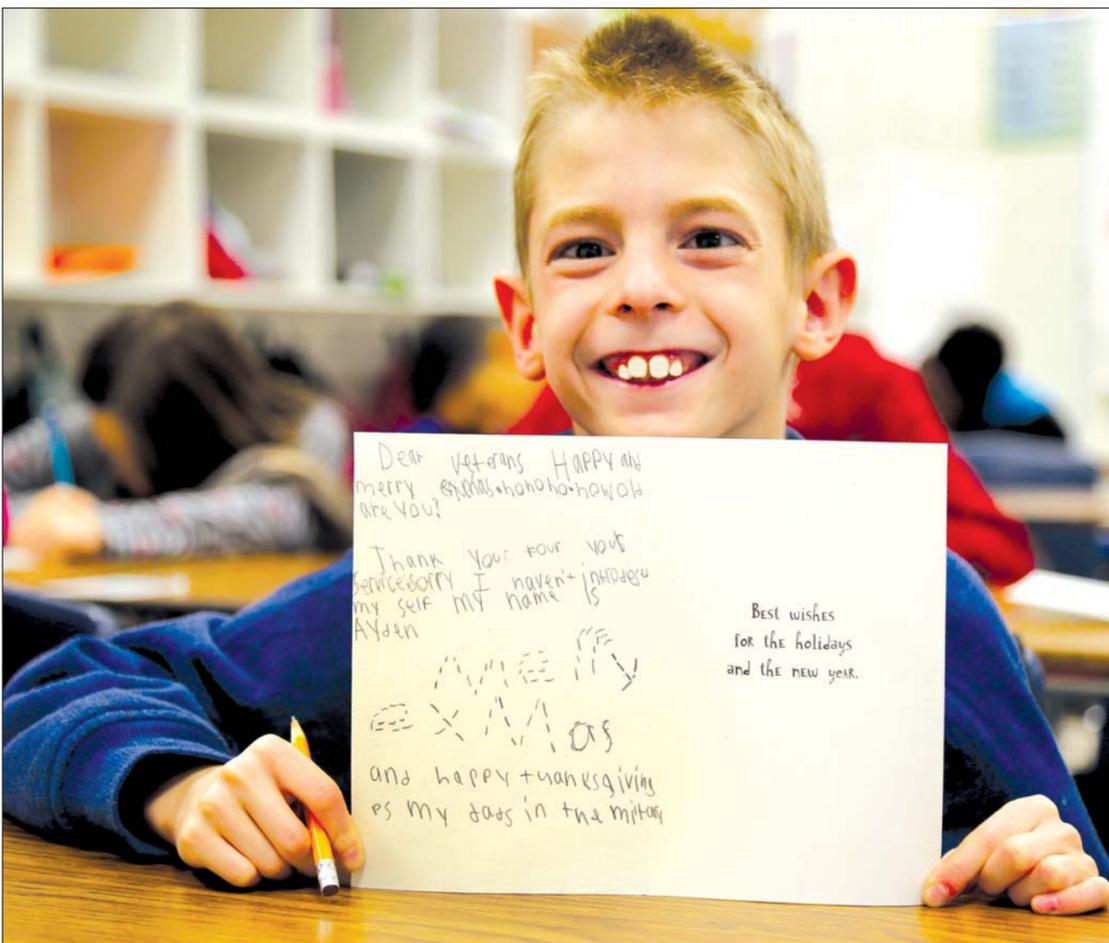




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A perfect tribute



High Hills Elementary School fourth-grader Ayden Apato, 10, shows off a Christmas card he penned to a veteran. Ayden said he enjoyed the school's Veterans Day program Thursday.

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High Hills Elementary School pays tribute to veterans

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Not only does Sumter County boast the highest veteran percentage of total population of any county in South Carolina at 15.5 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, but High Hills Elementary School is also located on Shaw Air Force Base, and the school's teachers and students held a Veterans Day ceremony Thursday to fit that statistic.

The vast majority of the school's 500 students come from military families, according to Principal Mary Kay Norton, so they should know how to honor their veterans.

The students have done numerous classroom activities recently to honor veterans, and Thursday's tribute in the school's gymnasium was the culmination of all those events, Norton said. Thursday was the last school day in Sumter School District before Veterans Day, which is Saturday. All schools are closed today in honor of the holiday.

Three current service members



High Hills Elementary School fourth-graders Oryan Polk, left, and Teyana Harris write Christmas cards to veterans Thursday at the school.

from Shaw spoke at Thursday's event, and numerous others, including veterans, were in attendance. Norton estimated about 15 veterans and 15 active military members were on hand during the day, and almost all of them have

students of some family relation at the school.

After Air Force Staff Sgt. Jimmy Smith led the assembled audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the High Hills' school chorus followed with the national anthem, two students — Katisia Coleman and Thomas Walters — presented poems to honor veterans for their service to our country.

Air Force Master Sgt. Christopher Hirak followed with a salute to the Fallen Comrade Table in memory of fallen, missing or imprisoned Armed Forces service members.

Air Force Lt. Col. Nathan Puwalowski was the program's keynote speaker.

He spoke of the bravery and honor that veterans and current military members have shown in serving our country through the years. Puwalowski said it takes courage to serve in the military and that the job can sometimes be dangerous.

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The three military speakers at Thursday's Veterans Day program at High Hills Elementary pose with school officials. From left is Principal Mary Kay Norton, Staff Sgt. Jimmy Smith, Master Sgt. Christopher Hirak, Lt. Col. Nathan Puwalowski and school Instructional Coach Anja Comerford.

**Group:
Leader
search is
crucial**

Legislators say district superintendent will have long-term effect

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Because of current rapid technological innovation and continual changes in workforce requirements, members of the Sumter County Legislative Delegation say they think Sumter School District's upcoming superintendent search represents a "monumental" decision for the community.



MCELVEEN

Delegation members shared their thoughts on Tuesday with Sumter School District's Board of Trustees during their joint meeting at the district office on educational issues related to the upcoming legislative session and followed up with more comments Thursday.



SMITH

State Rep. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, said every agenda item the school board shared with the delegation at their meeting this

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**10 awarded
for service
to Sumter**

Pilot Club holds 2nd-annual luncheon at visitors center

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Evening Pilot Club of Sumter recognized 10 Sumterites on Wednesday for their dedication to the community during the second-annual Care and Kindness Awards Luncheon at Swan Lake Visitor Center.

Anna Nunnery, governor of South Carolina District Pilot International and member of Sumter Pilot Club, said the purpose of the event was to thank members of the community who dedicate their time to helping others without expecting anything in return.

Each of the award recipients was selected for dedicating many hours, and in some cases years, to serving the Sumter community.

Mayor Joe McElveen presented each recipient with a plaque for his or her charitable efforts. The recipients include: Marion Thomas, Henry Gamble, Lelia Epps, Jane Collins, Geraldine Singleton, the Rev. Steve Shumake, Marie Walker, Richard Boisvert, Tech. Sgt. Amanda Brown with Shaw Air Force Base and Sarah Bradham.

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Patchy frost may be seen north of Sumter into Saturday

BY JIM HILLEY
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The National Weather Service may issue frost warnings tonight for areas north of Sumter.

"Right now, we are a little bit concerned we may have some patchy frost," said Doug Anderson, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Columbia.

The coldest temperatures will be tonight into Saturday morning.

"We are currently forecasting temperatures around 34 degrees for Sumter proper," Anderson said. "I have no doubt low-lying areas will be 32 or slightly colder."

After a high of only 54 today, the high on Saturday will be about 64, according to NWS forecasts.

Anderson said one of the factors limiting the chance of frost tonight and Saturday morning is the dewpoint, or the amount of moisture in the air.

"We'll have significant dry air working in during the day today, which may limit the extent of frost formation," he explained.

For Saturday and Sunday nights, the chances of frost will likely decrease, he said. Sunday

is expected to be mostly cloudy with a high of 58.

"One of the complicating factors we are looking at is another frontal system dropping in late Sunday that might bring up enough moisture and cloud things up a little bit and hold (the frost) off," he said.

Anderson said Saturday night and Sunday, cloud cover will increase, putting morning lows at about 35 with less of a

chance of frost.

He said a frontal boundary Sunday night won't tap a lot of moisture but that there is still a 30 percent chance of precipitation.

"After that, the weather looks great with temperatures up in the 40s in the mornings," he said.

High temperatures Monday and Tuesday should be in the low to mid-60s.

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Woman, 37, dies in wreck near Shaw

A 37-year-old woman from Elgin died Thursday as a result of a two-vehicle wreck that occurred on U.S. 378 west in front of Shaw Air Force Base just after 2 p.m.

Ashley Gurly succumbed to injuries she sustained as a driver in the crash about 3:40 p.m. after being transported to Palmetto Health Tuomey, according to Sumter County Chief Deputy Coroner Bryan Rogers in a news release.

Her specific injuries, the circumstances of the wreck and information on others involved were not available as of press time Thursday.

Rogers said in the release that Gurly's family has been notified and that an autopsy will be conducted today in Newberry, which is about 40 miles northwest of Columbia. Elgin is almost 25 miles northeast of Columbia.

South Carolina Highway Patrol is investigating the wreck.

Follow theitem.com and a future print edition of the newspaper for updates to this story.

Police: Man arrested after bank threat

ROCK HILL — Police said a man threatened to blow up a bank in South Carolina when he wasn't able to open an account with a declined check.

The Herald reports Rock Hill police arrested 28-year-old Brian Ritter at a BB&T Bank on Tuesday shortly after 2:30 p.m.

According to a police report, a bank employee said Ritter got angry and yelled, "Maybe I should blow up this place." He was applying to open an account with a check the bank had declined. Patrons and employees became alarmed and called police.

Cotton crop rebounds this year across tri-county

BY JIM HILLEY
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For the past two years, cotton farmers and gin owners have suffered through two down seasons, first because of the floods in October 2015 and then because of Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

This year, cotton farmers in the area have rebounded, according to Clemson Extension Agent David DeWitt.

"The crop seems to be doing quite well, and we have had good picking weather," he said Wednesday. "Gins are being busy."

James Johnson, owner of Mayesville Gin, seems anxious to get all the cotton in.

"The cotton crop is good; we just need to get it all harvested," he said.

Johnson estimated about 50 percent of the cotton has been picked.

"We're blessed, and we hope the weather continues to be favorable for the complete harvest," he said.

Farmers are harvesting about two bales per acre, he said.

"That's high. That's the kind of yield we've been needing," DeWitt said.

Soybean harvest is getting started, he said.

"People have been cutting soybeans for a couple of weeks now," DeWitt said.

The soybean crop looks good, he said, but some pockets were hit by hot, dry weather late in August, which may have cut the yields.

"Overall, I think most of the area is going to enjoy a full season of good things," DeWitt said.

Commodity prices still aren't where farmers would like them to be, he added.

"They are holding on steady. Nothing has changed much in the last year and a half," he said.

DeWitt said the final yield numbers



JIM HILLEY / THE SUMTER ITEM

Huge rolls of cotton sit ready for ginning on a cotton farm in Lee County near Mayesville.

for corn are still not in yet.

"I know the dryland corn was excellent," he said. "Where we normally might cut 90 to 110 bushels to an acre on dryland, people got from 140 to 180 bushels."

Corn farmers who irrigated have been a little disappointed, however. "Some irrigated corn did not do as well," he said. "We got so much rain, and some of that is the better land that holds water a little, and they might have had some excess water. They were hoping for 250 or 260 bushels and might have cut 200 or 210."

Winter wheat is being planted now, but DeWitt said he doesn't expect farm-

ers to plant many acres of it.

"It hasn't been a good crop for us the last couple of years. Most people didn't get good yields this spring when they cut," he said. "There is just not a potential for profit in wheat."

DeWitt said he has been on a statewide tour advising farmers about the state's hemp program, which will allow a limited number of farmers to grow hemp.

He said there has been a lot of interest in the Pee Dee area and in Orangeburg County.

"The Department of Agriculture," he said, "is supposed to select the 20 permits next week."

Governor candidates jockey for attention at Bannon event

COLUMBIA (AP) — When Steve Bannon receives an award at The Citadel this week, he'll be in the company of three gubernatorial hopefuls who'd love his backing — or, at the very least, not his opposition — in next year's race.

The former White House strategist will be in South Carolina today for The Citadel Republican Society's Patriot dinner, where he'll be honored with the Nathan Hale Patriot Award. In 2015, the group gave Bannon's former boss,

now-President Trump, the award.

Bannon hasn't made an endorsement in South Carolina's race, but his presence is being watched closely, given the results of another state-level race in which he played

a role. In Alabama, Bannon backed conservative firebrand and eventual winner Roy Moore in a GOP primary to fill Jeff Sessions' U.S. Senate seat.

Working with Great America PAC, Bannon has made it

his mission to elect pro-Trump Republicans to the U.S. Senate, taking on Republican incumbents in several states.

In South Carolina, Trump is backing Gov. Henry McMaster.

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Pilot Club, hospital thank caregivers at 3rd-annual lunch

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

The Sumter Pilot Club and Palmetto Health Tuomey honored local caregivers Wednesday with a luncheon and gifts during their third-annual Care and Kindness Caregivers program. Appreciation for the caregivers' dedication came from many quarters.

Pilot Mary Smith opened the program by summing up its purpose in an address to the caregivers: "You are all very special people. We have no idea the extent of what you do. ... Thank you very much."

Palmetto Health Tuomey Chaplain B.J. Drayton continued the expression of gratitude to the caregivers in her invocation, thanking God for their ability and willingness "to take care of our loved ones." She said their compassion and dedication gives us hope, and "hope lifts us up and gives us perspective."

Susan Arrants, manager for Palmetto Health Tuomey Home Health Services, expressed gratitude from her staff's perspective, noting that "we see firsthand what you do for our patients. Without you, they could not be at home. You play a vital role."

Arrants quoted Bryan

Tracy: "In life, everyone is carrying a heavy load. You help alleviate the burden everyone is carrying."

Pilot Carolyn Bishop-McLeod summed up the roles caregivers play, calling each by name and offering anecdotes about his or her service. She talked about their dedication in "keeping loved ones in their own homes ... allowing them to live with dignity ... helping them to bear the unbearable ... comforting them with care and love."

"Caring is such a wonderful gift from the heart. We do it because we love our family and other loved ones with health problems," she said. Caregiving "demands stamina and courage, with the caregiver paid only in intangibles."

Their "gentle and patient nurture ... gives us hope, gives people the experience of God."

Bishop-McLeod announced Palmetto Health Tuomey's nomination of Gail Boyle for the Caregiver Recognition Award for her dedication, care and kindness to those in the community, not just her family members.

Caregivers' "devotion, courage, sacrifice and unending love," Bishop-McLeod concluded, "allow us all to experience God."



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Sandi Edens, president of the Sumter Pilot Club, along with Noreen Wall, president-elect, greet caregivers during a luncheon held in their honor on Wednesday at Palmetto Health Tuomey. Palmetto Health Tuomey and the Pilot Club of Sumter hosted the third-annual Caregiver Luncheon to honor unpaid caregivers for their hard work and dedication in caring for their loved ones throughout the community.



ABOVE LEFT: AshLee Holloman and Kevin Jarvis perform during the event.



ABOVE RIGHT: Sumter Pilot Club members Carolyn Bishop-McLeod, left, and Beth Justice fill gift bags for caregivers at the event.

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You don't need to be an optimist to encourage others

Like friends often do, the disciples of Jesus and those leaders in the early church gave each other nicknames.

Two of Jesus' disciples, James and John, were called Sons of Thunder, which likely spoke to their boldness in their spiritual testimony or perhaps their overall intensity. There was Simon Peter, who Jesus dubbed Cephas, or "Rock," a designation that spoke to his future as foundation of the church. Here's a side note: Some of these names do or could easily double as wrestling names.

Then there was Joseph, a leader in the early church who is better known by his nickname, Barnabas, which means Son of Encouragement. Barnabas was known as the one who pushed his friends into making the right decisions.

God gives us natural abilities and talents, personalities or attributes that are inherent. While one might be inclined to give generously, another might have to condition himself to be generous. There are those with leadership abilities that seem to have seeded in grade school while others, if the opportunity arises, must rise to the calling.

I am not an encourager by nature, at least not until I realized my very real need to establish this characteristic in my life. For my part, I erroneously thought that an encourager was more or less an optimist — the type of person you consult when your day is going poorly. I'm not really an optimist, so why focus on being an encourager, I thought.

Barnabas was an encourager in that sense, and he used his resources and talents to help the early church, but that isn't the entire breadth of his encouragement abilities. His primary focus wasn't on making others feel better about themselves but by pushing them toward making a good decision, a God-honoring decision.

"[H]e ... saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts." (Acts 11:23, NIV)

He instructed the early church to take in a brother who had previously made it his mission to persecute Christians. He traveled to other churches in the area and pointed them toward God. His mission wasn't simply to lift the chins of the downtrodden; he was there to point them toward a God who wanted the best for them.

An encourager is not simply defined as an optimist, just as a peacemaker isn't always a milquetoast. All these lovely traits we hear about and then ascribe to the sweet and simpering souls around us aren't always a true representation of what God intended. There is a fire behind those attributes that comes from having God control one's life. These aren't weak people; these are fighters and defenders of God's plan for our lives.

What does this mean for those of us who aren't encouragers by our own admittance? It means we take on that mantle and search out Scripture that would develop that sense of discernment that Barnabas the encourager must have had.



Faith Matters

JAMIE H. WILSON



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Crosses showing shooting victims' names stand near First Baptist Church on Thursday in Sutherland Springs, Texas. A man opened fire inside the church in the small South Texas community on Sunday, killing more than two dozen and injuring others.

Pastor: Texas church that was attacked will be demolished

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — The Texas church where more than two dozen people were killed by a gunman during Sunday services will be demolished, the pastor said.

Pastor Frank Pomeroy told leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention earlier this week that it would be too painful to continue using First Baptist Church as a place of worship.

Pomeroy discussed the plan with the denomination's top executives, who traveled to the rural community in a show of support, a national Southern Baptist spokesman said.

The pastor described the building as "too stark of a reminder" of the massacre, spokesman Sing Oldham said.

Pomeroy expressed hope he could turn the site into a memorial for the dead and put up a new building on property the church owns, Oldham said.

Charlene Uhl, mother of 16-year-old Haley Krueger, who died in the attack, agreed that the church should come down.

"There should still be church but not here," she said Thursday as she

visited a row of white crosses commemorating the victims in front of the church. She said her daughter attended worship services and a weekly Thursday night youth group meeting held by another victim, Karla Holcombe.

Jeannie Brown, visiting from Indiana, stopped at the site with her daughter, who used to live in Sutherland Springs but left decades ago for San Antonio.

Asked whether the church should be destroyed, Brown said: "Yes. Who would want to go back in there? But then if it is destroyed, does that mean he (the gunman) won?"

Other sites of mass shootings have been torn down, including Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, where a gunman killed 20 children and six adults in December 2012. A new school was built elsewhere.

A one-room Amish schoolhouse near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was torn down in 2006, 10 days after an assailant took children hostage and shot and killed five girls ages 6 to 13.

CHURCH NEWS

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

* Saturday, Nov. 18 — Fallfest 5-7 p.m. featuring Bible trivia, games, prizes and more.

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — Educator's Day will be celebrated during 10 a.m. worship.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 4319 Rowe Drive, Summerton, announces:

* Sunday — The 77th (known) anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 2 p.m. The Rev. Ranzy McFadden, pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1275 Oswego Highway, announces:

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — The 11th pastoral anniversary of Pastor Daniel Bennett Jr. will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Pastor Nathan Amos, pastor of New Birth Holiness Church, will speak.

Church of Christ, 313 Mooneyham Road, announces:

* Saturday, Dec. 9 — Family and friends night at 6 p.m., hosted by the China and Harvin families. The Rev. Leroy Blanding, of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

Church of God by Faith Inc., 609 Atlantic Ave., announces:

* Today-Sunday — The South Carolina District Assembly begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

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

* Donations are being accepted for the annual Coats for Christ giveaway scheduled to be held 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Donations of gently used coats of all sizes, scarves, gloves, hats, blankets and socks (new) should be left on the back porch of Dorcas' Closet at the church. Call (803) 499-5190.

* Saturday, Nov. 18 — Coats for Christ giveaway 8-11 a.m. No application or qualifications. Call (803) 499-5190 with any questions.

Fellowship Outreach Ministries, 1981 Florence Highway, announces:

* Thursday-Friday, Nov. 16-17 — Revival at 7:30 nightly.

Apostle J.L. Gillians Jr., of Kingdom Assembly Ministries, will speak on Thursday and Pastor Teresa Baxter, of Lord of Lords of Hope Ministries, will speak on Friday.

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

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — The 149th anniversary of the church will be observed at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Sammie D. Simmons will speak.

* Sunday, Nov. 26 — Dr. Marla F. Frederick, professor of African American Studies and Study of Religion at Harvard University, will speak at 10:45 a.m.

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

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — Trustee ministry anniversary celebration at 3:30 p.m.

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

* Sunday — The third pastoral anniversary of Pastor Donald Amis will be celebrated during the 10:15 a.m. worship. The Rev. O.J. Hannah, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, will speak.

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — Deacons / deaconess ministry anniversary will be celebrated during the 10:15 a.m. worship. The Rev. Willie Dennis will speak.

Hopewell Baptist Church, 3285 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — Pastoral anniversary celebration at 3 p.m. for Pastor Richard Addison's 11th anniversary.

Joshua Baptist Church, 5200 Live Oak Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday — Morris College day will be recognized at 10 a.m. The Rev. Eugene G. Dennis will speak.

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

* Saturday — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Ralph and Patti Banks Walden will speak. The Waldens have traveled around the world ministering to those who have experienced hurt, brokenness and barrenness. All ladies of all ages are invit-

ed. A love offering will be received. knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com

Mount Pisgah AME Church, 217 W. Bartlette St., announces:

* Sunday — A tribute in order of Veterans Day will be held at 10 a.m.

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

* Sunday — Youth choir anniversary worship celebration will be held at 10:45 a.m. Minister Roneika China-Jeanette will speak. The "One Sumter" community meeting will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

* Wednesday, Nov. 15 — Golden Age pre-Thanksgiving fellowship / luncheon will be held at 10 a.m. The Rev. Ricky Syndab will speak.

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — Widows / widowers ministry annual worship at 10:45 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 130 Loring Mill Road, announces:

* Sunday — UMW Celebration at 4 p.m. The Rev. Angela Ford Nelson will speak.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3249 U.S. 15 S., announces:

* Sunday — Veterans Day program at 10 a.m. with a salute to all veterans.

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — The 143rd anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

New Salem Baptist Church, 2500 W. Oakland Ave., announces:

* Sunday-Wednesday, Nov. 15 — Revival services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. The Rev. Johnny Muller, director of missions for Edisto Association, will speak.

New Testament Lighthouse Church, 1114 Boulevard Road, announces:

* Saturday — Gospel singing at 6 p.m. featuring Southern Redeemed.

* Sunday-Wednesday, Nov. 15 — Revival at 5 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 nightly Monday-Wednesday. The Rev. Lloyd Morgan will speak.

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

* Tuesday, Nov. 21 — Pre-Thanksgiving worship at 7 p.m.

Summerton United Methodist Church, 2 Briggs St., Summerton, announces:

* Donations of gently used coats, winter clothing and blankets are being accepted for the "Coats from Christ" outreach ministry. Donations may be dropped off 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Wednesday at the church office. Last day to drop off items is Nov. 15. Call Jena Davis at (803) 478-4230 and your call will be returned.

Tiverton Missionary Baptist Church, 2420 Old Charleston Road, Wedgefield, announces:

* Sunday — The pastor's seventh anniversary will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Sylvester Francis, of St. Peter Baptist Church and Crossroads Christian Fellowship Ministries, will speak.

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

* Sunday — The ninth anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Pastor

Harry Clark, of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

Union Station AME Church, 945 S. Main St., announces:

* Boys and girls community coat drive. Sizes needed are 6 to 18. Drop coats off 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Nov. 15. Call (803) 775-8200 or email unionstationame@gmail.com.

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

* Sunday, Nov. 19 — Homecoming celebration will be held at 11 a.m. Brother Richard Bernard Fortune, district manager of retails for Dollar Tree Inc., will speak.

West End Community Church, 101 S. Salem St., announces:

* The West End Community Clothes Closet has new hours of 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Clothes and shoes can be dropped off during these hours. For pick up, call (803) 795-3600.

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Follow these 5 keystones of generosity

The law of the fist: Open hands receive; closed fists don't. This basic faith principle works whether you believe in God or not. If you live with a closed attitude, you cannot receive love. If you live with an open attitude, you can receive friendship. Building an open-handed life requires generosity as a regular practice. Our problem is defining generosity and then practicing it.

The Scripture teaches that generosity is defined by percentage, not amount. It's an old preacher riddle: When is \$40 more than \$100? In the offering plate. If an administrative assistant is paid \$400 per pay period and puts in \$40, that is more than if her boss, who is paid \$2,000 per pay period, puts in \$100. If you are honest with yourself, you will take a minute and come up with a percentage that represents generosity for you.

Generosity is like the keystone of an arch. When practiced, it holds your financial life in place. How do you put generosity into practice? Put these five key-



Clay Smith

stones into practice:

1. GIVE TO GOD FIRST

This is where many people struggle. First, they pay their bills, then they set aside money for groceries and Wal-Mart. Then, if anything is left, they give a little bit to God. Too often, there is nothing left.

Jesus said, "Seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness." Apply this to your financial life. God comes before the bank. What this requires, of course, is that you organize your finances. This is not something Americans are good at. God wants you to organize your finances not just so you can give, but also

so you live within your means. Giving to God first creates a healthy soul that is generous.

2. GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE

Whenever giving is discussed in church, people get nervous. Is the expectation for me to give to God and have nothing left for myself? That was the expectation of the ancient gods. They demanded sacrifice and didn't care if you went hungry. That is not the Christian understanding of God.

Paul taught us two important principles: Take care of your family, and give what you have, not what you don't have.

You may need to adjust your lifestyle to be generous. Your lifestyle probably needs adjustment, anyway. You need transportation, not a car that makes a statement. Your children do not need to get more for Christmas than the neighbors. In fact, the most valuable lesson you can teach them is to not play the comparison game. The real question is not "Does God expect me to do without?" but "How do I

need to live so I can be generous?"

3. GIVE A PERCENTAGE

You live on a percentage of your income. I read the average American family lives on 113 percent of their income (ah, the wonders of credit cards). No wonder so many of us struggle. I think 10 percent of your income is a beginning point of generosity.

The best financial advice I can give you is found in the Bible and in every financial planning guide: Create margin. Spend less than you make. A financial health formula: Give 10 percent, save 10 percent, and live on 80 percent.

Could it be that God wants you to give and save so you can have margin in your financial life?

4. GIVE REGULARLY

Regular giving means you pay attention to your financial life. As a couple and a family, you have the hard discussions. If you are a believer, regular giving means you acknowledge regularly that God owns it all. Regular giving means regular ac-

knowledge of God's blessings in your life.

5. GIVE TO JESUS'S BODY

If you aren't a follower of Jesus, I think it's still a good idea to give. But if you are a follower of Jesus, give to your local church. Give so God's work can be done. It takes resources to provide tools for ministry: buildings, bulletins and Bibles. It takes resources to fund vocational ministers, who lead, teach and equip.

I understand the impulse to want to direct our generosity. We want to have a direct connection to those blessed by our giving. But I believe giving 10 percent of our income to Jesus's body is a form of submission. It is a tangible way we say, "Not my will, but yours be done."

What would happen if these five keystones of generosity governed your financial life? You would be a better money manager, your soul would be healthier, and the world would change.

Small price to pay.

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

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Daily Devotional Reading

1 Chron. 13:1-14	1 Chron. 14:1-17	1 Chron. 15:1-24	1 Chron. 15:25-16:7	1 Chron. 16:8-43	1 Chron. 17:1-27	Ezra 7:1-10
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Boy with rare disease gets new skin with gene therapy



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Doctors lift up a sheet of skin Oct. 18 in a lab at St. Josef-Hospital in Bochum, Germany.

LONDON (AP) — Doctors treating a critically ill boy with a devastating skin disease used experimental gene therapy to create an entirely new skin for most of his body in a desperate attempt to save his life.

Two years later, the doctors report the boy is doing so well that he doesn't need any medication, is back in school and even playing soccer.

"We were forced to do something dramatic because this kid was dying," said Dr. Michele De Luca of the University of Modena in Italy, who got a call for help from the German doctors treating the boy.

The boy, then 7, was hospitalized in June 2015 with blisters on his limbs, back and elsewhere. He quickly lost about 60 percent of the outer layer of his skin and was put into an induced coma to spare him further suffering. Doctors at Children's Hospital at Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany, tried skin grafts from his father and donor skin, but all failed.

"He was in severe pain and asking a lot of questions," the boy's father said in a video provided by the hospital "Why do I suffer from this disease? Why do I have to live this life? All children can run around and play; why am I not allowed to play soccer? I couldn't answer these questions."

The boy's parents asked about experimental treatments, and De Luca and his colleagues were contacted. They had previously used gene therapy to produce a small piece of skin in a similar case. They told the family that the boy's precarious state meant that he might not survive the complicated surgeries needed to save him.

"It was a tough decision for us, but we wanted to try for (our son)," the boy's father said. The family asked that their names not be used to protect the boy's privacy.

The boy had a rare, incurable skin disease called junctional epidermolysis bullosa, caused by genetic mutations. People

with the disease lack critical proteins that attach the outer layer of the skin to the inner layer, resulting in fragile skin with almost constant blisters and open sores.

To fix that, the doctors took a small piece of the boy's skin from an area that was OK. In the lab, they added a normal version of his bad gene to his skin cells. They grew sheets of the boy's skin, in much the same way skin grafts are grown for burn victims.

In total, they grew close to 9 square feet of skin. The lab-grown skin was then transplanted onto the boy in three operations, ultimately covering 80 percent of his body. Ten days later, the new skin was already beginning to grow, De Luca said. After eight months, the doctors said that nearly all of the boy's skin had been generated by the modified stem cells.

So far, no problems have been detected. De Luca said the boy will be monitored closely for skin cancer and other potential issues.

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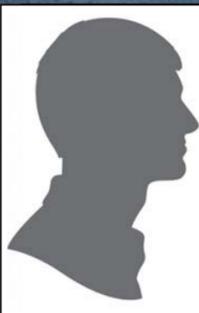
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About 172 grandparents recently visited Willow Drive Elementary School to enjoy breakfast with students during the Grits for Grands event. Grandparents also had the opportunity to take a picture in the photo booth and visit classrooms. Willow, the school mascot, also made a surprise appearance.

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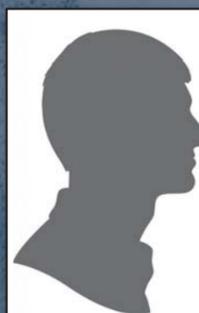
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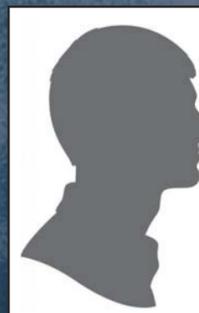
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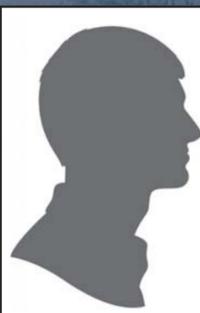
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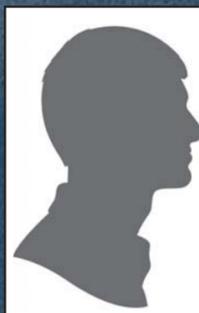
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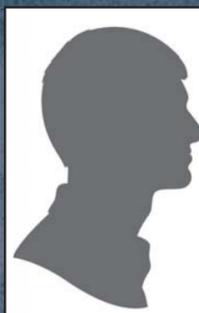
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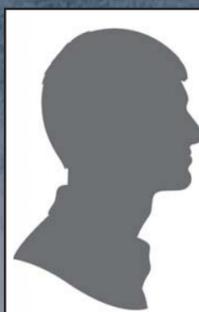
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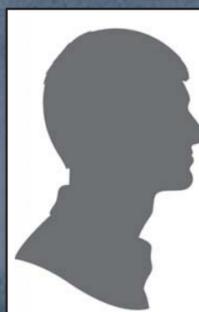
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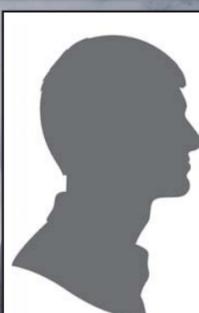
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week — including the school bus shortage and teacher shortage — is important to education in Sumter, but the board's most critical decision this school year will be the choice of the next superintendent.

"I think one of your biggest priorities is your selection of a next superintendent," Smith said Tuesday. "That's going to be monumental for this community. I really think that's one of the largest decisions that this community is going to make. And it's going to be a decision that is going to be with us for the next generation."

Board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney and other school board members said they agreed on Tuesday with Smith's opinion. McGhaney, the

board's spokesman, did not return messages for additional comments by Thursday evening.

Smith said he trusts the board's work and thinks it is committed to the search process.

Given constant technological changes in the global economy now, Smith said he thinks it's a "transformational time for education locally, statewide and nationwide." According to Smith, education is more technical now than it was in previous decades and involves balancing several components from "college readiness" to vocational skills in the high-skills, 21st-century workforce.

He said he hopes the board chooses someone in touch with this changing landscape of education, a person who will understand the workforce skill sets needed by local business

and industry for the Sumter community to move forward and make progress.

Smith said he thinks Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm has brought visionary, new ideas to the district since she began her position Aug. 1. He said he hopes the next superintendent will also embrace innovative ideas and concepts.

Hamm has said she intends to serve as interim superintendent for the district until the next, full-time superintendent begins the post, which will likely be next summer — after the current school year concludes.

Smith said he thinks the board — or any community leader for that matter — doesn't need to dwell on the past selections for superintendent but focus on the characteristics that are needed now in the person.

The delegation knows the superintendent selection is the board's decision, but Smith said delegation members will help the trustees in any way they desire assistance.

State Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, said he agreed with Smith that the school board's superintendent selection will have far-reaching implications and may be the key issue facing Sumter at this time.

"Obviously, it's going to be incumbent on our school board to find the person who has the skills to oversee the daily operations of a large, consolidated school district, but more importantly to ensure that education in Sumter is being administered in a way that's going to prepare our children for whatever further education and/or career opportunities that they decide to pursue," he said.

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Photos of the award recipients can be seen online at www.theitem.com. Two recipients were not present during the luncheon.

Charitable acts honored on Wednesday included: providing holiday meals for families in need, packing food for children in other countries, keeping Sumter's streets clean and volunteering with disaster-relief organizations.

The ceremony was hosted by the Pilot Club and Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments' Council on Aging.

Throughout the year, Evening Pilot Club of Sumter conducts projects to assist people in need as well as to help people living with brain injuries and diseases. The group's major projects include Brainminders, a program designed to teach safety to children to help prevent brain injuries, and an annual Christmas party for children with autism.

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Senate bill would delay biz cut, undo deductions

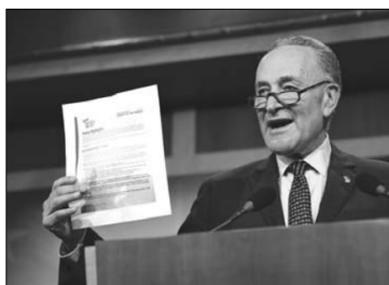
BY ANDREW TAYLOR and MARCY GORDON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans revealed the details of their sweeping tax legislation Thursday, including a one-year delay in plans for a major corporate tax cut despite strident opposition from the White House and others in their own party. Their bill would leave the prized mortgage interest deduction untouched for homeowners in a concession to the powerful real estate lobby but would ignore a House compromise on the hot-button issue of state and local tax deductions.

On the other side of the Capitol, the House Ways and Means Committee approved its own version of the legislation on a party-line 24-16 vote, amid intense political pressure on the GOP to push forward on the first major rewrite of the U.S. tax code in three decades. It's President Trump's top priority and a goal many Republicans think has grown even more urgent in the wake of election losses on Tuesday that displayed an energized Democratic electorate.

Yet as the Senate Finance Committee unveiled its bill, a few stark differences emerged with the version approved by the House tax-writing committee, underscoring the challenges ahead in getting both chambers to agree on the



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday about the Republican tax reform plan.

complex and far-reaching legislation that would affect nearly every American.

Democrats are strongly opposed to the GOP rewrite, so the Republicans must find agreement among themselves to have any hope of passage.

The Senate bill would fully repeal the state and local deduction claimed by many taxpayers, an idea that has drawn vigorous opposition from House Republicans in New York and New Jersey and resulted in a compromise in the House version of the bill that would allow property taxes to be deducted up to \$10,000.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy told The Associated Press that the Senate's total-repeal ap-

proach would face tough sledding in his chamber. As for the hard-fought compromise, he said, "I think it'd be difficult not to have it in the final bill."

On the other hand, the House bill would lower the cap on the mortgage interest deduction, an idea that caused intense blowback from the real estate lobby, but the Senate tax measure would leave it unchanged. That means homebuyers would continue to be able to deduct interest payments on loans of up to \$1 million as permitted under current law; the House bill would reduce the limit to \$500,000 for new home purchases.

The feverish efforts by Republicans in both chambers are aimed at fulfilling a self-imposed deadline to get legislation out of the House and Senate before Thanksgiving so the period between then and Christmas can be devoted to reconciling the two versions. But the Senate already seems unlikely to meet that deadline because of complex rules governing how it must consider the tax bill.

In one provision sure to cause a major dispute, the Senate measure includes a one-year delay in lowering the corporate tax rate, which is to be cut from 35 percent to 20 percent. Delaying that reduction would lower the cost of the bill to the Treasury, but the delay is opposed by the White House and some Senate Republicans.

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Kindergarten students learn about gardening

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Clouds, a chill in the air and the threat of rain did not deter kindergarten students at Manning Early Childhood Center from having a blast planting and harvesting vegetables from the organic garden they planted behind the school.

On Wednesday morning, the students eagerly cut lettuce leaves, pulled radishes, picked peppers and planted strawberry plants. Their gloves may have gotten a little soiled, and the continuous act of brushing off the dirt made the gloves fall off, but their enthusiasm to work in the soil made up for a little dirt here and there.

"I haven't had this much fun for a long time," said Larry Arlen with a huge smile as he helped youngsters plant strawberry plants in the garden. "This is great."

Arlen, who is a Master Gardener, and his wife, Mary, along with Marie Land, who is also a Master Gardener, and several volunteers assisted in the planting and harvest.



Volunteer Mary Arlen helps a kindergarten student collect lettuce leaves from the raised garden behind the school.

Mary Arlen agreed with her husband.

"This is exciting," she said. "The children love it."

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Master Gardener and volunteer Larry Arlen hands kindergarten students at Manning Early Childhood Center strawberry plants to plant in their garden.



Volunteer and Master Gardener Marie Land watches as students bite into a few store-bought strawberries before the youngsters planted strawberry plants.



Kindergarten students from Genia Baker and Casey Hilton's class collect lettuce leaves from plants they planted earlier this year.

Historians gather for discussions, lessons on Revolutionary War

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — More than a hundred avid Revolutionary War historians gathered Oct. 27 and 28 for a weekend of intense discussions and lessons on our nation's War for Independence. Many of them were attired in period dress as they attended the Francis Marion Symposium XV held at F.E. DuBose Center and presented by the Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society. Retired Col. George P. and Mrs. Carole Summers founded the Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society more than 15 years ago in an effort to keep history alive and to showcase the battles and skirmishes that occurred within Clarendon County and South Carolina that were vital to the colonies' victory against the British.

Their commitment to keeping Revolutionary history alive today has earned them numerous awards, including most recently recognitions from the local Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter, the South Carolina State Sons of the American Revolution and the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution Lifetime Achievement Award. For the past 15 years, the Summerses have raised thousands of dollars to have murals painted in locations across Clarendon County that relive local battles and historic significance near areas where they occurred.

During the weekend, attendees listened and asked questions as speakers discussed various topics, including "The

Battle of Savannah from the American Perspective," "The Post-war life of Francis Marion," "The Arms of Marion's Brigade. Turning Saws to Blades," "A Warm Summer's day. The Battle of Fort Sullivan," "Captured at King's Mountain. The Journal of Uzal Johnson, a Loyalist Surgeon,



BAXLEY

1780," "When France Opened its Veins: the Influence of the French Huguenots" and "Patriots in Petticoats."

Presenters and attendees came from all across the nation representing 12 states and almost every county in South Carolina. From California to New York, from Maine to Florida and from Wisconsin to Texas, these enthusiastic historians gathered to share stories and learn a little more about history from each other.

The main speaker for the symposium was Charles B. Baxley, who delivered his message on new research on the Battle of Eutaw Springs that took place in 1781. Baxley, who lives in Lugoff, is a lawyer, judge, professor, USAF Reserve captain and an avid American Revolution researcher. He is also the editor and publisher of the magazine Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution and books on Southern campaigns. He also gives tours of battlefields and military staff rides.

Baxley led archaeological explorations of battlefields and conducted field trips known as "Corps of Discov-

ery." These trips take people to little-known Revolutionary War sites in the South. He also conducts Revolutionary War roundtable discussions for amateurs and professionals who are interested in the War of the South.

Baxley talked to the attendees about the Battle of Eutaw Springs, where he has been instrumental in completing additional research and maps that spread new light on that historic last major battle in the war.

"There are 20 battlefields in the Carolinas," Baxley told the audience. "It's absolutely essential that we not forget them and that we get the research right. We need to save them forever. These are the sites where the Americans won our independence."

Baxley said that new maps where these battlefields are located are being compiled and property is being purchased and put under contract in an effort to preserve these areas.

Baxley took the audience through the Battle of Eutaw Springs. He talked about the capture of British soldiers. He talked about the meager food supplies and how the two warring bodies were separated by only three miles with the British forces never knowing how close the Revolutionaries were.

"Bell's Marina is under contract to turn it back into a beautiful park," Baxley said. "We are making an earnest effort to preserve these battlefields so that people will be able to see these battlefields where hundreds of Americans died."

The research is a daunting task that needs to be done, he added.

"We need to preserve the story of where the Revolutionary War was won," Baxley said. "We need to preserve the areas where our soldiers found and died for the concept of liberty. If we don't do the proper

research, it's a shame."

Baxley thanked the Summerses for the "intense amount of work they do to round up sponsors and speakers" for the annual symposium.

"They do a wonderful job helping to preserve history," he added.

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According to Land, who is a frequent volunteer in Clarendon 2 schools, the organic garden is three years old.

“Coach (Michael) Haynes built the beds,” Land said. “This year, David Richburg donated the strawberry plants, and Bounty Plants with a base in Alcolu donated all the other plants.”

Recently the students collected enough salad fixings from the garden to serve their classes and all the teachers at MECC, Land said as she watched the students gathering vegetables.

“We have cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, a variety of lettuces and peppers, cabbage and flowers planted in the beds,” Land said. “It’s wonderful to see how excited the children are to collect all the vegetables that they’ve helped grow. I’m not too sure they’ll enjoy the radishes, though, but we’ll see.”

The garden is funded through a South Carolina Farm to School grant, Land said.

“This is a wonderful program that gets the children in-



involved,” Land said. “They get to plant them, watch them grow, harvest them and then eat them. It teaches them where vegetables come from and how they get to the table.”

The garden is tended by sev-

eral MECC classes, including the Montessori class of Rosa Stukes, the kindergarten class of Genia Baker and Casey Hilton and the first-grade class of Rhonda Joyner and Savannah Hetcel.

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Estate: George Washington Hicks, Sr. #2017ES1400290
Personal Representative: George Hicks, Jr. 1250 Candlelight Lane Pinewood, SC 29125 11/10/17 - 11/24/17

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COMMENTARY

Bill is a raid
on university
endowments

WASHINGTON — Such is the federal government's sprawl, and its power to establish new governing precedents, mere Washington twitches can jeopardize venerable principles and institutions. This is illustrated by a seemingly small but actually momentous provision of the Republicans' tax bill — a 1.4 percent excise tax on the endowment earnings of approximately 70 colleges and universities with the largest per student endowments. To raise less than \$3 billion in a decade — less than 0.005 percent of projected federal spending of \$53 trillion — Republicans would blur important distinctions and abandon their defining mission.

Private foundations, which are generally run by small coterie, pay a "supervisory tax" on investment income to defray the cost of IRS oversight to guarantee that their resources are used for charitable purposes. In 1984, however, Congress created a new entity, an "operating foundation." Such organizations — e.g., often museums or libraries — are exempt from the tax on investment earnings because they apply their assets directly to their charitable activities rather than making grants to other organizations, as do foundations that therefore must pay the supervisory tax.

Most university endowments are compounds of thousands of individual funds that often are restricted to particular uses, all of which further the institutions' educational purposes. Hence these endowments are akin to the untaxed "operating foundations." Yet the Republicans, without public deliberations, and without offering reasons, would arbitrarily make university endowments uniquely subject to a tax not applied to similar entities.

Are Republicans aware, for example, that Princeton's endowment earnings fund more than half its annual budget and will support expansion of the student body? It also enables "need-blind" admissions: More than 60 percent of undergraduates receive financial assistance; those from families with incomes below \$65,000 pay no tuition, room or board; those from families with incomes below \$160,000 pay no tuition. No loans are required. Ph.D. candidates receive tuition and a stipend for living costs. Furthermore, the endowment has funded a significant increase in students from low-income families: Princeton has recently tripled to 22 percent the portion of freshmen from families with the most substantial financial needs. The idea that Princeton is largely populated by children of alumni is a canard slain by this fact: Such "legacies" are only 13 percent of this year's freshman class.

For eight centuries, surviving thickets of ecclesiastical and political interferences,

the world's great research universities have enabled the liberal arts to flourish, the sciences to advance and innovation to propel economic betterment. Increasingly, they foster upward mobility that fulfills democratic aspirations and combats the stagnation of elites. It is astonishingly shortsighted to jeopardize all this, and it is unseemly to do so in a scramble for resources to make a tax bill conform to the transitory arithmetic of a budget process that is a labyrinth of trickery.

Great universities are great because philanthropic generations have borne the cost of sustaining private institutions that seed the nation with excellence. Donors have done this in the expectation that earnings accruing from their investments will be devoted solely to educational purposes, in perpetuity. This expectation will disappear, and the generosity that it has sustained will diminish, if Republicans siphon away a portion of endowments' earnings in order to fund the federal government's general operations.

Its appetite whetted by 1.4 percent, the political class will not stop there. Once the understanding that until now has protected endowments is shredded, there will be no limiting principle to constrain governments — those of the states, too — in their unsleeping search for revenues to expand their power. Public appetites are limitless, as is the political class's desire to satisfy them. Hence there is a perennial danger that democracy will degenerate into looting — scrounging for resources, such as universities' endowments, that are part of society's seed corn for prosperous tomorrows.

Government having long ago slipped the leash of restraint, the public sector's sprawl threatens to enfeeble the private institutions of civil society that mediate between the individual and the state and that leaven society with energy and creativity that government cannot supply. Time was, conservatism's central argument for limiting government was to defend these institutions from being starved of resources and functions by government. Abandonment of this argument is apparent in the vandalism that Republicans are mounting against universities' endowments.

This raid against little platoons of independent excellence would be unsurprising were it proposed by progressives, who are ever eager to extend government's reach and to break private institutions to the state's saddle. Coming from Republicans, it is acutely discouraging.

Disclosure: Mr. Will is a former Princeton trustee.

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George Will



COMMENTARY

Show of sportsmanship marks
a World Series to remember

BY RON BRINSON

My generation grew up appreciating Major League Baseball. It was our summer entertainment. We listened on the radio, and occasionally we were lucky enough to catch a game on television. We studied the box-scores in *The News and Courier*, and in our playground contests, we used wooden bats with popular stars' names burned on the barrel. I still have my "Mickey Mantle" and "Vic Wertz" editions somewhere in the attic.

Willie Mays of the Giants and Eddie Matthews of the Braves were my heroes. My brother Bill was a Yankees fan, no doubt because the Yankees seem to always win the World Series. And when the Yankees and Pirates took the field to play Game Seven of the 1960 World Series, I was a truant, waiting for parents to leave for work and then doubling back on my walk to school. Heck, it was Oct. 13, my birthday. Watching a classic baseball game while skipping school was a rite of passage, right?

Pittsburgh's Bill Mazeroski ended this famous extra-inning game with a lined homer over the head of Yankees' Yogi Berra. He was playing left field that day. I'll always remember that moment — and also my Dad's stern "accountability" lecture. My brother, uncourageous to the possibilities of playing hooky and understandably jealous that I had watched this great game and he had not, told on me.

The 2017 World Series was another classic — with many contrasts to 1960. One example: Game Seven 1960 was the only World Series game ever with no strikeouts. There were strikeouts aplenty for the Dodgers and Astros, and pitching strategies keyed each game's outcome. These days, most hitters seem to swing for the fences. A strikeout, the data specialists now avow, is usually not much worse than a groundout.

But the 2017 series also provided a range of personal stories and instructive sportsmanship.

The Astros' 28-year-old centerfielder George

Springer was the Most Valuable Player. He grew up wanting to be like Willie Mays. When a 2014 *Sports Illustrated* article boldly predicted the Astros would win the 2017 Series, Springer was featured on the cover. The article was all about how professional baseball is now based more on data and less on the gut instincts of managers.

Houston's Yuli Gurrie provided a live TV display of utterly bad behavior when he pulled on the corners of his eyes after homering off the Dodgers' Yu Darvish, who was born in Japan. The Cuban-born Gurrie also used a derogatory term directed toward Asians. It was a striking contrast to Hall of Famer and Yankees legend Mickey Mantle's view of "home run" sportsmanship. "After I hit a home run," said Mantle, "I had a habit of running the bases with my head down. I figured the pitcher already felt bad enough without me showing him up rounding the bases."

Darvish was furious when he finally saw the replay. So were millions of international television viewers — and most of Gurrie's teammates. Within hours, Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred suspended Gurrie for five games next season — a \$320,000 hit on his income. When Gurrie arrived at the batter's box three games later to face Darvish once again, he raised his helmet to Darvish, clearly a signal of regret — and respect. Here's betting Gurrie considered this an expensive learning experience — and, let us hope, so did an audience of youthful baseball fans worldwide.

The Astros went home to Houston as superheroes, to a metropolis still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey's winds and flood waters. The club's very first World Series championship was a spiritual lifting, not unlike the resurgent effects of the New Orleans Saints following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Astros star pitcher Justin Verlander was a parade no-show. His absence was excused, though, and his team and his city wished him well; he was off to Italy to marry supermod-

el-actress Kate Upton.

But the sweetest gesture of American sportsmanship came five days after Game Seven. The Dodgers placed a full-page ad in the *Houston Chronicle's* Sunday editions, conveying a simple message of congratulations to the Astros. The ad was illustrated by a photograph showing Dodgers Manager Dave Roberts leaning into a congratulatory embrace with Houston's field boss A.J. Hinch — the image of the loser saluting the winner on a field of professionalism, the image of a winner saluting the loser for contests well played and a season for the record books.

The *Chronicle* ad was more than a mere gesture; it was a genuine message of honor to a deserving team and to a city that genuinely appreciated it. It was corporate sportsmanship at its best, classy, dignified — and human.

For sure, sports has become big business in every respect, and winning is the currency of success. Losers go away, and winners soar. Kinda like identity politics, huh?

But sports and politics are very human enterprises. The sportsmanship we were taught and embraced still is a value package of humanism. It can also be a nurturing connective in political discourse that just might help get a challenged American political system moving again toward getting good things done.

Yes, winners soar; losers go home. But surely we will always consider sportsmanship to be a "winner" in the equations of virtues that make America great — right?

Editor's note: Sumter resident Bobby Richardson was the only player in World Series history on the losing team to be named MVP after the Yankees lost to the Pirates in 1960 on a walk-off home run by Bill Mazeroski. He hit a grand-slam homer in the losing effort and had already been voted MVP by the sportswriters before the Mazeroski blast.

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Shaw airman Lt. Col. Nathan Puwalowski is seen with students from High Hills Elementary School on Thursday during the school's Veterans Day program. Puwalowski was the keynote speaker for the event.

HIGH HILLS ELEMENTARY

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"But they do it because the job is very important in keeping our country safe," Puwalowski said. "Think of it this way: They are protectors of our country and have been for many years."

In closing, he offered a special thanks to the veterans in attendance, explaining that they have kept our country free, powerful and strong through the decades.

Students throughout the school have done various activities in recent weeks to pay tribute and recognize veterans.

In math and science teacher Montoiya Tevis' fourth-grade class Thursday after the Veterans Day program, students

were putting the finishing touches on Christmas cards they have written for a veterans group in Columbia.

Tevis said the idea came from a student's mother.

Ayden Apato, 10, said he was proud of the card he penned to a veteran, also wishing him or her a Happy Thanksgiving "since that's coming soon too."

Ayden said he's also a member of a military family and said he enjoyed the tribute program.

"I liked the music and that the military came and how we talked about veterans," Ayden said. "I also liked it because my dad is in the military."



Puwalowski, left, speaks with Air Force veteran and Sumter resident Chuck Conley on Thursday at High Hills. Both men have children who attend the school.

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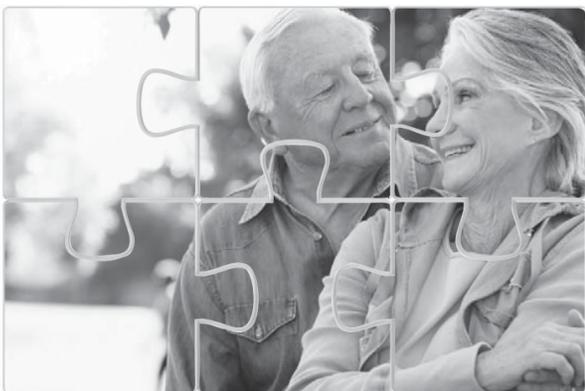
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GOVERNMENT — The following are closed today: federal government offices; state government offices; City of Sumter offices; Sumter County offices; City of Manning offices; Clarendon County offices; Lee County offices; and City of Bishopville offices.
 The U.S. Postal Service will be **closed** on Saturday.
SCHOOLS — The following are **closed** today: Sumter School District; Wilson Hall; St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School; and St. Francis Xavier High School.
OTHER — The Sumter County Library is **closed** today. The Harvin Clarendon County Library will be **closed** today and Saturday.
 The Sumter Item is **open** today.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY MEETINGS:
TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Call (803) 775-3926 or (803) 469-4789.
Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.
Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive. Call (803) 905-5620.
FRIDAY MEETINGS:
Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6

p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, Miller Road (across from Food Lion). For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.
Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (803) 778-0303.
SATURDAY MEETINGS:
Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Support Group — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7. Call (803) 481-7521.

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

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST
 ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting together with friends will brighten your day. Don't let little things upset you. Work alongside someone you love even if he or she is being difficult. It's easier to use the power of persuasion if you do so lovingly.
 TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Generosity won't help you get ahead. Don't feel you have to donate to something because someone else does. Take care of home and family before you offer your time, energy and money to an outsider. Concentrate on personal growth.
 GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can stabilize your situation at home by offering to compromise in order to get what you want in return. A unique solution someone offers may sound good, but weigh the pros and cons before you accept. Aim for equality.
 CANCER (June 21-July 22): Helping others will give you a sense of belonging. Your input will be valued and spark an idea. Consider a growing demand or trend in your community and elaborate on how best to turn your services into a moneymaking endeavor.
 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on what counts. Make personal changes instead of trying to change someone else. Giving freedom to others will allow you the same privilege in return. Take better care of your health and love life. Compassion and understanding will be necessary.
 VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't get caught in a bureaucratic situation. Get your papers in order and update important documents that you may need to access quickly. Being proactive will help you avoid

losing control of a domestic situation.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Engage in activities that make you feel good and walk away from people who don't. Choose how you want to spend your time and venture down the path that is in your best interest. Look forward to what's next and leave the past behind you.
 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be practical when it comes to money matters. Refuse to let emotional spending contribute to your stress. Excessive behavior or spending money on someone in order to make an impression will lead to a loss.
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A health concern will surface if you don't take better care of yourself. Proper diet and exercise will be necessary to avoid a chronic problem. Discipline and self-awareness will help you overcome temptation.
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not everyone will be happy with the decisions you make. Partnerships will be on shaky ground and disappointment is apparent. Avoid getting into a debate. Wait until you have proof that you made the right choice. Keep the peace. Romance is encouraged.
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take emotional and financial matters seriously. Stress will lead to ill health and will escalate a situation that is already on shaky ground. Use intelligence and do whatever it takes to physically improve any situation that disturbs you.
 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Business trips and communication are highlighted, but be careful not to give anyone access to your personal information or passwords. Caution should be taken when dealing with your peers. Look inward for answers.

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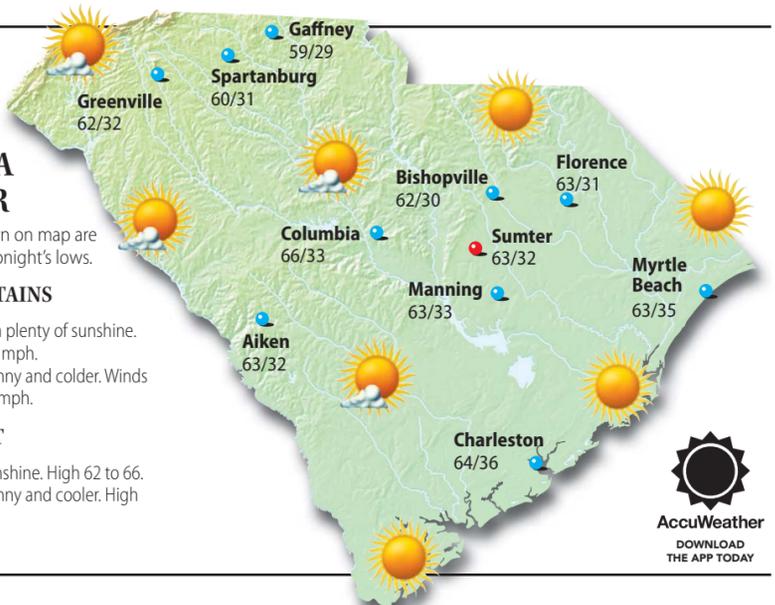
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Warmer with plenty of sunshine	Clear and colder	Cooler with plenty of sun	Cloudy and cool	Some clouds, then sunshine	Plenty of sunshine
63°	32°	53° / 33°	59° / 42°	64° / 39°	62° / 37°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%
NNE 7-14 mph	NE 7-14 mph	NE 7-14 mph	NE 6-12 mph	NE 6-12 mph	NNE 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Warmer with plenty of sunshine. Winds northeast 4-8 mph.
Saturday: Partly sunny and colder. Winds east-northeast 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Plenty of sunshine. High 62 to 66.
Saturday: Partly sunny and cooler. High 53 to 58.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	Precipitation
High 50°	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. 0.68"
Low 47°	Month to date 0.68"
Normal high 68°	Month to date 0.84"
Normal low 43°	Year to date 33.25"
Record high 86° in 1977	Last year to date 44.55"
Record low 22° in 1967	Normal year to date 41.53"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.66	-0.01
Marion	76.8	74.65	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	74.50	-0.04
Wateree	100	97.26	-0.08

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	4.73	-0.32
Congaree River	19	1.18	-1.90
Lynches River	14	2.84	-0.05
Saluda River	14	4.81	+0.37
Up. Santee River	80	76.56	+0.34
Wateree River	24	10.52	-0.22

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:50 a.m.	Sunset	5:22 p.m.
Moonrise	none	Moonset	1:02 p.m.
Last	New	First	Full
Nov. 10	Nov. 18	Nov. 26	Dec. 3

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	1:45 a.m.	3.0	8:26 a.m.	0.2
	2:12 p.m.	3.4	9:15 p.m.	0.4
Sat.	2:51 a.m.	3.0	9:31 a.m.	0.3
	3:15 p.m.	3.3	10:16 p.m.	0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	65/39/s 56/41/s	
Chicago	34/26/pc 38/34/c	
Dallas	66/49/pc 68/55/c	
Detroit	31/22/pc 38/30/c	
Houston	72/51/s 75/58/pc	
Los Angeles	70/56/pc 70/56/pc	
New Orleans	69/54/s 74/61/pc	
New York	38/24/s 40/32/s	
Orlando	76/64/pc 78/67/pc	
Philadelphia	39/25/s 41/30/s	
Phoenix	85/60/pc 85/59/pc	
San Francisco	66/53/pc 65/51/pc	
Wash., DC	45/25/s 42/32/s	

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	54/27/s 49/28/s		Florence	63/31/s 52/34/s	
Athens	66/36/s 54/36/s		Gainesville	71/53/pc 73/55/c	
Augusta	69/34/s 57/34/s		Gastonia	60/29/s 49/28/s	
Beaufort	66/40/s 57/41/pc		Goldsboro	60/29/s 49/32/pc	
Cape Hatteras	61/43/pc 58/49/pc		Goose Creek	63/35/s 53/40/pc	
Charleston	64/36/s 55/40/pc		Greensboro	53/25/s 44/28/s	
Charlotte	60/29/s 50/29/s		Greenville	62/32/s 50/31/s	
Clemson	63/35/s 50/35/s		Hickory	57/28/s 46/29/s	
Columbia	66/33/s 55/32/s		Hilton Head	64/40/s 56/45/pc	
Darlington	62/30/s 52/32/s		Jacksonville, FL	71/55/pc 71/58/c	
Elizabeth City	55/32/s 49/39/pc		La Grange	66/41/s 58/40/s	
Elizabethtown	59/31/s 50/36/s		Macon	69/38/s 58/38/s	
Fayetteville	60/30/s 50/33/s		Marietta	64/37/s 54/39/s	
			Marion	56/25/s 47/26/s	
			Mt. Pleasant	64/39/s 55/44/pc	
			Myrtle Beach	63/35/s 53/40/pc	
			Orangeburg	63/34/s 53/34/s	
			Port Royal	64/40/s 56/44/pc	
			Raleigh	55/26/s 46/29/s	
			Rock Hill	59/28/s 48/27/s	
			Rockingham	60/28/s 50/28/s	
			Savannah	67/41/s 60/41/pc	
			Spartanburg	60/31/s 48/30/s	
			Summerville	63/34/s 53/39/pc	
			Wilmington	62/33/s 54/37/pc	
			Winston-Salem	53/25/s 45/28/s	

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SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



Ellie, left, is a 9-month-old female terrier. She is sweet, affectionate and friendly. She is great with other dogs and even cats. Ellie adores hugs and kisses and loves any kind of attention. She has a sweet and loving personality and would be a great family addition.
 Billy, right, is a housebroken 6-month-old American shorthair. He is great with other cats and children. Billy has a super sweet, gentle and friendly personality. He loves to play with cat toys and chase laser lights.

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

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

PREP FOOTBALL

Sumter ready for the road

New batch of Gamecocks heads to Summerville for 5A state playoff game

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Taking a road trip to the Lowcountry to face Summerville High School in the SCHSL football playoffs is not an unusual thing for Sumter High. In fact, when the programs meet today in the second round of the 5A playoffs, it will be the third time in five years Sumter has played at Summerville.

However, the Gamecocks haven't played there since 2014 when they lost in the first round of the 2014 4A playoffs.

"This will be the first time for these guys, so it will be a new experience for them," said Sumter third-year head coach Mark Barnes, who will be coaching his first game at Summerville as well. "We haven't talked about it, but I'm sure they know the history of the Summerville program."

Both teams finished second in their respective regions and are 9-2 on the season. The Green Wave defeated Irmo 29-7 in the first round last week, while Sumter thumped White Knoll 35-7.

Barnes likes where his team is after scoring all of its points in the first half against WK.

"We've had a really good week of practice," said Barnes, who will be trying to take the Gamecocks beyond the second round for the first time in his tenure at Sumter. "We should have good practices at this time of year because we're used to what we're doing."

"We've done a great job of dealing with the injuries that we've had, and that says a lot about the character of our team."

The most significant injury is that of quarterback Zykiem Jackson, who broke his collarbone in the ninth game against Conway. Ontra' Harvin has started the last two weeks, going 22-for-



MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter running back Jonathan Henry (16) and the rest of the Gamecocks travel to Summerville today to take on the Green Wave in the second round of the 5A state playoffs beginning at 7:30 p.m.

31 with 301 yards and three touchdowns against just one interception.

"Ontra' has played really well for us," Barnes said. "It's not a surprise though; we just had to develop a game plan that played to his strengths. He's

become comfortable though, and he didn't throw a bad pass last week (going 9-for-14 for 137 yards and one TD)."

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PREP GOLF

TSA's Gray signs to play with Coastal

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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As well as he can remember, Tyler Gray first started hitting golf balls when he was around 3 or 4 years. As one would expect from a child that age, he was doing it mainly for fun.

Gray got away from it for a couple of years before he took it up again when he was 8. That is when his father, Ryan,



GRAY

hooked him up with a swing coach, Matt McCauley, the professional at Camden Country Club.

Fast forward less than a decade and Gray has reached

the point where he is going to be able to play college golf at the NCAA Division I level.

The Thomas Sumter Academy senior with Coastal Carolina University on Wednesday in a ceremony at Camden Country Club.

"It was just different when I stepped on the campus," Gray said when asked for his reason for choosing the Sun Belt Conference school located in Conway. "The school is located near the beach (Myrtle Beach), so there will be plenty to do."

"Also, the coaching staff is just great there."

Gray, who lives in Lugoff, said Coastal was the only school to officially offer him, that coming in September of 2016. He made a commitment when the offer came his way.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Crestwood hoping to hit stride

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Roosevelt Nelson thinks his Crestwood High School football team is playing the best it has all season the past two weeks.

The Knights defeated Lakewood 40-14 in their regular-season finale to secure the No. 3 seed from Region VI in the SCHSL 4A state playoffs. They followed it by going on the road and beating 7-3 Chapin 28-14 in the first round of the playoffs, the program's first playoff win under Nelson in his four years.

"We've been getting better each week," said Nelson, whose team owns a 6-5 record. "It's been a collective effort on both sides of the football with everyone coming together."

The victory allows CHS to

travel to Little River today to take on undefeated North Myrtle Beach at 7:30 p.m. in the second round.

The Chiefs are 11-0 on the season and are ranked second in the state among 4A schools behind defending state champion South Pointe.

"They're a pretty balanced offensive team," Nelson said.

North Myrtle Beach quarterback Cason McLendon had a huge game against Colleton even though he only threw the ball 14 times. McLendon connected on 10 of the passes with five of them going for touchdowns.

McLendon has completed 101 of 179 passes for 1,557 yards and 23 TDs on the season.

Running back Kered Class rushed for 254 yards and a score against Colleton as the

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TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood linebacker Jalen Owens (4) and the rest of the Knights will go on the road today to meet North Myrtle Beach in the second round of the 4A state playoffs.

PREP GOLF

Barons' Jones takes next step with Wofford

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Wilson Hall's Walker Jones took another step on his journey with the sport of golf. It's just a step though, not what he wants to be the final destination.

"My goal is to play professionally," Jones said after signing to play collegiately with



JONES

Wofford College on Thursday at Nash Student Center. "And I feel like the best way to achieve that is by playing at the college level."

Jones first started playing golf when he "was 4 or 5," and he started playing with the Wilson Hall varsity when he was in the sixth grade. And he has steadily brought his scoring average down throughout his career.

As an all-region performer in the eighth grade, Jones had an 18-hole average of 79.40. He was again all-region as a freshman in 2015 on Wilson Hall's SCISA 3A state championship team with an average of 76.40.

The Barons defended their title in '16 and Jones was all-state with a 75.40 average. As a junior, Jones had an average of 74.22, sixth on the school's all-time list. WH finished third and he again made all-state.

He was selected to represent SCISA in the Southeastern Commission of Independent Schools. He finished second individually and made a birdie on a playoff hole to give SCISA

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PREP FOOTBALL

Stallions take on Southside Christian

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The SCHSL football playoffs are usually filled with mismatches in the first round with 32 teams involved. Things normally start getting interesting in the second round as the No. 1 seeds run into No. 2 seeds.

That's what Lee Central High School will be doing today at Stallion Stadium in Bishopville. The No. 1 seed Stallions will play host to Southside Christian, the runner-up from Region II, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Sabres aren't a 7-4, 8-3 or even a 9-2 No. 2 seed though. Instead, they own the same record as LC, 10-1.

"At this time of year for a team to get

to this point, they have to be a good team," said Lee Central head coach Justin Danner. "The records are really out the window. You've got to be ready to play. For a team to make it this far they obviously have to be doing good things."



DANNER

Southside's only loss of the season came at the hands of defending 2A state champion Abbeville in a region contest. The Sabres dropped that contest 33-14.

Southside, which is located in Simpsonville, defeated Chesee 50-0 in its first-round game last week. The Sabres have scored 453 points on the season,

while allowing just 109.

The Sabre offense is led by quarterback Bryson Cheek and running back Malory Pinkney.

"They're very efficient offensively," Danner said of SC. "They're a pretty balanced offensive team. They do a good job of throwing and catching the football, and they find ways to run the whole field for four quarters. They try to get their players in space and make plays."

Lee Central has been stout on defense all season. It has allowed just 136 after defeating Keenan 42-16 in the opening round.

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IN THE PITS

As sponsorship dollars dwindle, NASCAR's stars fade

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Matt Kenseth, a future Hall of Famer, likely has two races left in his life as a famous NASCAR driver.

The final seat in the carousel of job options was filled Wednesday when Stewart-Haas Racing announced Aric Almirola as its new driver.

Yes, a two-time Daytona 500 winner and former series champion was passed over for a driver with one victory in 242 career starts. It is yet another seat that didn't go to Kenseth, who embarrassingly has become the odd man out in a free agency period that has focused far more on salaries and sponsorship than talent.

Kenseth, who told reporters over the weekend that he will take time off in 2018, is hardly alone in his plight. Danica Patrick has nothing lined up for next year, same for reigning Daytona 500 winner Kurt Busch. Greg Biffle quietly went away at the end of last season, and Carl Edwards announced his retirement after coming 10 laps shy of winning the championship a year ago.

All but Patrick started in a robust economic period for NASCAR, where teams were flush with sponsor dollars and



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Matt Kenseth sits in his car as he waits to practice for an October NASCAR Series Cup race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas. Kenseth says he will be taking time off in 2018, though the former NASCAR Cup Series champion isn't using the word retirement.

could basically hire any driver they wanted. Jack Roush was the fat cat in the early 2000s, and he'd hold gong-show style auditions for drivers to see who got paired with his newest open seat.

Kenseth, Busch, Biffle and Edwards all went on to become stars in Roush's system while launching lucrative and lengthy careers.

But the math has changed considerably. Sponsors are paying far less for the right to advertise on a car during a NASCAR race, and they are increasingly difficult to get. In the days of exploding popular-

ity, a top team might spend \$30 million to run a race car. Most of that money came from sponsorship, and top drivers were making \$10 million per year.

Now owners are running teams for half of what they did 15 years ago, and driver salaries are slowly being adjusted accordingly. If a team owner can't get a driver that financially matches the sponsorship level, then the owner has to pay expenses out of pocket.

Brad Keselowski is widely regarded as the driver of the Miller Lite car, but Team

Penske last week revealed its sponsorship program for the No. 2 car in pieces, and it only includes 11 races with Miller Lite as the primary sponsor. Discount Tire was sold the rights to be on Keselowski's car in next year's season-opening Daytona 500 and season finale at Homestead, as well as eight other events. The Würth Group was announced as a three-race sponsor.

Still, Penske was able to do what few others can manage right now: Put together a sponsorship package that is valuable enough for him to afford a high-priced driver.

Kenseth struck out time and again in a search that began when Joe Gibbs Racing unexpectedly told him it was bringing development driver Erik Jones in-house next season, a decision that cost the 45-year-old Kenseth a spot in the lineup.

The 19-year Cup veteran didn't get rides at Hendrick Motorsports, which will see Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kasey Kahne depart after the season. Alex Bowman and William Byron will allegedly drive next year for something like \$500,000 in salary.

It is clear that sponsorship budgets have been decreased, reflecting in many ways television viewership for NASCAR races and attendance at various tracks. With fewer

dollars coming in, car owners have to be careful to avoid paying too many expenses out of pocket. Driver salaries don't seem to be a priority right now, and a guy like Kenseth would lose money on travel for himself, his wife and four children to some or all of the 38 races on the Cup schedule.

Earnhardt warned earlier this year that NASCAR's financial system was in for a major reset, and it has happened faster than anyone expected.

"On a big scheme of things, I feel like things have happened quickly, but yet on the other hand, it kind of does surprise me how, you know, the reset, hasn't been totally linear," Kenseth recently said. "Some people have been able to make it work, some people haven't. Certainly right now is a very interesting time."

"I think it's a very tough time for car owners to find the money that they need to field competitive race cars with competitive personnel. I think it's probably harder than at least it's been since I've been around. And the cost is higher than when I started, as well. Certainly a challenging environment."

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TODAY

11 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Lucas Oil 150 Practice from Avondale, Ariz. (FOX SPORTS 2).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: OHL Classic at Mayakoba Second Round from Playa del Carmen, Mexico (GOLF).
1 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Avondale, Ariz. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: FIFA 2018 World Cup First Leg Qualifying Match — Italy vs. Sweden (FOX SPORTS 1).
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Practice from Avondale, Ariz. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2:55 p.m. — International Soccer: England vs. Germany from London (FOX SPORTS 2).
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: K&N Pro Series West from Bakersfield, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Charles Schwab Cup Championship First Round from Phoenix (GOLF).
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Practice from Avondale, Ariz. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 p.m. — College Soccer: Patriot League Tournament Semifinal Match — Colgate at Loyola (Md.) (SPECTRUM 1250).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Armed Forces Classic from Ramstein, Germany — Texas A&M vs. West Virginia (ESPN).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Veterans Classic from Annapolis, Md. — Memphis vs. Alabama (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Farleigh Dickinson at Seton Hall (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pole Qualifying from Avondale, Ariz. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:30 p.m. — High School Football: 4A State Playoffs Second-Round Game — Lugoff-Elgin at Berkeley (WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — College Football: Temple at Cincinnati (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Northern Iowa at North Carolina (ESPN).
7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Carolina at Columbus (FOX SPORTS SOUTHWEST).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Utah Valley at Kentucky (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — High School Football: 5A State Playoffs Second-Round Game — Sumter at Summerville (WIBZ-FM 95.5).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: South Carolina at Wofford (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Boston (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8 p.m. — College Football: Dartmouth vs. Brown from Boston (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Soccer: Patriot League Tournament Semifinal Match — Holy Cross vs. Boston University (SPECTRUM 1250).
8:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Lucas Oil 150 from Avondale, Ariz. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Columbia at Villanova (FOX SPORTS 2).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Pittsburgh at Navy (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Milwaukee at San Antonio (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Tennessee State at Kansas (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Iowa State at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Mount St. Mary's at Marquette (FOX SPORTS SOUTHWEST).
10 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Luis Rosa vs. Yundale Evans in a Featherweight Bout from Cleveland (SHOWTIME).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Brigham Young at Nevada-Las Vegas (ESPN2).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Washington at Stanford (FOX SPORTS 1).
11 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Blue Bay LPGA Final Round from Hainan Island, China (GOLF).
11:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Pac-12 China Game from Shanghai, China — UCLA vs. Georgia Tech (ESPN).
3 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Nedbank Golf Challenge Third Round from Sun City, South Africa (GOLF).

SATURDAY
6:30 a.m. — International Tennis: Fed Cup Final Rubber 1 & 2 — United States vs. Belarus (TENNIS).
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Avondale, Ariz. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Football: Florida at South Carolina (WLTN 19, WIBZ-FM 95.5, WNKT-FM 107.5).
Noon — College Football: North Carolina State at Boston College (WOLO 25).
Noon — College Football: Michigan State at Ohio State (WACH 57).
Noon — College Football: Duke at Army (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Football: Arkansas at Louisiana State (ESPN).
Noon — College Football: Oklahoma State at Iowa State (ESPN2).
Noon — College Football: Connecticut at Central Florida (ESPN).
Noon — College Football: Nebraska at Minnesota (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — College Football: Texas Tech vs. Baylor from Arlington, Texas (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
Noon — College Football: Louisiana-Lafayette at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Ticket Galaxy 250 Pole Qualifying from Avondale, Ariz. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
1 p.m. — College Football: Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech (WKTC 63).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: OHL Classic at Mayakoba Third Round from Playa del Carmen, Mexico (GOLF).
1:30 p.m. — Figure Skating: ISU Grand Prix NHK Trophy

from Osaka, Japan (WIS 10).
1:30 p.m. — College Football: Hampton at South Carolina State (WSSB-FM 90.7).
2 p.m. — College Football: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship Game from Salem, Va. — Fayetteville State vs. Virginia State (ASPIRE).
2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Avondale, Ariz. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Football: The Citadel at Furman (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA 2018 World Cup First Leg Qualifying Match — Ireland vs. Denmark (FOX SPORTS 2).
3 p.m. — College Football: Wake Forest at Syracuse (FOX SPORTS SOUTHWEST).
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Ticket Galaxy 250 from Avondale, Ariz. (WIS 10, WEGX-FM 92.9).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Georgia at Auburn (WLTN 19).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Iowa at Wisconsin (WOLO 25).
4 p.m. — College Football: Southern California at Colorado (WACH 57).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Southern Methodist at Navy (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Florida State at Clemson (ESPN, WVBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: West Virginia at Kansas State (ESPN2).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Virginia at Louisville (ESPN).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Florida Atlantic at Louisiana Tech (SPECTRUM 1250).
4 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Charles Schwab Cup Championship Second Round from Phoenix (GOLF).
4 p.m. — College Football: Kentucky at Vanderbilt (SEC NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Notre Dame at DePaul (FOX SPORTS 1).
4:30 p.m. — College Football: Troy at Coastal Carolina (WVFN-FM 100.1).
5:30 p.m. — College Hockey: Penn State at Notre Dame (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Football: Tulane at East Carolina (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Football: Alabama at Mississippi State (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Football: Purdue at Northwestern (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Football: New Mexico at Texas A&M (ESPN).
7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Chicago at Carolina (FOX SPORTS SOUTHWEST).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Tennessee at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Football: Notre Dame at Miami (WOLO 25).
8 p.m. — College Football: Texas Christian at Oklahoma (WACH 57).
8 p.m. — Professional Baseball: Arizona Fall League Military Appreciation Game (MLB NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Mississippi Valley State at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Brooklyn at Utah (NBA TV).
9:30 p.m. — Formula One Racing: Brazilian Grand Prix Pole Qualifying (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 p.m. — College Football: Oregon State at Arizona (ESPN).
10 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Daniel Jacobs vs. Luis Arias in a Middleweight Bout from Uniondale, N.Y. (HBO).
10:15 p.m. — College Football: Wyoming at Air Force (ESPN).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Boise State at Colorado State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Artur Beterbiev vs. Enrico Koelling in a Light Heavyweight Bout from Fresno, Calif. (ESPN2).
3 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Nedbank Golf Challenge Final Round from Sun City, South Africa (GOLF).

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 Carolina 6 3 0 .667 168 159
 Atlanta 4 4 0 .500 170 172
 Tampa Bay 2 6 0 .250 158 198

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
6	2	0	.750	179	135
4	4	0	.500	206	186
4	4	0	.500	181	191
3	5	0	.375	134	171

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
6	2	0	.750	263	155
5	3	0	.625	189	149
4	4	0	.500	139	201
0	9	0	.000	143	239

THURSDAY'S GAME

Seattle at Arizona, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Atlanta, 4:25 p.m.
 New England at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
 Open: Kansas City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Oakland

MONDAY'S GAME

Miami at Carolina, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

Baltimore at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Miami, 1 p.m.
 Washington at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
 New England vs Oakland at Mexico City, MX, 4:25 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Open: Indianapolis, San Francisco, Carolina, N.Y. Jets

NBA STANDINGS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
10	2	.833	—
6	4	.600	3
6	4	.600	3
6	5	.545	3½
4	7	.364	5½

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB
7	4	.636	—
5	5	.500	1½
5	6	.455	2
5	6	.455	2
2	9	.182	5

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
8	3	.727	—
5	6	.455	3
5	7	.417	3½
4	6	.400	3½
2	7	.222	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
8	3	.727	—
7	4	.636	1
7	4	.636	1
6	5	.545	2
2	10	.167	6½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
7	4	.636	—
6	5	.545	1
6	5	.545	1
5	6	.455	2
4	6	.400	2½

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
9	3	.750	—
5	5	.500	3
5	6	.455	3½
4	8	.333	5
2	8	.200	6

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Detroit 114, Indiana 97
 Orlando 112, New York 99
 Boston 107, L.A. Lakers 96
 Miami 126, Phoenix 115
 Golden State 125, Minnesota 101

THURSDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
 Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Milwaukee at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 Orlando at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Portland, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
 Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at New York, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Orlando at Denver, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
 Miami at Detroit, 4 p.m.
 Houston at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
16	12	2	2	26	64	43
17	10	7	0	20	65	60
14	6	3	5	17	51	47
16	8	7	1	17	45	43
14	6	5	3	15	41	44
16	7	8	1	15	44	57
15	5	8	2	12	38	54
14	4	8	2	10	48	59

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
17	9	6	2	20	45	59
14	9	4	1	19	50	45
16	9	6	1	19	52	46
15	8	5	2	18	55	48
17	8	7	2	18	56	57
16	8	7	1	17	47	51
15	7	6	2	16	47	43
13	5	5	3	13	35	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
16	12	3	1	25	53	37
14	8	3	3	19	46	40
15	8	5	2	18	40	42
14	8	6	0	16	48	47
15	7	7	0	16	42	43
15	7	6	2	16	43	36
14	5	7	2	12	42	44

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Led by South Carolina, UConn, women's hoops tips off today

BY DOUG FEINBERG
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been five years since a team other than UConn started the season as defending champions. Coach Dawn Staley and her South Carolina Gamecocks have that honor this year.

After a thrilling Final Four that ended with the Gamecocks winning their first national championship, women's college basketball is ready to get started Friday.

South Carolina is among the teams looking to travel to Columbus, Ohio, for the Final Four next April. UConn, Stanford, Ohio State and Louisville will make the trip there this weekend to play a tipoff tournament at the site of the upcoming NCAA championship.

South Carolina returns only two starters this season, although one is star A'ja Wilson.

"I think when we first started practice we had a certain level of confidence and swagger," Staley said. "But that team that won last year and the team that we have this year are very different. I made sure they were aware of that very quickly."

Mississippi State ended the Huskies' 111-game winning streak on a last-second shot in overtime of the NCAA semifinal game. With the longest winning streak in NCAA history behind them, UConn will aim for a fifth national championship in the past six seasons.

"I think what happened last season is exactly what needed to happen," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Not because we need any extra motivation to win. I just think we need it to lift all the stuff we've been carrying around with us the last couple of years and just play free and clear and be like everybody else, and understand that losing is not the end of the world."

The top-ranked Huskies re-



South Carolina forward A'ja Wilson (22) holds up the national championship trophy as she celebrates with teammates after their 67-55 win over Mississippi State in the final of last year's NCAA women's college basketball tournament in Dallas. Their title defense begins today at 6:30 p.m. at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia when they receive their championship rings and the banner is raised, followed by the season opener against Alabama State at 7.

AP FILE PHOTO

turn a talented group led by three preseason AP All-Americans. Auriemma has another group of talented newcomers as well.

Some things to watch this season in women's basketball:

MILESTONE WATCH

Three coaches have a shot at joining the 1,000 win club this year with Auriemma (991), North Carolina's Sylvia Hatchell (990) and Rutgers' C. Vivian Stringer (977) all within reach of that mark. Only

Pat Summitt and Tara VanDerveer have reached a thousand victories in women's basketball.

"I honestly had no idea I was that close, but that is incredible company to be a part of," Auriemma said last summer. "The fact that there are three of us within reach of that mark just goes to show we've all been in the game for a while."

TRANSFER EPIDEMIC

Once again a plethora of

players switched schools this season, including stellar freshman Destiny Slocomb, who left Maryland to head to Oregon State. Notre Dame added Jessica Shephard from Nebraska, who was surprisingly granted immediate eligibility last week.

South Carolina will try to get Te'a Cooper eligible at semester break. She sat out last season at Tennessee with a knee injury then switched to the Gamecocks this summer.

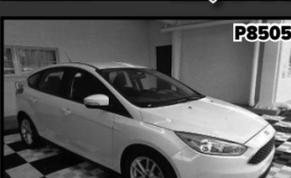
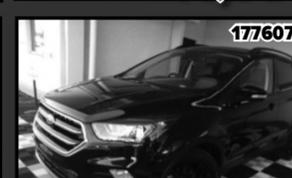
FRESH FACES

There are a bunch of talented newcomers this season, starting with Tennessee's highly regarded freshmen group. The Lady Vols are led by Renna Davis and Evina Westbrook.

"They are very talented young women and I think they came in here as highly touted freshmen," Lady Vols coach Holly Warlick said. "Some think they have a lot of pressure, but they don't see it as pressure."



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Philadelphia quarterback Carson Wentz is the leader of an Eagles team that owns the National Football League's best record halfway through the season, one of many surprises this year.

Anthem issue, soaring Eagles NFL middle-of-year surprises

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

Who anticipated the NFL getting caught up in a back-and-forth spat with President Donald Trump over players kneeling during the national anthem?

And who could have imagined the Philadelphia Eagles would own the best record in the league at the midway point? And that their second-year quarterback, Carson Wentz, would lead the MVP conversation with an NFL-best 23 touchdown passes? Or that the Atlanta Falcons, New York Giants and Oakland Raiders — playoff participants a year ago — would struggle so much?

Anyone answering yes to any of the above is either unbelievably prescient or, um, just plain lying.

"It's a big shock to start the season off this way," Raiders running back Jalen Richard said after his team, considered a Super Bowl contender by some, endured a three-game losing streak. "I don't even know what to say."

Here is a look at developments that left folks speechless during an NFL season full of surprises:

TRUMP VS. NFL

It all began, bizarrely enough, with a speech in Alabama by Trump, followed by daily tweets from the highest office in the land, including a call for teams to fire players who kneel during "The Star-Spangled Banner." That resulted in pregame demonstrations going from a half-dozen players to hundreds — and Vice President Mike Pence, in what 49ers safety Eric Reid

called a "PR stunt," leaving a game after players knelt. The man who started the movement to protest racial inequality and police brutality, Colin Kaepernick, has filed a grievance against the NFL, saying teams colluded to keep him out of a job in a league where folks such as Tom Savage and Brett Hundley have started games, and Josh Johnson was just signed as a backup.

EAGLES LEAD THE WAY

The Eagles are 8-1, with a budding star in Wentz, and already exceeded their win total from a year ago (7-9, last in the NFC East). They average 31.4 points, second most in the league, and allow fewer than 20 points. "We feel," Wentz said, "like we have some momentum."

GOING THE WRONG WAY

The Giants are 1-7, Eli Manning looks anything but elite, and coach Ben McAdoo sure seems dumbfounded. He couldn't even find words to respond when asked what he told his club at halftime of a 51-17 loss. The Denver Broncos, desperately in need of a competent QB, and the Raiders, whose star receiver Amari Cooper has suddenly become a chronic pass dropper, both have losing records, too. At least the Falcons are at .500, but neither QB Matt Ryan nor much of the rest of the squad look like recent Super Bowl participants.

HEY, ROOK

Chiefs RB Kareem Hunt was a third-round pick out of Toledo, of all places, and Texans QB Deshaun Watson was a backup to Savage for Week 1. But Hunt leads the league in

rushing with 800 yards. Watson was having the same sort of impact, throwing for 19 TDs with a passer rating of 103, before tearing up his knee.

SO MANY INJURED STARS

That there are so many injuries is not surprising. This is the NFL, remember? But that so many superstars are sidelined for the rest of the season is striking. The list keeps growing, too, with Packers QB Aaron Rodgers, Texans DE J.J. Watt and Giants WR Odell Beckham Jr. at the top, along with important players such as Watson, Colts QB Andrew Luck and Patriots WR Julian Edelman.

MCVAY'S RAMS

Talk about precocious: The Rams' Sean McVay, 31, is the youngest coach in NFL history, and his combination of charisma and offensive design have helped LA go from 4-12 to 6-2 (ahead of Seattle in the NFC West), while Jared Goff has gone from presumed bust to a guy who looks like a No. 1 overall draft pick. The Rams are averaging a league-high 32.9 points and have won three times by at least 30. "Now the challenge is: Can we sustain it?" McVay said.

OTHER GOOD TEAMS

The NFC South-leading Saints are the third team to go from 0-2 to 6-2. The others, the 1993 Cowboys and 2007 Giants, went on to win the Super Bowl. The most stunning aspect for New Orleans? The defense, a problem for so long, has been superb. The Vikings are atop the NFC North at 6-2 despite starting Case Keenum at QB and parting ways with RB Adrian Peterson.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Little Big Man: Berrios makes major impact for No. 7 Miami

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

Braxton Berrios' worth to the Miami Hurricanes was on full display last weekend against Virginia Tech. He threw the ball, caught the ball, ran with the ball and even had a huge downfield block to set up another big play.

All that happened on the first series.

Sometimes an afterthought in his first three years at Miami, Berrios — who stands 5-foot-9 — has come up big this season for the seventh-ranked Hurricanes (8-0, No. 7 CFP). And when Miami puts the nation's longest current winning streak on the line against No. 3 Notre Dame (8-1, No. 3 CFP) on Saturday, there's little doubt that Berrios will be a major part of the game plan.

"Braxton Berrios is the engine to that offense, no doubt about it," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "But he's also extremely productive. So it's one thing to be the emotional leader but you know, he averages I think close to 15 yards per catch and I think he's somebody that you have to game plan for in the special teams game as a punt returner." Berrios had five touch-

down catches in his first three seasons; he has a team-best seven so far this season. Berrios also leads the Hurricanes with 36 catches and 474 receiving yards, and the seven TD grabs have him tied for second among all Atlantic Coast Conference players.

The Hurricanes are savoring their start. Berrios, in turn, is savoring the moment.

"It's the reason I came to Miami," Berrios said. "It's the reason I'm here in the first place. This is what I've wanted to do, these are kind of the positions I've wanted to be in for the last three years, since I committed. This is what I came here for. To finally see everything I've done for the last three years, all the silent work where nobody is around, to see all that start to pay off ... it's indescribable."

He thinks that work was done in secret. It wasn't.

Coaches have long raved about Berrios' work ethic. The North Carolina native is the football equivalent of a gym rat; when he's not studying — Berrios has a 3.96 GPA and put together 33 consecutive "A" grades to start his academic career at Miami — he can usually be found studying tape by himself or working out in the weight room.



Miami wide receiver Braxton Berrios (8) reaches for a touchdown pass during the first half of the Hurricanes' victory over Duke in September in Durham, North Carolina. Berrios has more touchdown catches already this season than in his first three years with the seventh-ranked and unbeaten Hurricanes, who face No. 3 Notre Dame on Saturday in a game with championship implications.

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The Stallion defense was led by Shileake Albert with 11 tackles. DeAndre Oliver added eight tackles, while Deontae Lowery, Travis Hickson, Shykeem Cooper and Corey King each had five tackles. Jamonte Belin and Trey Robinson each recorded a sack. The offense was led by Shamari Simon with 108 yards rushing and a touchdown. Demetrius Dubose added 119 yards, while Edward Benjamin, Owen Lewis and Mike Watters each had a rushing touchdown.

Quarterback Tijuan Durant

threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Ontavious Jackson and Dayrice Austin returned a kickoff 80 yards for a score.

“We’ve got to try and make sure we can some pressure on the quarterback when they go back to throw the ball,” Danner said. “We’ve got to try and take either the run or the pass away and make them one-dimensional.

“Offensively, we’ve got to find some room to run the football,” he added. “And when we get a chance to take some shots we’ve got to hit them. We have to be efficient on offense.”



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood’s Sheddric Ervin (16) and the rest of the Knights will take on North Myrtle Beach today at 7:30 p.m. in the second round of the 4A state playoffs.

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Chiefs ran for 387, finishing with 581 yards of total offense. Class has rushed for 1,375 yards and 12 scores.

“All 11 of our guys our going to have to step up and do their jobs for us to be successful defensively,” Nelson said. “We’ve got to exe-

cute our game plan to the best of our abilities.”

Crestwood’s passing game has come to life in the past two weeks, particularly between quarterback Anthony Bradley and wide receiver Joshua Simon.

After he had seven catch-

es for 136 yards and two scores against Lakewood, Simon had seven more catches for 185 yards and another TD against Chapin. Bradley completed 12 of 20 passes for 267 yards and two touchdowns while running for two more scores.

“Those two guys have really stepped up the past two weeks,” Nelson said.

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the victory over Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

And while those numbers are outstanding, Wilson Hall athletic director and former boys golf head coach Glen Rector said that is not what really stands out with Jones.

“You don’t know how hard he’s worked to get to this point,” Rector said. “Walker has played in 28 (weekend South Carolina Junior Golf Association) tournaments since this time last year. That doesn’t include all of the time on the putting greens, the practices. He’s really put in the time to achieve this.”

Along with Wofford, Jones also had offers

from fellow Southern Conference school Furman, Sun Belt Conference school Coastal Carolina and Big South Conference school Winthrop. Jones said there were a couple of reasons he decided to sign with the Terriers.

“I always knew Wofford was a good academic fit for me,” Jones said. “I really like the coach, Alex Hamilton. It’s his first year and I’ve always heard good things about him. Also, there are some guys on the team who have been my teammates before. It just seemed right for me.”

Jones is the fifth-ranked player in the state, according to the SCJGA. Of the 28 tournaments he’s played in in the last year, 15 saw Jones grab a top 10 finish. He won two of the tournaments and finished second in two others.

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Other schools that were showing interest in him were the University of South Carolina, Elon, Francis Marion University and Furman.

Gray has had an outstanding career at Thomas Sumter. He began playing for the Generals in the sev-

enth grade and has been an all-region performer since the eighth grade and an all-state performer since his freshman season.

He’s won back-to-back SCISA individual golf state championships and has been the SCISA Player of the Year for all divisions the

past two seasons as well.

Gray said the idea that he could play at the collegiate level started to come into focus for him just a few years ago.

“I was 13 or 14 when I really started to consider it,” he said. “I really didn’t take it as seriously as I should have before then, but I started practicing every day and practicing very hard.”

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Running back Jonathan Henry stepped up and had a big game as well. He rushed for 200 yards and two scores on 26 carries.

“We just felt we had to get the ball in his hands last week,” Barnes said of Henry, who has rushed for 898 yards and 10 touchdowns on 139 carries. “We thought that gave us the best chance to be successful and he really stepped up.”

Da’jon Butts has rushed for 529 yards and 16 TDs on 81 carries.

Barnes said Summerville’s offense reminds him of Conway, which topped the Gamecocks 14-13.

“Their quarterback (Jonathan Bennett) is a good athlete, and they’ve got some great skill players,” Barnes said. “They’ve two very tall receivers, one who is 6-(feet)-3 ½ (inches) (Anthony Gregg) and the other is

6-5 (Shaq Davis).”

The Green Wave also has 5-9 Andre Banks, who had 118 receiving yards and a touchdown against Irmo.

Bennett threw for 231 yards and two scores and rushed for 68 yards and another touchdown. Barnes said his defense will have to control Bennett.

“We can’t give up the explosive plays,” Barnes said. “We have given up some big plays when we let the quarterback escape and stay alive too long. We’ve got to get him on the ground, keep him in the pocket and make him a true drop-back passer.”

Sumter has 30 ½ sacks, led by defensive end Sterling McKenzie with 10 ½. The linebacker trio of Antonio Roach, Cooper Mota and Andre Amaker are the leading tacklers. Roach has 97 while Mota and Amaker both have 95. Roach has 14 ½ tackles for loss, McKenzie 14 and linebacker Johnathan Butler 13.

PREP FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SCHSL

5A
First Round
Upper State
Dorman 42, Woodmont 7
Gaffney 33, Easley 14
Hillcrest 40, Fort Mill 14
Mauldin 27, Rock Hill 7
Spartanburg 31, Westside 17, OT
T.L. Hanna 57, James F. Byrnes 7
Greenwood 35, Nation Ford 14
Northwestern 58, Laurens 7
Lower State
Carolina Forest 34, Lexington 21
Conway 34, Wando 10
Dutch Fork 77, Stratford 20
Fort Dorchester 49, Socastee 15
Spring Valley 28, West Ashley 0
Summerville 29, Irmo 7
Sumter 35, White Knoll 7
West Florence 42, Ashley Ridge 35, 20T

Second Round
Friday
Upper State
Greenwood at T.L. Hanna
Mauldin at Rock Hill
Gaffney at Northwestern
Spartanburg at Hillcrest
Lower State
West Florence at Dutch Fork
Sumter at Summerville
Spring Valley at Conway
Carolina Forest at Fort Dorchester

4A
First Round
Upper State
Belton-Honea Path 24, Union County 21
Eastside 45, Wren 23
Greenville 64, Blue Ridge 18
Greer 42, D.W. Daniel 7
South Aiken 47, Ridge View 28
South Pointe 67, Midland Valley 14
Westwood 23, North Augusta 13
York 55, Airport 14
Lower State
Berkeley 21, Marlboro County 7
Cane Bay 42, Wilson 25
Crestwood 28, Chapin 14
Hartsville 45, Orangeburg-Wilkinson 6
Lower Richland 38, Darlington 6
Lugoff-Elgin 38, Dreher 21
Myrtle Beach 48, Beaufort 7
North Myrtle Beach 59, Colleton County 36

Second Round
Friday
Upper State
York at Greenville
South Aiken at Greer
Belton-Honea path at South Pointe
Westwood at Eastside
Lower State
Myrtle Beach at Lower Richland
Cane Bay at Hartsville
Crestwood at North Myrtle Beach
Lugoff-Elgin at Berkeley

3A
First Round
Upper State
Broome 31, Walhalla 24
Chapman 57, Crescent 13
Chester 61, Powdersville 28
Emerald 48, Indian Land 23
Fairfield Central 29, Southside 22
Newberry 38, Pendleton 34
Palmetto 19, Camden 7
Seneca 18, Clinton 14
Lower State
Bishop England 32, Battery Creek 26
Bluffton 22, Hanahan 21
Brookland-Cayce 53, Loris 22
Dillon 35, Strom Thurmond 7
Georgetown 29, Swansea 0
Gilbert 57, Aynor 16
Timberland 12, May River 10
Wade Hampton (H) 23, Manning 18

Second Round
Friday
Upper State
Chester at Chapman
Palmetto at Seneca
Newberry at Fairfield Central
Broome at Emerald
Lower State
Bluffton at Gilbert
Bishop England at Dillon
Brookland-Cayce at Wade Hampton
Georgetown at Timberland

2A
First Round
Upper State
Abbeville 42, St. Joseph 6

Blacksburg 24, Liberty 17
Cheraw 28, Gray Collegiate Academy 18
Chesterfield 34, Fox Creek 23
Lee Central 42, W.J. Keenan 16
Ninety Six 56, Christ Church 36
Saluda 24, Central 21
Southside Christian 50, Chesnee 0
Lower State
Andrews 48, Garrett 0
Bamberg-Ehrhardt 51, Kingstree 13
Batesburg-Leesville 41, Mullins 18
Carvers Bay 48, Calhoun County 12
Latta 43, North Charleston 12
Whale Branch 30, Buford 27
Woodland 27, Silver Bluff 0
Second Round
Friday
Upper State
Cheraw at Blacksburg
Chesterfield at Abbeville
Ninety Six at Saluda
Southside Christian at Lee Central
Lower State
Latta at Bamberg-Ehrhardt
Woodland at Carvers Bay
Batesburg-Leesville at Whale Branch
Andrews at Barnwell

1A
First Round
Upper State
Dixie 38, Blackville-Hilda 12
Hunter-Kinard-Tyler 50, Whitmire 10
Lewisville 31, Wagener-Salley 2
Timmonsville 72, Denmark-Olar 8
Lower State
Cross 26, East Clarendon 10
Green Sea Floyds 20, Scott’s Branch 18
Hannah-Pamplico 57, Military Magnet Academy 22
St. John’s 46, Bethune-Bowman 6
Second Round
Friday
Upper State
Lewisville at McCormick
Timmonsville at Ridge Spring-Monetta
Hunter-Kinard-Tyler at Lamar
Dixie at Williston-Elko
Lower State
Green Sea-Floyds at Baptist Hill
Cross at Lake View

SCISA
3A
First Round
Laurence Manning, 20, Wilson Hall 14
Porter-Gaud 20, Pinewood Prep 7
Semifinals
Friday
Laurence Manning at Ben Lippen
Porter-Gaud at Hammond

2A
First Round
First Baptist 52, Spartanburg Christian 0
Florence Christian 24, St. Andrew’s 22
Robert E. Lee 42, Hilton Head Christian 7
Trinity Byrnes 41, Northwood 10
Semifinals
Friday
Robert E. Lee at First Baptist
Florence Christian at Trinity-Byrnes

1A
First Round
Carolina Academy 41, Dorchester 6
Dillon Christian 35, John Paul II 0
Pee Dee 49, Colleton Prep 20
Thomas Heyward 20, Christian Academy of Myrtle Beach 14
Semifinals
Friday
Pee Dee at Thomas Heyward
Carolina at Dillon Christian

8-MAN DIVISION I
First Round
Wardlaw 80, Cathedral Academy 12
Northside Christian 60, Summerville Faith Christian 52
Beaufort Academy 40, Holly Hill Academy 6
Coastal Christian 62, St. John’s Christian 28
Semifinals
Friday
Beaufort at Wardlaw
Northside Christian at Coastal Christian

8-MAN DIVISION II
First Round
Clarendon Hall 29, Richard Winn 28
Patrick Henry 60, W. Wyman King 48
Semifinals
Friday
Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson
Patrick Henry at Jefferson Davis

OBITUARIES

FRANK MITCHELL

Funeral services for Frank Mitchell, 76, who died peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 8,

2017, after a long battle with cancer, will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. The Rev. Jeff Steen

will officiate. Burial will follow at Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today. Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina, a son of the late Aldon Frank Mitchell Sr. and Pearl Susan Killelte. He was a member of

Red Hill Baptist Church. He retired as a crop duster and truck driver. His passion was entertaining people with his music and jokes and taking people for rides in the airplane. He also loved playing Frisbee and trips to the beach. Most of all, he loved making people laugh. He was a peacemaker and a Master Mason.

He is survived by his loving wife, Katherine Holland Mitchell of Bishopville; sons, Aldon F. Mitchell III and Robbie Newman, both of Bishopville; daughters, Susan (Pete) Moree of Darlington and Lydia (Bob) Mills of Princeton, North Carolina; sisters, Marjorie Hester and Lorene Stanley, both of Goldsboro, North Carolina; grandchildren, Michael Mitchell, Josie Mitchell, Tiffani Mitchell, Kyle Mitchell and Ryan (Anna) Newman; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marjorie Tillman Mitchell; and brother, Marvin Mitchell.

ELLISON SPANN JR.

Ellison Spann Jr., 59, died on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at New Hope UME Church, 19022 Pannola Road, Pine-wood, where the Rev. Lawrence Myers serves as pastor.

Viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summertown Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summertown, phone (803) 485-3755.

JAMES M. BARFIELD

James Michael “Mike”



BARFIELD

Barfield, 50, died on Nov. 7, 2017, at his home in Sumter.

Born on Nov. 22, 1966, in Honolulu, Hawaii, Mike was a retired Air Force master sergeant and had been stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. He was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm during the Iraqi War. He was currently employed at Central Carolina Technical College as an IT tech.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Jimmy and Dianne Barfield of Texarkana, Arkansas; a brother, Dr. Russell Barfield of Alexandria, Virginia; a grandmother, Ella Faye Barfield of Gurdon, Arkansas; one uncle and two aunts, all of Arkansas; a special cousin, Byron Barfield of New Orleans;

and his special friends in the IT Department at Central Carolina Technical College.

He was predeceased by his mother, Carolyn Walters Barfield of Columbus, Georgia, in 2003.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date at his father’s home in Arkansas.

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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SARAH W. WILSON

Sarah Lee Williams Wilson, 94, entered eternal rest on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Nov. 28, 1922, in Richland County, she was the oldest of six children of Mack and Corine Lowman

Williams. Sarah was reared in a Christian home and accepted Christ at an early age. Sarah attended Stoney Hill and Webber elementary schools, Eastover, before moving to Columbia and attending Booker T. Washington High School from the eighth through 12th grades. After high school, she moved to Sumter to attend Morris College, where she obtained a degree in elementary education. While at Morris, Sarah met the love of her life. After a long courtship, Sarah and Harry were married in June of 1948 in Hopkins and settled in Sumter. They were married for 67 years. After graduating from college, Sarah taught elementary school in Horry County and Seneca. Sarah then worked as a teacher at Winn Elementary School in Sumter before she and Harry started their family. Sarah joined St. James United Methodist Church and was a faithful member. She was actively involved in the life and the work of the church as a member of the United Methodist Women, where she held various positions.

Her precious memories will be cherished by her children, Harry (Gale) Wilson Jr. of Carson, California, Clement "C.A." (Joye) Wilson of Sumter, Winfred Wilson of Columbia, Shebra Wilson (Harold) James of Sumter, Alonzo (Laurie) Wilson of Manassas, Virginia, and Bryce (Sherlyn) Wilson of Columbia; 10 grandchildren; four great-granddaughters; a brother, the Rev. John C. (Jeanette) Williams; sisters, Ernestine Dawkins and Edna (David) Thompson; a loving and devoted niece, Zenobia Owens; nephew, Prince Willis Jr.; three sisters-in-law; two godchildren; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, 1054 Dover Circle, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. James United Methodist Church, 720 Broad St., Sumter, with the Rev. Cheryl G. Johnson, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1:30 p.m.

The procession will leave at 1:50 p.m. from the home. Burial will be at Hillside Memorial Park.

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

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

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

JAMES B. BENJAMIN

MANNING — James B. Benjamin, 72, died on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017.

Funeral services for Mr. Benjamin will be held at noon on Saturday at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Manning, with the Rev. George P. Windley Sr., pastor, officiating.

Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Florence National Cemetery, Florence.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 114 Nelson Circle, Manning.

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

MARY B. DOZIER

MANNING — Mary Alma Brogdon Dozier, 74, wife of

**DOZIER**

the Rev. Barney Dozier Sr., died on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017.

She was a daughter of the late Miller Bennett and Alma Brogdon Woods and reared by Bailey and Lula Brogdon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Dozier will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 10331 Plowden Mill Road, Alcolu, with the Rev. Hazel Charles, pastor, officiating, and the Rev. Ricky White, Pastor Emanuel Evans and Minister Elgin Woodberry assisting. Burial will follow at William's Chapel Christian Church Cemetery, Greeleyville Highway, Manning.

The family is receiving friends from noon to 8 p.m. daily at her residence, 7263 Tobias Road, Manning.

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

MYRIE I. PETERSON

Myrie Isolyn Peterson, daughter of the late Sylvia and Arthur Beckford, departed this earthly life on Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, at McLeod Hospice Center, Florence, surrounded by family and friends.

Myrie was born on Nov. 24, 1944, in the small parish of Lowe River, Jamaica West Indies. She was the 13th child of 14 children. After completing her education in Lowe River, she came to the United States in 1969. She cared for others for more than 20 years as a housekeeper and home caregiver to many families.

Myrie was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was a person who will be remembered for her caring and generous spirit. She was selfless and genuine. She was drawn to people in need. Well into retirement, she devoted her time caring for friends, family and members in her community. In addition to caring for others, she enjoyed cooking and preparing hot meals for all of her family and friends and kept feeding them until they could eat no more.

In addition to her parents and husband, Myrie was preceded in death by seven brothers, Ranold Reid, Hepburn Beckford, Vivian Beckford, Vincent Beckford, Wesley Beckford, Herman Beckford and Aston Beckford; and three sisters, Jestina Pitters, Ersie Beckford and Shirley Beckford.

Public viewing will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. today and wake service from 6 to 7 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Peterson will be placed in the church at 9 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Goodwill Presbyterian Church (USA), 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, with Pastor Richard Dozier, the Rev. Elijah Washington officiating and Elder Calvin "Earl" Peterson, eulogist. Interment will follow at Goodwill Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

The family will be receiving friends at 1300 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Lynchburg.

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

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

CLARENCE ALSTON

Clarence Alston, of Sumter, passed on Nov. 8, 2017.

Plans will be announced by JP Holley Funeral Home, Columbia Chapel.

The family will be receiving friends at 150 W. Patricia Drive.

ALVERTUS HOPKINS

Alvertus Hopkins, of Pinewood, passed on Nov. 7, 2017.

Plans will be announced by JP Holley Funeral Home, Columbia Chapel.

The family will be receiving friends at 501 Railroad Ave., Pinewood.

JANIE B. PINCKNEY

Janie Taylor Bridges Pinckney, 96, departed this life on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Sept. 6, 1921, in Sumter County, she was the oldest of 14 children of the late Edwin and Rhodia Maple Taylor. Sister Pinckney was a native of Sumter and a lifelong member of Wayman Chapel AME Church, where she was active in many capacities:

president of the gospel choir, member of the Wilhelmenia "Sweetheart" Burgess Women Missionary Society, trustee board and class leader. She attended church faithfully, until her health declined. Sister Pinckney was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and also attended Sumter Area Technical College with an earned certificate as a nursing assistant. She was a loyal employee at Shaw Air Force Base Exchange for 33 years. She later worked as a certified nursing assistant for 12 years. Sister Pinckney was a graceful, fashionable, energetic Christian woman, whose life is a testimony of the goodness of God. She was an avid seamstress who designed fashions for herself and her children. She was a woman of many talents. She enjoyed knitting, and crocheting. She cultivated a garden with many vegetables and beautiful flowers throughout her home and yard. She not only enjoyed growing plants, but also shared them with others. She often provided floral arrangements for the church. Sister Pinckney was a very active member of the Delaine Community Center, where she taught others how to crochet.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: one son, Homer (Christine) Burgess of Columbia; two daughters, Viola Smith and Margaret Martin of Atlanta; one brother, Ernest (Barbara) Taylor of California; sisters, Sarah (Clifton) Kelly of Columbia, Elizabeth Hogan of Georgia, Juanita (Kenneth) Morrison of Columbia, Florence Young of California, Earline Sinkler of Virginia and Edna Scarborough of Pennsylvania; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4970 McLaurin Road, Wedgefield.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Wayman Chapel AME Church, 160 N. Kings Highway, Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Dennis Broughton Jr., pastor, eulogist. The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

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

Burial will be at Wayman Chapel AME Churchyard cemetery.

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

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

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nephews, cousins, other relatives, the Sumter County Disabilities and Special Needs Board Staff, caregivers and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 7001 Octon Road, Dalzell.

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

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

Burial will be at Walker Cemetery.

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

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MARY ELLEN GARNER

Mary Ellen Garner entered eternal rest on Nov. 6, 2017, at her residence, 29 Philjar Road, Bishopville.

The family is receiving friends at 17 Philjar Road.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday at Joshua Baptist Church, 5200 Live Oak Road, Dalzell, with the pastor, the Rev. Eugene G. Dennis, officiating. Interment will follow at Joshua Cemetery.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

LILLIAN M. SMITH

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Lillian McKnight Smith, 83, widow of Dennis Smith, died on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.

She was a daughter of the late George and Catherine Boone Aiken.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at St. John Baptist Church, 3944 Brewer Road, Manning, with the Rev. David Pugh, pastor. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her cousin, Susie Robert Johnson, 12353 Raccoon Road, Manning.

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

DARRYL V. LAWSON

Darryl Vincent Lawson, 57, husband of Ruby Mae Lawson, died on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Richland County, he was a son of Henry Lee and Ruby M. Lawson.

The family will receive friends at the home, 304 Foxworth St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Funeral arrangements

are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

SAM W. GOINS SR.

Sam William Goins Sr., 79, husband of Sheryl Brown Goins, died on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, at his home.

Born on July 31, 1938, in Williamsburg County, he was a son of the late Henry P. and Maude Burrows Goins. Mr. Goins was a member of Southside Baptist Church and attended Concord Presbyterian Church. He retired from Firestone and owned and operated Sam's Service Center on East Liberty Street, until his retirement. He was an avid bowler and NASCAR fan.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years; four sons, Craig Goins (Faith Ellen), Eddie Newman (Jessica) and Woody Newman (Stacy), all of Sumter, and Walter Goins (Haley) of Hartsville; 14 grandchildren, Kerri, Chase, Stephanie, Patrick, Tyler, Ava, Rowe, Paisley, Rollins, Epps, Maxie, Hunter, Tracy and Kayden; five great-grandchildren; one brother, James Henry Goins of Sumter; four sisters, Alberta Watts of Mississippi, Pat Reese of Texas, Dyanne Curby (J.C.) of Florida and Ann G. Brown of Florence; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Sam W. "Bill" Goins Jr.; granddaughter, Kaley Goins; and four brothers, Ray Goins, Billy Goins, Pressley Goins and Tommy Goins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Ed Cheek and the Rev. Jeffrey Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Concord Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Newman, Billy Fields, Wayne Blackwell, Joey Anderson, Ricky Atkinson, Chuck Brown and Toby Favor.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of Eddie and Jessica Newman, 437 Haynsworth St.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to Agape Hospice and special caregivers, Linda Kenny and Rebecca Elmore, for the exceptional care they provided.

Memorials may be made to Concord Presbyterian Church, 3350 E. Brewington Road, Sumter, SC 29153 or Lewy Body Dementia Association Inc., 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047.

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Republican House members urge Ryan to act on immigration

Nearly two dozen House Republicans pressed Speaker Paul Ryan on Thursday to act quickly on legislation that would protect about 800,000 young immigrants brought illegally to the USA as children.

These immigrants face an uncertain future after President Trump's decision to end temporary protections ordered under President Obama's administration. Trump gave Congress until March to come up with a fix.

Trump administration unleashes more sanctions on Venezuela

The Trump administration targeted 10 current or former Venezuelan officials with sanctions Thursday, accusing them of being part of a campaign to undermine elections, censor the news media and engage in corrupt activities.

The sanctions are part of an effort by U.S. officials to pressure the regime of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, which they regard as a dictatorship.

Billionaire plans to spend \$20M on impeachment ads

California billionaire Tom Steyer is doubling his spending to \$20 million on ads calling for President Trump's impeachment.

The Democratic donor said Thursday that he'll release two ads in the coming weeks. An ad began airing nationally in October.

Steyer's ad has drawn rebuke from Trump, as well as Fox News, which refused to air it.

DEA agents crack down on traffickers of fake fentanyl

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration wants to make it easier for federal prosecutors to go after people who peddle illicit versions of the deadly opioid fentanyl.

The agency said Thursday it intends to classify drugs that are chemically similar to fentanyl as illegal controlled substances.

The move aims to stop the flow of fentanyl variants into the USA as the opioid abuse crisis rages. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the drug and its analogues killed more than 20,000 Americans last year.

Despite Trump's scorn, early health policy sign-ups top 600K

Despite President Trump's efforts to take down Obamacare, more than 600,000 people signed up for coverage the first week of open enrollment, the government said Thursday.

Figures from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services showed that 601,462 people signed up Nov. 1-4 in the 39 states served by the federal HealthCare.gov website. Of those consumers, about 77% renewed their coverage, and about 23% were new customers, a split that mirrors previous years.

Staff and wire reports

Republicans want Moore out if allegations are true

GOP candidate accused of sexual misconduct

Deborah Barfield Berry
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Republicans distanced themselves Thursday from GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore, saying he should drop out of the Alabama special election if sexual misconduct allegations against him are true.

"If these allegations are true, he must step aside," said Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, estab-



Roy Moore's campaign calls the accusations "completely false."

lishing a line that was repeated by an array of his Senate Republican colleagues.

In a *Washington Post* story published Thursday, a woman said Moore engaged in sexual touching with her when she was a teenager and he was in his 30s in the late 1970s. Three other women told the *Post* Moore pursued romantic relationships with them when they

were teens in the same time period.

Moore, a former state Supreme Court chief justice, is running against Democrat Doug Jones, a former U.S. attorney, in a special election Dec. 12 for the seat Jeff Sessions gave up to become President Trump's attorney general.

Moore vehemently denied the charges, calling them "fake news." His campaign called the allegations "completely false." "This garbage is the very definition of fake news and intentional defamation," campaign chairman Bill Armistead said in a statement.

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MASS SHOOTING IN TEXAS



Joyce Mires leaves flowers Thursday at a memorial to those killed at the First Baptist Church. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Database gaps leave nation open to more gun violence

Information could have foiled church attacker

Kevin Johnson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's failure to transmit the criminal record of the Texas church shooter Devin Kelley to the FBI — which could have stopped the sale of a rifle used in Sunday's massacre — highlights a longstanding problem with the systems

the U.S. government uses to restrict firearms sales and track gun ownership.

Federal authorities have openly complained for years that incomplete databases and staff shortages make it difficult to keep pace with the constant stream of background checks required of most new gun purchasers and to efficiently trace firearms used in crimes.

Last year, the FBI official overseeing the bureau's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) transferred personnel from construction projects and units that oversee the

gathering of crime statistics to keep up with the surge of requests for background checks. The office processed a record 27.5 million background checks in 2016.

At the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' National Tracing Center, shipping containers and cardboard boxes brimming with unexamined paper purchase records have languished in hallways and in the center's parking lot in recent years, awaiting

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Bill would require VA to report discipline

Donovan Slack
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Two senators introduced legislation Thursday that would force the Department of Veterans Affairs to report disciplinary actions against medical providers to a national database designed to prevent them from crossing state lines to escape their pasts and keep practicing.

The bill, co-sponsored by Sens. Dean Heller, R-Nev., and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., would require the VA to report discipline within 30 days to state medical boards and bar the agency from

purging negative records from clinicians' personnel files as part of severance deals.

The bipartisan measure follows an investigation by USA TODAY that found the VA has concealed poor care and mistakes by its medical workers for years. The agency routinely scrapped firing orders and other records of poor performance in secret settlement agreements with departing clinicians.

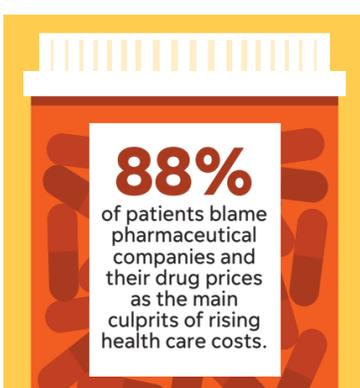
Under a nearly 30-year-old policy, the VA reports discipline against only medical doctors and dentists to the national database — not nurses, podiatrists, physicians' assistants or other

types of practitioners. The agency can take several months, or even years, to report any providers to state boards responsible for regulating licenses and yanking them when necessary.

"The investigation's findings are downright shameful, and we need action immediately to ensure that the VA does not hide medical mistakes or inadequate care," said Heller, a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, along with Manchin.

VA Secretary David Shulkin vowed after USA TODAY's report last month to overhaul agency policies for reporting problem health care providers.

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Moore

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After Democratic election victories in statehouse races in Virginia and New Jersey on Tuesday, attention has focused on the competitive race in Alabama.

Republicans count on a win in the red state, where President Trump beat Democrat Hillary Clinton by 2-1 in 2016. Republicans hold a slim 52-48 majority in the Senate and cannot afford to lose an otherwise safe seat.

Polls have shown Moore holding a narrow lead over Jones.

Moore beat Sen. Luther Strange, who was appointed to fill the seat after Sessions' departure in a Republican primary in September, even though Trump supported Strange.

Moore was in Washington last week,

where he spoke briefly to Republican senators at their weekly policy lunch in the U.S. Capitol.

He has publicly railed against Republican leaders, including McConnell, who endorsed Strange in the Republican primary.

Moore became a national figure in 2003 when he was removed as chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court for refusing to follow a federal court order to take down a Ten Commandments monument from a judicial building.

He was re-elected, then suspended in 2016 for ordering the state's probate judges to not issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples even after the state's same-sex marriage ban was overturned.

Several senators, including Richard Shelby, the senior Republican senator from Alabama, said last week they supported Moore's bid.

The tone changed Thursday afternoon.

"If these allegations are true, there is no place for Roy Moore in the United States Senate," Shelby said in a statement.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said Strange should launch a write-in campaign if the allegations are true.

Strange didn't comment Thursday. His office did not respond to several calls and emails.

Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., said Republicans were looking into steps to replace Moore if the allegations are true.

"The allegations against Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore are deeply troubling," Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said in a statement. "If these allegations are found to be true, Roy Moore must drop out of the Alabama special Senate election."

Some Alabama officials dismissed the allegations. "Even if you accept *The Washington Post's* report as being completely true, it's much ado about very little," State Auditor Jim Zeigler told the *Montgomery Advertiser*.

Moore will remain on the ballot no matter what happens over the next few weeks. Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill said Thursday ballots have already been printed.

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ing transfer to an electronic system.

"Unless people get serious about these issues, the problem is just going to keep getting worse," said Michael Bouchard, a former ATF assistant director. "Sometimes, it gets beyond the point of ridiculous."

The rifle Kelley used in Sunday's assault, which left 25 dead, including a pregnant woman whose unborn child also died, was quickly traced to the gunman and a purchase in 2016 in San Antonio.

By then, it was too late: Records of the troubled airman's court-martial in 2012 and conviction on domestic violence charges for assaulting his wife and attacking her 1-year-old child with nearly fatal force were not transmitted to the FBI. The failure cleared the way for the rifle purchase at a San Antonio sporting goods store.

The background check breakdown underscores the vulnerability of the system: a database rife with incomplete or inadequate record submissions from law enforcement agencies.

The FBI depends on a database that largely relies on voluntary record submissions from law enforcement agencies to guard against unauthorized firearm purchases.

"Many of the challenges that we have long faced have not gone away, nor will they go away," said Stephen Morris, a former assistant FBI director who recently oversaw the bureau's vast background check operation based in West Virginia.

"We could build the best IT (information technology) system money can buy — the fastest, most efficient," Morris said. "In the end, it is only as good as the information that is fed into it. Like they say: Garbage in, garbage out."

The NICS system, mandated by Congress as part of the Brady Handgun Prevention Act, has served for more than 20 years as the centerpiece of the government's effort to block criminals from obtaining firearms. The operation has struggled to keep pace with the volume of firearm transactions and properly maintain the databases of criminal and mental health records necessary to determine

whether buyers are eligible to purchase guns.

Because of the voluntary nature of submissions, Morris said, the NICS system has long been plagued by incomplete or outdated information. In many cases, a background check may show a record of arrest, but there is no additional information to indicate whether the case was dismissed or resulted in a felony conviction that would prohibit a gun purchase.

The mere record of arrest is not enough to prohibit a gun sale. FBI analysts must race to fill such information gaps within the three-day time period allotted for each check.

The search sometimes requires inquiries to police departments, courthouses and prisons across the country.

"I can't tell you how much effort goes into this type of digging within the short time allotted," Morris said.

In Kelley's case, the Air Force not only failed to provide the record of his conviction, it missed other opportunities to alert the FBI to Kelley's legal troubles. Among them: his initial arrest on the domestic abuse charges and his escape in 2012 from a New Mexico behavioral health facility where he was being treated for "mental disorders" before the court-martial proceeding.

Police in El Paso captured Kelley and noted in their report that the airman — stationed at nearby Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. — was regarded as "a danger to himself and others," had been caught sneaking firearms on the base and had lodged death threats against his military superiors. "It does appear that there were several opportunities in which information could have been fed to the (FBI) system," Morris said.

The Air Force announced it is investigating the breakdown.

Even when records do exist, the case of Dylan Roof, who fatally shot nine people in 2015 in a South Carolina church, shows vulnerabilities in the system. During Roof's background check related to the purchase of a .45-caliber handgun in 2015, a prior arrest on felony drug charges was mistakenly attributed to the Lexington County, S.C., Sheriff's Department, not the Columbia Police Department, which actually made the arrest. The Columbia police report included information that Roof admitted to drug possession, a detail that would have resulted in an immediate firearm purchase denial.



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Senate would delay corporate tax cuts

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USA TODAY

Senate Republicans unveiled a tax plan Thursday that would delay a deep cut to the top corporate rate by one year but keep some deductions and credits that had been on the chopping block, lower the top tax bracket, and continue a modified estate tax.

"It will reduce individual tax rates across the board and direct substantial relief to low- and middle-income families and workers," Sen. Orrin Hatch, Finance Committee chairman, said on the Senate floor. "It will bring down corporate tax rates, a goal long shared by Republicans and Democrats, and provide businesses with new opportunities for growth and expansion. It will modernize our international tax system."

The top corporate rate would drop from 35% to 20% in 2019, a year later than it would in a revised bill approved by the House Ways and Means Committee. That change, which reduces the cost of the tax cut package, delays one of President Trump's priorities for overhauling the tax code, but administration officials did not seem concerned.

"It's a great day in moving in the right direction for middle-income tax cuts," Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said.

Still, the corporate delay will be one of many sticking points as the House and Senate try to compromise.

"As a means of creating economic growth, we're in favor of beginning the tax cuts immediately rather than phasing them in. The president supports this position as well," said Rep. Mark Meadows, who chairs the hard-line conservative House Freedom Caucus.

Meadows said if the Senate was looking for ways to cover the cost of restoring other tax deductions, it would be better to repeal the mandate in the 2010 Affordable Care Act that requires people to have health insurance. The Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday that change would reduce deficits by \$338 billion over the coming decade, but also lead to 13 million fewer people with insurance in 2027 and higher rates for those who remain in government-man-

aged exchanges.

That provision was not in the Senate plan, nor was it added Thursday afternoon by Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, in a revised bill he unveiled shortly before the panel voted along party lines to approve it.

Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee said senators are discussing whether to add language repealing the Obama-care mandate.

Earlier Thursday, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said he would favor the move.

"Of course I want to get rid of the individual mandate. ... I want to get of the individual mandate any way I can because I think the individual mandate is doing great damage to people in this country," he said.

"(The bill) will bring down corporate tax rates, a goal long shared by Republicans and Democrats."

Sen. Orrin Hatch

Brady's revised bill did make two changes to address criticism from Republicans: It restored the adoption tax credit and allowed military families to deduct moving expenses.

Even with the delay in corporate cuts, the Senate plan will increase the national debt by \$1.5 trillion over the next decade if no benefits for economic growth are included in the analysis, Finance Committee aides said.

And that could be problem with deficit hawks in the Senate, who were looking for a plan that eliminates credits and deductions to balance the revenue losses of lower tax rates. The Senate kept deductions the House would end, such as those for major medical expenses, teachers' classroom expenses and student loan interest.

But the Senate plan would eliminate the deduction for state and local income, property and sales taxes.

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Sutherland Springs First Baptist Church Pastor Frank Pomeroy visits with family and victims before a vigil Wednesday in Floresville, Texas. ERIC GAY/AP

Church targeted by killer may be torn down

John Bacon
USA TODAY

The pastor of the Texas church where a gunman killed more than two dozen people said he plans on demolishing the building, a spokesman for the Southern Baptist Convention said Thursday.

Pastor Frank Pomeroy told convention leaders that conducting services at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs would be too painful after Sunday's massacre, convention spokesman Roger Oldham told USA TODAY. "The pastor expressed his desire that perhaps the best way forward is to have the church demolished and replaced with a prayer garden," Oldham said, but parishioners haven't "had a chance to fully deal with the grief and then come together to make a decision."

Viewings for some of the victims will be held this weekend. The convention, through the North American Mission Board, offered to cover funeral expenses for all the victims.

Oldham said First Baptist had about 100 members before Devin Kelley's rampage that killed 25 people, including a pregnant woman whose unborn child also died, and wounded 20. Pomeroy hopes to build another church on

the property, Oldham said.

The president of the convention's executive committee, Frank Page, was in Sutherland Springs for two days this week, ministering to Pomeroy and his parishioners.

The state offered financial assistance, and Gov. Greg Abbott pronounced Sunday a day of prayer. Pomeroy, whose 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle, was killed, plans to hold a service Sunday at a community center.

Repairing the bullet-riddled church had little support among his surviving parishioners, Pomeroy told *The Wall Street Journal*. "There's too many that do not want to go back in there."

Family members, friends and neighbors continued to mourn their loved ones. Cory Fuller, 42, remembered her friend Joann Ward as someone would do anything to help someone in need.

"She give up her time, what little money they had, anything in service of anybody ... who needed help," Fuller said. "It didn't matter."

Michael Kelley, the father of the gunman, said his family is also grieving. He told ABC News he doesn't want to discuss his son or the shooting. "I don't want our lives, our grandchildren's lives destroyed by this media circus," he said.

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U.S. and China in wary allegiance

Analysts are mindful of China's rise in Trump era

David Jackson
USA TODAY

BEIJING – Forget, for a moment, the prospect of war with nuclear-armed North Korea.

What about the prospects for war with nuclear-armed China?

As far-fetched as it may sound now, some foreign policy observers fear that the economic rise of China could lead to eventual military conflict with the United States because of a phenomenon known as the “Thucydides Trap.”

“China and the United States are currently on a collision course for war — unless both parties take difficult and painful actions to avert it,” writes Harvard political scientist Graham Allison in his book *Destined For War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?*

Thucydides is the ancient Greek historian famous for his work on the Peloponnesian War, which he attributed to growing international rivalry: “It was the rise of Athens and the fear that this instilled in Sparta that made war inevitable.”

Some see China playing a modern day Athens to America's Sparta — and the possibility of a Thucydides Trap has been top of mind for many of President Trump's officials. Former senior adviser Steve Bannon, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and national security adviser H.R. McMaster are all well-versed in Thucydides's work — and Allison was even asked to speak on the topic with National Security Council staff in May.

This week in Beijing, Trump and Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping stressed good relations, insisting they want to work together to address problems ranging from trade disputes to North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

“I look forward to many years of success and friendship, working together to solve not only our problems but world problems, and problems of great danger and security,” Trump told Xi during meetings Thursday in Beijing.

Down the line, however, the U.S. and China could fall out on any number of



Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Trump participate in a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People on Thursday in Beijing. ANDREW HARNIK/AP

issues, analysts said.

Trump said the current trade relationship is “a very unfair and one-sided one” that winds up stealing jobs from Americans. Yet there is no evidence that China will open its markets in a substantial way or refrain from what Americans call intellectual property theft from U.S. companies.

There also is the potential for a U.S.-Chinese clash over North Korean nukes.

While Trump is asking China and others to pressure North Korea into giving up nuclear weapons, he has not ruled out a military option. Even as it pledges to help Trump, China is an ally of Kim's government and could object or intervene if Trump opts for force.

Then there's the nature of the modern Chinese government.

Xi, who has consolidated his power over the Chinese government in ways not seen since the days of Chairman

“China and the (U.S.) are on a collision course for war — unless both parties take ... actions to avert it.”

Graham Allison

Mao, has proclaimed a “New Era” in which China “will take center stage in the world,” exerting its political, cultural, political and military influence.

The U.S. and its allies are keeping an eye on expansion of the Chinese military. Regional allies including Japan and South Korea have objected to activity in the South China Sea, where China has built islands to use as military bases.

In short, the world is seeing “a new and even more aggressive and quite overweening China reaching out all

around the world — sometimes in ways that conflict with the interests of other countries,” said Orville Schell, director of the Center on U.S.-China Relations with the Asia Society.

The U.S.-China relationship is a complex one, and has to be managed very carefully — and the American president prides himself on being a maverick.

Trump sang the praises of Xi and China during his visit to Beijing, but in the past he has criticized them over trade and a reluctance to tighten economic pressure on North Korea. During his presidential campaign, Trump said Chinese trade policies “rape our country.”

China has criticized Trump for bellicose comments toward North Korea.

“This is a different president than we've been before,” Allison said. “His style is not exactly what you would choose for complex international bargaining.”

Lab-grown mosquitoes may slow Zika's spread

EPA OKs use of infected males to curb population

Josh Hafner
USA TODAY

The key to wiping out mosquitoes might just be more mosquitoes. Lab-grown, infected mosquitoes.

The Environmental Protection Agency last week approved the use of “Zap Males,” lab-grown mosquitoes infected with a natural pesticide able to reduce an area's population of *Aedes albopictus*, a mosquito that carries the Zika virus.

Now golf courses, hotels and homeowners in 20 states and Washington, D.C. will be able to release the Zap Males on their property purchased from MosquitoMate, the Kentucky-based company behind them.

The approval, first reported in *Nature*, was welcomed by David O'Brochta, insect biologist at the University of Maryland.

“It's a non-chemical way of dealing with mosquitoes, so from that perspective, you'd think it would have a lot of appeal,” he told the journal. “I'm glad to see it pushed forward, as I think it could be potentially really important.”

Here's how it works: MosquitoMate raises *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes in its laboratories infected with a strain of the bacterium called *Wolbachia*, found naturally in half of all bugs. The company then sorts out the males, which don't bite, and releases them into the wild.

There, infected males mate with female *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes. The resulting offspring, thanks to the infection, die. Over time, mosquito populations decline.

Other insects — even other mosquito types — aren't affected, said MosquitoMate founder Stephen Dobson, an insect biologist at the University of Kentucky, according to *Nature*.

That would include *Aedes aegypti*, the main transmitter of Zika, which exclusively bites humans. The *Aedes albopictus*, though, proves more resilient



The *Aedes albopictus* mosquito carries the Zika virus. GORDZAM/GETTY IMAGES

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David O'Brochta
insect biologist

in cold weather, giving it a larger range in the U.S. It's the main biting mosquito in MosquitoMate's hometown of Lexington, the company said.

Dampening a city's mosquito population takes time, the journal reported, requiring a multi-week treatment involving millions of modded mosquitoes. And those mosquitoes could die from traditional sprays used by cities or a neighbor. (“Life is difficult for a mosquito,” the company notes.)

One tricky part of the process: sorting male mosquitoes from females. Mechanical methods exist, but MosquitoMate also sorts them by hand, *Nature* reported.

MosquitoMate is approved to sell mosquitoes for five years in D.C., California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, and West Virginia.

Killing all mosquitoes worldwide would likely not affect the food chain and — after reducing malaria, dengue fever and Zika — would save children's lives. But full eradication is not likely, experts say. Yet.

TripAdvisor slaps alert on 3 resorts in Mexico

Company updates policies amid user complaints

Raquel Rutledge
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — Kristie Love read the Nov. 2 headlines from around the globe: “TripAdvisor apologizes for deleting user's post about being raped at resort;” “TripAdvisor apologizes for removing rape claim ...” and “TripAdvisor apologizes to alleged rape victim.”

Then, the next day, she saw a statement on LinkedIn from Steve Kaufer, CEO of TripAdvisor, saying the company was making improvements, was horrified at what had happened to Love and others and that travelers should be aware of the incidents.

And, he said, the company has “apologized to the victim for her experience.”

Love was outraged. “WHAT APOLOGY?” she replied on LinkedIn. “I've yet to hear a word from TripAdvisor, and certainly not an apology!”

In a letter to Kaufer on Wednesday Love elaborated: “Not receiving a single phone call or email from your company, my immediate thought was ‘hearsay;’” she wrote. “It was then brought to my attention this so called ‘apology’ was in the form of a Press Release dated Nov 1, 2017.”

“Hearsay” is the reason TripAdvisor gave dozens of travelers for not publishing their warnings of terrible things that had happened to them or their loved ones at resorts in Mexico.

While the company was publicly apologizing, nobody had contacted Love, the woman from Texas whose post about being sexually assaulted by a security guard at a resort in Mexico in 2010 was deleted from TripAdvisor. At least two other women reported being assaulted at the same resort after Love's warning had been removed.

Kaufer did eventually call Love, but for her it was too little, too late.

As TripAdvisor scrambles to re-



Kristie Love says she was raped at a Iberostar resort in Riviera Maya. She fought to warn travelers on TripAdvisor about what happened at the upscale resort in Mexico in 2010. MIKE DE SISTI/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

spond to complaints from users who say the company has forbidden them from posting negative reviews and comments detailing serious injuries and other terrifying experiences while traveling, dozens more have told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* they, too, have had their posts blocked by TripAdvisor.

At the same time, the company placed its first warning “badges” Wednesday on three resorts in Mexico, including the Iberostar Paraiso Maya, where Love and others were assaulted and where Abbey Conner, a Wisconsin woman, drowned hours after arriving.

The red banner across the top of the resorts' listings caution tourists that the establishments have been subjects in media reports and suggests travelers might want to do further research.

The warning notes that the media reports or events may not be reflected in the TripAdvisor reviews.

TripAdvisor spokesman Brian Hoyt said an internal committee is responsible for making the decision on which properties and establishments get the badges. The company said it is revising the way it informs consumers that their reviews and posts were deleted for hearsay, so users can edit their submissions, Hoyt said.

FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 10

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Taylor Swift; Jessica Chastain.	Blindspot "Upside Down Craft" A hunt for dangerous computer hackers. (N)	Dateline NBC (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon "Taraji P. Henson; Miley Cyrus" Taraji P. Henson; Miley Cyrus.			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	MacGyver "Duct Tape & Jack" MacGyver helps a candidate in Ecuador. (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Mohala I Ka Wai Ka Maka O Ka Pua" A suspect has multiple personalities. (N)	Blue Bloods "Common Ground" Danny tries to protect a nurse. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "William H. Macy" Actor William H. Macy. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Veterans Week" (N)	Jeopardy! "Tournament of Champions Quarterfinals"	Once Upon a Time "Wake Up Call" Roni seeks Weaver's help. (N) (DVS)	(:01) Marvel's Inhumans "... And Finally: Black Bolt" (Season Finale) Black Bolt must stop Maximus. (N)	(:01) 20/20	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley "West Virginia Adventures"	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week	Charlie Rose -- The Week (N)	Great Performances "In the Heights: Chasing Broadway Dreams" Broadway musical.	Foo Fighters -- Landmarks Live in Concert: A Great Performances Special: Foo Fighters perform in Athens.	Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N)
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "A Little Slice of Hell" Chefs create country-themed pizzas. (N) (DVS)	(:01) The Exorcist "Darling Nikki" An attempt to draw the demon out of Jane. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Kristin offers Eve financial help.	Last Man Standing "Mike Advises Mandy"	Crazy Ex-Girlfriend "I Never Want to See Josh Again." Rebecca goes home to find a way forward. (N)	Jane the Virgin "Chapter Sixty-Nine" Adam reveals his dating past to Jane. (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Baltimore Finals Part 2" Obstacles Rumbling Dice and Body Prop. (Part 2 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior "Miami Finals Part 1" Obstacles Ledge Jump and Rolling Steel. (Part 1 of 2)	The Game Malik asks his mom to move out.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 11.04.17" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 58" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 11.10.17" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)							Live PD "Live PD -- 11.10.17"
AMC	48	180	*** "Ghostbusters" (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis. Four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls.	Tanked: Unfiltered "DJ of Dragons" (N)	Tanked (N)	*** "Ghostbusters II" (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver. A long-dead Carpathian warlock attempts to return to Earth.						The Walking Dead "Monsters"
ANPL	41	100	Tanked "Adrian Peterson's MVP Tank"	Tanked: Unfiltered "DJ of Dragons" (N)	Tanked (N)	(:01) Animal Cries (N)	(:02) Tanked					Animal Cries
BET	61	162	** "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds" (2012, Drama) Tyler Perry, Thandie Newton, Gabrielle Union. A wealthy businessman falls in love with a struggling single mother.	Married to Medicine "Hot Off the Press" Toya hosts a "cook off." (N)	Don't Be Tardy ... "The Incident" (N)	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Cynthia celebrates her 50th birthday.	Xscape Still Kickin' It "Xscape Is Back!" The members of Xscape reunite.	Married to Medicine "Hot Off the Press" Toya hosts a "cook off."				The Comedy Get Down
BRAVO	47	181	Married to Medicine "Waiting to Exhale" Curtis' infidelity shocks the group.	Married to Medicine "Hot Off the Press" Toya hosts a "cook off." (N)	Don't Be Tardy ... "The Incident" (N)	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Cynthia celebrates her 50th birthday.	Xscape Still Kickin' It "Xscape Is Back!" The members of Xscape reunite.	Married to Medicine "Hot Off the Press" Toya hosts a "cook off."				
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	(:6:50) Futurama "Godfellas"	(:25) Futurama "The Late Philip J. Fry"	Futurama "The Luck of the Fryish"	Futurama "Roswell That Ends Well"	Kevin Hart: I'm a Grown Little Man: The comic performs.	Kevin Hart Presents: Hart	Kevin Hart: I'm a Grown Little Man: The comic performs.			
DISN	18	200	Andi Mack	Raven's Home "Vest in Show"	Andi Mack (N)	K.C. Undercover (N)	"Disney's Descendants 2" (2017, Children's) Dove Cameron, Cameron Boyce, Sofia Carson. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal.	(:05) Andi Mack	Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover		
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)	Gold Rush "Son Dethrones Father" (N)	(:01) Finding Escobar's Millions (N)	(:02) Gold Rush	Escobar's Millions				
ESPN	26	35	(6:00) College Basketball Texas A&M vs West Virginia. (N)	NBA Countdown	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio. (N)	College Basketball						
ESPN2	27	39	College Football Temple at Cincinnati. (N) (Live)	Scoreboard	College Football BYU at UNLV. (N) (Live)							
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night (N)	The 700 Club	** "Mirror Mirror" (2012)			
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Dirty Dancing" (1987) Jennifer Grey. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.	** "The DUFF" (2015, Comedy) Mae Whitman, Robbie Amell, Bella Thorne. A teen tries to overthrow a judgmental classmate.								
FSS	21	47	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Detroit Pistons. From Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Mich. (N)	Hawks Postgame	3 Wide Life	Raceline	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Detroit Pistons.					
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "The Christmas Cure" (2017) Brooke Nevin, Steve Byers.	"Christmas Cookies" (2016, Drama) Jill Wagner, Wes Brown, Tiera Skovbye. A corporate agent starts to fall for a factory owner.	"The Mistletoe Promise" (2016, Romance) Jaime King, Luke MacFarlane, Lochlyn Munro. Two strangers pretend to be a couple for the holidays.	"A Very Merry Mix-Up" (2013)						
HGTV	39	112	Beach Bargain	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Dream Home
HIST	45	110	(6:00) Vietnam in HD	Navy SEALs: America's Secret Warriors: The history of the SEALs' predecessors.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Benson becomes SVU's new commander.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit The team searches for a missing child.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A misogynistic comic is accused of rape.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Sara Paxton, Lisa Edelstein, Justin Bruening. Susan Wright stands trial for the murder of her husband.	"Drew Peterson: Untouchable"			
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Crashers" A model's body is found in an alley.	** "Drew Peterson: Untouchable" (2012, Docudrama) Rob Lowe, Kaley Cuoco. Suspicion falls on lawyer Drew Peterson when his wife disappears.	Richard Engel On Assignment (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Richard Engel On				
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "The Lost Wife of Robert Durst" (2017) Katharine McPhee.	*** "Ant-Man" (2015, Action) Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Evangeline Lilly. Ant-Man uses his shrinking skills to battle Yellowjacket. (DVS)	**** "Cinema Paradiso" (1988, Drama) Salvatore Cascio, Philippe Noiret, Marco Leonardi. A projectionist's friendship gives a boy a love for movies.	**** "Lonely Are the Brave" (1962, Western) Kirk Douglas, Gena Rowlands. A sheriff's modern posse chases a cowboy who has escaped from jail.						
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	Richard Engel On Assignment (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Richard Engel On				
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	64	153	Cops Teamwork.	Cops	Bellator MMA Live (N) (Live)	Superstition May is sucked into a mirror world. (N)	Z Nation "Warren's Wedding" Murphy snaps and seeks revenge. (N)	ELEAGUE Injustice 2 World Championship: Playoffs. The field is down to four, and only one can become champion. (N) (Live)	** "Immortals" (2011) Henry Cavill.			
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) ** "Shooter" (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. A wounded sniper plots revenge against those who betrayed him. (DVS)	*** "Ant-Man" (2015, Action) Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Evangeline Lilly. Ant-Man uses his shrinking skills to battle Yellowjacket. (DVS)	**** "Cinema Paradiso" (1988, Drama) Salvatore Cascio, Philippe Noiret, Marco Leonardi. A projectionist's friendship gives a boy a love for movies.	**** "Lonely Are the Brave" (1962, Western) Kirk Douglas, Gena Rowlands. A sheriff's modern posse chases a cowboy who has escaped from jail.						
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TCM	49	186	(5:15) *** "Lolita" (1962) James Mason, Shelley Winters. (DVS)	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER
TLC	43	157	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Monster in the Closet" A killer interacts with victims' bodies.	** "Real Steel" (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo. A boxing promoter and his son build a robot fighter. (DVS)	(:31) ** "Tron: Legacy" (2010, Science Fiction) Jeff Bridges, Garrett Hedlund, Sam, son of Kevin Flynn, finds himself in his father's cyberworld. (DVS)							
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "The Big Guns"	Modern Family "Rash Decisions"	Modern Family "Disneyland"	Modern Family "Tableau Vivant"	Modern Family "Baby on Board"
WE	68	166	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	** Hitman (2007)

'Marvel's Inhumans' season finale airs, 'Lady Dynamite' begins 2nd season

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Black Bolt and Maximus have it out on the season finale of "Marvel's Inhumans" (9 p.m., ABC). That's right, "Inhumans" is wrapping up after only eight episodes. That makes it closer to a cable or streaming series than traditional network fare.

The first two episodes were produced for IMAX theaters. That's curious, because they looked muddy and unfocused on a normal TV screen. Joyless and stilted, "Inhumans" seems like a parody of a comic book-based science-fiction series.

"Inhumans" is part of the Disney/Marvel omniverse, so the series might return for a second season in spite of being among the worst reviewed new shows of the fall.

• Unique and strange, "Lady Dynamite" (TV-MA) returns for a second season on Netflix. For the uninitiated, it stars comic and voice-over actress Maria Bamford as an exaggerated version of herself. The first season consisted of musings and flashbacks about her minimal Hollywood career and her time in a Duluth psychiatric facility, where she was treated for bipolar disorder. "Dynamite" consists of strange sketches and fantasies that can begin and end at any moment.

The series stars Fred Melamed as Maria's manager, Bruce Ben-Bacharach, and Mary Kay Place and Ed Begley Jr. as her parents. Like Bruce, Maria's agent, Karen (Ana Gasteyer), seems rather loosely tethered to sanity and reality. Filled with inside-Hollywood jokes and frequent commentary about the show-within-the-show, "Dynamite"



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Foo Fighters frontman David Grohl performs at the Odeon of Herodes Atticus from the Acropolis in Athens, Greece, for "Foo Fighters -- Landmarks Live in Concert - A Great Performances Special," airing at 10 p.m. today on PBS.

is clearly imitating "Louie" in trying to push the boundaries of comedy narrative. And it's not above discussing its relationship to "Louie" while doing it.

In many ways, "Lady" compares — not always favorably — to cartoons. And that's entirely appropriate, given that Bamford has worked on "CatDog," "Ugly Americans," "Adventure Time," "BoJack Horseman" and "American Dad!"

• Congratulations, children of the 1990s, you've become PBS pledge drive fodder! Chad Smith of The Red Hot Chili Peppers hosts a "Great Performances" (10 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings) presentation of a Foo Fighters concert filmed at the Acropolis in Athens.

• Who knew? "US Weekly's Famous Feuds" (9 p.m., Reelz, TV-PG) explores a long-simmering battle between William Shatner and George Takei, the actors who played Captain Kirk and Lieutenant Sulu on "Star Trek."

• Two Christmas-haters (Jaime King and Luke MacFarlane) pretend to be a couple to get through the sentimental holiday only to find their cynicism melt like holiday candles in the 2016 romance "The Mistletoe Promise" (10 p.m., Hallmark).

Hallmark is not alone in its pre-Thanksgiving saccharine onslaught. Look for "All I Want for Christmas" (8 p.m.) and "Holiday Road Trip" (10 p.m.) on ION Life.

• Those not lost to Christmas can lose themselves in the 1980s, with helpings of "Dirty Dancing" (6 p.m., Freeform), "Ghostbusters" (7 p.m., AMC), "About Last Night" (7:04 p.m., Starz Encore) or "The Outsiders" (8 p.m., BBC America).

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Jane and Weller reveal a hacker commune on "Blindspot" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- A wake up call on "Once

Upon a Time" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

- All heck breaks loose at the foster home on "The Exorcist" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- "Inside With Chris Cuomo" (9 p.m., HLN) looks at sex trafficking in Los Angeles, where girls as young as 10 are recruited and exploited.
- A nurse needs Danny's help on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

A sheriff (Walter Matthau) must arrest a nonconformist cowboy (Kirk Douglas) in the 1962 Western "Lonely Are the Brave" (10:30 p.m., TCM).

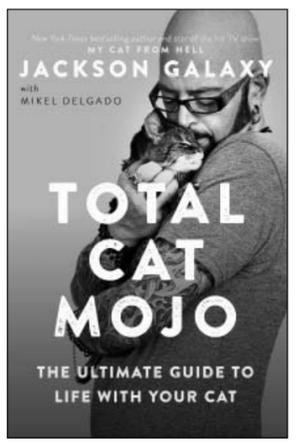
SERIES NOTES

Household items offer medical aid for an Ecuadorian presidential candidate on "MacGyver" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Rebecca bonds with her mom on "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Two murdered tourists share a killer on "Hawaii Five-0" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Two hours of "DateLine" (9 p.m., NBC) * Adam shares too much on "Jane the Virgin" (9 p.m., CW, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

William H. Macy is booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Taraji P. Henson and Miley Cyrus on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Heidi Klum, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Imagine Dragons and Anton Fig visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r).

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This cover image released by Tarcher Perigee shows "Total Cat Mojo: The Ultimate Guide to Life with Your Cat."

Galaxy releases new book

BY LEANNE ITALIE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jackson Galaxy of Animal Planet's "My Cat from Hell" is out with a new book full of ways to make sure you're not one of the unlucky cat owners to land on his show.

Galaxy, a cat behaviorist, calls the book "Total Cat Mojo," everything he knows about the cat-human relationship. He offers tips on communication and care, urging humans to be patient as they strive to meet their cats halfway.

Galaxy also includes a rant on why people set on adopting kittens should consider taking two at once, noting they can learn a lot from each other. He urged prospective cat adopters to consider black cats first. He said they often linger at shelters because of long-standing stigma and the fact that they tend to blend in when caged.

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Will & Grace Jack learns that his son is a father.	Superstore An attempted robbery increases tensions.	Dateline NBC	Saturday Night Live (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Tiffany Haddish; Taylor Swift" Tiffany Haddish; Taylor Swift performs. (N) (Live)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	NCIS "One Book, Two Covers" A murder tied to a dirt bike gang. (DVS)	S.W.A.T. "Pilot" A former Marine runs a specialized unit.	48 Hours (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "Mob Rules" A mob attacks Gormley outside his home. (DVS)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Veterans Week"	Jeopardy!	(:07) College Football Notre Dame at Miami. A vital battle in the playoff race pits the undefeated 8-0 Hurricanes versus the 8-1 Fighting Irish. Notre Dame has won four-straight games against Miami, including the 2010 Sun Bowl. The Hurricanes can go to 9-0 for the first time since 2002. (N) (Live)				Gamecock Saturday Night	(12:05) American Ninja Warrior (Part 1 of 2)	
WRJA	27	11	14	The Crimson Field Large number of patients.	Father Brown "The Time Machine" Father Brown helps Jacob.	The Doctor Blake Mysteries "The Price of Love" Soldier is killed during training.	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries "Away With the Fairies" A death of a magazine columnist.	Austin City Limits "The Head and the Heart; Benjamin Booker" Folk-rockers The Head and the Heart. (N)			Bluegrass Underground (N)	
WACH	57	6	6	(4:00) College Football USC at Colorado. (N)	FOX College Football Extra (N) (Live)	College Football TCU at Oklahoma. The 8-1 Horned Frogs battle the 8-1 Sooners. TCU rebounded from its first loss of the season with a 24-7 win over Texas. Oklahoma beat Oklahoma State in the Bedlam game 62-52. OU quarterback Baker Mayfield threw for 598 yards and five TDs in the win. (N)			WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Panthers Huddle With Ron Rivera		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Vanessa sets Eve up with a student.	Last Man Standing Ryan's dad reveals his true motives.	Rookie Blue "Homecoming" Andy works a bank robbery case.	Saving Hope "The Great Randall" A hypnotized patient.	Leverage "The Girls' Night Out Job" Parker's friend is targeted by a thief.	Impractical Jokers "Anniversary Edition"	Impractical Jokers "Jokers Playhouse"	Impractical Jokers "The painful pangs of parenthood."	
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 11.03.17" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 59" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 11.11.17" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)							Live PD "Live PD -- 11.11.17"
AMC	48	180	(6:28) *** "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.	Dr. Jeff: Extra Dose "Saving Bear" (N)	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (N)	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (N)	(:01) Cat vs. Dog (Series Premiere) (N)	(:02) Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet				(12:03) Cat vs. Dog
ANPL	41	100	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet				
BET	61	162	Madea's Big Happy Family: A dying woman gathers her family.	** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.	** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.							
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Cynthia celebrates her 50th birthday.	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"				
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"	Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"				
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)				
COM	57	136	(4:45) "Meet the Fockers" (2004)	(:25) *** "Meet the Parents" (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Blythe Danner. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.	** "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" (2010) Zachary Gordon. A middle-school student chronicles his misadventures.	(:40) Andi Mack	(:05) Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover	Walk the Prank	MECH-X4 "Versus the Deep"	K.C. Undercover	
DISN	18	200	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd Hazel makes Zuri a CIT.	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)				
DSC	42	103	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)	Moonshiners: Shiner's Code (N)				
ESPN	26	35	College Football Alabama at Mississippi State. (N) (Live)	College Football Purdue at Northwestern. (N) (Live)	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship				
ESPN2	27	39	College Football Purdue at Northwestern. (N) (Live)	College Football Oregon State at Arizona. (N) (Live)	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship				
FOOD	40	109	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship				
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report (N)	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)	The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)	Watters' World	Justice Judge				
FREE	20	131	(5:20) **** "Toy Story" (1995)	(:20) **** "Toy Story 2" (1999, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack. Animated. Toys rescue Woody from a collector.	(:25) *** "Wreck-It Ralph" (2012) Voices of John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman. Animated. An arcade-game "bad guy" wants to be a hero.	** "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters" (2013) Logan Lerman.						
FSS	21	47	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Washington Wizards. From Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C.	Hawks Postgame	Driven	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Washington Wizards.						
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Love You Like Christmas" (2016, Drama) Bonnie Somerville.	"The Sweetest Christmas" (2017, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Lea Coco, Jonathan Adams. Premiere. A chef makes it to finals of a national baking contest.	"Miss Christmas" (2017, Romance) Brooke D'Orsay, Marc Blucas. A woman searches for the perfect Christmas tree.	"Looks Like Christmas" (2016)						
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers "Modern Must-Have"	Property Brothers	Property Brothers "Lakeside Dreaming"	House Hunters Renovation (N)	We Bought	We Bought	Property Brothers			
HIST	45	110	(5:00) *** "Fury" (2014) Brad Pitt.	The Warfighters "Roberts Ridge" (N)	The Warfighters "Ranger Machine" (N)	(:03) The Warfighters "Objective Berlin"	(:03) The Warfighters (DVS)	The Warfighters				
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Detectives probe an apparent suicide.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A boy witnesses his mother's murder.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Girl's body is found on a bus.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A party ends in a quadruple homicide.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Falcacy" A woman kills her attacker.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Girl Followed" (2017, Suspense) Emma Fuhrmann, Joey Lawrence.	"Oscar Pistorius: Blade Runner Killer" (2017, Docudrama) Andreas Damm, Toni Garrn. Premiere. Oscar Pistorius kills Reeva Steenkamp.	(:02) "A Neighbor's Deception" (2017, Suspense) Ashley Bell, Gates McFadden, Tom Amandes. A woman regrets indulging a therapist's offer of treatment.	"Oscar Pistorius: Blade Runner"						
MSNBC	36	92	All In With Chris Hayes	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Lockup: Raw "A Private Hell"	Lockup: Raw America's Toughest Jail.	Lockup: Grand				
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	Henry Danger (N)	The Loud House	** "Escape From Planet Earth" (2013) Voices of Rob Corddry.	Friends	Friends	Friends			
SPIKE	64	153	(5:30) **** "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns.	** "Max" (2015) Josh Wiggins. A family adopts a military service dog from Afghanistan.	Rambo: Extended							
SYFY	58	152	Futurama "Mother's Day"	Futurama "Anthology of Interest I"	Futurama "The Honking"	Futurama "War is the H-Word"	Futurama "The Cryonic Woman"	Futurama "Parasites Lost"	Futurama "Bendless Love"	Futurama	Futurama "That's Lobsterstain!"	
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Shoes"	Seinfeld "The Old Man"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	Drop the Mic
TCM	49	186	(5:00) **** "The Best Years of Our Lives" (1946) Fredric March.	*** "No Time for Sergeants" (1958, Comedy) Andy Griffith, Myron McCormick. A naive Georgian joins the military and creates mayhem.	(:15) *** "Sergeant Rutledge" (1960, Western) Jeffrey Hunter, Woody Strode. An innocent black soldier is charged with rape and murder.	(12:15) **** "Sergeant York"						
TLC	43	157	Cake Boss	Cake Boss (N)	(:02) Cake Boss	(:32) Cake Boss	(:02) Cake Boss	(:32) Cake Boss	(:02) Cake Boss	(:02) Cake Boss	(:02) Cake Boss	
TNT	23	158	(5:15) *** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill. (DVS)	** "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite. An expedition returns to monitor dinosaurs' progress. (DVS)	(:01) ** "Jurassic Park III" (2001) Sam Neill. A search party encounters new breeds of prehistoric terror.							
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers "G.I. Jokers"	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Fameless	
TV LAND	55	161	The Golden Girls	Teachers	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "Honor Thy Father" A fire on a U.S. Navy ship. (DVS)	NCIS "Cadence" A slain Marine is found holding a photo. (DVS)	NCIS "Scope" An American couple is attacked in Iraq. (DVS)	NCIS "Homefront" A 14-year-old stops a home invasion. (DVS)	NCIS "Schooler"	Modern Family "Schooled"	Modern Family Phil gets a vasectomy.	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	
WE	68	166	Law & Order "The Serpent's Tooth"	Law & Order "The Troubles"	Law & Order "Sonata for Solo Organ"	Law & Order "The Blue Wall"	Law & Order "Confession"	Law & Order				
WGNA	8	172	(6:00) *** "Men of Honor" (2000) Robert De Niro.	*** "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr., Charles Theron.	Person of Interest "In Extremis"	Person of Interest						

Weekend programming offers profiles of creative pioneers

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

On Saturday, Hulu begins streaming the documentary "Obey Giant," a profile of street artist Shepard Fairey.

Best known for his creation of the "Hope" poster associated with Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign, "Obey" explores Fairey's youth and his early works, including stickers proclaiming that "Andre the Giant Has a Posse," which became a viral urban art phenomenon in the pre-digital age.

While many associate street art with the graffiti scene and downtown grit, Fairey hails from South Carolina, where he attended prep school and had parents who recognized his talents from an early age, encouraging his art.

"Giant" also wrestles with the questions of legality and artistic merit that have followed Fairey and his use of appropriated imagery.

Syfy embarks on a "Futurama" (6 a.m. Saturday) marathon, airing episodes of the Matt Groening cartoon until 4 a.m. early Tuesday morning. "Futurama" takes over the Syfy schedule from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, and from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

TCM observes Veterans Day with a daylong schedule of war movies and service comedies, most notably "The Best Years of Our Lives" (5 p.m. Saturday), a 1946 drama that received seven Oscars, including Best Picture, for its depiction of returning servicemen and their families.

AMC launches the six-episode survey "Robert Kirkman's Secret History of Comics" (11 p.m. Sunday) with a special weekend preview before entering its regular time on Mondays at 10 p.m.

"History of Comics" kicks off with "The Mighty Misfits Who Made Marvel," an account of the friendship, collaboration and estrangement of writer/editor Stan Lee and artist Jack Kirby. Their falling-out had much to do with the perception that Lee had eclipsed his artists to become the face of Marvel.

In addition to interviews with Lee other comic artists and live action stars of Marvel-themed movies, much of the first episode is told in animated comic panels. In both style and

substance, it resembles the documentary "Batman and Bill," which streamed on Hulu earlier this year.

Comic books and haute cuisine may be light-years apart, but the documentary "Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent" (9 p.m. Sunday, CNN) profiles a man who, like Jack Kirby, was overshadowed by a famous partner and robbed, some say, of credit for revolutionary contributions to his field.

A hero to a generation of chefs, Tower was unknown to me when I screened this film. More than a biography or another "foodie" profile, "Magnificent" treats Tower's early life as a novelist might. We're shown cinematic re-creations of his emotionally starved childhood spent with a distant father and an alcoholic mother in four-star hotels, luxury liners and exotic locales in the 1950s and early 1960s, when people still dressed up for air travel.

Left to his own devices, much like a boy version of "Eloise at the Plaza," Tower haunted hotel kitchens and memorized menus, turning himself into a precocious culinary savant.

As an adult, he would try to bring back the grandeur and glamour of his youthful sanctuaries, becoming the head chef at Alice Waters' Chez Panisse in California in the 1970s. He upgraded that seminal venture from its hippie origins to become a spot rivaling the best restaurants in New York or Europe.

Tower fell out with Waters when she wrote a book that minimized his contributions to her ground-breaking restaurant and its celebration of local sourcing and farm-to-table menus, which many contend were Tower's essential ideas.

After that, Tower established Stars in San Francisco in the 1980s, one of the first restaurants to feature the chef as a celebrity and the kitchen as a kind of theater.

While many great artists don't get to enjoy a second act, Tower had a third. "Magnificent" concludes with his efforts to revive New York's Tavern on the Green restaurant on a reputation for mediocrity after years of bad reviews.

Even if you don't follow food trends, "Magnificent" offers a

fascinating character study of a singular man, driven and damaged at the same time.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Abby treats the gang to a ride in a hot air balloon in "The Magical Wand Chase: A Sesame Street Special" (7 p.m., HBO, TV-Y).
- Andreas Damm and Toni Garrn star in the ripped-from-the-headlines 2017 shocker "Oscar Pistorius: Blade Runner Killer" (8 p.m., Lifetime).
- "Dahmer on Dahmer: A Serial Killer Speaks" (7 p.m., Oxygen) presents interviews with the serial killer.
- "Cat vs. Dog" (10 p.m., Animal Planet) visits homes where an ancient rivalry continues.
- Judi Dench, Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Pfeiffer, Josh Gad and St. Vincent appear on "The Graham Norton Show" (10 p.m., BBC America, TV-14).
- "Copycat Killers" (10 p.m., Reelz, TV-14) profiles a homicidal teen who embraced Satanism in the hopes that he might follow in the (cloven) footsteps of Damien from "The Omen" movies.

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): a deadly "friendly fire" incident in Afghanistan; new allegations roil the U.S. Gymnastics team.
- The West Indies beckon on "Outlander" (8 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).
- The Denver Broncos host the New England Patriots in "Sunday Night Football" (8:20 p.m., NBC).



RON JAFFE / AMC

Stan Lee is interviewed on "The Mighty Misfits Who Made Marvel" debut episode of "Robert Kirkman's Secret History of Comics," airing at 11 p.m. Sunday on AMC.

- Morwenna gives birth on "Poldark" on "Masterpiece" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).
- The Saviors have a secret weapon on "The Walking Dead" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- Henry clashes with the president on "Madam Secretary" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-PG).

TV-14) * Shemar Moore stars in the pilot episode of "S.W.A.T." (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

SUNDAY SERIES

Footage captures a long-missing terror suspect on "Wisdom of the Crowd" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Marge runs for mayor on "The Simpsons" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Magic tricks on "America's Funniest Home Videos" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * AI turns evil on "Ghosted" (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Nukes go missing on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Brian is evicted on "Family Guy" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Two episodes of "Shark Tank" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Carol's delicate condition on "The Last Man on Earth" (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

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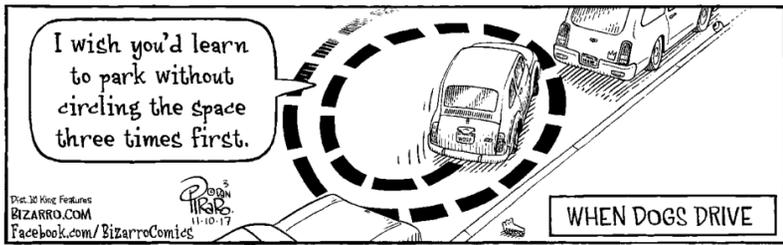
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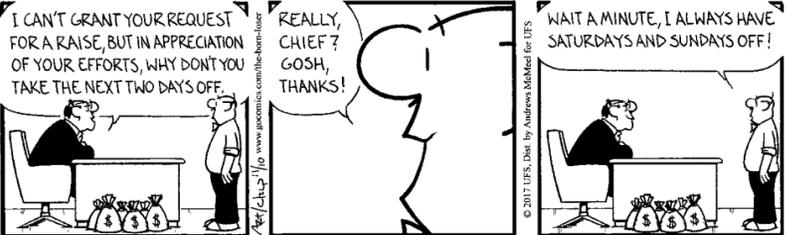
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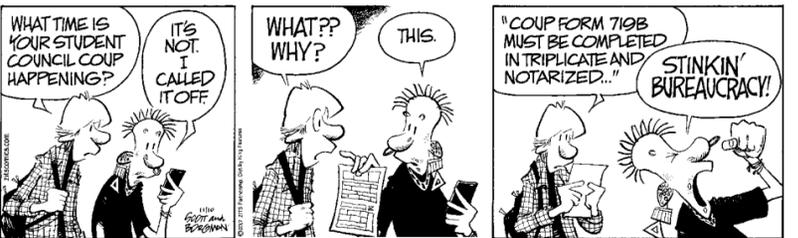
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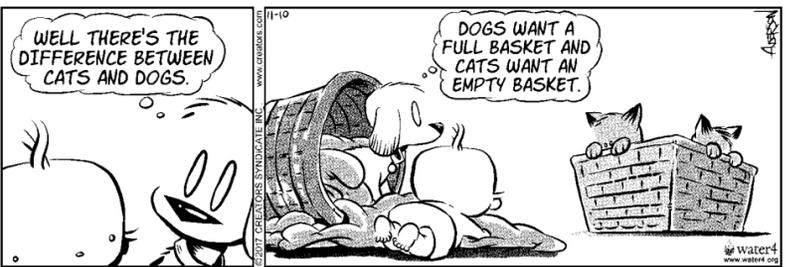
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MOTHER GOOSE



DOG EAT DOUG



DILBERT



JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Sister chews friend out for missing brother's funeral



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I missed the funeral of a long-time family friend, "Tom," because I foolishly relied on one of my relatives to let me know when the service was and she

missed everything. When I finally spoke with her, she was furious with me, for which I don't blame her. When I tried to explain, she misconstrued everything I tried to say and accused me of "just making excuses." She went on and on for so long I was shocked by how upset she was.

I'm not an important person to Tom's family even though he was special to me, so I'm not sure why she's so upset with me. I don't know what to do because the more I try to communicate, the more irrational she gets.

I'm mourning Tom, who was like an uncle to me, and I want to make it up to his family. He had been sick for a long time, so his death wasn't a surprise. I see some of his relatives quite often, and I don't know how to approach

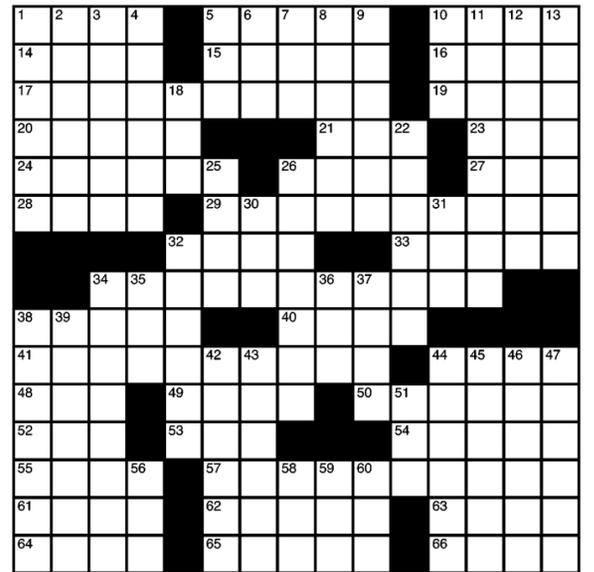
them when I see them next. Any ideas?

Anguished in New York

DEAR ANGUISHED — Attendance at funerals is not compulsory. Your reason for missing Tom's funeral was legitimate. Many people skip funerals because they prefer to remember the deceased as they were instead of in a coffin. Tom's sister is grieving for her brother and taking her pain out on you. What she said was out of line, and you do not have to apologize further.

When you see the other family members, extend your condolences, tell them you were out of town at the time of his funeral and that you are sorry you were unable to be there to support them. Pe-

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Jeffrey Wechsler

11/10/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bills, say
 - 5 Alfredo may be associated with it
 - 10 Ways of viewing the world
 - 14 First name in folk
 - 15 Yale of Yale fame
 - 16 "Fillet of a fenny snake / In the cauldron -- and bake": "Macbeth"
 - 17 Cosmetologist's choices at happy hour?
 - 19 Local govt. bond
 - 20 Inspired
 - 21 RR stop
 - 23 Janitor's tool, briefly
 - 24 Marx collaborator
 - 26 Collapse, with "over"
 - 27 Previous to, poetically
 - 28 Nursery supply
 - 29 Cosmetologist's preferred vacation venue?
 - 32 "Art is ___ that makes us realize truth"; Picasso
 - 33 Knots and yards
 - 34 Cosmetologist's expression for hastily exiting?
 - 38 "Just like me"
 - 40 Shrek, e.g.
 - 41 Cosmetologist's favorite capital?
 - 44 Take shots of
 - 48 Mark on the Oregon Trail
 - 49 Like crab apples
 - 50 Leonine savior's domain
 - 52 Enzyme suffix
 - 53 Romantic ideal, with "the"
 - 54 Dieter's breakfast
 - 55 "___ Trigger": Bugs Bunny cartoon
 - 57 Cosmetologist's wall covering?
 - 61 Like much cheese
 - 62 Final ordeal, perhaps
 - 63 Low joint
 - 64 Rx contents
 - 65 Does another tour
 - 66 Attention-getter
- DOWN**
- 1 Brooklyn Bridge array
 - 2 Garfield's girlfriend
 - 3 Oozy stuff
 - 4 Threw a party
 - 5 Place to pray
 - 6 Memorable fighter
 - 7 Pride, for example
 - 8 Annabel Lee's kingdom was by it
 - 9 Writer who created the Dashwood sisters
 - 10 Watson's home
 - 11 Snow globe, perhaps
 - 12 Muezzin's tower
 - 13 Deli equipment
 - 18 Dec. 25 or Jan. 1
 - 22 Intimate, with "to"
 - 25 Food fish
 - 26 "Private property" sign warning
 - 30 Mike Pompeo's org.
 - 31 Having four sharps
 - 32 A lot like
 - 34 Like neglected clothing
 - 35 Latin lover's word
 - 36 Steven of "The Walking Dead"
 - 37 Small songbird
 - 38 Biblical patriarch
 - 39 Breakfast side
 - 42 National park figure
 - 43 Threatening phrase
 - 44 Weird
 - 45 How theme park visitors often stand
 - 46 Longtime maker of 0 gauge track
 - 47 Place for trophies
 - 51 Rock concert sight
 - 56 Newspaper VIPs
 - 58 Buckeyes' sch.
 - 59 Sucker
 - 60 Part of CBS: Abbr.
- Thursday's Puzzle Solved**
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

CARTK

CATHH

WRANOR

DEMLOU

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOUND GLADE MARKET NAPKIN

Answer: After paying to have an amazing deck constructed, the family — HAD IT MADE



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

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	8	9	2	1	5	3	6	4
4	3	5	7	8	6	1	2	9
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9	5	8	4	7	2	6	1	3
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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