

School reform waits for funding plans

Some say legislators did well this session on issue, but survey holds up initiatives

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Improving public education in the state has become a hot issue since the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled

in favor of the plaintiffs in Abbeville School District v. The State of South Carolina, declaring the state was not providing a sufficient education as provided for in the South Carolina Constitution.

In that November 2014 ruling, the court said state institutions had "failed in their constitutional duty to ensure that students in the plaintiff districts receive the requisite educa-

tional opportunity."

In a highly controversial move, the court ordered the state and the plaintiff districts to "present a plan to address the constitutional violation ... with special emphasis on the statutory and administrative pieces necessary to aid the myriad troubles facing these districts at both state and local levels."

In response to the ruling, House Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Darlington, es-

tablished the House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force, which included legislators, education professionals, representatives of the plaintiffs and a broad range of education and policy experts to hold hearings on how to proceed.

The task force's report was released on Dec. 17, 2015, and was widely hailed

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Fit Fest's goal is to spread awareness of deformity

Tetralogy of Fallot is a deadly heart condition

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Fitness leaders from Sumter and surrounding areas held free classes at the U.S. National Guard Armory on Saturday during Fit Fest 2016, a charity event for The Queen Victoria Miller Heart Foundation, a nonprofit raising awareness about a rare and deadly heart deformity.

Sumter native Regina Miller started the foundation in 2015 to raise awareness about Tetralogy of Fallot, a rare heart deformity that allows oxygen-poor blood to flow throughout the body, causing infants and children to have blue-tinted skin because of the lack of oxygen in the body.

Miller's first child, Victoria, for whom the foundation is named, died of complications of Tetralogy of Fallot at the age of 2 on Feb. 19, 1990.

"She would have been 27 today," she said.

Doctors predict that children with Tetralogy of Fallot will not live past the age of 2, she said.



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Donale Miles teaches her niece Victoria Perez how to stretch correctly during Fit Fest on Saturday at the National Guard Armory. The Queen Victoria Miller Heart Foundation hosted the event to raise awareness of a rare heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot.

Miller has heard of children living with the deformity until the age of 14, but they had at least two surgeries within that time.

Since losing her daughter, Miller has made it her mission to support other parents of children living with the deformity by funding transpor-

tation and lodging for families that need to take their children to the hospital for treatment.

She said the purpose of Fit Fest was to encourage people to live healthy lifestyles to protect their hearts by offering free yoga, Zumba, kickboxing and Pilates classes.

Maybe if people lead healthier lifestyles, they can have children who are also healthy, Miller said.

She does not know why her daughter was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, but she hopes that parents who stay active will not have to experience that pain.

Coral "Rocabye" Scott, Sumter native and founder of Rocabye Fitness in Greenville, said living a healthy lifestyle does not have to be difficult.

Scott said he eats what he likes but makes sure to balance what he eats with the

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Ministry happens on both sides of the counter

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A woman walked in the door and up to the counter at Sumter United Ministries. She said she needed help with an electric deposit. Maria (not her real name) was a victim of domestic violence, having fled to Sumter from another state with her two teenage children for safe refuge.

Her situation was so dire, she was instructed not to wait for documentation but to get out of the area as soon

as possible. So she fled, leaving everything she owned behind.

Maria had been able to come up with enough money to rent a place but needed help with her electric deposit. She said none of the agencies she went to for help was able to assist her because she didn't have the victim's documentation or a South Carolina driver's license.



At that time, a volunteer who handles client intake walked in. As a victim of domestic violence herself, she was the right person to help Maria. The volunteer was introduced to Maria, and it was explained why she would be interviewing Maria.

The tears began to fall as Maria recounted each "no" that she had heard and each roadblock she had

encountered trying to get help. United Ministries was her lifeline. Minutes later, a glimmer of hope shone in her eyes behind the tears.

After the information was gathered for Maria's file, the volunteer called her back for her interview. When the first part of the interview was over, Maria came back out into the waiting room — looking much more relaxed — while her case was being reviewed by the crisis relief director. She was

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Straightline winds cause damage in Williamsburg

National Weather Service says no tornado formed on Friday

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The National Weather Service determined Friday's storm which hit several miles from the Clarendon County line in Williamsburg County was not a tornado but straightline winds that included gusts as high as 85 miles per hour.

Sandy Akers, a Clarendon County resident who lives about 10 miles from Williamsburg County, said from her front porch on Flinn Road, she observed what appeared to be a tornado forming.

"The wind picked up really high; everything went dark, and clouds started circulating," she said. "It came through really quickly, maybe about five minutes or so."

Severe thunderstorms moved through the area between 3 and 4 p.m., with the most significant damage observed along S.C. 261, between Easler Highway and U.S. 52, according to National Weather Service reports. A 5-mile stretch was affected, primarily the Mt. Vernon community in Williamsburg County.

Residents may have seen a shelf cloud, said Josh Weiss, meteorologist with the weather service in Wilmington, North Carolina, which monitors Williamsburg County. A shelf cloud is wedge-shaped, low, horizontal

cloud formation.

"A shelf cloud itself is not dangerous," Weiss said. "It's an indicator of where the strongest winds are rotating."

Jeff Singleton, Williamsburg County Emergency Management public information officer, said no fatalities or injuries were reported.

A few homes in the area received minor damage from falling trees or limbs, he said. Several homes lost a number of shingles or flashing, according to the weather service's report. There were also a few outdoor buildings that were damaged or destroyed as the wind lifted their metal roofing and deposited it as far as 100 yards away, according to the report. Tree damage was described by the

weather service as widespread. Numerous large limbs were blown out of healthy trees, and a few tree tops were snapped out of healthy trees. Medium to large trees were uprooted.

Williamsburg County Fire Department Chief Randy Swinton said fallen trees blocked several roads, including three miles of Seven Bridges Road, on which motorists were stranded. S.C. 261 and S.C. 527, between Williamsburg and Clarendon counties, were also impassable for several hours because of trees and several utility lines that had fallen.

Clarendon County did not receive any significant damage except for a few fallen trees, said Anthony Mack, Clarendon County Emergency Services director.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Hydrant testing set for midweek

The city of Sumter will perform fire hydrant flow tests on North Lafayette Drive, Crosswell Drive, Poinsett Drive, East Charlotte Avenue, Theatre Drive, University Drive, Alice Drive, Snowden Street and Conyers Street on Wednesday and Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Water customers in the surrounding area may experience temporary discolored water. Direct any questions or concerns to the City of Sumter Public Services Department at (803) 436-2558.

Committee to consider signage, wooden fence

Sumter Historic Preservation Design Review Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday in City Council Chambers, Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., to consider approval for wall signage on property at 217 W. Hampton Ave. and approval for an applicant to install a wooden fence on property at 124 N. Purdy St.

Learn to make longleaf pine needle basket

Lee State Park will offer a ranger-led longleaf pine needle basket-making workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Participants will first learn how to collect and clean pine needles and then begin making a basket. If necessary, they will be able to take supplies to continue working on their baskets at home.

The program fee is \$30, which includes project materials. This program is suitable for adults and children 13 and older. The class size is small to ensure individual attention for each participant. Registration is required.

For directions and to register for the program, contact the park's Education Center at (803) 428-4988 or leesp@scprt.com.



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About 30 Sumterites showed their concern for Alzheimer's patients and caregivers during the Alzheimer's Association's "Longest Day" event Monday at Sumter Mall. Organized by the local chapter of the AKA sorority, the group planned to walk about two miles to raise awareness of the debilitating disease that affects more than five million Americans.

AKA sorority shows support for Alzheimer's patients

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As the nation's population ages, Alzheimer's Disease will affect more and more Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2013, more than five million people suffered from the disabling brain disease, and that number is expected to top 14 million by 2050.

There is no known cure for the disease that affects mostly people older than 60.

Members of the Eta Zeta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority showed their support and concern for Alzheimer's victims with a walk Monday evening at Sumter Mall.

Deborah Calhoun, chairwoman of the committee

'We also work to support historically black colleges and universities, mental health and encouraging young women toward higher grades and more self-esteem.'

DEBORAH CALHOUN

Organizer of 'Longest Day' walk

that organized the walk, said AKA supports several national health organizations.

"Increasing awareness of Alzheimer's is just one of our goals and objectives," she said. "We also work to support historically black colleges and universities, mental health and encouraging young women toward higher grades and more self-esteem."

Calhoun said she lost her

aunt, Almenia Richardson, to the disease.

"She was a teacher at Alice Drive Elementary School and taught many people in first and second grade," Calhoun said. "Alzheimer's is a mean disease."

Naomi Bradley also had an aunt who suffered from Alzheimer's, which causes victims to slowly lose their memory, have difficulty solving problems and lose

their learned skills.

"She didn't know who we were," Bradley said. "We were always telling her."

Bradley said that because her aunt didn't have any children of her own, she and her siblings were her caregivers.

"At first we didn't know what it was," she said.

Dealing with Alzheimer's patients can be particularly stressful on caregivers, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

Calhoun said she was grateful for the 30 or so supporters who volunteered to walk at the mall Monday. The event is part of the Alzheimer's Association's "Longest Day" event, held each year on the summer solstice to raise money and awareness of Alzheimer's Disease, she said.

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type of workout he does.

“Train right, work hard, and think about what you eat,” he said.

Miller’s two daughters, Donale Miles and Regina Perez, were also

present during the event.

Perez, a certified fitness instructor, came up with the idea to combine Tetralogy of Fallot awareness and fitness.

Hopefully, the foundation can make the fitness expo an annual event and make it even bigger next year, she said.

Miles said she remembers her

mother talking about starting the foundation when she was younger, so it is great that Miller has made that dream happen.

She said the foundation’s goal is to help at least one family a year.

It’s awesome to see people come out and support the foundation while also working to get in shape, she said.

Can't get Too Much Sylvia?

Variety band will play 4th Fridays downtown

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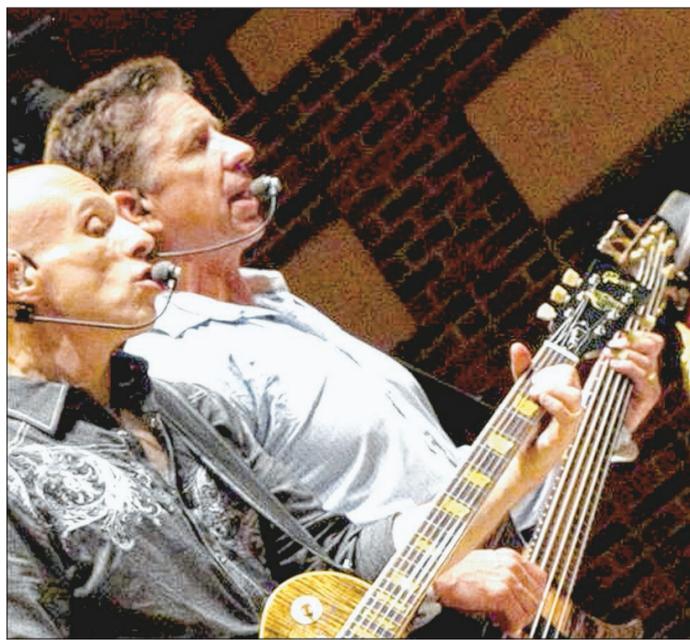
Too Much Sylvia returns to downtown Sumter this week to play for 4th Fridays. The band played downtown’s outdoor concert series numerous times and has built a loyal and enthusiastic local audience. The versatile band will play from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the green space across from Sumter Opera House this Friday.

Downtown Development Coordinator Leigh Newman said, “Too Much Sylvia was here two years ago and brought out a really big crowd.”

In addition to their musicianship, Newman said, “They’re a lot of fun. They get down into the crowd and get them going, sort of like (the band) Fantasy did last month (at the first 4th Fridays concert).”

Too Much Sylvia, or TMS, has an extensive playlist including songs from categories covering more than six decades, beginning with the pre-rock ‘n’ roll era. Genres include classic and current rock and pop, “slow songs,” jazz, beach, country and originals by TMS. There is even an “Unplugged” list with songs from The Eagles, Pure Prairie League, Train, Crosby, Stills and Nash and others.

Celebrating their 25th anniversary this year as Too Much Sylvia, band members are keyboardist and vocalist Rick Lee; guitarist and vocalist Steve Long; bass guitarist and vocalist



Too Much Sylvia, a variety rock band with an extensive playlist of audience favorites, will perform for 4th Fridays on Main Street this week. The band is a favorite of Sumter music lovers and dancers, having played here many times.

4TH FRIDAYS

Still to come in downtown Sumter’s 4th Fridays concert series are:

- **June 24** — Too Much Sylvia;
- **July 22** — Darrell Harwood, country music;
- **Aug. 26** — Black Alley, jazz, soul, R&B; and
- **Sept. 23** — Gump Fiction, Ultimate ‘90s Experience.

Eddy Howie; and drummer Don Leonard. Lee previously played with Sugar Creek; Long’s previous bands include Diamonds, Stratus and The Vandals, and he continues to play reunion dates with Sugarcreek; Howie is also an alumnus of Sugarcreek and a former member of The Fantastic Shakers; and Leonard, who’s been with TMS for 16 years, previously played with Captain Cook and the Coconuts, The Poor Souls and The Outlaws.

TMS’ music is highly danceable, and it plays songs its audi-

ence can shag and slow dance to as well as line dance to, and there’s even some 1970s disco in its repertoire. Rated as one of the top 10 bands in the Carolinas, TMS’ extensive repertoire allows the group to adjust its playlist to suit the preferences of its audiences.

TMS received its third Cammy from the Carolina Beach Music Association in November for Collaboration of the Year for its song “Bring It on Back,” with lead vocalist Tim Clark. Its previous two Cammys were for “Stepped Right Outta My Dream,” named 2014 Song of the Year and Smoothie of the Year.

Newman said Main Street will be closed only from 4 to 5 p.m. because the concert will be in the green space rather than in the street.

Too Much Sylvia will play from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available for purchase. No coolers are permitted, but bring a lawn chair or blanket.

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called back in with a decision after about 15 minutes.

Loud squeals of delight were heard coming from the interview room. As she made her way out, there were many hugs and kisses given, some with people Maria may not have even met.

Along with paying her electric deposit, United Ministries was giving her furniture for her new place, food for her and her children and referrals to other agencies for assistance.

As Maria waited for her food, her smile was almost blinding. She, volunteers and staff talked about God, and she quoted Scriptures. Her spirit was lifted, and she thanked United Ministries. A staff member told her, “Not us — God.”

After a few more goodbye hugs, she walked out the door.

The ministry thanks God for her — for the opportunity to know and serve her, if only for that one day. Ministry definitely happens on both sides of the counter at Sumter United Ministries.

Crisis Relief Ministry financially assisted nine families with a total of \$1,536 and assisted four families with \$200 of food from June 5-11.

During that time, an average of seven men and two women were able to find refuge at the emergency shelter.

The third-annual Summer of Caring, which benefits shelter, construction and crisis relief programs, will continue through Labor Day.

Each year, the program includes summer construction projects in which volunteers spend two weeks fixing up houses.

Sumter United Ministries provides outreach and service

because of volunteers and donations from the community, said Executive Director Mark Champagne.

The Sumter Item is partnering with Sumter United Ministries to assist in raising as much money as possible to help the organization’s largest programs.

Financial donations for Summer of Caring can be mailed to The Sumter Item, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29151.

Contributions can also be dropped off at The Sumter Item’s office at 20 N. Magnolia St.

If donations are made in someone’s name, identify who the person is, and correctly spell his or her name. If you want the donation to be made specifically to one of the three programs, please indicate which one, and it will be applied directly to it. If no identification is made, it will go to Sumter United Ministries and be divided among all three.

Sumter United Ministries is at 36 S. Artillery Drive. For more information, call Sumter United Ministries at (803) 775-0757.

Donations received in the last

week: Jane Tisdale, \$300, and Virginia Burrows, \$50.

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Homeowners now richer while renters hurting

Decade after housing bubble crashed, times are good for some

MOUNT PLEASANT, South Carolina (AP) — It's a troublesome story playing out across America in the 10 years since the housing bubble peaked and then burst in a ruinous crash: As real estate has climbed back, homeowners are thriving while renters are struggling.

For many longtime owners, times are good. They're enjoying the benefits of growing equity and reduced mortgage payments from ultra-low rates.

But for America's growing class of renters, surging costs, stagnant pay and rising home values have made it next to impossible to save enough to buy.

The possible consequences are bleak for a nation already grappling with economic inequality: Whatever wealth most Americans possess mainly comes from home equity, meaning that the increase in renters gives fewer people that same level of financial security.

Nearly two-thirds of adults still own homes. And some who rent do so by choice. Yet ownership has become a more distant dream for the many Americans, as rental prices and demand has surged in areas that offer the best job prospects as well as those that have been battered by foreclosures.

"It doesn't paint a pretty picture," said Svenja Gudell, chief economist at Zillow, the online real estate database company. "You're really blocking out a group of buyers from owning a home. They're truly living paycheck to paycheck, and that does not



Ten years after the housing bubble burst, longtime homeowners are seeing good times while those who rent are struggling with growing rent prices, stagnant pay and rising home values.

put them into a good position to buy."

Joe Fabie and his wife face just such a bind.

They moved to Mount Pleasant, just over the bridge from historic Charleston, South Carolina, after law school in Pittsburgh. The suburb's pastel-hued harbor vistas, tin-roofed houses and Spanish moss-adorned live oaks were enchanting.

But the rising rent on their one-bedroom apartment made it impossible to save enough to buy a home. So the couple moved to a cheaper suburb in hopes of saving for a starter home.

"The best school district is Mount Pleasant, and we would like to be there," said Fabie, 27. "But if you're lucky you can get some beat-up homes for around \$300,000."

An exclusive analysis by The Associated Press of cen-

sus data covering over 300 communities found that two major forces are driving a wedge between the fortunes of renters and homeowners:

- Historically low mortgage rates have enabled homeowners to refinance and shrink their monthly payments, thereby reducing a major household cost. The median annual mortgage expense for a U.S. homeowner has dropped by \$1,492 since 2006.

- A combination of foreclosures and new college graduates crowding into the strongest job markets has raised demand for rentals. Renters accounted for all the 8 million-plus net households the United States added in the past decade. Home ownership has dipped to 63.5 percent, near a 48-year low.

That demand has driven up rents, which, in turn, have prevented or delayed

people from buying first homes. Outside of a pocket of relative stability seen in parts of the Midwest such as Minneapolis and St. Louis, the momentum has moved away from ownership.

The residue of the housing bubble remains achingly visible in Las Vegas. Thousands of houses are stuck in the foreclosure pipeline, controlled by banks, and could flood the market should prices recover enough. Nearly half of Las Vegas now rents, compared with less than 40 percent a decade ago.

Consider the shift toward renting in Piedmont Park neighborhood of Apopka, a former agricultural hub outside of Orlando now crowded with housing developments.

Where one in 10 homes once was a rental, now more than a third are. Many are owned by

Wall Street investment firms that bought them out of foreclosure at deep discounts.

Erika Pringley, a 42-year-old police dispatcher, rents with her husband a three-bedroom ranch house. Through a string of subsidiaries, the house is owned by Blackstone, the world's largest real estate private equity group.

At that price paid by investors, the equivalent of the monthly mortgage would be under \$500.

Pringley's rent: \$1,310 a month.

Pringley, who works for the Florida Highway Patrol, hopes to buy a home — if she can emerge from debt.

"At my age, I want to own something that's my own, have something that's my own," she said.

Higher rents are closing the path of accruing wealth through ownership. On average, homeowners have a net housing wealth of \$150,506, according to figures soon to be released by the Urban Institute's Housing Finance Center.

Elsewhere, rising prosperity is the reason why renters are stuck.

Just as the economy tanked nearly a decade ago, millennials began flooding the best job markets after college and graduate school where rents are disproportionately higher.

During the past decade, the number of under-35 college graduates in Washington rocketed up more than 50 percent to nearly 100,000. Bistros, boutiques and posh apartments opened along the once-downtrodden 14th Street corridor.

All this has created a paradox in Washington: Incomes are rising — normally fuel for home buying — even as homeownership is declining.

Trump's campaign manager leaves team in 'parting of ways'

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, is leaving the Republican presidential contender's team after a tumultuous stretch marked by missteps and infighting.

A hard-charging figure, in some ways as brash and unconventional as the candidate himself, Lewandowski had been by Trump's side since the beginning of his unlikely rise to presumptive GOP nominee but clashed



LEWANDOWSKI

with longtime operatives brought in to make the seat-of-the-pants campaign more professional.

Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks described Lewandowski's departure as a "parting of ways." A source close to Trump said Lewandowski was

forced out of the campaign largely because of his poor relationship with the

Republican National Committee and GOP officials. The source spoke on the condition of anonymity because the source was not authorized to discuss internal deliberations.

The move came as Trump faces continued deep resistance from many quarters of his party concerned by his contentious statements and his reluctance to glad-hand for money.

Lewandowski has long been a controversial figure in Trump's campaign

but benefited from his proximity to the presumptive Republican nominee. Often mistaken for a member of the candidate's security team, he traveled with Trump on his private plane to nearly every campaign stop, giving him more direct access to the businessman than nearly any other campaign staffer.

He was a chief promoter of the idea that the best campaign strategy was to "Let Trump be Trump."

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President Obama embraces Scarlett Lewis, mother of Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victim Jesse Lewis on April 8, 2013, in Hartford, Connecticut. Through his death in a gun battle with police on June 12, the Orlando nightclub gunman deprived his victims' families of the chance for a trial that could have helped to channel grief. Lewis said the Sandy Hook gunman's survival only would have made it more difficult as she grieved for her murdered son.

When mass shooters die, some are thankful to be spared a trial

BY MICHAEL MELIA
The Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — Through his death in a gun battle with police, the Orlando nightclub gunman deprived his victims' families of the chance for a trial that could have helped to channel grief, offer a sense of justice or provide answers for the bloodshed.

But some touched by other mass shootings in which the killers have died say they are grateful to be spared the extended, emotionally grueling legal proceedings of the kind that have added to publicity for killers like the Aurora, Colorado, theater shooter.

In Newtown, where the gunman took his own life after killing 26 people inside Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012, Scarlett Lewis said his survival only would have made it more difficult as she grieved for her murdered 6-year-old son, Jesse.

"I've always felt grateful that our shooter killed himself because you don't have to deal with that, you don't have to deal with the media coverage of a trial and all that pain," Lewis said.

The man who killed 12 people when he opened fire inside a suburban Denver movie theater in July 2012 pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, subjecting the victims' families to a four-month trial that ended with his conviction on 165 counts. He was sentenced in August

to life in prison without parole.

One of the family members who regularly attended the trial, Tom Sullivan, said there were difficult moments, including an encounter with the defendant's parents at a courthouse cafeteria. But he said he was glad to hear the accounts of witnesses who described the final hours of the life of his son, Alex.

"I'm thankful we had a trial. I'm thankful I got to hear all the stories," Sullivan said. "We got a lot of answers to questions that we wouldn't have gotten."

For Caren Teves, the trial was "agony." She attended the trial every day except for the birthday of her slain son, also named Alex, out of a sense of duty to him and the other victims. It was such an ordeal she would have preferred if the shooter didn't make it out of the theater alive.

"It was agonizing to just sit there every day and seeing that individual sit there pretty much smugly," she said. "It was very difficult."

Studies indicate killers survive in roughly half of U.S. mass shootings. Adam Lankford, a criminal justice professor at the University of Alabama, said his review of 185 shootings between 1966 and 2010 in which a person targeted victims in a confined, populated area found that of the shooters who died, about 80 percent killed themselves and 20 percent were killed by police.

Orlando gunman identified himself as Islamic soldier

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando gunman Omar Mateen identified himself as an Islamic soldier in calls with authorities during his rampage and demanded to a crisis negotiator that the U.S. "stop bombing Syria and Iraq," according to transcripts released by the FBI on Monday.

The partial transcripts were of a 911 call made by Mateen and three conversations he had with the police crisis negotiators during the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, in which 49 people died and dozens were wounded.

Those communications, along with Facebook posts Mateen made before and after the shooting, add to the public understanding of the final hours of Mateen's life.

The first call came more than a half hour after shots rang out, when Mateen told a 911 operator, "Praise be to God, and prayers as well as peace be upon the prophet of God," he told the dispatcher, referring to God in Arabic.

"I let you know, I'm in Orlando, and I did the shootings."

During the 50-second call with a dispatcher, Mateen "made murderous statements in a chilling, calm and deliberate manner," Ronald Hopper, FBI assistant special agent in charge in Orlando, said during a news conference.

However, there is no evidence Mateen was directed by a foreign terrorist group, and he was radicalized domestically and on his own, Hopper said.

Mateen's name and the groups and people to whom he pledged allegiance were omitted from the excerpt. But the FBI has previously said he pledged allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State.

Shortly after the call, Mateen had three conversations with crisis negotiators in which he identified himself as an Islamic soldier and told a negotiator to tell America to stop bombing Syria and Iraq. He said that was why he was "out here right now," according to the excerpt.

City officials have refused to provide hundreds of 911 calls to The Associated Press and a coalition of news organizations, citing confidentiality under Florida law, and arguing that an ongoing investigation kept the tapes secret. Hopper also said Monday that the tapes would not be released out of respect for the victims.

"Yes, the audio was compelling, but to expose that now would be excruciatingly painful to exploit them in this way," Hopper said.

Hopper also said, "Part of redacting is to not give credence to individuals who have done terrorist acts in the past. They are not going to propagate their violent rhetoric."

The AP and others requested the 911 tapes and related data, a common practice after such major events. The recordings could offer insight into how law enforcement responded.

Also at Monday's news conference, Orlando police Chief John Mina said that if any fire from responding officers hit victims at the club, gunman Mateen bears the responsibility. He wouldn't give further details but said: "Here's what I will tell you. Those killings are on the suspect, on the suspect alone in my mind." He stressed that the officers "acted heroically."

Meanwhile, hospital officials said four people remained in critical condition Monday morning, more than a week after they were wounded in the attack.

A divided Senate rejects gun curbs despite nightclub massacre

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Senate rejected rival plans to bolster the federal background check system and moved toward blocking other proposed curbs on guns Monday, eight days after the horror of Orlando's mass shooting intensified pressure on lawmakers to act but knotted them in election-year gridlock anyway — even over restricting firearms for terrorists.

Each party offered a proposal it said would keep terrorists from obtaining firearms and a second shoring up the existing system of background checks for gun purchases. With the Senate visitors' galleries unusually crowded for a Monday evening, lawmakers voted 53-47 for the Republican background check plan and 44-56 for the Democratic version —

both short of the 60 needed to move ahead.

The two competing measures for keeping firearms from terrorists also faced defeat along mostly party lines, with each side accusing the other of dangerous political grandstanding and inflexibility. Democrats said the GOP proposals were unacceptably weak while Republicans faulted the Democrats' plans as overly restrictive.

The proposals' gloomy fates underscored the pressure on each party to give little ground on the emotional gun issue going into November's presidential and congressional elections. It also highlighted the potency of the National Rifle Association, which was urging its huge and fiercely loyal membership to lobby senators

to oppose the Democratic bills.

"Republicans should be embarrassed, but they're not," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "Republicans need to put the lives of innocent Americans ahead of the NRA."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the Orlando shootings — in

which the FBI says the American-born gunman swore allegiance to a leader of the Islamic State extremist group — show the best way to prevent attacks by extremists is to defeat such groups overseas.

"Look, no one wants terrorists to be able to buy guns or explosives," McConnell said. He suggested that Democrats were using the day's votes "as

an opportunity to push a partisan agenda or craft the next 30-second campaign ad," while Republicans wanted "real solutions."

That Monday's four roll-call votes were occurring at all was testament to the political currents buffeting lawmakers after gunman Omar Mateen's June 12 attack on a gay nightclub.

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UN says 65 million people displaced in 2015, a new record

BY JAMEY KEATEN

The Associated Press

GENEVA — Imagine the entire population of Britain uprooted: The U.N. refugee agency says just over that number — 65 million people — were displaced worldwide by the end of last year, easily setting a new postwar record, as it warned that European and other rich nations can expect the tide to continue if root causes aren't addressed.

In a year when more than a million people arrived on European shores, UNHCR said continued conflicts and persecution in places like Syria and Afghanistan fueled a nearly 10 percent increase in the total number of refugees and internally displaced people in 2015.

"I hope that the message carried by those forcibly displaced reaches the leaderships: We need action, political action, to stop conflicts," said Filippo Grandi, the U.N. high commissioner for refugees. "The message that they have carried is: If you don't solve problems, problems will come to you."

The figures are contained in the Geneva-based agency's latest Global Trends Report issued Monday, timed for World Refugee Day. They show that for the first time since World War II, the 60 million mark

was crossed, even topping the equivalent of the total U.K. population of about 64.6 million.

"If these 65.3 million persons were a nation, they would make up the 21st largest in the world," the report said.

With stark detail, UNHCR said that on average, 24 people had been displaced every minute of every day last year — or 34,000 people a day — up from 6 every minute in 2005. Global displacement has roughly doubled since 1997 and risen by 50 percent since 2011 alone — when the Syria war began.

About 11.5 million people from Syria had fled their homes: 6.6 million within the war-ravaged country and 4.9 million abroad. More than half of all refugees came from three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia, and more than half of all displaced people were children, UNCHR said.

Turkey was the top host country for the second year running, taking in 2.5 million people — nearly all from neighboring Syria. Afghan neighbor Pakistan had 1.6 million, while Lebanon, next to Syria, hosted 1.1 million. UNHCR said the total figures of forcibly displaced people amounted to about one in every 113 people on the planet.



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Norzom, a 7-year-old Tibetan refugee child, is pushed by her friend on a swing at the Tibetan Children's Village School in Dharmasala, India, on Monday. The school which started in 1959 as an orphanage houses and educates more than 2,000 Tibetan refugee children.

Grandi said policymakers and advocacy groups admittedly face daunting challenges in helping the largest subset of displaced people: Some 40.8 million internally displaced in countries in conflict. An additional 21.3 million were refugees, and some 3.2 million more were seeking asylum.

More than a million people fled to Europe last year, causing a political crisis in the EU — with Greece and Italy facing the initial brunt, Germany welcoming in hundreds of thousands and some eastern European countries erecting strict barriers to block the flow.

Concerns about immigration have affected the debate in Britain about whether to remain in the European bloc ahead of Thursday's Brexit referendum.

So far this year, the flow of refugees into Europe has eased through the Turkey-to-Greece route that was the dominant thoroughfare last year. A recent EU-Turkey deal allows Greece to return Syrian asylum-seekers to Turkey without evaluation of their protection claims on the basis it is a "safe third country."

Human Rights Watch on Monday urged the EU to evaluate Syrian refugees' protection

claims on the merits.

Grandi called on countries to work to fight the xenophobia that has accompanied the rise in refugee populations, and decried both physical barriers — such as fences erected by some European countries — as well as legislative ones that limit access to richer, more peaceful EU states.

Such European policies were "spreading a negative example around the world," he said.

"There is no plan B for Europe in the long run," Grandi said. "Europe will continue to receive people seeking asylum. Their numbers may vary ... but it is inevitable."

Marine scientists battle to save world's coral reefs

Reefs are integral to ecosystem, everyday human existence

BY CALEB JONES

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — After the most powerful El Nino on record heated the world's oceans to never-before-seen levels, huge swaths of once vibrant coral reefs that were teeming with life are now stark white ghost towns disintegrating into the sea.

And the world's top marine scientists are still struggling in the face of global warming and decades of devastating reef destruction to find the political and financial wherewithal to tackle the loss of these globally important ecosystems.

"What we have to do is to really translate the urgency," said Ruth Gates, president of the International Society for Reef Studies and director of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

Gates, who helped organize a conference this week for more than 2,000 international reef scientists, policymakers and others, said the scientific community needs to make it clear how "intimately reef health is intertwined with human health."

The International Coral Reef Symposium convened Monday to try to create a more unified conservation plan for coral reefs. She said researchers have to find a



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Much of the inner reef at Hanauma Bay is dead after decades of tourist interaction, but the outer reef is still relatively healthy. More than 2,000 international reef scientists, policymakers and stakeholders are gathering in Hawaii to discuss the latest coral science and what can be done to stop widespread death of the world's reefs.

way to implement large-scale solutions with the help of governments.

Consecutive years of coral bleaching have led to some of the most widespread mortality of reefs on record, leaving scientists in a race to save them. While bleached coral often recovers, multiple years weakens the organisms and increases the risk of death.

Researchers have achieved some success with projects such as creating coral nurseries and growing forms of "super coral" that can withstand harsher conditions. But much of that science is being done on a very small scale with limited funding.

Bob Richmond, director of the University of Hawaii's Kewalo Marine Laboratory, said the problems are very

clear: "overfishing of reef herbivores and top predators, land-based sources of pollution and sedimentation, and the continued and growing impacts of climate change."

While reefs are major contributors to many coastal tourist economies, saving the world's coral isn't just about having pretty places for vacationers to explore. Reefs are integral to the overall ecosystem and are an essential component of everyday human existence.

Reefs not only provide habitat for most ocean fish consumed by humans, but they also shelter land from storm surges and rising sea levels. Coral has even been found to have medicinal properties.

In one project to help save

reefs, researchers at the University of Hawaii's Institute of Marine Biology have been taking samples from corals that have shown tolerance for harsher conditions in Oahu's Kaneohe Bay and breeding them with other strong strains in slightly warmer-than-normal conditions to create a super coral.

The idea is to make the corals more resilient by training them to adapt to tougher conditions before transplanting them into the ocean.

Another program run by the state of Hawaii has created seed banks and a fast-growing coral nursery for expediting coral restoration projects.

Most of Hawaii's species of coral are unlike other corals around the world in that they grow very slowly, which makes reef rebuilding in the state difficult. So officials came up with a plan to grow large chunks of coral in a fraction of the time it would normally take.

Coral reefs have almost always been studied up close,

by scientists in the water looking at small portions of reefs.

But NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is taking a wider view, from about 23,000 feet above. NASA and other scientists recently launched a three-year campaign to gather new data on coral reefs worldwide. They are using specially designed imaging instruments attached to aircraft.

"The idea is to get a new perspective on coral reefs from above, to study them at a larger scale than we have been able to before, and then relate reef condition to the environment," said Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences' Eric Hochberg, principal investigator for the project.

If the scientific community and the world's governments can't come together to address coral's decline, one of earth's most critical habitats could soon be gone, leaving humans to deal with the unforeseen consequences.

"What happens if we don't take care of our reefs?" asked Gates. "It's dire."



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks June 9 at a rally in Washington. Sanders and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton could still find common ground on health care with “public option,” which allows states to set up their own insurance plans to compete against private industry. Sanders worked to pass federal legislation to allow such a system, and Clinton has said that if elected, she would work with governors to implement it.

Could health care option unify Sanders, Clinton?

‘Public option’ would allow states to set up own plans

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR AND DAVE GRAM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders’ “Medicare for all” plan seems even less likely now that he’s all but out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, but there’s a way that he and Hillary Clinton could still find common ground on health care.

It would let Democrats rally around the cause of government-run health care without committing to the politically perilous course of trying to change the entire U.S. system at once.

The idea is a “public option” for states to set up their own insurance plans that compete against private industry. Sanders helped to pass the federal legislation that would allow it, and Clinton, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, says if elected she’d work with interested governors to implement it.

In Sanders’ home state of Vermont, a long campaign to put the health system there under state control hit a dead end after cost projections came in alarmingly high. But the idea of a smaller step that would let the state set up a competitor to private insurance could catch on.

“That’s something that I think Vermonters would be extremely interested in pursuing,” said Lawrence Miller, a top health-policy aide to outgoing Democratic Gov. Peter Shumlin. “A public option, I think, is a very different conversation” than a so-called single-payer system run by government.

It remains unclear how many states might be interested in a public option, which would likely trigger a sharp backlash from the deep-pocketed insurance industry. This fall, Colorado voters will decide on an even more ambitious change, a state-run system that would cover most residents.



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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks Wednesday in Hampton, Virginia. Clinton is willing to work with states interested in “public option” health care plans that compete against private industry.

By supporting health-care activism at the state level, Clinton may be able to broaden her appeal to liberals energized by Sanders’ idealistic campaign.

Incremental improvements to President Obama’s health care law that Clinton has proposed aren’t fulfilling to liberals, said Robert Blendon, a professor at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health who follows public opinion on health care.

“What’s exciting to them is not just adding benefits,” he said. “It’s offering some sort of public alternative to current private insurance.”

The idea also could give Clinton a way to change the conversation if, as expected, a wave of sharp premium increases hits the health law’s insurance markets later this summer and fall.

The legal vehicle for a state public option is already in place at the federal level, a section of Obama’s health care law that allows waivers for state innovation.

States can begin applying for the waivers Jan. 1, right about the time a new administration takes over.

North Korea claims South took women

Waitresses case is a point of contention between countries

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — As South Korea’s main spy agency prepares a courtroom defense of its continued detention of 12 North Korean waitresses it says fled from China, Pyongyang is using the women’s relatives and colleagues to step up its accusations that they were tricked into leaving their jobs and essentially kidnapped.

The case has become a bitter point of contention between the two Koreas. Pyongyang claims South Korea’s National Intelligence Service abducted the waitresses. Seoul says they came to the South of their own free will and don’t want to go back to North Korea.

The women are in South Korean custody and have not been allowed to freely tell their story in public. In response to a legal filing by South Korean human rights lawyers, the NIS must prove that the North Koreans are being lawfully detained. A closed-door hearing in the case is set for today at Seoul Central Court; the restaurant workers are not expected to testify.

On Saturday in Pyongyang, North Korean author-

ities allowed an Associated Press Television crew to interview some of the colleagues and parents of the waitresses who are now in South Korea. The interviews were conducted freely with no questions submitted in advance, but it is common for authorities to coach interviewees beforehand to make sure they stay on message.

Former waitresses Choe Rye Yong and Han Yun Hui said they worked with the 12 women for more than two years at the North Korean-run Azalea Friendship Restaurant in Ningbo, China. Choe and Han said they chose not to go with them and instead returned to Pyongyang. They did not say exactly what transpired.

News of Tuesday’s hearing has not been announced by the North’s state-run media, but Choe and Han said North Korean authorities had told them about it. They said they can’t understand why the hearing is closed.

“The fact that it’s closed means that they don’t want to let our colleagues say what they want to say,” said Choe, who was the head waitress at Azalea.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans have defected to South Korea over decades of division, and in recent years North Korea has tried to step up efforts to prevent further defections.

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Roof federal case causes conflict, prosecutor says

CHARLESTON — The state prosecutor trying accused Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof said trying Roof in federal court in November for hate crimes and other charges interferes with both his scheduled January state trial and the victims’ and jurors’ holidays.

Roof’s federal trial in the Emanuel AME shootings is set for Nov. 7, and attorneys said it could last six weeks. The 22-year-old also faces nine counts of murder in state court in January.

Scarlett Wilson, who said she raised the concerns during a brief court hearing Monday, said in an email to The Associated Press that November is “a horrible time for a trial for anyone.”

And Wilson said the state has primary custody of Roof so he must serve his state sentence before a federal sentence regardless of who tries the case first. Both the state and the federal governments are seeking the death penalty.

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Time for U.S. to embrace a strong new battle cry

I have been at a slow boil and finally full-blown anger and, yes, embarrassment. Then an act of political bravery by a Republican prompted this need to express myself. Sen. Lindsey Graham bravely said Trump's words and actions are "un-American." There, it is now out. Thank you for those simple words that should cut like a sword.

Pettiness, self-indulgence and personal greed have been diabolical, and permit-



Mary Ellen Fuller

each other in the eye and be proud of our country. An observation the famous

ting hatred is just the beginning. Like the seeds of fascism — it sneaks in when we are not watching, and within a decade we will no longer be able to look

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columnist Russell Baker made about the generation of Americans living through World War II, "The whole country was full of confidence, competence, daring and joie de vivre," gave me utter sadness because this certainly does not resonate today.

Timid politicians lack a personal moral compass which permits suppression of criticism, and the lack of

action teaches our children that intimidation and bullying is acceptable, and why fight it? Many politicians verbally dance today for their own benefit and selfishly discard American values. This is "un-American." The person who shouts the loudest has the mind of a dictator who bends to no one or learns from them either. Thus, when our leaders do not fight strongly against racism and gold gilt, we no longer deserve the

world's admiration.

Thank you, Sen. Graham, for that battle cry — we may now have permission to be razor alert and never collaborate or bow to unethical, personal agendas when our nation is at stake.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

GUN CONTROL LAWS AREN'T A CURE-ALL

As usual, there is a call for gun control because of "the worst mass shooting in the history of the U.S." Even with a shallow knowledge of history, one should be aware that the U.S. government has been the agent for many of the worst "mass shootings." Just two examples are The Massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890 when the 7th Cavalry went to disarm Lakota Indians and killed more than 150 men, women and children and the Massacre at Waco, Texas, in 1993 when more than 70 men, women and children, members of a religious sect, were killed with approval of the U. S. Attorney General for "suspected" weapons violations.

While the killing at the gay club in Orlando is a terrible occurrence, it is exceedingly contemptible that politicians are again using deaths to try imposing more gun control and blaming the weapon rather than the person who committed the crime. Anyone with even half a brain knows that gun control would not have stopped this evil killer. He had received clearance to work as a security guard, had been interviewed by the FBI multiple times, and after all this, he was still able to purchase weapons. He did not have an "assault" weapon as President Obama, Hillary and others are telling us, for assault weapons have not been available to civilians since the mid-1980's.

I am weary of being told by advocates for disarming the American people that gun control is a cure-all. They well know only law-abiding citizens obey gun laws. I think it is despicable that, once again, the politicians are using deaths caused by an evil person to try to impose new gun control laws.

I will not give up my Constitutional Second Amendment right to bear arms. Quotes from Thomas Jefferson sum up the best reasons for citizens to "bear arms." First: "The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." Second: "The greatest danger to American freedom is a government that ignores the Constitution."

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Repeat, retreat, reload with the usual drama

WASHINGTON — The arguments for and against gun control are so familiar by now, we might as well hit replay and skip the debate.

In the wake of the horrific murders of 49 people in an Orlando gay nightclub, America is re-enacting the usual drama: Politicians repeat past arguments, citizens retreat into their routines, killers reload.

Senate Democrats and Republicans were scheduled Monday to roll out four gun-control bills — two from each side — attached as amendments to the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations bill.

The most anyone can agree upon, including the National Rifle Association, is that terrorists shouldn't have guns. Well, it's something, I guess.

The holdup, as always, is how to balance the right to bear arms with the right to avoid being killed by a nut with a semi-automatic weapon. This shouldn't be too terribly hard to figure out, though you'd think we were cave dwellers trying to map the human genome.

But seriously, what's really

on the line here? A few hours or days of inconvenience for someone who wants to buy a gun. In a nutshell, that's it.

Democrats want to close loopholes at gun shows by requiring universal background checks. And California Sen. Dianne Feinstein is proposing a previously defeated "no-fly, no-buy" bill that would prevent people on terrorist watch lists from buying a gun.

Not so fast. In a separate version of this idea, Texas Republican Sen. John Cornyn is proposing that the attorney general can delay a gun purchase for anyone who has been part of a terrorism investigation in the past five years — but only for three days.

Democrats say this is too limiting.

Seriously, esteemed senators: You can't figure this out? Make it five days, make it a week. But for heaven's sake, make it work.

Republicans argue that people may be erroneously placed on the watch list and therefore be denied due process. Democrats argue that due process will be "baked into it," whatever that means. Another bill backed by Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley would allow terror suspects to buy a weapon but would ensure that the FBI be notified.

Okaaaaaay. This makes zero sense and has cover-

your-rear-guard written all over it. Essentially, it protects the terrorist's Second Amendment rights while pretending to protect Americans. But to work, the FBI would need to conduct 24/7 surveillance lest the possible terrorist become a real one and slaughter his co-workers at his company's annual Christmas party.

Meanwhile, the question remains whether a ban on military-style assault weapons that expired in 2004 should be reinstated. Hillary Clinton has called for renewing the ban. Donald Trump, though he tweeted his support for "no-fly, no-buy" legislation, has promised to preserve Americans' right to keep their assault weapons.

I admit to having no interest in owning, if this constitutes a bias. But as someone raised around guns — and whose lawyer-father tutored me that "an unnecessary law is always a bad law" — I appreciate the tension between my right to survive an act of terror and another's to tend his own business. As always, every debate ultimately centers on: Where on the continuum of constitutional rights does one person's interpretation of the Second Amendment become secondary to another's right to survive said interpretation?

Is it not logical, however, that the right of the greatest number of people to survive

supersedes the right of a relatively few who wish to own weapons intended to inflict mass casualties?

Obviously, the vast majority of people who buy assault weapons don't intend to kill anybody. But just as obviously, many of those who have killed massively had access to them. Adam Lanza, who killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School, very likely would have been less successful but for his Bushmaster .223-caliber model XM15 rifle with its 30-round capacity magazine. Lanza fired off 154 shots in five minutes.

As a way of reframing the conversation, is it not possible to create both a good and necessary law? We now live in a world that requires a certain kind of law to address a specific kind of problem. It isn't only terrorists in our midst but loopholes that allow bad actors of all faiths, ethnicities and races (not just radical Islamists) to buy firearms, including assault weapons. Closing those loopholes and ridding society of weapons we know to be mass-killing machines are the least — and the only sane things — we should do.

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NOTABLE & QUOTABLE

In *The Washington Post*, Mohammed A. Malik writes, "I reported Omar Mateen to the FBI. Trump is wrong that Muslims don't do our part."

I had told the FBI about Omar because my community, and Muslims generally, have nothing to hide. I love this country, like most Muslims that I know. I don't agree with every government policy (I think there's too much money in politics, for instance), but I'm proud to be an American. I vote. I volunteer. I teach my children to treat all people kindly. Our families came here because it is full of opportunity — a place where getting a job is about

what you know, not who you know. It's a better country to raise children than someplace where the electricity is out for 18 hours a day, where politicians are totally corrupt or where the leader is a dictator.

But there's so much suspicion of Islam here. The local paper published an unsigned editorial called "Leave our peaceful Muslim neighbors alone," and the comments were full of hateful lies — that the Boston bombers had visited the area, that the Sept. 11 bombers came from here, that we were a hotbed of violent ideology. None of this is true. Donald Trump didn't create these attitudes, but he plays on

them and amplifies them.

I am not the first American Muslim to report on someone; people who do that simply don't like to announce themselves to the media. For my part, I'm not looking for personal accolades. I'm just tired of negative rhetoric and ignorant comments about my faith.

Trump's assertions about our community — that we have the ability to help our country but have simply declined to do so — are tragic, ugly and wrong.

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LOCAL CHANNELS																		
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7:00pm Local news update.	Entertainment Tonight (N) (HD)	America's Got Talent: Auditions Judges Simon Cowell, Heidi Klum, Mel B and Howie Mandel continue to host auditions for participants of all ages and varying talents. (N) (HD)			Maya & Marty (N) (HD)	WIS News 10 at 11:00pm News and weather.	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Julia Louis-Dreyfus; David Feherty. (N) (HD)							
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 @ 7pm Evening news update.	Inside Edition (N) (HD)	NCIS: Viral The murder of a Petty Officer matches the method of a local serial killer. (HD)			NCIS: New Orleans: Insane in the Member Drug overdose death at Red Dress Run. (HD)	Person of Interest: Return 0 One final mission to stop Samaritan. (N) (HD)	News 19 @ 11pm The news of the day.	(:35) The Late Show with Stephen Colbert Aubrey Plaza; Hugh Dancy. (N) (HD)						
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune: Spin and Sail (HD)	Jeopardy! (N) (HD)	The Middle: Cutting the Cord (HD)			black-ish: Man at Work Dre helps friend. (HD)	Uncle Buck: Ride Along; Brothers Alexis joins Buck on his first day. (N) (HD)	To Tell the Truth: Iliza Shlesinger Iliza Shlesinger joins the panel. (N) (HD)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (HD)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Celebrities and human-interest subjects. (HD)					
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow (N)		Genealogy Roadshow: Providence The reveal of ancestor's passport. (N) (HD)			The Greeks: Cavemen to Kings Groundwork for Western civilization. (N) (HD)	Frontline: Being Mortal Doctor-terminally ill patient bond. (HD)	Point Taken (N) (HD)	BBC World News International news.	Charlie Rose (N) (HD)					
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Valentine's Day. (HD)	The Big Bang Theory The blind date. (HD)	Hotel Hell: Lakeview Hotel Gordon visits a struggling restaurant. (N) (HD)			Coupled: Chain Reactions A new man arrives on the island. (N) (HD)	WACH FOX News at 10 Local news report and weather forecast.	TMZ (N)	2 Broke Girls: And the Hidden Stash (HD)	Mike & Molly Mike flirts with a new cop. (HD)					
WKTC	33	4	22	Anger Management A girl's quirky ex. (HD)	Anger Management Interesting news. (HD)	The Flash: The Fury of Firestorm Barry, team seek match for Dr. Stein. (HD)			Containment: A Kingdom Divided Against Itself Mobs of protesters try to escape. (N) (HD)	The Walking Dead: Consumed The members of the group are thrust into a perilous situation. (HD)	The Walking Dead: Crossed Group has too much responsibility. (HD)	Hot in Cleveland: Elka Takes a Lover (HD)						
CABLE CHANNELS																		
A&E	46	130	Walking Tall ('04, Action) Dwayne Johnson. Man fights crime. (HD)			Saving Private Ryan ('98, Drama) ★★☆☆ Tom Hanks. A squad of soldiers risk their lives to locate a private whose brothers were killed in combat so that he can return home as the last surviving son. (HD)			Feed the Beast: Secret Sauce (N) (HD)	Feed the Beast: Secret Sauce (HD)	Mr. Deeds ('02) ★★☆☆ (HD)							
AMC	48	180	Mr. Deeds ('02, Comedy) Adam Sandler. Small-town fortune. (HD)			Happy Gilmore ('96, Comedy) ★★☆☆ Adam Sandler. A hockey player turns golfer and makes the sport into a media circus. (HD)			Feed the Beast: Secret Sauce (N) (HD)	Feed the Beast: Secret Sauce (HD)	Mr. Deeds ('02) ★★☆☆ (HD)							
ANPL	41	100	Shark Week Sharktaclur (HD)			River Monsters (HD)			(:01) Great Barrier Reef An extraordinary natural wonder. (HD)			Deadliest Place On Earth (HD)	(:04) Reef (HD)					
BET	61	162	Eve Navigating life.			The BET Life of... Ciara (N) (HD)			Inside the Label (N)			Inside the Label	The BET Life of... Ciara (HD)	Wendy Williams Show (N)				
BRAVO	47	181	Below Deck Mediterranean: Entrée-vous Romantic trip.			Housewives of Orange: When the Ship Hits the Fan			Below Deck Mediterranean: Charter King (N)			Below Deck Mediterranean: Charter King (N) (HD)	What Happens (N) (HD)	Southern Charm: Founder's Brawl (N) (HD)				
CNBC	35	84	Investors A bait launcher.			Shark Tank Jeff Foxworthy. (HD)			Shark Tank (HD)			West Texas Investors Club (N)	Shark Tank New ideas. (HD)	Shark Tank				
CNN	33	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)			Anderson Cooper 360° (N) (HD)			CNN Special Report (N)			CNN Tonight with Don Lemon	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon Report					
COM	57	136	Futurama Robot fighting. (HD)			Tosh.0: Tosh.0: Phil Davison. (HD)			Tosh.0: Boomer the Dog (HD)			Tosh.0 (N) (HD)	Not Safe w/ Nikki Glaser (N)	Daily Show with Trevor (N)	(:31) Nightly Show (N) (HD)			
DISN	18	200	(6:05) An American Girl: Grace Stirs Up Success ('15) (HD)			K.C. Undercover (HD)			Liv and Maddie (HD)			Stuck in the Middle (HD)	Girl Meets World (HD)	Walk the Prank (HD)	Stuck in the Middle (HD)	K.C. Undercover (HD)	Girl Meets World (HD)	The Luck of the Irish ('01) ★★
DSC	42	103	Deadliest Catch (HD)			Deadliest Catch: The Bait (N)			Deadliest Catch (N) (HD)			Dark Woods Justice (N) (HD)	(:04) Deadliest Catch (HD)	Dark Woods				
ESPN	26	35	NBA Mock Draft Special (N)			Baseball Tonight (HD)			2016 NCAA College World Series: Game 8: from TD Ameritrade Park Omaha in Omaha, Neb. (HD)			SportsCenter (HD)	ESPN FC (HD)					
ESPN2	27	39	NCAA College World Series			WNBA Basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Dallas Wings (LIVE) (HD)			Chopped (HD)			Chopped: Leap Of Faith (N) (HD)	Chopped: Haricot Flair (HD)	Chopped (HD)				
FOOD	40	109	Chopped Grand finale. (HD)			Chopped Junior (N) (HD)			Chopped (HD)			Hannity (N) (HD)	The O'Reilly Factor (HD)	The Kelly File				
FOXN	37	90	On the Record with Greta (N)			The O'Reilly Factor (N) (HD)			The Kelly File News updates.			Hannity (N) (HD)	The O'Reilly Factor (HD)	The Kelly File				
FREE	20	131	Pretty Little Liars: Hush...Hush, Sweet Liars Girls fight back. (HD)			Pretty Little Liars: Tick-Tock Bitches (N) (HD)			UFC Main: Pettis vs Dos Anjos			UFC 200 Greatest (N) (HD)	Insider (HD)	Flashback	World Poker Tour (R) (HD)	PowerShares		
FSS	31	42	UFC Unleashed (HD)			UFC Main: Pettis vs Dos Anjos			UFC 200 Greatest (N) (HD)			Insider (HD)	Flashback	World Poker Tour (R) (HD)	PowerShares			
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing (HD)			Last Man Standing (HD)			The Middle Axl's foot. (HD)			The Middle (HD)	The Middle (HD)	Golden Girls: Mixed Blessing	Golden Girls: Mister Terrific	Golden Girls: Mother's Day		
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper Waco, Texas. (HD)			Fixer Upper (HD)			Fixer Upper (HD)			Hunters (N)	Hunters (HD)	Fixer Upper (HD)	Fixer Upper			
HIST	45	110	Cnt Cars (HD)			Cnt Cars (HD)			Top Gear: City Savors (N) (HD)			Cnt Cars (HD)	Cnt Cars (HD)	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Cnt Cars (HD)		
ION	13	160	Criminal Minds: Revelations Reid's held captive. (HD)			Criminal Minds: Fear and Loathing Hate crimes. (HD)			Criminal Minds: Distress Killer snaps necks of his victims. (HD)			Criminal Minds: Jones New Orleans serial killer. (HD)	Saving Hope: The Face of the Giant Panda (HD)	Saving Hope (HD)				
LIFE	50	145	Celebrity Wife Swap: Jenna Von Oy; Jill Zarin (HD)			Celebrity Wife Swap: Robin Leach; Eric Roberts (HD)			Celebrity Wife Swap: Tyler Christopher; Ronn Moss (HD)			Celebrity Wife Swap: Tommy Davidson; Corey Feldman (HD)	(:02) Celebrity Wife Swap: Flavor Flav; Dee Snider (HD)	Celebrity Wife Swap (HD)				
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball with Chris (N) (HD)			All in with Chris Hayes (HD)			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)			Lawrence O'Donnell (HD)	All in with Chris Hayes (HD)	Maddow (HD)				
NICK	16	210	Thunderman			School			Full House			Full House	Full House	Friends (HD)	Friends (HD)			
SPIKE	64	153	(5:00) National Treasure ('04)			National Treasure: Book of Secrets ('07, Comedy) ★★☆☆ Nicolas Cage. Diary's lost pages. (HD)			The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe ('05, Fantasy) ★★☆☆ Tilda Swinton. Children pass through a magical wardrobe into a world cursed by an evil witch.			Sherlock Holmes ('09, Action) Robert Downey Jr.	Downey Jr.					
SYFY	58	152	Tremors 5: Bloodlines ('15, Science Fiction) ★★½ Brandon Aurret. A devoted survivalist and his sidekick kill the monsters in South Africa.			The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe ('05, Fantasy) ★★☆☆ Tilda Swinton. Children pass through a magical wardrobe into a world cursed by an evil witch.			The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe ('05, Fantasy) ★★☆☆ Tilda Swinton. Children pass through a magical wardrobe into a world cursed by an evil witch.			Shark VS. Crocossaurus	Shark VS. Crocossaurus					
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld Hockey fanatic. (HD)			Family Guy (HD)			The Big Bang Theory (HD)			The Big Bang Theory (HD)	Wrecked (N) (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	Conan Jeff Goldblum; Jonathan Tucker; Goo Goo Dolls. (N) (HD)	Wrecked (HD)		
TCM	49	186	The French Line ('54, Musical) ★★ Jane Russell. Incognito heiress.			Song of the Islands ('42, Musical) ★★☆☆ Betty Grable. A romance is thwarted by a family feud.			You Were Never Lovelier ('42, Musical) ★★½ Fred Astaire. A woman is forced to find a husband. (HD)			(:15) Lifeboat ('44, Drama) ★★☆☆ Tallulah Bankhead. Shipwreck survivors board a lifeboat. (HD)	(:15) Lifeboat ('44, Drama) ★★☆☆ Tallulah Bankhead. Shipwreck survivors board a lifeboat. (HD)					
TLC	43	157	Little People, Big World (HD)			Little People, Big World (N)			Little People, Big World (N)			(:01) My Giant Life (N) (HD)	Little People, Big World (HD)	(:02) Giant Life				
TNT	23	158	Olympus Has Fallen ('13, Action) ★★☆☆ Gerard Butler. A guard searches for the president after a terrorist attack on the White House. (HD)			Animal Kingdom: Stay Close, Stick Together (N) (HD)			Animal Kingdom: Stay Close, Stick Together (HD)			CSI: NY: Wasted Body paint-clad model collapses. (HD)	CSI: NY: Wasted Body paint-clad model collapses. (HD)	Law & Order (HD)				
TRUTV	38	129	Jokers (HD)			Jokers (HD)			Jokers (HD)			Jokers (HD)	Hack My (HD)	Hack My (HD)	Jokers (HD)			
TVLAND	55	161	A Griffith (HD)			A Griffith (HD)			Lopez (HD)			Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens (HD)	Queens (HD)			
USA	25	132	Fast & Furious ('09, Action) Vin Diesel. Deadly convoy heist. (HD)			Fast Five ('11, Action) ★★☆☆ Vin Diesel. A former cop and an ex-con team up on the wrong side of the law and assemble their team of racers in Rio de Janeiro for one final job to gain their freedom. (HD)			The Fast and the Furious ('01, Action) ★★☆☆ Paul Walker. Street gangs race fast cars.			The Fast and the Furious ('01, Action) ★★☆☆ Paul Walker. Street gangs race fast cars.	The Fast and the Furious ('01, Action) ★★☆☆ Paul Walker. Street gangs race fast cars.					
WE	68	166	Law & Order: DNR (HD)			Law & Order: DNR (HD)			Law & Order: Justice (HD)			Law & Order: Justice (HD)	Law & Order: Patsy (HD)	Law & Order: Patsy (HD)				
WGN	8	172	Person of Interest (HD)			Person of Interest: The Fix (HD)			Person of Interest (HD)			Person of Interest: Foe (HD)	How I Met	How I Met				

OWN's 'Greenleaf' is preachy, in more ways than one

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Oprah's back! Or is she? Winfrey's part in the new melodrama "Greenleaf" (10 p.m., OWN, TV-14) marks her first appearance in a recurring television role in more than two decades.

Set among a preaching family and their Memphis megachurch, "Greenleaf" has just about everything you want in a prime-time soap opera. Family secrets, greed, adultery, backstabbing, hypocrisy, investigations and power plays abound. The sparks begin to fly with the return of Grace "Gigi" Greenleaf (Merle Dandridge), who left the family and its "business" to become a successful reporter in Arizona. After 20 years, she's back with a daughter of her own and a journalist's training, affording her an interesting vantage point on her parents and pillars of the community, Bishop James (Keith David) and Lady Mae (Lynn Whitfield). Winfrey plays Mavis, Grace's aunt, another family member on the outs, who offers her niece a welcoming ear. Imagine, a character played by Oprah Winfrey dispensing advice!

"Greenleaf" is also a departure for OWN in being the first scripted series on the network not associated with Tyler Perry.

As welcome as that sounds, the dialogue on the show is too consistently exalted to be taken entirely seriously.

Winfrey and her brand has always alternated between entertainment and uplift, guilty pleasure and noble edification. It's easy to forget that she began her public career in the thick of the tabloid TV era, battling for ratings and sleazy guests with the likes of Geraldo Rivera.

Since departing her syndicated daytime talk show perch, it seems Winfrey has misplaced her golden touch, or forgotten that people used to watch her show for fun, gossip and celebrity, as well as book club recommendations.

Winfrey has even discussed "Greenleaf," and its promotion in terms of her overall "mission." Perhaps the fictional characters on this show are not the only ones engaged in a ministry.

• One last mission to save the machine from Samaritan on

the series finale of "Person of Interest" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

TV ON DVD

TV-themed DVDs available today include series one of the Australian court drama "Janet King."

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- The judges decide on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- Hannah's kidnappers want damaging information on the seventh season premiere of "Pretty Little Liars" (8 p.m., Freeform, TV-14).
- Craig recuperates on "Animal Kingdom" (9 p.m., TNT, TV-MA).
- "Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern" (9 p.m., Travel) enters its 16th season with a trip to Madrid.
- Inventors face some ornery "angels" on "West Texas Investors Club" (10 p.m., CNBC).
- "Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel" (10 p.m., HBO, TV-PG) profiles the Arizona Cardinals' Bruce Arians, who has seen "overnight success" as an NFL head coach after more than three decades coaching college and pro teams.
- A baseball veteran pursues hip-hop fame in the new series "This Is Mike Stud" (10 p.m., Esquire, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

Corruption engulfs a New Jersey city in the 1991 drama "City of Hope" (10 p.m., This TV), directed by John Sayles and starring Vincent Spano, Tony Lo Bianco and Joe Morton.

SERIES NOTES

Another petty officer down on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Locals fail to support a lakeside spot on "Hotel Hell" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Brick gets protection on "The Middle" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Firestorm arrives on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) * Unexpected guests on "black-ish" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * A petty officer overdoses on "NCIS: New Orleans" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * A bungalow graduate gets a warm welcome on "Coupled" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Buck eclipses Will on



GIOVANNI RUFINO / WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT INC. / CBS
Sarah Shahi, left, stars as Sameen Shaw and Kevin Chapman as Lionel Fusco in the "Return 0" series finale episode of "Person of Interest," airing at 10 p.m. today on CBS.

"Uncle Buck" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Pressure grows inside the cordon on "Containment" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Variety entertainment on "Maya and Marty" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Anthony Anderson hosts "To Tell the Truth" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

Tavis Smiley is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Jeff Goldblum, Jonathan Tucker and Goo Goo Dolls appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Expect Adrienne C. Moore on "The Nightly Show With Larry Wilmore" (11:30 p.m., Comedy Central) * Aubrey Plaza, Hugh Dancy and Andrew Zimmern are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Julia Louis-Dreyfus, David Feherty and Kevin Delaney on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Anna Kendrick, Alexander Skarsgard, Giada De Laurentiis and Ray Luzier visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * David Duchovny and Jeff Bridges appear on "The Late Late Show With James Cordeiro" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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AROUND TOWN

South Carolina Legal Services will hold an expungement workshop at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at Clarendon School District One Community Resource Center, 1154 Fourth St., Summerton. This is your opportunity to put your past behind you. Come let Lonnie Doles, attorney, begin or continue the process of clearing your legal record. Call Kathleen L. Gibson at (803) 485-2043 or (803) 225-0832.

Dennis Thompson will present southern country gospel concerts as follows: 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Country Music Barn, 3330 U.S. 15 South; 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 25, Sumter County Flea Market, 2205 Myrtle Beach Highway; 6 p.m. Saturday, June 25, Unity Baptist Church, 4000 U.S. 15 South; 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, June 26, Palmetto Towers, 1150 S. Pike West; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Liberty Freewill Baptist Church, 2761 Liberty Road, Manning. There will be an opportunity to purchase CD's and a love offering will be collected at each concert.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, at the Lincoln High School cafeteria, Council Street. Lincolinites, friends and community members are invited. Call James L. Green at (803) 968-4173.

The Sumter Branch NAACP will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, at Wayman

Chapel AME Church, 160 N. Kings Highway. Representative Joe Neal will give legislative updates.

The Campbell Soup friends lunch group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, at Golden Corral.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Mariann Frye, wellness ambassador for Rite Aid, will speak. Transportation provided within their mileage area. If you know a blind person, contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The Sumter County Prevention Team will sponsor a "Parents Accessing Resources 4 Kids" (PARK) event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Sumter High School, 2580 McCrays Mill Road. The purpose of this awareness event is to provide information on available community resources to parents of youth ages 0-18 years old in Sumter County.

Edmunds High School Class of 1966 will hold its 50th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Sumter County Museum. Cost is \$30 for singles, \$60 for couples. Kent Mims and Coty Cuttino are organizing a golf outing for the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 23. For information, call Myra Moore Wilt at (803) 491-4624.

FYI

The Single Parent Institute meets from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Birnie HOPE Center. Meetings are open to teenage single parents, custodial and non-custodial single parents. You are welcome to bring your children as the Single Parent Institute is for the entire family. Contact Dr. L. Quaneck Walkes at (803)

223-9408 or lwalkes@sctechthisout.com.

The Rembert Area Community Coalition (RACC) offers a senior citizens program 10 a.m.-noon each Monday and Wednesday at 6785 Bradley St. (behind community car wash), Rembert, SC 29128. Transportation is available. For details, call (803) 432-2001.

PUBLIC AGENDA

TAX ACCOMMODATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Today, 3 p.m., Swan Lake Visitors Center

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
Today, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Today, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
Today, 6:30 p.m., district office

GREATER SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, noon, chamber office Center

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce boardroom, 32 E. Calhoun St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Formulate a gameplan before you

begin. Organization will be a critical part of reaching your destination. Take better care of your physical and emotional well-being. It's important to remain healthy if you want to accomplish your goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take the initiative to plan your next vacation. Regardless of whether you go away or stay put, the venues you choose to enjoy will have an impact on what you decide to do for the remainder of the year. Choose wisely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Find a way to make ends meet. Living excessively will be your downfall. Use your intelligence and make lifestyle changes that will help you save money. Take care of your family's needs first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can accomplish anything if you set priorities and remain focused. An opportunity will arise that will alter your future and improve your domestic situation. A partnership will benefit if you collaborate and compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Refuse to let opposition get in the way. Paying close attention to detail will deter anyone from complaining or trying to take over. Your generosity and desire to take action will impress someone who has the potential to change your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do what works best for you. Your willingness to do things on your own will attract helpers. Engage in talks with those who have something to offer, and a partnership will develop. Sort out past problems

before you move forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rely on your merits and you will be able to bring about the changes that will improve your life. Don't procrastinate because someone plays with your emotions. Stay focused on what you want and don't lose sight of your goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your enthusiasm will help you get the assistance you need to get things done. Your own ideas combined with the suggestions of others will give you the edge in any competition. Making a romantic commitment will have a positive effect on your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Having a solid strategy in place will help you avoid conflict and confusion. Learn what you need to know to avoid being led astray by someone with a pushy attitude. Make changes instead of having them forced upon you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look for different ways to bring in cash or settle a disagreement. Being on the same page as the person who has the biggest influence on your life will lead to a much better outcome. Romance will improve your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Offer knowledge and experience, and you will bring about the changes that will help you earn more and gain respect. Keeping your suggestions simple will help you get your point across. Use brains instead of brawn.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can take care of emotional matters that will bring you closer to the people you love most. A change to your home surroundings will result in compliments. Love and romance are on the rise.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	An afternoon t-storm in spots	A thunderstorm in the area	Times of clouds and sun	A t-storm in the afternoon
91°	72°	94° / 75°	97° / 78°	97° / 75°	92° / 74°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 55%
SW 7-14 mph	SSW 7-14 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	ENE 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

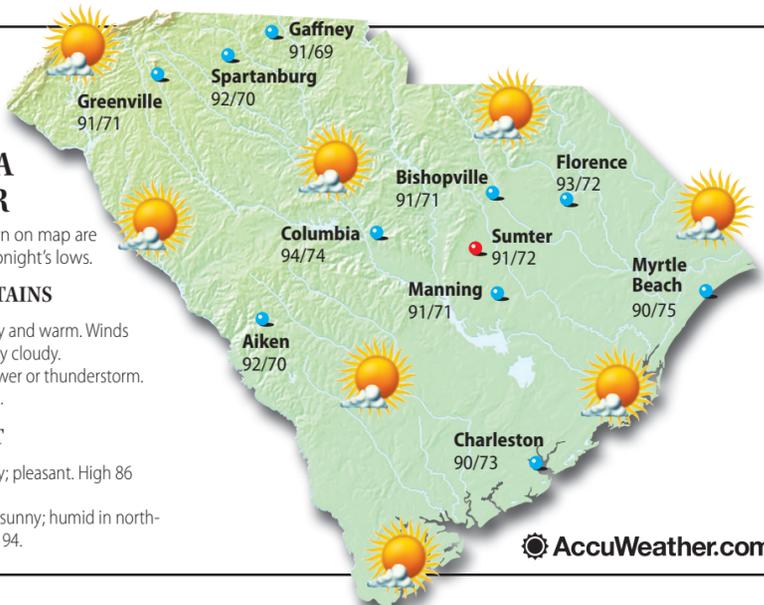
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly sunny and warm. Winds west 6-12 mph. Partly cloudy.
Wednesday: A shower or thunderstorm. Winds west 3-6 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly sunny; pleasant. High 86 to 90.
Wednesday: Partly sunny; humid in northern parts. High 90 to 94.



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SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	86°	63°	89°	67°	102° in 2011	55° in 1961

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	trace
Month to date	2.99"
Normal month to date	3.51"
Year to date	24.42"
Last year to date	20.25"
Normal year to date	21.26"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.26	-0.05
Marion	76.8	75.24	-0.03
Moultrie	75.5	75.17	-0.01
Wateree	100	97.49	-0.03

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.85	-0.65
Congaree River	19	3.46	-0.03
Lynches River	14	5.60	+0.48
Saluda River	14	2.34	+0.01
Up. Santee River	80	76.36	+0.10
Wateree River	24	7.53	+0.02

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:11 a.m.	Sunset	8:36 p.m.
Moonrise	9:34 p.m.	Moonsset	7:22 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
June 27	July 4	July 11	July 19

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:21 a.m.	2.7	5:11 a.m.	0.0
	10:53 p.m.	3.3	5:01 p.m.	0.0
Wed.	11:02 a.m.	2.7	5:53 a.m.	0.0
	11:32 p.m.	3.3	5:44 p.m.	0.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	90/72/s	91/73/pc
Chicago	83/64/pc	82/66/t
Dallas	96/78/s	96/77/s
Detroit	83/60/pc	81/63/t
Houston	92/74/t	95/72/s
Los Angeles	86/66/pc	82/64/pc
New Orleans	90/75/pc	90/76/s
New York	86/67/pc	84/65/s
Oriando	90/70/pc	93/75/s
Philadelphia	88/69/pc	88/69/s
Phoenix	114/88/pc	113/88/pc
San Francisco	75/56/s	72/55/s
Wash., DC	90/71/t	89/73/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	86/66/s	86/66/t	Florence	93/72/s	95/76/t
Athens	93/71/s	94/72/pc	Gainesville	89/65/s	94/70/pc
Augusta	93/69/s	96/72/pc	Gastonia	91/68/s	91/72/pc
Beaufort	90/72/s	94/75/pc	Goldsboro	92/72/s	94/75/pc
Cape Hatteras	83/76/s	84/76/pc	Goose Creek	90/73/s	94/75/pc
Charleston	90/73/s	94/76/pc	Greensboro	91/70/s	89/71/pc
Charlotte	91/71/s	92/73/pc	Greenville	91/71/s	93/73/t
Clemson	94/72/s	95/75/pc	Hickory	90/69/s	90/71/t
Columbia	94/74/s	98/76/pc	Hilton Head	87/74/s	91/77/pc
Darlington	92/72/s	94/75/t	Jacksonville, FL	88/65/s	93/70/pc
Elizabeth City	90/71/t	89/72/pc	La Grange	91/67/s	93/70/pc
Elizabethtown	92/72/s	93/76/pc	Macon	93/67/s	96/70/pc
Fayetteville	93/74/s	95/76/pc	Marietta	89/71/s	91/72/pc
			Marion	88/65/s	88/66/t
			Mt. Pleasant	88/74/s	93/77/pc
			Myrtle Beach	90/75/s	92/77/pc
			Orangeburg	91/70/s	95/74/pc
			Port Royal	88/73/s	93/76/pc
			Raleigh	93/70/s	91/72/pc
			Rock Hill	92/69/s	92/74/pc
			Rockingham	92/71/s	93/75/pc
			Savannah	90/70/s	95/73/pc
			Spartanburg	92/70/s	92/73/t
			Summerville	90/72/s	94/74/pc
			Wilmington	89/74/s	93/76/pc
			Winston-Salem	90/70/pc	89/71/pc

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LEGION BASEBALL

Easy to come by

Manning's Ard continues Post 68's pitching success in 6-0 victory over Dalzell-Shaw



RICK CARPENTER/THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning-Santee's Taylor Lee (9) slides across home plate ahead of the tag of Dalzell-Shaw catcher Josh Whitley to score the final of three runs on a 4-base throwing error in Post 68's 6-0 win on Monday at Thomas Sumter Academy's General Field.

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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DALZELL -- Good pitching hasn't been very hard for Manning-Santee Post 68 to come by this season. It was no different on Monday at Thomas Sumter Academy's General Field.

Right-hander William pitched seven innings of shut-out baseball and Morgan Morris came in to work the final two scoreless innings as Manning defeated Dalzell-Shaw Post 175 6-0 in an American Legion League III game.

The victory improved M-S to 3-6, both overall and in league play. The Jets fell to 1-15 overall and 0-9 in league play.

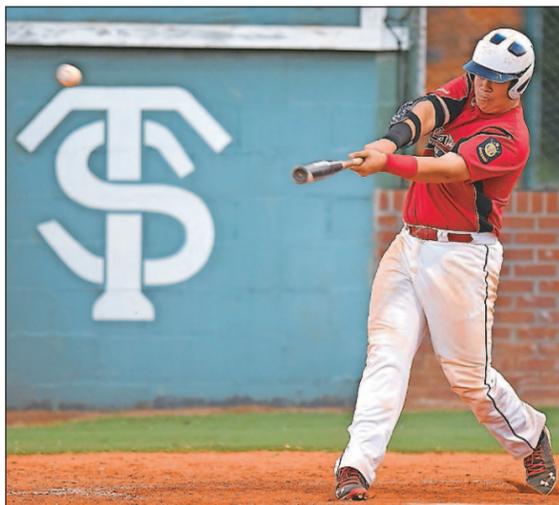
It was far from a perfect performance for Ard. He allowed

four hits and walked four, but he struck out nine as well. The Jets had runners in scoring position in four of the first five innings, including leaving them loaded in the third.

"There's no doubt Williams has been our best pitcher all year," said Post 68 head coach Spencer Jordan. "He's given us 100 percent every time out. He's battled some arm problems and some back problems, but he's pitched well every time."

Dalzell got a solid pitching performance from right-hander Colin Kremer. He pitched all nine innings for the Jets, allowing nine hits, but just one earned run as he was hurt by four errors. He walked one

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Dalzell-Shaw's Lenny Gonzalez delivers a base hit during the Jets' 6-0 loss to Manning-Santee on Monday at General Field in Dalzell.

PALMETTO PRO TENNIS

Bellis caps dominant week with singles title

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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Catherine "CiCi" Bellis put her name on the tennis map at the 2014 U.S. Open by becoming one of the youngest players to ever win a main draw match at the age of 15.

The California native is also putting her name all over the tennis map in South Carolina -- for tournament victories.

She added another city to her growing list on Sunday by capturing the Palmetto Pro Open singles title with a dominant 6-1, 6-3 win over Valeria Solovyeva at Palmetto Tennis Center.

The victory was her fourth International Tennis Federation Pro Circuit singles title, with three of the four coming in the Palmetto State. Aside from Sumter, Bellis also has



JUSTIN DRIGGERS / THE SUMTER ITEM

CiCi Bellis hits a return shot during her 6-1, 6-3 victory over Valeria Solovyeva on Sunday during the finals of the Palmetto Pro Open singles tournament at Palmetto Tennis Center.

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PRO BASKETBALL

LeBron brings title home

Cavs top Warriors 93-89 in Game 7

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James stepped off the plane and into a blizzard of red-and-gold confetti before hoisting the Larry O'Brien trophy. It gleamed in the bright summer sun, a symbol of hope and history.



As promised, James brought home a championship, the one on hold the past 52 years.

"This is for you, Cleveland," James shouted into a microphone.

The superstar, born and raised in nearby Akron, powered the Cavaliers to a never-seen-before comeback in the NBA Finals, bringing them back from a 3-1 deficit to stun the Golden State Warriors.

On Monday, more than 10,000 fans gathered at Hopkins International Airport welcomed James and his teammates, who made a pit stop in Las Vegas for late-night partying before completing this unlikely June journey.

The Cavs not only defied the odds to make history, but they ended Cleveland's pro sports title drought stretching to 1964, when the Browns won an NFL title.

It's been a surreal ride for Clevelanders and shortly after showing fans the trophy from afar, James, the four-time

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PRO GOLF

Breaks finally fall Dustin Johnson's way

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

OAKMONT, Pa. — Dustin Johnson already has shown he can take a punch. He also can take a joke.



Four months ago, he was playing the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in his regular pairing with Jordan Spieth, good friends and complete opposites. Johnson had nothing but bad luck in the majors. Spieth already had the Masters and a U.S. Open that he won last year when Johnson three-putted from 12 feet on the final hole at Chambers Bay.

At Pebble, on the par-3 fifth hole, Spieth hit a tee shot that hopped the wrong way into a bunker.

"Man, when am I ever going to catch a break," he said with a slight grin and a sideways look.

Johnson picked up on it quickly.

"Bro," he said with a smile, "don't even go there."

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COLLEGE BASEBALL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coastal Carolina players congratulate Chanticleer pitcher Andrew Beckwith (41) after his complete game performance in the CCU's 2-1 victory on Sunday in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Chanticleers stun No. 1 Florida in CWS debut

BY ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — No. 1 seed Florida sent to the mound two first-round picks, a second-rounder, third-rounder and 10th-rounder against Coastal Carolina on Sunday night.

None was nearly as good as the never-drafted Andrew Beckwith.

Confounding the Gators with his submarine, sidearm and overhand deliveries and even a curveball he said he found in his "back pocket" in pregame warmups, Beckwith was the shiniest of all the stars at TD Ameritrade Park in the Chanticleers' 2-1 victory — their program's first College World Series game.

"Everything was working tonight," Beckwith said.

Yes, it was. "Like I've said all yearlong, he's the best bullpen guy in the country, and he keeps proving me wrong," Coastal Carolina coach Gary Gilmore said. "He's a legit starter. To change arm angles and command the ball the way he does... He's a unique guy."

The biggest victory in Coastal Carolina's history came in the third stage of its incredible postseason run. The Chanticleers beat host

North Carolina State in the regional final and swept No. 8 national seed LSU on the road in super regionals to advance to Omaha.

"We're basically trying to do this for coach Gilmore," Beckwith said. "We got him to Omaha, but our job's not done."

The Chanticleers (50-16) have won 39 of their last 47 games and show no signs of slowing down.

"We're going to go out there and give it all we have and not worry about who is on the other side, whether they're more talented than us or not," said Zach Remillard, who doubled and tripled in the Chanticleers' runs.

The Gators (52-15) came to Omaha favored to win their program's first national title. Now they're in survival mode. A No. 1 national seed hasn't won the championship since Miami in 1999, the first year of the current format.

"There are a lot of people disappointed. I'm disappointed, to be honest with you," Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "This is a really good team. We just ran across a guy who was really good tonight."

Beckwith pitched the first complete game of his career,

and needed only 98 pitches to do it.

"The Gators' only run off Beckwith (13-1) came on Jeremy Vasquez's pinch single in the fifth. Beckwith allowed two singles the rest of the way and retired the last 10 batters in the first complete game of his career.

He set down the Gators' 3-4-5 batters in the bottom of the ninth. Peter Alonso popped out and JJ Schwarz grounded out. That prompted the Chanticleers' fans to start chanting "C-C-U! C-C-U!" and "Let's go Coastal!" before Mike Rivera grounded out, with shortstop Michael Paez double-pumping on his throw to first.

The Chanticleers got to Florida starter Logan Shore (12-1) for five hits — two triples and three doubles. The Oakland Athletics' second-round draft pick left with none out in the sixth after Remillard's RBI triple past Buddy Reed in left center put the Chanticleers up 2-1.

"I thought they were pretty good," Shore said. "They put good swings on the ball when the ball was in the zone. My approach was good going into the game. It came down to executing a couple pitches, and I didn't execute them."

TITLE

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league MVP, paraded it around the perimeter of the parking lot so fans behind the chain-linked fences could see they weren't dreaming.

"I kept waking up during the night and saying, 'Did we really win?'" said Diana Beetler of Oberlin, Ohio. "I couldn't believe it. I've never had a championship since I was born. We've been waiting years and years for this."

She watched Sunday night's game at home with family.

"I cried," said Beetler's 18-year-old daughter, Zoe. "Everybody cried."

It seems the entire city choked up after James capped his MVP series with a sensational Game 7, a triple-double performance that will long be remembered for his chase-down block of Warriors forward Andre Iguodala in the final minutes — a rejection that seemed to erase so many bad memories in Cleveland.

James' emotional reaction following the game seemed to strike a chord with everyone. He broke down crying several times, overwhelmed by the magnitude of what he had accomplished and what he knew it meant to Northeast Ohio. "It was unbelievable," said Indians manager Terry Francona, who helped the Boston Red Sox end their 86-year World Series dryspell.

"I almost enjoy that part of it as much. Watching the genuine emotion come out. So often, when guys are talking, it's saying the right thing. I get it. I'm supposed to do it,

too. It's just part of the job. But to see the genuine emotion come out was pretty cool."

Many of the fans who arrived at the vast I-X Center adjacent to the airport on Monday morning were going on little or no sleep following Sunday night's riveting victory. The crowd was entertained by music and dancers before cheering replays of the final, frenetic minutes of Game 7 as if they were living them for the first time.

Cleveland's furry mascot, Moondog, body surfed on the massive crowd, which continued to grow up until the moment the Cavs' 757 jet pulled in about 12:40 p.m., welcomed under two crisscrossing water cannons and deafening

cheers.

Cavs coach Tyrone Lue, who took over the team in late January, and several other players paused at the top gangway to film and absorb the wild scene below as fans let loose and sang Queen's "We Are The Champions."

Following star guard Kyrie Irving and a shirtless J.R. Smith, James was the last player to come through the plane's door. When he lifted the trophy, Cleveland erupted as it did a few hours earlier after the 93-89 victory.

The party will continue all week — and maybe beyond — with a downtown parade planned for Wednesday, a celebration few thought they would ever witness.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
11:30 a.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Euro 2016 Group Match from Paris — Northern Ireland vs. Germany (ESPN).
11:30 a.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Euro 2016 Group Match from Marseille, France — Ukraine vs. Poland (ESPN2).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Euro 2016 Group Match from Bordeaux, France — Croatia vs. Spain (ESPN).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Euro 2016 Group Match from Lens, France — Czech Republic vs. Turkey (ESPN2).
3:30 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Minnesota at Los Angeles (NBA TV).
5 p.m. — College Baseball: College World Series Game Seven from Omaha, Neb. — Texas Tech vs. Florida (ESPN2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: Sumter at Hartsville (WVHM-FM 92.3, WVHM-FM 93.3, WVHM-AM 1290).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Miami (FOX SPORTS SOUTH-EAST, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — International Diving: U.S. Olympic Trials from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — NPF Softball: Akron at Dallas (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Phoenix at Dallas (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis at Chicago Cubs or Los Angeles Angels at Houston (MLB NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Baseball: College World Series Game Eight from Omaha, Neb. — Texas Christian vs. Coastal Carolina (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — International Soccer: Copa America Centenario Semifinal Match from Houston — United States vs. Argentina (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).
11 p.m. — International Diving: U.S. Olympic Trials from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 0
 Miami 3, Colorado 0
 San Francisco 5, Tampa Bay 1
 Arizona 5, Philadelphia 1
 Houston 6, Cincinnati 0
 Texas 4, St. Louis 4
 L.A. Dodgers 2, Milwaukee 1
 San Diego 6, Washington 3
 Chicago Cubs 10, Pittsburgh 5

MONDAY'S GAMES

Arizona at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
 Colorado at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
 Arizona at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

By The Associated Press

NCAA College World Series Glance At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Neb. All Times EDT Double Elimination x-if necessary

Saturday, June 18
 Oklahoma State 1, UC Santa Barbara 0
 Arizona 5, Miami 1
Sunday, June 19
 TCU 5, Texas Tech 3
 Coastal Carolina 2, Florida 1
Monday, June 20
 UC Santa Barbara 5, Miami 3, Miami eliminated
 Game 6 — Oklahoma State (42-20) vs. Arizona (45-21), 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 21
 Game 7 — Texas Tech (46-19) vs. Florida (52-15), 5 p.m.
 Game 8 — TCU (48-16) vs. Coastal Carolina (50-16), 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22
 Game 9 — UC Santa Barbara (43-19-1) vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 23
 Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 8 p.m.
Friday, June 24
 Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 3 p.m.
 Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 25
 x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, TBA
 x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, TBA
 If only one game is necessary, it will be played at night.
Championship Series (Best-of-3)
 Monday, June 27: TBA, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 28: TBA, 8 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, June 29: TBA, 8 p.m.

MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	40	28	.588	—
Boston	39	29	.574	1
Toronto	39	33	.542	3
New York	34	35	.493	6½
Tampa Bay	31	36	.463	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	38	30	.559	—
Kansas City	38	31	.551	½
Detroit	34	35	.493	4½
Chicago	33	36	.478	5½
Minnesota	21	48	.304	17½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	45	25	.643	—
Seattle	36	33	.522	8½
Houston	34	36	.486	11
Los Angeles	31	38	.449	13½
Oakland	28	41	.406	16½

SATURDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 6
 Baltimore 4, Toronto 2
 Boston 6, Seattle 2
 L.A. Angels 7, Oakland 1
 Houston 5, Cincinnati 4, 11 inn.
 San Francisco 6, Tampa Bay 4
 Texas 4, St. Louis 3
 Cleveland 13, Chicago White Sox 2
 Kansas City 16, Detroit 5

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland 3, Chi. White Sox 2, 10 inn.
 San Francisco 5, Tampa Bay 1
 Boston 2, Seattle 1
 Baltimore 11, Toronto 6
 Houston 6, Cincinnati 0
 Minnesota 7, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Kansas City 2, Detroit 1, 13 inn.
 Texas 5, St. Louis 4
 L.A. Angels 2, Oakland 0

MONDAY'S GAMES

Chi. White Sox at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 Baltimore at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Arizona at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Chi. White Sox at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	27	.614	—
Miami	37	32	.536	5½
New York	36	32	.529	6
Philadelphia	30	40	.429	13
Atlanta	23	46	.333	19½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	20	.701	—
St. Louis	35	33	.515	12½
Pittsburgh	33	36	.478	15
Milwaukee	31	39	.443	17½
Cincinnati	27	43	.386	21½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	44	26	.629	—
Los Angeles	38	33	.535	6½
Colorado	32	36	.471	11
Arizona	32	39	.451	12½
San Diego	29	42	.408	15½

SATURDAY'S GAMES

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SPORTS ITEMS

Gauchos' win brings early exit for Miami

OMAHA, Neb. — Pinch hitter Ryan Cumberland's two-run single broke a tie and Noah Davis and Kyle Nelson combined to hold down No. 3 national seed Miami's offense in UC Santa Barbara's 5-3 victory in a College World Series elimination game Monday.

The Gauchos (43-19-1) kept their first CWS appearance going and will play Wednesday against the loser of Monday night's game between Oklahoma State and Arizona.

The Hurricanes (50-14) went 0-2 for only the second time in their 25 CWS appearances. Their other two-and-out was in 1979.

Santa Barbara struck for four runs after a 1-hour, 2-minute rain delay in the sixth inning. Cumberland made it 3-1 with his one-out single down the first-base line, and the Gauchos used back-to-back squeeze plays for two more runs.

Miami opened the scoring on Zack Collins' 16th homer of the season in the first inning off Davis (7-4), and the Gauchos' JJ Muno singled in the tying run in the bottom half off Danny Garcia (9-5).

The offenses went quiet until after the rain in the sixth inning.

Garcia went back to the mound after the rain delay and got a flyout before Muno doubled into the right-field corner. Frankie Bartow relieved and walked Dempsey Grover, and Cumberland, pinch hitting for Kyle Plantiere, followed with his tie-breaking smash down the first-base line.

Billy Fredrick and Ryan Clark, the Nos. 8 and 9 batters, laid down bunts with runners on third to make it a four-run game.

Miami tried to come back against Nelson, stringing together four straight hits in the eighth, with Randy Batista and Collins singling in runs. Davis got out of it when he froze Ruiz with a slider to strand runners on first and third.

SEI YOUNG KIM WINS MEIJER LPGA CLASSIC IN PLAYOFF

BELMONT, Mich. — Sei Young Kim won the Meijer LPGA Classic on Sunday for her second victory of the year, beating Carlota Ciganda with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff.

After bogeying the 18th in regulation to drop into the playoff, the 23-year-old Kim rebounded on the par-4 hole in the playoff. She hit a 124-yard shot from the deep left rough so deep that she momentarily lost her ball after looking away ran onto the green and settled at 3½ feet.

The South Korean player finished with a 3-under 68 at Blytheheld to match Ciganda at 17-under 267.

Ciganda, from Spain, parred the final five holes in a bogey-free 67. Winless on the tour with four fourth runner-up finishes, she also hit into the left rough in the playoff. She hit a 156-yard shot through the green and couldn't get up-and-down for par.

Kim has five career victories, going 3-0 in playoffs. The South Korean player also

won the Founders Cup this year in Phoenix, shooting 63-66-70-62 to match Annika Sorenstam's LPGA Tour scoring record of 27 under. Last year, she won three times and was the rookie of the year.

DIAMONDBACKS 3

PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Shelby Miller threw 6 2-3 sharp innings, Jake Lamb hit a two-run homer and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the reeling Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 Monday afternoon to complete a four-game sweep.

Miller (2-6) allowed one run and five hits, striking out five in his first start since May 24. He had been on the disabled list with a sprained right index finger.

The Phillies went 0-6 on their first winless homestand of six or more games since Sept. 21-27, 1964, when they went 0-7 at Connie Mack Stadium before losing three more games in a historic collapse from first place.

PIRATES 1

GIANTS 0

PITTSBURGH — Jeff Locke followed consecutive horrible starts with 6⅓ scoreless innings, Erik Kratz hit his first home run since 2014 and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat San Francisco 1-0 on Monday night, ending the Giants' eight-game winning streak.

Locke (6-5) allowed five hits, no walks and struck out three, helping the Pirates to just their second win in 12 games. He had allowed 18 runs and 20 hits over 8 2/3 innings during his previous two outings.

Kratz's solo shot with two outs in fifth was his first since a two-homer game for the Kansas City Royals on Aug. 18, 2014 against the Minnesota Twins.

ROCKIES 5

MARLINS 3

MIAMI — Mark Reynolds hit two home runs to help power the Colorado Rockies to a 5-3 victory over the Miami Marlins in a record-setting home run contest Monday night.

Trevor Story, Nick Hundley, and Charlie Blackmon also homered for the Rockies, who salvaged the final game of a four-game series with Miami.

The eight solo home runs accounted for all of the runs scored in the game, setting the Major League record. The previous mark was five.

INDIANS 7

RAYS 4

CLEVELAND — Francisco Lindor and Juan Uribe homered in the eighth inning and the Cleveland Indians beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-4 on Monday night.

Lindor hit the first pitch from Erasmo Ramirez (7-5) into the lower deck in right field for his eighth homer of the season, breaking a 4-all tie. Uribe homered in his third straight game, a two-run shot off Ramirez.

Carlos Santana also homered for the AL Central-leading Indians, who have won four straight.

The Associated Press



RICK CARPENTER/THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning-Santee pitcher William Ard tossed seven shutout innings in Post 68's 6-0 win over Dalzell-Shaw Post 175 on Monday at Thomas Sumter Academy's General Field.

MANNING

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and struck out two while hitting two batters.

"We couldn't really ask for anymore from Colin," said D-S head coach Gene Durant. "He kept making pitches for us, keeping us in the game, but we made some critical errors behind him."

Manning jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning off of Kremer. Taylor Lee off with a single, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. He scored on a sacrifice fly by Ard.

Dalzell got a runner to second with less than two outs in each of the first two innings and couldn't score. It loaded the bases in the third with one out and couldn't push a run in either.

Lance Ragin singled with one out and Gavin Melton reached on an error before No. 3 hitter Lenny Gonzalez drew a walk to load the bases. Ard struck out Josh Whitley and got Christian Buford to ground out to get out of the inning.

"We left runners all over the place and couldn't get across a run," said Durant, whose team left 10 runners on base. "We just didn't get the key hit when we needed it."

Post 68 loaded the bases with no outs in the fourth, but it looked like Kremer might get the chance to get out of the inning with mini-

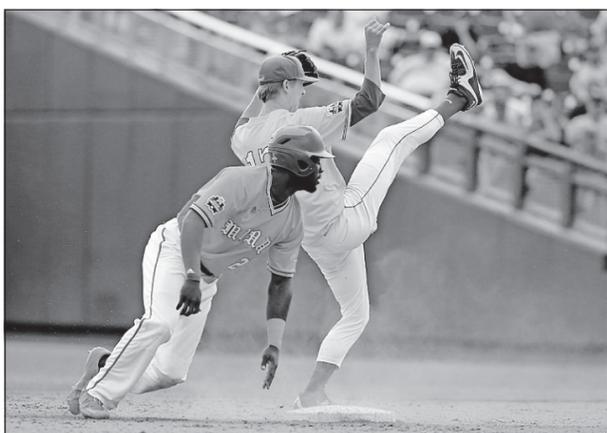
mal, if any, damage when Lee hit a grounder back to him. Kremer threw home to catcher Whitley to force Matthew Corbett. However, Whitley threw the ball down the right field line and the speedy Lee came all the way around to score behind Braydon Osteen and Will Gardner to make it 4-0.

M-S scored two more runs in the fifth with help from the Jets. Connor Floyd was hit for the second time to start the inning before Buddy Bleasdale hit a grounder back to Kremer. Floyd was forced at second, but an errant throw allowed Bleasdale to reach. After Morris popped up for the second

out, Corbett reached on an error by second baseman Jese Lucas and Osteen picked up his third of four hits to load the bases.

Gardner decided to drop down a bunt and Kremer fielded it cleanly. However, he threw the ball away to allow Bleasdale and Corbett to score and make it 6-0.

While Manning had nine hits, four of them came from Osteen. "Pitching and defense has been our strength all year," Jordan said. "We're still working on getting the sticks going, but we're a young team and these guys are working really hard."



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Miami's Jacob Heyward, left, is out at second as UC Santa Barbara's Clay Fisher turns the double play for the final out of UCSB's 5-3 victory on Monday in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

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PRO GOLF



U.S. Open winner Dustin Johnson, right, shakes hands with Shane Lowry following the final round on Sunday at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa.

Lowry 'bitterly disappointed' after collapse in final round

BY WILL GRAVES
The Associated Press

OAKMONT, Pa. — Shane Lowry stood on the 18th green for an awards presentation at the U.S. Open, just how he planned.

It's where Lowry stood, however, that will stick with the affable Irishman for a while. Maybe a long while.

While Dustin Johnson donned the gold medal, held the trophy and got the kiss from the girl after exorcising some very real major championship meltdowns of his own while conquering Oakmont in the final round Sunday, Lowry rubbed his beard and tried to smile through the anguish.

It wasn't easy. Not even close. Up by four when he stepped onto the first tee, Lowry settled for a share of second after a 6-over 76 and a four-round total of 1-under 279, three shots back of the beaming Johnson. The 29-year-old's best finish at a major was little consolation.

"Bitterly disappointed, standing here," Lowry said. "And, you know, it's not easy to get yourself in a position I got myself in today. It was there for the taking and I

didn't take it."

There was no singular moment where things went wrong, just 18 holes of average to mediocre golf when something far better was required. His round included seven bogeys against just one birdie and a string of three-putts on the back nine that gave Johnson all the breathing room he needed despite a one-stroke penalty when the ball moved as he was getting ready to address it on the fifth green.

"I just kept on hitting, you know, OK shots," Lowry said. "It wasn't even great shots, it wasn't even bad shots. Kept hitting it 25, 30, 35 feet. On these greens, it's tricky. Kept leaving myself a lot of work to do."

Too much, far too much, to keep pace with Johnson. Lowry's struggled played in stark contrast to his near flawless Saturday, when he cruised through 32 holes in 3 under during a marathon day that sent him soaring up the leaderboard. When he finished the third round off early Sunday morning with birdies on the 15th and 17th, he had a four-shot lead and unknown Andrew Landry as his playing partner.

Lowry described his dream-like tour of Oakmont on Saturday as the most comfortable he's ever felt on a golf course. That comfort disappeared in the late Sunday heat. By the turn he was trailing Johnson by a shot, well aware of how the towering American was doing thanks to the reaction from a solidly pro-Johnson crowd shouting "USA! USA!" at nearly every turn.

Still, Lowry was in it and had a wedge in his hands on No. 14 when he failed to get it close. Three putts later the deficit had grown.

"It just kind of spiraled out of control from there," Lowry said. "It was one of those where I'd give anything to have that wide shot on 14 back again."

It grew another shot several minutes later when his comeback putt on the 15th slid by. The championship slipped out of reach on the 16th, when he couldn't get down in two from 49 feet on the par-3.

"Everything happened quickly," Lowry said. "But, you know, that's the way -- that's what happens when you play a few bad holes. They're kind of over before you know it. You'd like to have them back again."

shot at the end of his round.

Try playing the final hour of a U.S. Open not knowing if you're one shot ahead, tied or one shot behind.

Johnson couldn't help but wonder — "maybe a little bit, for sure" — if he was jinxed.

He was kept out of a playoff in the 2010 PGA Championship because of a two-shot penalty on the last hole when he grounded his club in sand without realizing it was a bunker at Whistling Straits. He was chasing down Darren Clarke a year later in the British Open when he sliced a 2-iron out of bounds and finished second.

Chambers Bay stung the most. It's still a mystery why his 5-iron into the 18th green didn't roll down the slope to 3 feet instead of leaving him a 12-foot putt on a green as slick as a pane of glass.

"Just one more thing to add to the list, right?" Johnson said.

Instead of wondering what would go wrong, America's most powerful golfer took matters into his own hands.

His decision would suggest the Johnson of old, a guy who didn't keep his wits about him down the stretch. He chose not to look at a leaderboard the rest of the way. It was just him against the golf course, whether it was the first round or the fourth, whether he was leading or trailing.

Smart move. "I tried my best not to look at the leaderboard because no matter where I stood, I was playing the golf course," he

said. "And I was playing each shot how I was going to play it no matter if I was one back or one ahead. This golf course, that's what it demands of you. So that's what I was trying to do. Just play my game and not worry about what anyone else is doing."

Johnson hit all the right shots, even when he didn't need them.

Staked to a three-shot lead — or maybe it was two, no one was sure — he smashed driver down the fairway and a 6-iron to a back pin to 5 feet away.

"Even on the 18th green, after I hit it in there close, I had to ask my brother, 'Where do we stand?' I'm pretty sure I was ahead, but I had no idea," he said.

He made the putt, and his long wait was over.

Ultimately, this U.S. Open won't be remembered for no one knowing the score. The lasting image is Johnson scooping up his 18-month-old son, cradling the silver trophy. Among the first to greet him as he left the green was Jack Nicklaus, after whom the winner's gold medal is named.

Nicklaus won the first of his 18 majors at Oakmont in the 1962 U.S. Open.

Oakmont has the strongest list of U.S. Open champions, but for five of them — Nicklaus included — Oakmont was their first.

"It's definitely a good start," Johnson said.

The silver trophy was at his side. The smile was wider than ever. Finally, the breaks went his way.

U.S. OPEN SCORES

Sunday
At Oakmont Country Club
Oakmont, Pa.
Purse: \$10 million
Yardage: 7,219; Par: 70
Final
(a-amateur)

Dustin Johnson (600)	\$1,800,000	67-69-71-69-276	-4
Jim Furyk (230)	\$745,270	71-68-74-66-279	-1
Shane Lowry (230)	\$745,270	68-70-65-76-279	-1
Scott Piercy (230)	\$745,270	68-70-72-69-279	-1
Sergio Garcia (115)	\$374,395	68-70-72-70-280	E
Branden Grace (115)	\$374,395	73-70-66-71-280	E
Kevin Na (100)	\$313,349	75-68-69-69-281	+1
Jason Day (85)	\$247,806	76-69-66-71-282	+2
Jason Dufner (85)	\$247,806	73-71-68-70-282	+2
Zach Johnson (85)	\$247,806	71-69-71-71-282	+2
Daniel Summerhays (85)	\$247,806	74-65-69-74-282	+2
David Lingmerth (72)	\$201,216	72-69-75-67-283	+3
Brooks Koepka (66)	\$180,298	75-69-72-68-284	+4
Kevin Streelman (66)	\$180,298	69-74-69-72-284	+4
Bryson DeChambeau	\$152,234	71-70-70-74-285	+5
Andrew Landry (59)	\$152,234	66-71-70-78-285	+5
Brendan Steele (59)	\$152,234	71-71-70-73-285	+5
Gregory Bourdy	\$120,978	71-67-75-73-286	+6
Sung Kang (52)	\$120,978	70-72-70-74-286	+6
Marc Leishman (52)	\$120,978	71-69-77-69-286	+6
Graeme McDowell (52)	\$120,978	72-71-71-72-286	+6
Adam Scott (52)	\$120,978	71-69-72-74-286	+6
Byeong Hun An	\$82,890	74-70-73-70-287	+7
Derek Fathauer (44)	\$82,890	73-69-70-75-287	+7
Russell Knox (44)	\$82,890	70-71-73-73-287	+7
Yusaku Miyazato	\$82,890	73-69-71-74-287	+7
Louis Oosthuizen (44)	\$82,890	75-65-74-73-287	+7
Charl Schwartzel (44)	\$82,890	76-68-69-74-287	+7
Andy Sullivan	\$82,890	71-68-75-73-287	+7
Chris Wood	\$82,890	75-70-71-71-287	+7
Jon Rahm	\$0	76-69-72-70-287	+7
Rafa Cabrera Bello	\$61,197	74-70-69-75-288	+8
Billy Horschel (37)	\$61,197	72-74-66-76-288	+8
Ryan Moore (37)	\$61,197	74-72-72-70-288	+8
Justin Thomas (37)	\$61,197	73-69-73-73-288	+8
Lee Westwood	\$61,197	67-72-69-80-288	+8
Daniel Berger (30)	\$46,170	70-72-70-77-289	+9
Angel Cabrera (30)	\$46,170	70-76-72-71-289	+9
Harris English (30)	\$46,170	70-71-72-76-289	+9
Charley Hoffman (30)	\$46,170	72-74-70-73-289	+9
Martin Kaymer	\$46,170	73-73-72-71-289	+9
Jason Kokrak (30)	\$46,170	71-70-74-74-289	+9
Rob Oppenheim (30)	\$46,170	72-72-72-73-289	+9
Jordan Spieth (30)	\$46,170	72-72-70-75-289	+9
Danny Willett (30)	\$46,170	75-70-73-71-289	+9
Matt Kuchar (24)	\$34,430	71-72-71-76-290	+10
Matteo Manassero	\$34,430	76-70-71-73-290	+10
Patrick Rodgers (24)	\$34,430	73-72-68-77-290	+10
James Hahn (22)	\$30,241	73-71-75-72-291	+11
Kevin Kisner (22)	\$30,241	73-71-71-76-291	+11
Bill Haas (19)	\$27,694	76-69-73-74-292	+12
Hideto Tanihara	\$27,694	70-76-74-72-292	+12
Bubba Watson (19)	\$27,694	69-76-72-75-292	+12
Matthew Fitzpatrick	\$26,066	73-70-79-71-293	+13
Emiliano Grillo (16)	\$26,066	73-70-75-75-293	+13
Andrew Johnston	\$26,066	75-69-75-74-293	+13
Danny Lee (14)	\$25,131	69-77-74-74-294	+14
Lee Slattery	\$25,131	72-68-78-76-294	+14
Brandon Harkins	\$24,525	71-74-73-77-295	+15
Cameron Smith (12)	\$24,525	71-75-70-79-295	+15
Matt Marshall	\$23,938	72-73-75-76-296	+16
Tim Wilkinson (10)	\$23,938	71-75-75-75-296	+16
Romain Watell	\$23,497	71-75-75-76-297	+17
Chase Parker	\$23,203	75-70-72-81-298	+18
Spencer Levin (6)	\$22,762	73-72-77-77-299	+19
Ethan Tracy	\$22,762	73-70-79-77-299	+19
Justin Hicks (4)	\$22,324	73-72-78-81-304	+24

BREAKS

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Finally, the breaks fell Johnson's way Sunday in the U.S. Open at Oakmont, the toughest test in golf on the toughest championship course in the land.

They had to eventually. Johnson now has won in each of the nine years he has been on the PGA Tour, the longest active streak. He has too much talent, too much power. Eventually someone else would make the mistakes and a major would happen to him.

Sure, the three players who tried to chase him on the back nine — Shane Lowry, Scott Piercy and Sergio Garcia — each made at least two bogeys over the last four holes. The debate Sunday night was whether the biggest mistake belonged to USGA officials.

Johnson's ball moved as he stepped in for a short par putt on the fifth hole of the final round. He called over his playing partner, Lee Westwood, and the rules officials and it was deemed Johnson didn't cause it to move. There was no penalty and Johnson tapped in for par.

Less than an hour later, a USGA staff member who saw it on video thought it was worth another look. The USGA felt it had no choice but to approach Johnson on the 12th tee to ask him what could have caused the ball to move, and then told him to keep in mind that he might get one

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

By Amanda McNulty,
County Extension Agent

Small but Might

The most despised insect for most people is the cockroach, or more familiarly, the palmetto bug. Our official state insect is the universally admired praying mantis. First of all, how could you not like an insect that looks like it's praying, and add to that it captures and devours other insects that eat our plants. Maybe praying mantis would be a better name.

Of course, mosquitoes are always at the top of anyone's list of the most terrible insects and before the mid-1950's (with the advent of DDT and vigorous public health policies), it caused death for thousands of southerners each year who contracted malaria from its bite, and still causes millions of deaths worldwide each year. Mosquitoes are once again a cause for concern for more than itching bites as we worry about the arrival of the Zika virus in our country. But for gardeners, the insect we seldom see but which is causing major distress this year is the thrips. The "s" is not a mistake; one thrips is a thrips and a millions thrips are thrips. This small, slender insect has rasping mouthparts and feeds on plant juices. It serves as another of nature's remarkable examples of co-evolution as it is the vector for the tomato spotted wilt virus. This virus can infect thousands of dif-

ferent plant species. Early symptoms can be small brownish ringspots which give the leaf a bronzed look and also a purplish cast to the leaf which appears distorted. If your tomato plants show signs of this disease, pull them up and put them in the trash; don't throw them on the compost heap. They can serve as a source of inoculum for other thrips not yet carrying the virus.

The western flower thrips is the major vector of this disease. Many of the weeds we have in our landscape harbor the virus through the winter, and as new generations of thrips emerges in the spring, they acquire the virus as they feed on those plants. As the winter weeds die, the thrips move to greener pastures — including our gardens. Insecticides are not useful in combating thrips due to peculiarities of their life cycle and feeding patterns. There are some resistant varieties of tomatoes but even they can be affected during years with high TSWV pressures — and they aren't very tasty. To learn more about this disease, search "Clemson tomato spotted wilt virus."

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PALMETTO

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tourney crowns in Florence and Rock Hill.

"It feels amazing," said the 17-year-old Bellis afterwards. "I've won three Pro Circuit titles (in S.C.). I love the site. I've never been (to PTC) before, but I just felt really comfortable here."

That might be an understatement. Bellis, who was the third seed when the main draw began on Tuesday, never dropped a set and had the upper hand in the majority of her matches from the start -- as was the case Sunday when she jumped out to a 5-0 lead on Solovyeva in the first set en route to the 6-1 victory.

"I was obviously playing really good tennis (this week)," Bellis said. "I was dictating the ball well, playing my game and moving forward."

"Today I think early on I was dictating the points, being aggressive and using my forehand to move (Solovyeva)."

Things shifted early in the second set, however, and Bellis found herself down 3-1 and in danger of possibly going to a third-set tiebreaker.

But she rallied to take the last five games, including three on deuce points. Two stood out as Bellis and Solovyeva were tied at three games each when the younger American won back-to-back games to go up 5-3.

The final deuce point of the match went to Bellis after the two had each held the advantage a few different times before the Californian took con-



JUSTIN DRIGGERS / THE SUMTER ITEM

Valeria Solovyeva returns a shot during her 6-1, 6-3 loss to CiCi Bellis on Sunday during the finals of the Palmetto Pro Open singles tournament at Palmetto Tennis Center.

trol.

"Huge," Bellis said of the two deuce points. "Especially that 4-3 game. That was probably the biggest game of the match for me."

"She started moving me around (in the second set) and starting hitting a couple more winners. So I just had to stick with it, play my game and it turned out well."

It was a disappointing ending for Solovyeva, the top-seeded qualifier who was playing in her seventh match of the week.

"Today I would say there was not one (part) of the match where I felt comfortable, to be honest," said Solovyeva, who had never faced Bellis before. "It took some time for me to get going, but she played a re-

ally solid match.

"I needed to come up with something really, really good to beat her, and it was just not in me today I guess."

The native Russian, who will turn 24 later this year, was riding an 11-match winning streak entering Sunday's play but could not overcome a somewhat slow start.

"I had my chance (in the

second set) when it was 3-1, but one call kind of took me away a bit for a few games," she said. "That was probably my only opening, but other than that you never know what would have happened 'if' this."

"But I gave my best on each point and each game, so I can't blame myself for that. It's just a part of the game."

OBITUARIES

EDWARD L. GAUSE JR.

Edward L. Gause Jr., 70, husband of Janice Fennell Gause, died on Sunday, June 19, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.



Born in Kingstree, he was a son of the late Edward L. Sr. and Louise Owens Gause. Mr. Gause was a member of Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church and was a retired certified mechanic with Sumter County Public Works.

Surviving are his wife of Sumter; his stepmother, Eunice Gause of Kingstree; a son, James Gause (Bridgette) of Chapin; a daughter, Loretta Prescott (Rex) of Sumter; a sister, Sharon Elaine Hannah of Crestview, Florida; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Gause; and a sister, Janice Gause.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Bobby Driggers and the Rev. Bill Tschorn officiating.

Burial will be in E.V. Gaskins Cemetery, between Lake City and Johnsonville.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home of his daughter, 1725 N. Main St.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

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



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FELECIA ANN M. BRYAN

THOMASVILLE, Georgia — Services for Felecia Ann Miller Bryan, 47, of Thomasville, were held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Whiddon-Shiver Funeral Home. The Rev. Johnny Cooper officiated. Interment was at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

She died on Friday, June 17, 2016.

Born on Oct. 8, 1968, in Thomasville, she was a daughter of Joyce Little Miller of Thomasville and the late James Bert Miller Sr. She was a graduate of Thomasville

High School and Abraham Baldwin College. She was employed in the accounting office of Shared Services, a subsidiary of Flowers industries.

She is survived by her fiancé, Kenneth Evans of Thomasville; daughter, Hailey Ashlyn Bryan of Thomasville; son, Hunter Jarred Bryan of Thomasville; brother, James Bert Miller Jr. (Sharon) of Sumter; nephew, Jason C. Miller (Anne) of Summerset, Kentucky; nieces, Susan E. Shannon (Brian) of Lyman and Jessica B. Miller of Sumter; great-nephew, Noah Shannon; great-niece, Katlyn Miller; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Whiddon-Shiver Funeral Home of Thomasville was in charge of arrangements.

EVERETTE M. HALEY

MANNING — Everette Marvin Haley, 80, husband of Elizabeth Anne Hanna Haley, died on Sunday, June 19, 2016, at his home.

Born on May 15, 1936, in Manning, he was a son of the late Edgar William and Lizzie Vermell Holladay Haley. He was the owner and operator of Haley Farms and he attended Manning United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of Manning; two daughters, Sonia Haley of Manning and Teresa Haley Harper (Jeff) of Charleston; two grandchildren, Tyler Evan Harper and Hanna Reece Harper; two sisters, Mercelene Haley Scott (Jim) of Sumter and Sharron Haley of Manning; and his best friends and longtime employees, Edwige "Johnny" Cleto and Bobbi Jo Elmore.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Deloris Haley Jenkinson; and a brother, Pressley Benjamin Haley.

A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. today in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Clarendon Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Arthur Dean Ridgeway, Carl Jenkinson, Johnny Hanna, Kevin Ross, Billy Welch and J.J. Welch.

Honorary pallbearers will be Roger Flowers, Bubba Flowers, Kermit Holladay, Bobby Richburg, Matt Hanna, William Brewer, Levi Richburg, William Prothro, Lannes Prothro and Davis Welch.

Visitation was held Monday at Stephens Funeral Home and the family will receive friends at other times

at the residence.

Memorials may be made to Manning United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 68, Manning, SC 29102.

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

MATTHEW WILLIAMS

SALTER — Matthew "Mack" Williams, 49, died on Sunday, June 19, 2016, at his residence, 107 Nice Ave., Salters.

He was born on June 14, 1967, in Washington, D.C., a son of the late David James and Martha Dotts Williams and reared by the late John B. and Celia Mae Dotts Joe.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, John and Margaret Joe, 68 Fraternal Drive, Greeleyville.

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

EMMA G. JOYNES

Emma Louise Gunter Joynes, 79, widow of Oliver John Joynes, died on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Oct. 26, 1936, in Lancing, Tennessee, she was a daughter of the late Floyd Arnold and Fannie Louise Moore Gunter. She retired from the Internal Revenue Service, where she served as a bankruptcy agent.

Survivors include three children, Deborah K. Morning (Roy) of South Carolina, William David Grimes (Traci) of Louisiana and Vickie Mara Spadafora (Richard) of New York; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Jack Flanagan of California; and a daughter-in-law, Shirley Gatlin of California.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Arnold Gatlin; a sister, Alice Jewell Flanagan; and a grandson, Gunter Allen Bowere.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

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

ELLA RAE H. JONES

Ella Rae Hardister Jones, 86, widow of Lloyd Dale Jones, died on Sunday, June 19, 2016, at her home.

Born in Lexington, North Carolina, she was a daughter

of the late Ernest and Effie Yarborough Hardister. Mrs. Jones was a member of Crosswell Baptist Church, where she attended the Seekers Sunday School Class and the Keenagers seniors group.

Survivors include three children, Tina Jones Felder, Sunny Jones Johnson (Nelson) and Tim Jones (Kristi), all of Sumter; six grandchildren, Lauren Felder, Justin Felder (Miranda), Shannon J. DuBose (Dusty), Bryson Johnson, Brennan Jones and Landon Jones; and one brother, Henry "Chick" Hardister of Tabb, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Sonny Hardister; and a sister, Mary Louise Wilson.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Owens and the Rev. Rodney Howard officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Justin Felder, Bryson Johnson, Howard Winters, Brennan Jones, Landon Jones and Nelson Johnson.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. on

Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home, 144 Woodside Drive.

The family would like to express a special thanks to the staff of Caris Healthcare and to special caregivers, Emma Horne, Rosa Jefferson and Carolyn Albert for their special care.

Memorials may be made to Caris Healthcare, 105 W. Westmark Blvd. No. 4, Sumter, SC 29150 or to Crosswell Baptist Church, 604 Mathis St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

MAZIE W. NETTLES

Mazie Wiley Nettles, 90, wife of Willie Nettles, died on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at National Healthcare.

Born on Aug. 8, 1935, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Arthur and Nellie Bolden Wiley.

The family is receiving friends and relatives at her home, 5675 Fish Road, Daltzell.

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



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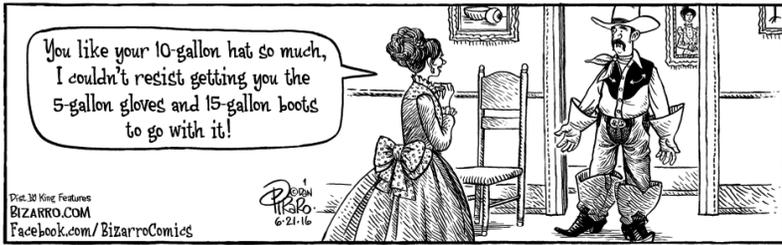
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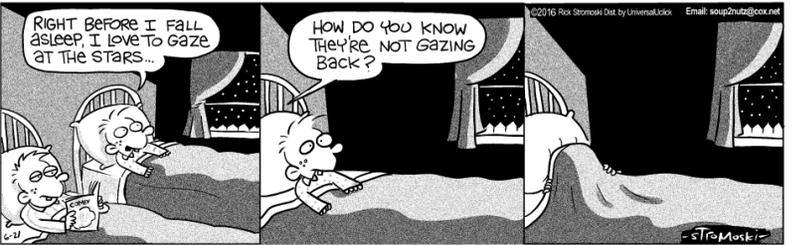
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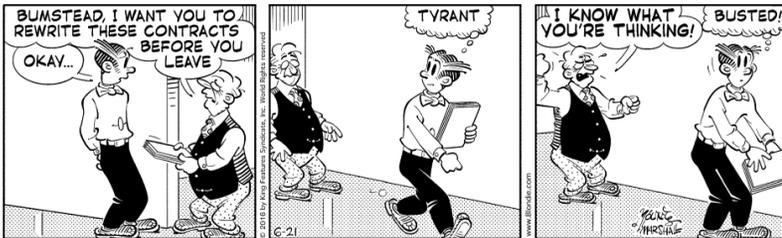
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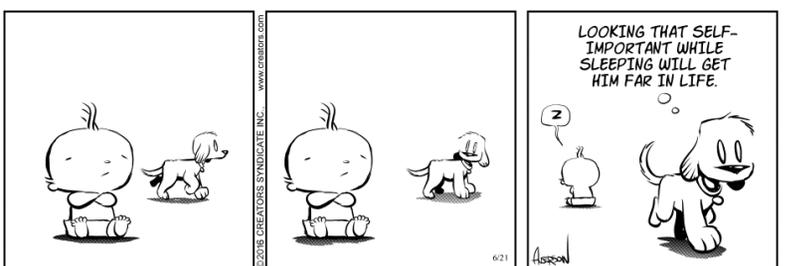
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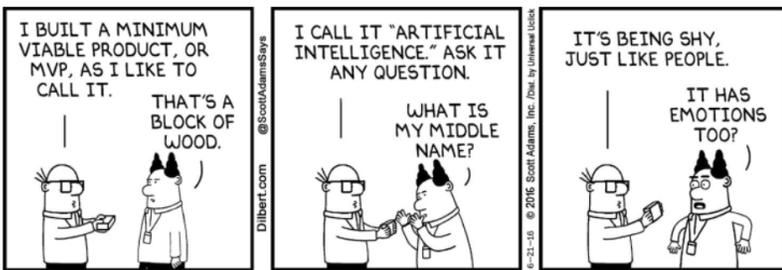
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Wife's husband is angered by men in her books



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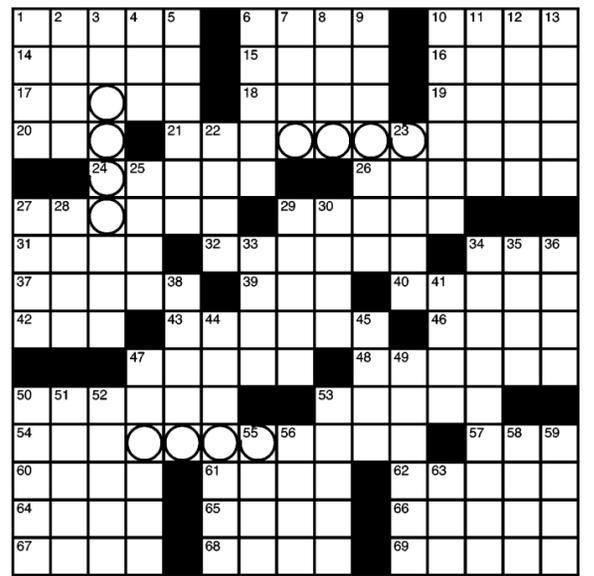
Ideally, your husband — the man of your dreams — should be able to tell you if something bothers him without sulking. And if he trusts you, he should be able to accept that what you are writing is fiction. If that's not the case, rather than your giving up writing, your husband should quit reading your books.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

We've been together 15 years and have two beautiful children.

While we both have professional careers, I also write romance novels as a hobby and side business. With every book authors write, a tiny part of their lives sneaks into their characters, storyline,

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Janice Luttrell

6/21/16

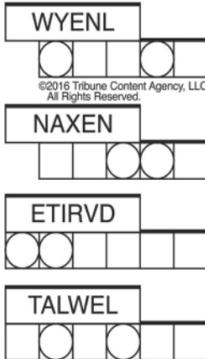
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By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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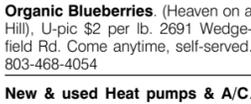
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LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury)

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2016-CP-43-00291

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER
 U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the CSFB Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-AGE1, Plaintiff,

vs.
 Evelyn S. White; Comprehensive Legal Solutions, Inc.; Discover Bank. Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29210, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on February 16, 2016.

Kristen E. Washburn
 S.C. Bar No. 101415
 Attorney for the Plaintiff
 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110
 Columbia, SC 29210
 803-454-3540
 Kristen.Washburn@brockandscott.com

SUMMONS AND NOTICE (Quiet Title)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Case No. 2016-CP-31-00095

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF LEE

Robbie L. Jenkins, PLAINTIFF

vs.
Flora Jane Porter, Jessie Bell Rembert, Susie Ann Marche, Mae Thelma Joe, Sarah Wilson, Phesure Benjamin, Lennox Lloyd, O'Donnell Lee Lloyd, and Blakey Lloyd, John Doe, a fictitious name representing all Heirs and devisees of Janie Jenkins, deceased, James A. Jenkins, deceased, Queen E. Lloyd, deceased and all persons entitled to claim under or through them; Richard Roe, a fictitious name

Summons & Notice

representing all other persons or corporations unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described herein, any unknown adults as a class; and Mary Roe, a fictitious name representing any unknown infants or persons under disability or persons in the military designated as a class.

DEFENDANTS

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon subscriber at 115 E. Church Street, P.O. Box 568, Bishopville, S.C. 29010, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

If you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, not less than ten (10) days after the time for answering has elapsed, Plaintiff will apply for an order referring all issues in this action, whether matters of fact or law, or both, to a Special Referee for Lee County and for a hearing before him, who shall enter final judgment.

TO ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, inclusive of all persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint, inclusive of such persons whether infants or under other legal disability, and in the case of infants under the age of fourteen (14) years or persons mentally incompetent, to their parents or the persons with whom they reside or their conservator if they have one.

TAKE NOTICE, that James P. Saverance, Jr., P.O. Box 610, Bishopville, SC 29010, has, by Order filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Lee County on June 3, 2016, along with the Order of Publication, been appointed as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for all Defendants impleaded herein who may be infants or under legal disability; that unless you apply for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem to represent your interest in said action within thirty (30) days after the service of this notice upon you, exclusive of the date of service, the Order appointing James P. Saverance, Jr., as Guardian ad Litem Nisi will become absolute.

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SUMMONS Claim & Delivery (Non-Jury)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO.: 2015-CP-43-2108

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

South State Bank f/k/a First Federal, a Division of SCBT, Plaintiff,

vs. John Johnson a/k/a John Everett Johnson and Beverly Johnson a/k/a Beverly Lenoir Johnson, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and REQUIRED to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint on the subscriber at his office at 126 Seven Farms Drive, Suite 200, Charleston, South Carolina 29492, within thirty (30) days after the service thereof, except as to the United States of America who shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service. If you fail to answer the Complaint or otherwise appear and defend within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

NOTICE

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE, that should you fail to answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a General Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-in-Equity/Special Referee for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to SCRCR Rule 53, of the South Carolina Code of Law (1976), as amended, specifically provide that the said Master-in-Equity/Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case, which judgment shall be appealable to the South Carolina Supreme Court or the South Carolina Court of Appeals as provided by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

NOTICE OF FILING

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: Please take notice that the Civil Action Cover Sheet, Summons, Notice and Complaint in this case were filed on September 4, 2015, in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas, Sumter County, South Carolina and that the Plaintiff will appear before the Court to apply for judgment on or after the 30th day after completion of publication, or as soon thereafter the Plaintiff may be heard.

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 Nicholas R. Sanders
 Bar No.: 100742
 126 Seven Farms Drive, Suite 200
 Charleston, S.C. 29492-8144
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 Attorney for Plaintiff



Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate:/Jimmie Scott #2016ES4300352
 Personal Representative
 Margaret E. Scott
 47 Barnette Drive
 Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Virginia Washington #2016ES4300330
 Personal Representative
 Lakisha Washington
 2715 Highway 261
 Dalzell, SC 29040

Estate:/Mazie Bell Blocker #2016ES4300341
 Personal Representative
 Bettie B. Owens
 C/O Dwight C. Moore
 Attorney at Law
 26 North Main Street
 Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Mary Elizabeth Collier #2016ES4300351
 Personal Representative
 Dean P. Murkins
 PO Box 1563
 Indian Trail, NC 28079

Estate:/Joseph A. Walker #2016ES4300329
 Personal Representative
 Lillianne Jackson
 C/O Garryl L. Deas
 Attorney at Law
 PO Box 1211
 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/John D. Hudgins #2016ES4300337
 Personal Representative
 Oraporn Hudgins
 2341 Orvis Street
 Sumter, SC 29154

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Estate:/William Leroy Ervin #2016ES4300348
 Personal Representative
 Vermelle Capers
 78 Hoy Heights Street
 Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Seabrook Taylor #2016ES4300335
 Personal Representative
 Willie Mae Taylor
 680 E. Brewington Road
 Sumter, SC 29153

Estate:/Sam Lewis, Jr. #2016ES4300356
 Personal Representative
 Amelia L. Simon
 1155 Aignathser Lane
 Sumter, SC 29153

Estate:/Joline Huggins Warr #2016ES4300327
 Personal Representative
 John Heyward Warr
 229 Haile Street
 Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Betty Singletary Lowery #2016ES4300344
 Personal Representative
 Cassandra L. Thompson
 C/O David Weeks
 Attorney at Law
 PO Box 370
 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/James Earl Green #2016ES4300323
 Personal Representative
 Maxine Green
 3137 Glastonbury Drive
 Virginia Beach, VA 23453

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Estate:/Eva Mae Lillard #2016ES4300331
 Personal Representative
 Christine Lillard
 607 Foxfire Drive
 Columbia, SC 29212

Estate:/Thomas O. Tedder #2016ES4300353
 Personal Representative
 Mary E. Tedder
 60 Lemmon Street
 Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Helen D. Franck #2016ES4300342
 Personal Representative
 Landee J. Roth
 and George H. Franck, Jr.
 C/O Kenneth R. Young, Jr.
 Attorney at Law
 23 West Calhoun Street
 Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Mary Ann Sigler #2016ES4300354
 Personal Representative
 Willie Ann Sigler
 C/O Walter G. Newman
 Attorney at Law
 PO Box 549
 Sumter, SC 29151

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Estate:/Betty Jean Avin #2016ES4300325
 Personal Representative
 Deborah Renee Matthews
 and Derinda Connor
 16 Creekfield Road
 Sumter, SC 29154

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memory



In Loving Memory Of Geoffrey L. (Cheese) Gibson June 21, 1975 - June 6, 2013
 Happy Birthday in Heaven. Miss me a little but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me, but let me go. Your special Companion, Celissa Richburg & Family. We miss & love you.

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SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2016 RESURFACING PACKAGE A SUMTER COUNTY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS SUMTER COUNTY BID NO. RS-1 AECOM PROJECT NO.60494585

Sumter County is accepting sealed bids from licensed and qualified contractors for the 2016 Resurfacing Package A of Sumter County Roadway Improvements.

CONSTRUCTION TIME LIMIT: 180 Calendar Days

PROJECT SCOPE: The work to be completed consists of furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor necessary to perform traffic control, full depth patching, and asphalt overlay for the resurfacing of all the roads within Lakewood, Lemacks, and Brewington Subdivisions as shown in the plans and technical specifications to complete the project.

BID OPENING DATE/TIME: July 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING DATE/TIME: July 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Sumter County Public Works, 1289 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29153.

LOCATION FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS: Sumter County Public Works, 1289 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29153. Electronic bids will not be accepted. All bids must be clearly marked with the bid name/number on the exterior envelope (Bid No.: RS-1, Sumter County Roadway Improvements).

Drawings, specifications, and bidding documents may be viewed or obtained from the main office of the Engineer. PDF's of the plans will be provided free of charge. If the contractor would prefer hard copies, they can be provided for a non-refundable payment of \$150.00. (Prime bidders must be in possession of the drawings, specifications and contract documents.)

ENGINEER (MAIN):
 AECOM
 101 Research Drive, Columbia, SC 29203
 PHONE: (803) 254-4400 FAX: (803) 771-6676
 Attn: Ms. April Mosser (april.mosser@aecom.com)

When requesting drawings, specifications or bidding documents, provide the following information about your company: Mailing address; street (UPS) address; telephone number; FAX number, and e-mail address.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid. A performance and payment bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract price will be required of each successful bidder.

In order to ensure a sincere and reasonable effort on the Contractor's part to accomplish the work in a timely fashion, delay damages due to inconveniences to the Owner for work not being accomplished on time will be at the rate of \$500.00 per day. The Contractor should realize that delays due to bad weather, materials, and such, not under the control of the Contractor will be considered by the Engineer for time extension.

No bid will be considered unless the bidder is licensed in South Carolina and is legally qualified under the provisions of the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Law (South Carolina Code of Laws as amended on April 1, 1999, Chapter 11, Sections 40-11-10 through 40-11-428).

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days after the bid opening date.

Sumter County welcomes submissions from minority and woman owned businesses. Please indicate that you are a minority or woman owned business with your request for bid documents.

This solicitation does not commit Sumter County to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a bid, or to procure or contract for services. Sumter County reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to cancel this solicitation, and to make an award deemed in its own best interest.

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