new cases of breast cancer in the United States are found in women younger than 45 years of age. While breast cancer diagnosis and treatment are difficult for women of any age, younger women may find this experience overwhelming.

WHO HAS A HIGHER RISK?

Some young women are at a higher risk for getting breast cancer at an early age compared with other women their age. If you are a woman younger than age 45, you may have a higher risk if:

- You have close relatives who were diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer (particularly at age 45 or younger);
- You have changes in certain breast cancer genes (BRCA1 and BRCA2);
- You are of Ashkenazi Jewish heritage;

- You were treated with radiation therapy to the breast or chest in childhood or early adulthood;
- You have had breast cancer or other breast health problems such as lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS), ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), atypical ductal hyperplasia or atypical lobular hyperplasia.

WHAT CAN I DO TO REDUCE MY RISK OF BREAST CANCER?

Many factors can influence your breast cancer risk, and most women who develop breast cancer do not have any known risk factors or a history of the disease in their families. However, you can help lower your risk of breast cancer in the following ways:

- Keep a healthy weight;
- Exercise regularly (at least four hours a week);
- Don't drink alcohol, or limit alcoholic drinks to no more than one per day;
- Avoid exposure to chemicals that can cause cancer (carcinogens);
- Try to reduce your exposure to radiation during medical tests like mammograms, X-rays, CT scans and PET scans;
- If you are taking, or have been told to take, hormone replacement therapy or oral contraceptives (birth control pills), ask your doctor about the risks and find out if it is right for you; and
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Know what it is, what to ask and what to expect

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WHAT IS BREAST CANCER?

Cancer can start any place in the body. Cancer that starts in the breast is called breast cancer. It starts when cells in the breast grow out of control and crowd out normal cells. This makes it hard for the body to work the way it should.

Cancer cells can spread to other parts of the body. Cancer cells in the breast can sometimes travel to the bone and grow there. When cancer cells do this, it's called metastasis. To doctors, the cancer cells in the new place look just like the ones from the breast.

Cancer is always named for the place where it starts. So when breast cancer spreads to the bone (or any other place), it's still called breast cancer. It's not called bone cancer unless it starts from cells in the bone.

ARE THERE DIFFERENT KINDS OF BREAST CANCER?

There are many types of breast cancer. Your doctor can tell you more about the type you have. Below are the medical names for the most common types of breast cancer. (Carcinoma is another name for cancer.)

- **Ductal carcinoma in situ or DCIS**
DCIS is very early breast cancer. In DCIS, the cancer cells are only found inside the ducts. (Ducts are the tiny tubes that carry milk to the nipple). The cancer cells have not spread through the walls of the ducts into the nearby breast tissue. Nearly all women with DCIS can be cured.

- **Lobular carcinoma in situ or LCIS**
LCIS starts in the glands that make milk but does not grow through the walls of the glands. It's not cancer, but women with LCIS have a higher chance of getting breast cancer. If you have LCIS, you should be sure to get mammograms the way your doctor tells you to.

- **Invasive ductal carcinoma**
This is the most common type of breast cancer. It starts in a milk duct of the breast and grows through the wall of the duct into the nearby breast tissue. It can spread to other parts of the body, too.

- **Invasive lobular carcinoma**
This breast cancer starts in the milk glands. These glands are called lobules. It can spread to other parts of the body.

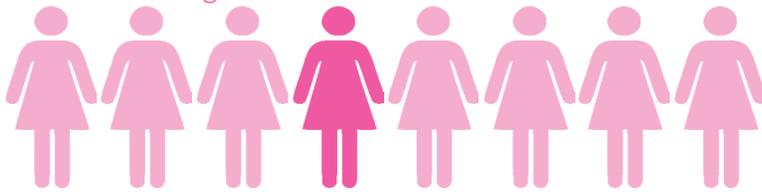
- **Inflammatory breast cancer or IBC**
This is a rare type of breast cancer. Most often, there's no lump or tumor. IBC makes the skin of the breast look red and feel warm. The skin can also look thick and pitted — kind of like an orange peel. The breast may get bigger, harder, tender, or itchy.

Because there's no lump, IBC may not show up on a mammogram. This can make it harder to find IBC early. It's more likely to spread and is harder to cure than invasive ductal or lobular cancer.

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE DOCTOR

- Why do you think I have cancer?
- Is there a chance I don't have cancer?
- Would you please write down the kind of cancer you think I might have?
- What will happen next?
- How does the doctor know I have breast cancer?

1 in 8 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer



TESTS THAT MAY BE DONE

A change seen on your mammogram may be the first sign of breast cancer. Or you may have found a lump or other change in your breast.

The doctor asks you questions about your health and does a physical exam. A breast exam is done to look for changes in the nipples or the skin of your breasts. The doctor also checks the lymph nodes under your arm and above your collarbone. Swollen or hard lymph nodes might mean breast cancer has spread.

If signs are pointing to breast cancer, more tests will be done. Here are some of the tests you may need:

- **Mammogram:** Mammograms are mostly used to find breast cancer early. But another mammogram may be done to look more closely at the breast problem you might have.

- **MRI scan:** MRIs use radio waves and strong magnets instead of x-rays to take pictures. MRIs can be used to learn more about the size of the cancer and look for other tumors in the breast.

- **Breast ultrasound:** For this test, a small wand is moved around on your skin. It gives off sound waves and picks up the echoes as they bounce off tissues. The echoes are made into a picture that you can see on a computer screen. Ultrasound can help the doctor see if a lump is a fluid-filled cyst or a tumor that could be cancer.

- **Ductogram:** This test may be used to help find the cause of nipple discharge. To do the test, the doctor places a very thin plastic tube through the nipple and into the duct. A small amount of dye is put into the duct. It outlines the shape of the duct on an x-ray and shows if there's a tumor in the duct.

- **Nipple discharge exam:** If you have fluid coming from your nipple, some of it may be sent to a lab to see if there are cancer cells in it.

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE DOCTOR

- What tests will I need to have?
- Who will do these tests?
- Where will they be done?
- Who can explain them to me?
- How and when will I get the results?
- Who will explain the results to me?
- What do I need to do next?
- How serious is my cancer?

BREAST BIOPSY

In a biopsy, the doctor takes out a small piece of tissue to check it for cancer cells. There are many types of biopsies. Ask your doctor what kind you will need. Each type has pros and cons. The choice of which type to use depends on your own case.

Sometimes, surgery is needed to take out all or part of the lump to find out if it's cancer. This is often done in a hospital under local anesthesia. This means you're awake but your breast is numb. You may also be given medicine to make you sleepy.

GRADING BREAST CANCER

The cancer cells in the biopsy sample will be graded. This helps doctors predict how fast the cancer is likely to grow and spread. Cancer cells are graded

based on how much they look like normal cells. Grades 1, 2, and 3 are used. Cells that look very different from normal cells are given a higher grade (3) and tend to grow faster. Ask the doctor to explain the grade of your cancer. The grade helps the doctor decide which treatment is best for you.

If you have breast cancer, the doctor will want to find out how far it has spread. This is called staging. You may have heard other people say that their cancer was "stage 1" or "stage 2." Your doctor will want to find out the stage of your cancer to help decide what type of treatment is best for you.

The stage describes the spread of the cancer through the breast. It also tells if the cancer has spread to other organs of your body that are close by or farther away.

Your cancer can be stage 1, 2, 3, or 4. The lower the number, the less the cancer has spread. A higher number, like stage 4, means a more serious cancer that has spread beyond the breast.

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE DOCTOR

- Do you know the stage of the cancer?
- If not, how and when will you find out the stage of the cancer?
- Would you explain to me what the stage means in my case?
- Based on the stage of the cancer, how long do you think I'll live?
- What will happen next?
- What kind of treatment will I need?

There are many ways to treat breast cancer, but the main types of treatment are local or systemic.

Surgery and radiation are used to treat only the cancer. They do not affect the rest of the body. This is called local treatment.

Chemo and hormone treatment drugs go through the whole body. They can reach cancer cells anywhere in the body. They are called systemic treatment.

Doctors often use both local and systemic treatments to treat breast cancer. The treatment plan that's best for you will depend on:

- The stage and grade of the cancer
- The chance that a type of treatment will cure the cancer or help in some way
- Your age
- Other health problems you have
- Your feelings about the treatment and the side effects that come with it

SURGERY FOR BREAST CANCER

Most women with breast cancer have some type of surgery. Some types of surgery are lumpectomy, mastectomy, and taking out lymph nodes from the underarm. Women who have a mastectomy may also decide to have the breast shape rebuilt.

CHOOSING BETWEEN LUMPECTOMY AND MASTECTOMY

Lumpectomy only takes out the lump and a little bit around it. It lets you keep most of your breast. The downside is that you'll most likely need radiation treatment after surgery. But some women who have a mastectomy also need radiation afterward.

When choosing between a lumpectomy and mastectomy, be sure to get all the facts. At first you may think that a mastectomy is the best way to "get it all out." Women tend to choose mastectomy because of this. But in most cases, lumpectomy is just as good as mastectomy.

RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

If you have a mastectomy, you may want to think about having your breast shape rebuilt. This is called breast reconstruction. It's not done to treat the cancer. It's done to build a breast shape that looks a lot like your natural breast.

If you're going to have a mastectomy and are thinking about having reconstruction, you should talk to a plastic surgeon before the mastectomy is done. Your breast can be rebuilt at the same time the mastectomy is done or later on.

SIDE EFFECTS OF SURGERY

Any type of surgery can have risks and side effects. Be sure to ask the doctor what you can expect. If you have problems, let your doctors know. Doctors who treat women with breast cancer should be able to help you with any problems that come up.

RADIATION TREATMENTS

Radiation uses high-energy rays (like x-rays) to kill cancer cells. This treatment may be used to kill any cancer cells that may be left in the breast, chest, or arm pit after surgery.

There are 2 main ways radiation can be given. It can be aimed at the breast from a machine outside the body. This is called external beam radiation. Or, radioactive seeds can be put right into the breast tissue near the cancer. This is called brachytherapy.

SIDE EFFECTS OF RADIATION TREATMENTS

If your doctor suggests radiation treatment, talk about what side effects might happen. Side effects depend on the type of radiation that's used. The most common side effects of radiation are: Skin changes where the radiation is given and feeling very tired (fatigue)

Most side effects get better after treatment ends. Some might last longer. Talk to your cancer care team about what you can expect.

CHEMO

Chemo is the short word for chemotherapy — the use of drugs to fight cancer. The drugs may be given into a vein or taken as pills. These drugs go into the blood and spread through the body. Chemo is given in cycles or rounds. Each round of treatment is followed by a break. Most of the time, 2 or more chemo drugs are given. Treatment often lasts for many months.

HORMONE TREATMENT

Estrogen is the female hormone that your body makes until you go through the change of life (menopause). After that, the body still makes it but in much smaller amounts. Even these small amounts are enough to cause some breast cancers to grow. Drugs that block the effect of estrogen or cut down estrogen levels can be used to treat these breast cancers. Drugs like this are a type of hormone treatment.

Tamoxifen is the estrogen-blocking drug that's most often used. It's taken as a pill once a day, usually for 5 years after surgery. It helps lower the chances of the cancer coming back for some women.



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