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Trial for assault begins

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The trial for Edward McElveen, 66, of Dalzell — charged for allegedly binding his neighbor with duct tape and sexually assaulting her in February 2016 — began on Monday at Sumter County Judicial Center with testimony from the victim and three witnesses after the fact.

McElveen was arrested on Feb. 22, 2016, for allegedly holding the victim against her will and sexually assaulting her twice — at her home and at his residence, both in Scenic Lake Mobile Home Park — during a 12-hour period between Feb. 21 and 22. He is charged with kidnapping, first-degree criminal sexual conduct, felon in possession of a weapon, unlawful carry of a weapon and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

During a news conference after McElveen's arrest, Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said the victim and McElveen had been in an intimate relationship for about one year before the two separated about one month before the alleged assault.

"I did not consent," the victim testified on Tuesday. Her name has been omitted for her privacy. The victim said she was also held against her will.

She told the court the incident started

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Crosswell Drive school partners with Thompson

Initiative aims to improve achievements of students

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As the new principal this year at Crosswell Drive Elementary School, Shawn Hagerty started this fall with a plan that expectations needed to be raised.

Now, he has brought on a local business partner to help him and his staff in turning the school around.

Greg Thompson, owner of Thompson Construction Group, spoke Monday at Crosswell's Family Night to parents about his company's new partnership with the school to help raise student achievement.

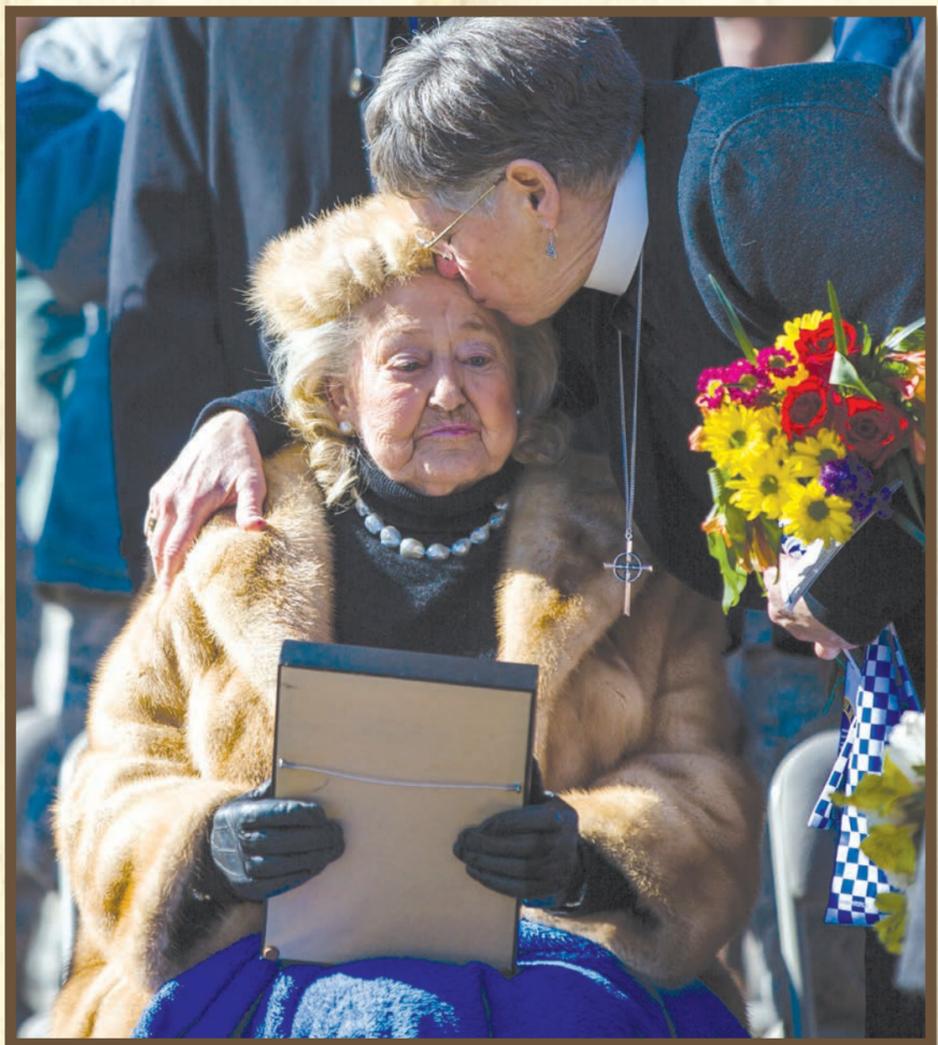
In recent years, Crosswell Drive, at 301 Crosswell Drive, has been one of the lower-performing elementary schools in Sumter School District and the state in academic achievement, according to Hagerty.

"The staff here has been phenomenal," Hagerty said. "From day one, I indicated that the expectations needed to be raised and the challenges needed to be met, and that change is a good thing. Since the start, the staff's commitment has been unprecedented."

His three- to five-year goal and vision is for Crosswell to be in the top 10 percent for achievement among all elementary schools

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Remembering a POW's brave sacrifice



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Jacqueline Heckel, wife of honored former POW the late Lt. Charles C. Heckel, attends a ceremony in her husband's honor at Shaw Air Force Base on Friday. Lt. Heckel was honored with a Prisoner of War Commendation.

Lt. Heckel, captured in Nazi Germany and liberated in 1945, receives posthumous commendation at Shaw

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Hitler's Nazi Germany liked numbers. Numbers were used to keep detailed records throughout World War II. They were used to keep track of personnel. People, both those sent to camps and prisoners of war, became numbers.

In a purposeful and specific attack on the spirit and will of those he sought to annihilate, the dehumanization of reducing a person to an item on an inventory list was successful in many.

The late Lt. Charles C. Heckel, who was honored with a

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Lieut. Heckel, Pilot, Missing

Lt. Charles C. Heckel, pilot of a P-38, has been reported missing over Germany since Oct. 13, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Heckel, 1953 East Prairie avenue.

Lieutenant Heckel was a member of the Decatur high school graduating class of 1942. He was employed for a few months in Chicago and enlisted in the army air corps in November of the same year. He received his wings at Victoria, Texas, and was stationed in California for a time before he went overseas last August.

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Heckel became a POW after flying with the 9th Tactical Air Force's 474th Fighter Group in October 1944. Above right, Heckel is seen as the Statue of Liberty comes into view after his liberation in 1945.



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Flu outbreak closes school for this week

Some Clarendon Hall students, staff test positive for the virus

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Clarendon Hall is closed for the rest of the week because of a flu outbreak among students and staff.

The private non-denominational pre-K through grade 12 Christian school on South Dukes Street in Summerton will not hold classes or activities Jan. 24-26 "due to a number of students and staff members who have tested positive for the influenza virus."

"Our first concern is always the safety of our students, staff, parents and the school community," Headmaster Phillip Rizzo said. "After consulting with health care professionals, we made the decision to close for the remainder of the week."

School officials are encouraging anyone with flu-like

symptoms to seek medical attention and "quarantine themselves until they are 24 hours symptom-free."

During the closure, the school will be cleaned and disinfected according to a release from the school.

The school's athletic banquet will be held on Monday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

All activities originally scheduled for today, Thursday and Friday are canceled. Clarendon Hall will not participate in the SCISA Spelling Bee or Bowling Tournament.

The Powder Puff Football Game and sports pictures will be rescheduled.

This flu season has been especially harsh, with nine flu-associated deaths in the state in the most recently reported week, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



PHOTO BY DANIEL CIMA FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Red Cross employee Bob Otwell prepares blood products including FFP, Whole Blood and Platelets for distribution to nearby hospitals on Aug. 27, 2017, in Houston, Texas.

Red Cross declares critical need for blood, platelets

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Ongoing severe weather has more than doubled the number of canceled American Red Cross blood drives, resulting in what the agency is declaring a critical situation for blood and platelet shortages.

More than 550 blood drives have been canceled due to winter weather in January, causing more than 16,500 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected through last week, according to the agency.

"Blood and platelet donations are currently being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in," Clifford Numark, senior vice president of Red Cross Blood Services, said in a news release. "Donors are critically needed to restock the shelves for patients in their community as well as areas where donors are unable to give due to inclement weather."

In South Carolina, 23 blood drives have been canceled, causing more than 650 donations to go uncollected. Bitter cold and a harsh flu season have contributed to low turnouts at many blood drives, according to

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES IN SUMTER

- Jan. 25: 2-7 p.m., Grace Baptist Church, 219 West Calhoun St.
- Feb. 3: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Francis Xavier High School, 15 School St.
- Feb. 6: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., YMCA of Sumter, 510 Miller Road
- Feb. 14: 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Lakewood High School, 350 Old Manning Road

the Red Cross.

"Every day, no matter the weather, the Red Cross must collect more than 13,000 blood and platelet donations to meet the needs of patients," according to the agency. "Accident victims and patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, blood disorders and other illnesses may require potentially life-saving transfusions every day."

Make an appointment to give blood or platelets by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting www.redcross-blood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

SAFE reaches \$1B in assets

Creates position for compliance director

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SAFE Federal Credit Union has grown a lot since 15 civilian Shaw Air Force Base employees pooled their money in 1955 to eventually create the largest Midlands-based credit union with \$1 billion in total assets.

As a billion-dollar institution, the credit union is subject to greater regulatory compliance requirements, so SAFE has created a new position to address regulatory issues, according to Kevin Tanzillo of the credit union.

Robin Kelly, who has worked at SAFE for 18 years, has been named the 19-branch, 119,000-member credit union's director of compliance.

Kelly will assure that SAFE complies with the myriad regulations that apply to credit unions and other financial institutions, in areas from lending to mortgages to fraud, Tanzillo said.

"When you combine com-

plex regulations and our growth, now that we have passed the billion-dollar asset level, it requires the efforts of a lot of good people to make sure that we follow all the rules and protect our members and their money in everything that we do," Darrell Merkel, president and CEO of SAFE, said. "We are counting on Robin Kelly to help us in that mission."

"Asset size is the basic benchmark in banking that helps banks and credit unions evaluate growth. Being a billion dollars in assets is a big deal for any credit union and puts SAFE among the top 3 percent of credit unions in the country," said Toby Hayes, vice president of marketing for SAFE. "It took 62 years to grow to this level."

Kelly was SAFE's credit card services manager for more than a decade. Previously, she started with the credit union in 2000 as a switchboard operator, working her way up through positions in member services and collections.

Kelly will lead a staff of four.



KELLY

Harvin Street between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. today and Thursday. Water customers in the surrounding area may experience temporary discolored water.

Contact the City of Sumter Public Services Office at (803) 436-2558 with any questions or concerns.

LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Hydrant tests set for today, Thursday

The City of Sumter will perform fire hydrant flow tests on South Pike West and South

Palmetto Health strives to teach women about cardiovascular disease

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death for women nationally and the second-leading cause of death for all women in South Carolina, according to Palmetto Health.

It is also the leading cause of death for black women in the state, according to the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease kills twice as many women over the age of 25 as the next seven causes of death combined, including all forms of cancer. Women are more likely to die of a heart attack than men because their heart disease often goes undiagnosed.

Palmetto Health is working

to change these statistics by identifying women who are at risk of cardiovascular disease through free heart health screenings and teaching them at its Women at Heart Forum and Exhibition.

Locally, Palmetto Health Tuomey will hold free heart health screenings from 8 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, and again on Thursday, Feb. 8, in Classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, 129 N. Washington St. A 12-hour fast is required. To schedule a screening, call (803) 296-CARE (2273).

The Heart Forum and Exhibition will be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St., Columbia. The event attracts more than 1,000 participants each year.

Speakers are motivational speaker Bertice Berry, PhD, and Dr. Anil Yallapragada, medical director of Palmetto Health Stroke Center and neurologist at Palmetto Health-USC Neurology.

Breakout sessions with Palmetto Health experts and Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group physicians will include topics on depression and stress, hypertension and healthy eating habits. Other activities will include ask-the-doctor sessions, healthy cooking demonstrations, fitness activities, door prizes and more. Free transportation is available for residents in the Sumter County area. Learn more about the event and register by visiting www.PalmettoHealth.org/WomenAtHeart or call (803) 296-CARE (2273).

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Public invited to 5th-annual dinner theater at Lakewood

School's choirs prep for festival

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

When the Lakewood High School Chamber Choir presents its 5th Annual Madrigal Dinner Theater on Friday evening, music and drama will take those attending back to the Renaissance when the madrigal form was at its height. The 6:30 p.m. program at Lakewood will feature choral, drama and art students from Sumter School District's gifted and talented program in full costume, as well as a catered meal.

Lakewood choral director Herbert Johnson said the Madrigal Dinner "serves as a cross-curricular collaboration which we take pride in producing every year." He added that "Our former superintendent, Dr. Frank Baker, (called it) the best school artistic program that he has ever attended ..."

Johnson promises a "fun-filled and entertaining event that is also a cultural and educational experience."

Drama students will present a skit titled "The Sword in the Stone," based on a part of the King Arthur legend. While Arthur's actual existence is still debated, his legend endures.

The dinner, Johnson said, will be catered by a parent booster who has a catering business and will comprise a roasted chicken dinner with accompanying sides and dessert, concluding "with our annual New Year's toast with apple cider ... also called wassail during the Renaissance."

Tickets to the Madrigal Dinner have sold out each of the previous four years, he said. They may be purchased or reserved by calling (803) 506-2700. Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. Friday Madrigal Dinner Theater are \$15 for individuals, \$25 for couples.

Proceeds from the 5th Annual Madrigal Dinner at Lakewood High School will be used



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Lakewood High School Chamber Choir will present its 5th Annual Madrigal Dinner Theater at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Lakewood High School, 350 Old Manning Road. Proceeds will benefit programs and travel expenses for Lakewood's fine arts department.

Below, Sonja Sepulveda works with Lakewood High School choir member Sydney Gonzales during a workshop Sepulveda conducted with the choir in preparation for the South Carolina State Choral Festival competition in March. Lakewood choral director Herbert Johnson said Sepulveda, among other things, taught the choir collegiate and professional techniques.



to offset production costs of the dinner and future activities and events, as well as transportation expenses.

LAKWOOD FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES

In late March, two Lakewood High School choirs will participate in the S.C. choral festival

in Columbia, where the ensembles have consistently received Superior and Excellent ratings.

"Amazingly for the past two years, my choirs have received instant standing ovations from the entire audience including judges," a rare occurrence at such competitions, Johnson said.

Last month, Johnson's mentor, Sonja Sepulveda, worked with the Lakewood choir, founder of the South Carolina choral festival. "sharing real-life experiences and new techniques from a collegiate and professional perspective," Johnson said. "Working with someone of her caliber helps to instill pride and excitement into each of my students."

Sepulveda, a Sumter native, is director of choral activities and professor of music theory at Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C., and conducts the Salem Chamber Choir and Chorale. She is also a resident conductor at Carnegie Hall and

conducts internationally during the summers.

In April, the Lakewood vocal jazz group will give a 25-minute solo performance at the New York City Jazz Festival held at the Apollo Theatre, where several other vocal jazz ensembles, including headliners, the world-famous "The Real Group" of Stockholm, Sweden.

Lorne Lee, music instructor at Morris College, is composing an original piece titled "You Make Life Romantic," which the Lakewood vocal jazz group

will premier at the festival. Lee received his master's degree in composition from Howard University.

In May, the Sumter Civic Chorale, also directed by Johnson, will join the Sumter High School Orchestra and Lakewood High School choir to perform the Schubert Mass in G. Johnson said the community will be invited to sing along.

For more information about Lakewood choral activities, contact Johnson at Herbert.Johnson@sumterschools.net.

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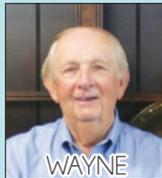
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Your range of motion is determined by how far you can move a joint in various directions. Stretching exercises can help improve this range of motion. When you stretch, you're working muscles and tendons. Stretching promotes flexibility and helps your

joints maintain a healthy range of motion, reducing risk of joint and muscle damage. The following structures support your range of motion:



Missy Corrigan

joints and provide the energy used to move them. The amount of tension in the muscles surrounding a joint is a key factor in how big of a range of motion that joint can achieve. Muscle tension can be affected both by passive

factors, such as tissue scarring or your habitual posture, and by active factors, such as involuntary muscle spasms or purposeful muscle contractions.

- Tendons are flexible cords of strong tissue that connect muscles to bones and make movement possible. When a joint moves, energy from the muscles is transferred into the tendons, which tug on the bones.

- Ligaments are tough, fibrous bands of tissue that bind bone to bone, or bone to cartilage, at a joint. Ligaments are not supposed to be overly stretchy so they help maintain stability.

Whether you are already physically active or not, stretching will help loosen your joints by activating the fluids within them, therefore reducing damage caused by friction. Stretching will

also help lengthen your muscles. When a muscle is tight you're much more susceptible to injury.

While stretching isn't studied as often as other forms of exercise, the American College of Sports Medicine suggests that healthy adults should do flexibility exercises for all major muscle groups including the neck, shoulders, chest, trunk, lower back, hips, legs and ankles. For best results, you should do these stretches 2-3 times per week, holding each stretch for 30 seconds, three times each. If you are consistent with your stretching, it won't take long before you see improvement.

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Gun industry gathers just a few miles from Vegas mass shooting

BY LISA MARIE PANE
The Associated Press

The gun industry is holding its biggest annual trade show this week just a few miles from where a gunman slaughtered 58 concertgoers outside his high-rise Las Vegas hotel room in October using a display case worth of weapons, many of them fitted with bump stocks that enabled them to mimic fully automatic fire.

What exactly will be among the thousands of products crammed into the exhibition spaces at the National Shooting Sports Foundation's SHOT Show convention, running from Tuesday through Friday, will be a bit of a mystery, shielded from the public and, this year, members of the general-interest media.

One thing is known: Slide Fire, the leading manufacturer of bump stocks, a once-obscure product that attracted intense attention in the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, won't be among the exhibitors.

The Texas-based company hasn't said why it's not on the roster of more than 1,700 exhibitors, although it was last year. It didn't return messages seeking comment. The company also isn't on the list of those attending this year's National Rifle Association annual meeting or other prominent gun trade shows.

In the aftermath of the Las Vegas massacre Oct. 1, Slide Fire had so much trouble keeping up with demand it temporarily stopped taking orders for the product. It has since resumed.

"From purely a public relations standpoint, it wouldn't be a surprise at all if bump stocks just sort of disappeared this year," said Robert Spitzer, chairman of political science at the State University of New York at Cortland and an expert on firearms and the Second Amendment. "That's a PR no-brainer."

Still, the convention floor is likely to have plenty of other devices that gun-control advocates have taken aim at in recent years: accessories that make it easier to carry a firearm, shoot it or reduce the noise it makes.

On the list of products they oppose are "trigger cranks," which, like bump stocks, make it easier to fire a long gun rapidly, and "assault pistols," which look remarkably like short-barreled AR- and AK-style firearms but skirt certain federal restrictions because they aren't designed to be shot from the shoulder.

"For a person from the general public, I think the thing that would startle them the most about the SHOT Show ... is just the sheer scope and the vastness of this show," said David Chipman, a former agent with the federal agency that regulates firearms and now a senior policy adviser with the gun safety organization founded by former Rep. Gabby Giffords, who was gravely wounded in a shooting in 2012.

SHOT Show has been held

for 40 years, half that time in Las Vegas, and this year's gathering was scheduled well before the bloodshed last fall. It will have some 13 miles of aisles featuring products from more than 1,700 companies. More than 65,000 visitors are expected at the gathering, a place where connections are made and deals worth millions are struck.

The general public is not allowed to roam the aisles; the only people who can attend



Nolan Hammer looks at a gun in 2016 at the Heckler & Koch booth at the Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show in Las Vegas. The largest gun industry trade show will be taking place in Las Vegas on Tuesday through Friday just a few miles from where a gunman carried out the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

AP FILE PHOTO

are those with direct ties to the industry: manufacturers and dealers of firearms or associated products. Although a few reporters from general-interest news organizations attended in recent years, NSSF this year restricted access to

about 2,500 journalists from trade publications and media.

The show's location and timing 3½ months after Stephen Paddock's murderous attack have heightened awareness of the event.

Michael Bazinet, NSSF di-

rector of public affairs, said that while those attending are well aware of the tragedy that occurred nearby, "they also know that legal gun ownership and the lawful commerce of arms is something quite removed from the act of an individual such as this. And that's not to diminish the tragedy at all. But people come to the show to make that distinction."

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'Three Billboards,' 'Shape of Water' lead Oscar nominations

BY JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Guillermo del Toro's lavish monster romance "The Shape of Water" fished out a leading 13 nominations, Greta Gerwig became just the fifth woman nominated for best director, and "Mudbound" director of photography Rachel Morrison made history as the first woman nominated for best cinematography in nominations announced Tuesday for the 90th-annual Academy Awards.

Oscar voters put forward nine best-picture nominees: "The Shape of Water," Martin McDonough's rage-fueled comic drama "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," Gerwig's nuanced coming-of-age tale "Lady Bird," Jordan Peele's horror sensation "Get Out," Joe Wright's Winston Churchill drama "Darkest Hour," Steven Spielberg's timely newspaper drama "The Post," Christopher Nolan's World War II epic "Dunkirk," Luca Guadagnino's tender love story "Call Me By Your Name" and Paul Thomas Anderson's twisted romance "Phantom Thread."

"The Shape of Water" landed just shy of tying the record of 14 nominations by "All About Eve," "Titanic" and "La La Land." Del Toro's dark fantasy — a Cold War era ode to

outsiders about a mute cleaning lady and an amphibious creature — scored a wide array of nominations for its cast (Sally Hawkins, Richard Jenkins, Octavia Spencer), del Toro's directing, its sumptuous score (by Alexandre Desplat) and its technical craft.

Reached by phone Tuesday in Los Angeles, del Toro said he would celebrate by working and eating an extra chicken sausage for breakfast. "That will be my indulgence for the day."

The Mexican filmmaker said "The Shape of Water" has resonated because it explodes "the myth of 'us and them.'"

"You realize that we are all, in some way or another, a bit of an outsider in different ways," said del Toro. "Not fearing the other but embracing the other is the only way to go as a race. The urgency of that message of hope and emotion is what sustained the faith for roughly half a decade that the movie needed to be made."

The cascading fallout of sexual harassment scandals throughout Hollywood put particular focus on the best director category, which for many is a symbol of gender inequality in the film industry. Gerwig follows only Lina Wertmuller, Jane Campion, Sofia Coppola and Kathryn Bigelow, the sole woman to win (for "The Hurt Locker").

Also nominated for best di-



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Woody Harrelson and Sam Rockwell are shown in the film "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

rector was Peele. He becomes the fifth black filmmaker nominated for best director, and the third to helm a best-picture nominee, following Barry Jenkins last year for "Moonlight." He's also the third person to receive best picture, director and writing nods for his first feature film after Warren Beatty ("Heaven Can Wait") and James L. Brooks ("Terms of Endearment").

"What's the opposite of the Sunken Place?" said Peele on Twitter.

Though all of the acting front-runners — Frances McDormand ("Three Billboards"), Gary Oldman ("Darkest Hour"), Allison Janney ("I, Tonya"), Sam Rockwell ("Three Billboards") — landed their expected nominations, there were surprises.

Denzel Washington ("Roman J. Israel, Esq.") was nominated for best actor, likely eclipsing James Franco ("Disaster Artist"). Franco was accused of sexual misconduct, which he denied, just days before Oscar voting

closed. The category's other nominees were a retiring veteran — Daniel Day-Lewis for what he's said is his final performance ("Phantom Thread") — and a pair of breakouts: Timothee Chalamet ("Call Me By Your Name") and Daniel Kaluuya ("Get Out").

Christopher Plummer, who replaced Kevin Spacey in Ridley Scott's "All the Money in the World," also sneaked into the best supporting actor category. Added to the film in reshoots little more than a month before the film's release, 88-year-old Plummer is the oldest acting nominee ever.

Perhaps most unexpected was the broad success of Paul Thomas Anderson's "Phantom Thread," which scored not only nods for Day-Lewis and Lesley Manville, for best supporting actress, but also nominations for best picture, Anderson's direction, costume design and Johnny Greenwood's score.

Anderson likely displaced not only Steven Spielberg ("The Post"), but also Martin

McDonagh, the director of the film many have tapped to win best picture, "Three Billboards." His absence is a major knock for a film that has endured the harshest backlash of the contenders, with many claiming it's out of touch in matters of race.

Still, "Three Billboards" scored seven nominations Tuesday, behind only "The Shape of Water" and Christopher Nolan's "Dunkirk." The World War II epic, thus far little honored in Hollywood's awards season, emerged especially strong with Oscar voters, taking eight nominations, many of them in technical categories. It's Nolan's first nomination for best director.

Though the favorites are largely independent films, a number of blockbusters fared well, including five nods for "Blade Runner 2049," four for "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," three for "Baby Driver," two for "Beauty and the Beast" and two for Pixar's "Coco," which is up for best animated feature.

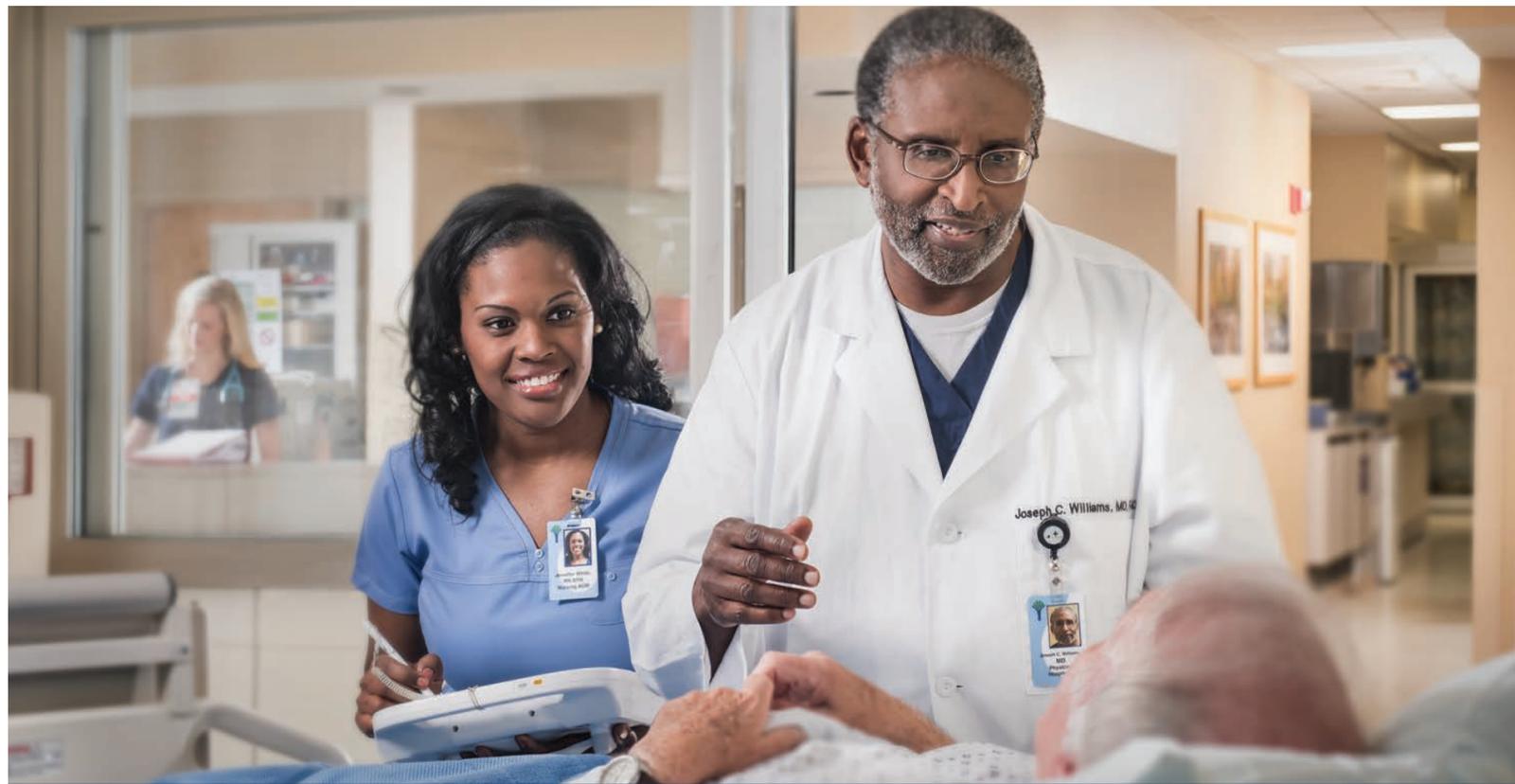
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HECKEL

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Prisoner of War Commendation on Friday at Shaw Air Force Base, was prisoner No. 8286. West Compound Barracks 168. Room 15. He was 19 years old when he became a POW in Nazi Germany after flying for the 9th Tactical Air Force's 474th Fighter Group in October 1944.

"Between his daughters, his wife, his grandkids, between all of us, we got less than 500 words about his experience from him, total," said Phil Johnson, Heckel's grandson.

Johnson told the story of his grandfather's POW career, a story as detailed as the records kept, much of which was heard by his family for the first time, he said.

Because he had to find out most of the information from someone other than his grandfather, who died on Sept. 22, 2015, he said he took much of his research from Marilyn Walton, an author and researcher who has published books and is thought to be "the most knowledgeable person on the Stag-lags and The March."

About 80,000 Western Allied POWs were forced into a series of marches toward the end of WWII in extreme winter conditions to evacuate POW camps and delay liberation.

"Now these kriegsgefangenen, German for 'war-prisoners' or 'kriegies' for short, would become [Hitler's] personal bargaining chip, and he planned to use the kriegies in the Bavarian Alps for final negotiating leverage and as a



Philip Johnson, the grandson of Lt. Charles C. Heckel, speaks at the ceremony honoring his grandfather.

last stand," Johnson regaled to a crowd of family members and airmen at Shaw.

Heckel walked for seven days from Stalag Luft III near Sagan, Germany, to a train station in Spremberg, Germany. And that was just the beginning.

The P-38 pilot suffered immensely between the day he had to bail after a mid-air collision during a 100-fighter aircraft air-to-air battle in Belgium and April 29, 1945, when he was liberated by

Gen. George S. Patton's 14th Armored Infantry Division of the Third Army.

He was denied food, sleep, proper shelter, medical attention. He and thousands of other POWs were made to walk mile after mile in the freezing cold without rest. They were crammed into train cars, 60 men sharing a space made for 40. Sharing one bucket for water and one

to be used as a toilet.

Airmen live by the values of "Integrity first, service before self and Excellence in all we do."

"Before we even had our Air Force values codified, he lived by those values," 20th Fighter Wing Commander Col. Daniel Lasica said.

Meanwhile, before his liberation from Moosburg, Germany, near Munich, he wrote letters to his fiancée when he could.

"My grandmother remembers that the letters were heavily redacted and covered with blacked-out sections from the German censors," Johnson said. "Jacqueline diligently stood watch and awaited his safe return for over two years since his training began."

A photo taken aboard the SS Santa Margarita shows Heckel, who went on to fly more than a hundred combat missions in Korea and contin-

ued his service in Vietnam, his back to the camera, starting over the water to the Statue of Liberty.

Twenty-eight days after stepping foot back on American soil, Heckel married Jacqueline Sue Bowman.

"In their wedding photograph, she is breathtaking in her wedding dress, and he is very handsome in his, well, his slightly too-big dress uniform," Johnson said. "Lt. Heckel was home safe and free. He was no longer No. 8286."

After the missing man formation flyover — an aerial salute that begins in diamond formation and ends with the No. 3 wingman trailing white smoke and pulling skyward to bank west and out of sight as the remaining aircraft hold course, leaving the missing man's position open — and after the medal was awarded to Heckel's widow, after a

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wreath dedication, it was different numbers that stood out.

It was the one tear that caught the sunlight as it fell from the cheek of one of Heckel's three daughters. It was the about 28 family members who attended the ceremony. It was the 500 words he told his family about his experience as a POW because he didn't want them to worry.

"He was like a big kid," Johnson said. "He was classy. His faith kept him through. He was just as happy at 93, full of wisdom and health."

"He was like a boy's dream of a grandfather."



Lt. Charles C. Heckel married Jacqueline Heckel 28 days after he returned to the United States after being liberated as a POW in Germany in 1945.

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INITIATIVE

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in the state, as measured on the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY).

To bring about that change, Hagerty said he is trying to build a more positive culture at the school to ensure staff is committed to whatever challenges it may face — whether they be academic or attendance related.

Knowing that Thompson has made investments into the district's schools and that he personally took a small family business and turned it into a multi-million-dollar company, Hagerty contacted him at the beginning of the school year about forming a partnership.

"I just sent him an email one day, out of the blue," Hagerty said.

He said he asked Thompson if he and his company could assist the school's leadership team in helping to improve the school.

Thompson sent a reply email the same day, saying he and his company were all in.

Since then, Thompson and his leadership team have started to help Hagerty and his team at the school in the areas of leadership planning, providing books in classrooms and motivational speakers for teachers and staff, among other items, Hagerty said.

Knowing the critical role of parents in student achievement, Monday's Family Night was focused on parental involvement.

Thompson informed parents in attendance of his company's pledge to help the school and asked for their support in improving student achievement.

"Your children are going to get a world-class education, right here at Crosswell," Thompson said. "For us to be able to do that, we need your equal commitment to have your children here, have them here on time and encourage them to study because we're going to provide them the edu-

cation they need to be as successful as they can possibly be."

Janice Poplin, a vice president of Thompson Construction Group who was on hand for Family Night, praised Hagerty for his work so far at the school.

"This is his first year here, and he's really trying hard," Poplin said. "He's got his leadership team very engaged with him, and so it's easy for us to give back."

TRIAL

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when McElveen came to her residence asking for food. She gave him some leftovers, and he grabbed the door to her house and forced his way inside.

She said McElveen went to the restroom twice and returned to the living room the second time revealing a handgun and duct tape.

He then taped the victim's hands behind her back and put tape over her mouth, according to testimony.

The victim told the court she thought McElveen was playing a joke at that time because "he used to joke like that."

She said McElveen later showed her the gun and said it had two bullets: one for him and one for her.

After the alleged second assault, McElveen took the victim back to her home, kissed her and said he was sorry for hurting her, according to the victim. She said she then went to her room and fell asleep.

The three witnesses who testified were all employees of the mobile home park who saw the victim the morning after the alleged assault.

One of the park's maintenance employees said he saw the victim driving away from her house holding her jaw. Her face looked swollen and red like she had a toothache, he said.

The park's office manager said the victim was crying and had a wound on her mouth as she approached her that morning. She had duct tape on her wrist, she said.

Cpl. Andrew Gillette with Sumter County Sheriff's Office said he was the first on the scene and found the victim visibly upset with bruising and swelling on her face and duct tape on her left wrist.

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Hope, fear as Puerto Rico moves to privatize its power company

BY DANICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The announcement that Puerto Rico's governor is moving to privatize the U.S. territory's public power company has many on the island of 3.3 million people asking whether this will finally bring them more affordable electric bills and more reliable service.

More than 30 percent of customers are still without electricity more than four months after Hurricane Maria, and many blame that and previous blackouts on the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, whose infrastructure averages roughly 45 years old, compared with 18 years on the U.S. mainland.

Many also wonder who, if anyone, would be willing to buy a power company that has a \$9 billion debt load, filed for bankruptcy last year and faces longstanding accusations of mismanagement and corruption. But Puerto Ricans in a flurry of exchanges across social media after Monday's announcement seemed to agree that any change would be a good one, though they remained wary that the utility could fall into the wrong hands.

"Some people have faith that privatization will improve everything, but it's not a guarantee," said Puerto Rico economist Jose Caraballo. "If a good deal isn't hammered out, Puerto Rico can end up worse than it is."

Gov. Ricardo Rossello said he will be working with legislators in the coming days to draft a measure that would allow the government to sell the utility's assets in a process expected to take 18 months. The majority leader in Puerto Rico's House of Representatives said he would back the measure, while the president of the island's Senate said he first needed to see the legislation to ensure it would serve the interests of all Puerto Ricans.

Power bills on the island have long been double the average of those on the U.S. mainland, in part because imported fuel supplies three-fourths of the energy consumed in Puerto Rico, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Rossello said privatizing the power company would both improve service and lower power bills, and he predicted it would lead to more investment in renewable energy projects.

"With this transformation of PREPA, you will cease being its hostage," he told Puerto Ricans. "The deficient and obsolete system of generation and distribution of energy is one of the great impediments to our economic development."

Sen. Juan Dalmau, whose party supports independence for Puerto Rico, said privatization would not necessarily translate into efficiency or savings.

"The message is a manipulation of the justified hopelessness of an island facing a lack of power after the hurricane," he said.

A spokesman for the utility did not return a message for comment, while union leaders said they would not comment until Tuesday.

Rossello said the electrical grid is not designed for Puerto Rico's current needs, noting that the greatest demand exists in the northern part of the island while the main generation plants are in the south. In addition to its aging infrastructure, PREPA has lost 30 percent of its employees in the last five years, 86 percent of whom worked in maintenance, he added.

The company also has faced internal turmoil. Its director was forced out in November after the utility failed to immediately call for help from its mainland counterparts after Hurricane Maria. Instead, PREPA granted a

power-restoration contract to a little-known company that the utility was later forced to rescind. Most recently, PREPA was blamed for the failure to distribute badly needed parts found in one of its warehouses even as repairs to the storm-damaged power system went undone for lack of supplies.

Founded in 1979 as a public utility run by appointees of the island's governor, PREPA has long been criticized for political patronage and inefficiency. It has been beset by frequent blackouts, including an island-wide outage in September 2016.

The island's water and

sewer company was once privatized, but the government had to take it back over in the early 2000s after problems with service, billing and quality requirements set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. But Puerto Rico has been privatizing the operations of some government agencies in recent years amid a recession that has lasted more than a decade, including management of the main international airport and one of its main highways.

Economist Gustavo Velez said privatizing PREPA will be a positive move if whoever buys it is a good operator. He



Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello speaks during a news conference to urge Congress to include Puerto Rico in the Supplemental Disaster Relief Package on Nov. 13, 2017, in Washington.

added that he supports the privatization of not only the power company, but other state agencies as well, including the Ports Authority, the

water and sewer company and the highway authority. "We have to open up all these utilities that are bankrupt, failed," Velez said.

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COMMENTARY

We don't need bad law about libel, slander

President Donald Trump said, "We are going to take a strong look at our country's libel laws so that when somebody says something that is false and defamatory about someone, that person will have meaningful recourse in our courts." The president was responding to statements made in Michael Wolff's new book, "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House."



Walter Williams

Our nation does not need stronger laws against libel. To the contrary, libel and slander laws should be repealed. Let's say exactly what libel and slander are. The legal

profession defines libel as a published false statement that is damaging to a person's reputation. Slander is making a false spoken statement that is damaging to a person's reputation.

There's a question about reputation that never crosses even the sharpest legal minds. Does one's reputation belong to him? In other words, if one's reputation is what others think about

him, whose property are other people's thoughts? The thoughts I have in my mind about others, and hence their reputations, belong to me.

One major benefit from decriminalizing libel and slander would be that it would reduce the value of gossip. It would reduce the value of false statements made by others. Here's a Gallup Poll survey question: "In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the mass media — such as newspapers, TV and radio — when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately and fairly — a great deal, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?" In 1976, 72 percent of Americans trusted the media, and today the percentage has fallen to 32. The mainstream media are so biased and dishonest that more and more Americans are using alternative news sources, which have become increasingly available electronically.

While we're talking about bad laws dealing with libel and slander, let's raise some questions about other laws involving speech — namely, blackmail laws. The legal profession defines blackmail as occurring when someone demands money from a per-

son in return for not revealing compromising or injurious information. I believe that people should not be prosecuted for blackmail. Let's examine it with the following scenario. It's 5 o'clock in the morning. You see me leaving a motel with a sweet young thing who's obviously not Mrs. Williams. You say to me, "Professor Williams, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees me the right to broadcast to the entire world your conduct that I observed." I believe that most would agree that you have that right. You then proposition me, "If you pay me \$10,000, I will not exercise my right to tell the world about your behavior."

Now the ball is in my court. I have a right to turn down your proposition and let you tell the world about my infidelity and live with the consequences of that decision. Or I can pay you the \$10,000 for your silence and live with the consequences of that decision. In other words, blackmail fits into the category of peaceable, noncoercive voluntary exchange, just like most other transactions. If I'm seen voluntarily giving up \$10,000, the only conclusion a third party could reach is

that I must have viewed myself as being better off as a result. That's just like an instance when you see me voluntarily give up money for some other good or service — be it food, clothing, housing or transportation. You come to the same conclusion.

What constitutes a crime can be divided into two classes — mala in se and mala prohibita. Homicide and robbery are inherently wrong (mala in se). They involve the initiation of force against another. By contrast, blackmail (mala prohibita) offenses are considered criminal not because they violate the property or person of another but because society seeks to regulate such behavior. By the way, married people would tend to find blackmail in their interest. Extra eyes on their spouse's behavior, in pursuit of money, would help to ensure greater marital fidelity.

Those who would like to dig deeper into blackmail can go to <http://tinyurl.com/ybuxzaan>.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SEN. GRAHAM IS SHOWING HIS TRUE STRIPES AGAIN

Kudos to Hubert D. Osteen and Victor Davis Hansen for their editorials in the newspaper on Jan. 21.

Many of us are in agreement, and IF so much of the media would write and report the actual news rather than twisting it to fit their bias, then we could stop calling them out for the "fake news" they put out.

Then we have politicians such as Pelosi who is anti-Trump and says that the bonuses given by Wal-Mart are just crumbs.

At least the workers are getting crumbs and the ones I have talked to are happy to be getting a bonus. I do not remember any "crumbs" being given to them during eight years of President Obama's administration.

Another anti-Trump politician is our own snake-in-the-grass Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Graham, for many months, was anti-Trump, then he started sucking up to him because he thought he could get Trump to sign off on the amnesty program which he wants for all the illegal aliens in our country.

Since that does not seem to be working for him, Graham is once again showing his true "Progressive Democrat" stripes by not voting to pass government funding because it does not include amnesty for these people.

Graham wants all these illegals to stay here, taking jobs from our citizens, receiving all the benefits of citizenship while tax-paying citizens support them.

He does not care that you must pay more in taxes to support them and your own family.

I do not understand why people in our state keep re-electing him.

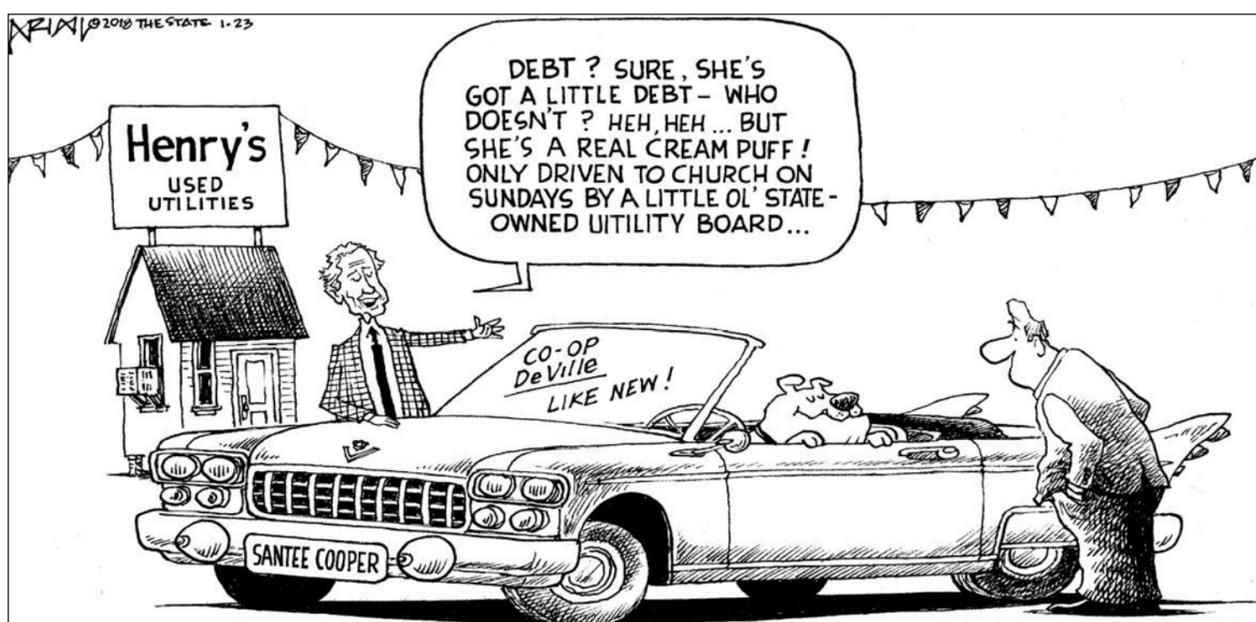
He does not have the best interests of our citizens at heart, but surely does for the illegal aliens!

I remember when he gave a speech to the group LaRaza in 2011 and said then that if you do not agree with him about amnesty for illegals, you are a bigot and can just shut up.

Do you suppose he might be thinking about another run for president and this is a plan to gain voters by giving them amnesty and giving sanctuary to the criminal element?

Could be.

F. D. SCHMIDT
Sumter



COMMENTARY

Is democracy on the way down?

"The Western democratic system is hailed by the developed world as near perfect and the most superior political system to run a country," mocked China's official news agency.

"However, what's happening in the United States today will make more people worldwide reflect on the viability and legitimacy of such a chaotic political system."

There is a worldwide audience for what Beijing had to say about the shutdown of the U.S. government, for there is truth in it.



Pat Buchanan

According to Freedom House, democracy has been in decline for a dozen years. Less and less do nations look to the world's greatest democracy, the United States, as a model of the system to best preserve and protect what is most precious to them.

China may be a single-party Communist state that restricts freedom of speech, religion and the press, the defining marks of democracy. Yet Beijing has delivered what makes the Chinese people proud — a superpower nation to rival the mighty United States.

Chinese citizens appear willing to pay, in restricted freedoms, the price of national greatness no modern Chinese generation had ever known.

The same appears true of the Russian people.

After the humiliation of the Boris Yeltsin era, Russians rallied to Vladimir Putin, an autocrat 18 years in power, for having retrieved Crimea and restored Russia to a great power that can stand up to the Americans.

Consider those "illiberal" democracies of Central and Eastern Europe — the Czech Republic, Poland, Austria, Hungary.

To preserve their national character

and identity, all have chosen to refuse refugees from Africa and the Middle East. And if this does not comport with the liberal democratic values of the EU, so be it.

President Emmanuel Macron said Sunday that if the French had voted at the time Britain did, for Brexit, France, too, might have voted to get out of the European Union.

Why? One reason, and, no, it's not the economy, stupid.

It is the tribe. As the English wished to remain English, and voted to regain control of their borders, so the French wish to remain who they were and are — whether ruled by a Louis XIV, Napoleon, General de Gaulle or the Fifth Republic.

In these countries, the common denominator is that the nation comes first and that political system is best which best protects and preserves the unique character of the nation.

Nationalism trumps democratism. Recall, Donald Trump was not elected because he promised to make America more democratic, but to "make America great again."

As for the sacred First Amendment right to democratic protest, Trump got a roaring ovation for declaring that NFL players who "take a knee" during the national anthem should be kicked off the field and off the team.

Circling back to the government shutdown, what, at root, was that all about, if not national identity.

The Democrats who refused to vote to keep the government open did not object to anything in the Republican bill. They objected to what was not in the bill: amnesty for the illegal immigrants known as "dreamers." It was all about who gets to become an American.

And what is the divisive issue of "open borders" immigration all about, if not the future ethnic composition of the United States?

Consider a few of the issues that have convulsed our country in recent months. White cops. The NFL players' protests.

Desecration and removal of statues of Columbus, Lee, Jackson. The Charlottesville battle of antifa versus the "alt-right." The "s---hole countries" crack of the president. The weeklong TV tirade of rants against the "racist" Trump.

Are they not all really issues of race, culture and identity?

On campuses, leftist students and faculty protest the presence of right-wing speakers, whom they identify as fascists, racists and homophobes. To radicals, there is no right to preach hate, as they see it, for to permit that is to ensure that hate spreads and flourishes.

What the left is saying is this. Our idea of a moral society is one of maximum ethnic, cultural and religious diversity, and, in the burying of the old wicked America, and the creation of a new better America, we will not accord evil ideas equal rights.

In the old rendering, "Error has no rights!"

That fifth of mankind that is Islamic follows a similar logic.

As there is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet, why would we allow inside our societies and nations the propagation of false faiths like Christianity that must inevitably lead to the damnation of many of our children?

"The best test of truth," said Oliver Wendell Holmes, "is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market."

But in our world, more and more people believe, and rightly so, that truth exists independent of whether people accept or reject it.

And there are matters, like the preservation of a unique people and nation, that are too important to be left to temporary majorities to decide.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."

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Get your stuff and go: Amazon opens store with no cashiers

SEATTLE (AP) — No cashiers, no registers and no cash — this is how Amazon sees the future of store shopping.

The online retailer opened its Amazon Go concept to the public Monday in Seattle, which lets shoppers take milk, potato chips or ready-to-eat salads off its shelves and just walk out. Amazon's technology charges customers after they leave.

"It's such a weird experience, because you feel like you're stealing when you go out the door," said Lisa Doyle, who visited the shop Monday.

Amazon employees have been testing the store, at the bottom floor of the company's Seattle headquarters, for about a year. Amazon.com Inc. said it uses computer vision, machine learning algorithms and sensors to figure out what people are grabbing off its store shelves.

The store is yet another sign that Amazon is serious about expanding its physical

presence. It has opened more than a dozen bookstores, taken over space in some Kohl's department stores and bought Whole Foods last year, giving it 470 grocery stores.

But Amazon Go is unlike its other stores. Shoppers enter by scanning the Amazon Go smartphone app at a turnstile, opening plastic doors. When an item is pulled off a shelf, it's added to that shopper's virtual cart. If the item is

placed back on the shelf, it is removed from the virtual cart.

Not everyone can shop at the store: People must have a smartphone and a debit or credit card they can link to be charged. Amazon said families can shop together with just one phone scanning everyone in. Anything they grab from the

shelf will also be added to the tab of the person who signed them in. But don't help out strangers: Amazon warns that grabbing an item from the shelf for someone else means you'll be charged for it.



Sensors and cameras, part of a system used to tell what people have purchased, are attached overhead in an Amazon Go store on Monday in Seattle.

There's little sign of the technology visible to customers, except for black boxes, cameras and a few tiny flashing green lights in the darkened, open ceiling above.

One shopper, Paul Fan, tested the technology by turning off his phone and taking items and putting them in incorrect spots. The app was

still able to tally up his items correctly.

"It's really smart," he said. Want to return something? Trying to return a bottle of kombucha Monday didn't mean returning anything to the store — just clicking "return" on the receipt, and a refund was supposed to appear soon. A customer service rep-

resentative said to toss out or donate the item.

At 1,800 square feet, Amazon Go resembles a convenience store, except for a kitchen visible from the street where sandwiches and ready-to-cook meal kits are prepared. A small section features products from the Whole Foods 365 brand.



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A customer scans his Amazon Go cellphone app at the entrance as he heads into an Amazon Go store Monday in Seattle.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY MEETINGS:

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

TUESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — First Tuesday at noon and third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498, (803) 469-4506 or (803) 938-8544.

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

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

Parkinson's Support Group — Second Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Carolinas Rehabilitation Hospital, 121 E. Cedar St., Florence. Call (843) 661-3746.

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

Sumter Chapter Parents of Mur-

dered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to murder in a violent way.

EFMP Parent Exchange Group — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call (803) 895-1252/1253 or (803) 847-2377.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

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, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com or mmsmiles013@gmail.com.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny and cooler	Clear and cold	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny and nice	Times of clouds and sun	Mild with occasional rain
59°	29°	56° / 29°	61° / 39°	67° / 51°	68° / 39°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 75%
WSW 4-8 mph	NNW 4-8 mph	NNE 3-6 mph	ESE 4-8 mph	ESE 4-8 mph	SSE 7-14 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

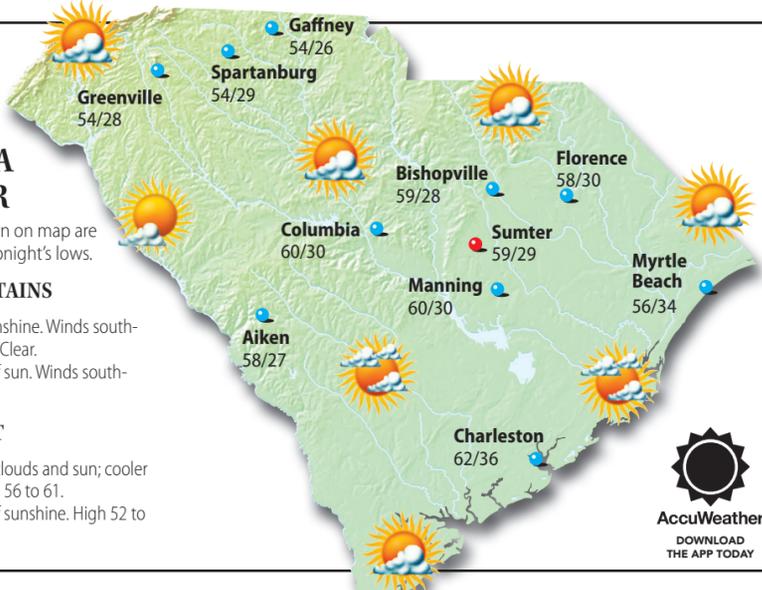
Today: Plenty of sunshine. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph. Clear.

Thursday: Plenty of sun. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Intervals of clouds and sun; cooler in central parts. High 56 to 61.

Thursday: Plenty of sunshine. High 52 to 58.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
72°	72°	63°	55°	32°	79° in 1974	13° in 1960

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.09"	0.92"	2.96"	0.92"	4.51"	2.96"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	353.91	none
Marion	76.8	73.31	+0.03
Moultrie	75.5	73.32	+0.03
Wateree	100	96.76	+0.03

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.43	-0.15
Congaree River	19	4.20	+0.40
Lynches River	14	5.33	-0.09
Saluda River	14	2.50	+0.30
Up. Santee River	80	75.52	-0.16
Wateree River	24	5.17	-0.21

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:24 a.m.	Sunset	5:44 p.m.
Moonrise	11:53 a.m.	Moonset	12:02 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 15

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	1:25 a.m.	2.8	8:31 a.m.	0.3
	1:53 p.m.	2.6	8:59 p.m.	0.0
Thu.	2:26 a.m.	2.8	9:37 a.m.	0.3
	2:55 p.m.	2.6	9:59 p.m.	-0.1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	51/31/s	56/33/s
Chicago	34/25/pc	43/34/pc
Dallas	64/37/s	66/47/s
Detroit	30/20/c	35/28/pc
Houston	63/38/pc	63/47/pc
Los Angeles	75/49/pc	63/47/c
New Orleans	56/40/c	59/46/s
New York	42/24/pc	34/23/s
Orlando	70/49/pc	67/54/pc
Philadelphia	43/26/pc	38/23/s
Phoenix	76/49/s	74/47/s
San Francisco	55/46/r	53/44/r
Wash., DC	47/31/s	44/29/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	45/25/s	49/26/s	Florence	58/30/pc	55/30/s
Athens	54/28/s	57/27/s	Gainesville	63/39/pc	62/40/pc
Augusta	60/30/pc	59/27/s	Gastonia	56/26/s	54/29/s
Beaufort	61/36/pc	58/37/s	Greensboro	56/31/pc	52/29/s
Cape Hatteras	48/35/pc	42/35/s	Goose Creek	62/35/pc	57/33/s
Charleston	62/36/pc	58/37/s	Greensboro	50/26/s	49/28/s
Charlotte	55/28/s	54/30/s	Greenville	54/28/s	53/30/s
Clemson	56/29/s	55/31/s	Hickory	50/27/s	51/27/s
Columbia	60/30/pc	58/30/s	Hilton Head	60/38/pc	56/38/s
Darlington	58/29/pc	55/30/s	Jacksonville, FL	62/38/pc	59/43/s
Elizabeth City	53/30/s	47/29/s	La Grange	54/30/s	58/32/s
Elizabethtown	57/31/pc	53/28/s	Macon	58/30/pc	60/30/s
Fayetteville	57/31/pc	53/30/s	Marietta	50/28/s	55/30/s
			Marion	50/25/s	52/25/s
			Mt. Pleasant	61/37/pc	57/36/s
			Myrtle Beach	56/34/pc	53/35/s
			Orangeburg	60/31/pc	56/31/s
			Port Royal	59/37/pc	55/38/s
			Raleigh	52/29/s	50/29/s
			Rock Hill	56/27/s	54/28/s
			Rockingham	57/27/pc	54/28/s
			Savannah	62/37/pc	59/38/s
			Spartanburg	54/29/s	54/30/s
			Summerville	61/35/pc	57/32/s
			Wilmington	58/33/pc	53/32/s
			Winston-Salem	49/28/s	49/28/s

PUBLIC AGENDA

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

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Talking about what you want to do and

actually getting things done aren't the same thing. Bypass the promises and dive right into the doing. Your accomplishments will be recognized and rewarded. Tame your emotions and protect your health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be torn between what you want to do and what's expected of you. Take care of business first and you'll find a way to pursue your dreams as well. Organization and hard work will thwart disappointment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional matters will escalate if you hold back or keep secrets from someone close to you. Clear the air and make your position known. No one can help you if you don't disclose what's bothering you. A healthy lifestyle is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll have a good plan that will help others. Lay down the ground rules and take a position of leadership. A partnership may crumble if you don't agree on how to move forward. Follow your heart and don't fold under pressure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional problems will set in if you let your personal life interfere with your job. Don't make physical changes based on a whim or an emotional downturn. Keep your money and possessions tucked away in a safe place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make positive adjustments at home. A stable environment will give you the courage and home base to build new beginnings and go after your dreams. Trust in your instincts and follow your heart. Don't give in to emotional blackmail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do whatever it takes to secure your finances, legal issues or domestic matters that have been causing concern. How you handle situations that can disrupt your environment will have lasting implications. Use your intelligence to make wise choices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Walk away from emotional situations that are ridden with inconsistency and empty promises. Focus on the present and how you can secure your position. Put your energy into building a solid base that can withstand any uncertainty that unfolds. Practice moderation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let your heart lead the way. Try to consider what will make you happy and head in that direction. You can't always please everyone, so do whatever it takes to please you instead. Personal change is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An emotional incident will leave you in a quandary if you can't stabilize the situation quickly. Use intelligence and experience to outmaneuver anyone who tries to disrupt the stability of what you're trying to accomplish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of personal business. Avoid altercations with authority figures or those in a position to influence your future. Use charm, not force, to win acceptance and support. Explore your options and abide by the rules.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Settle in to whatever jobs are assigned to you. Do your best and don't stop until you're satisfied with what you've achieved. Go above the call of duty and the rewards you receive will be worthwhile.

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TOP: Good things come in small packages, right? Brownie is a young boy who is small in stature and large in heart. He would love to be a part of a family and have an inside home to rest his head. In return, Brownie will give you his undivided attention and devotion. Brownie likes other dogs, too.

BELOW: Gemma is a petite young lady. Smart, lively and cuddly, she would make a fine addition to any household. Small enough for kids to snuggle, she loves people and seems dog-friendly as well. This little girl is a charmer with an expressive face and personality to match.

If you would like to meet Brownie in kennel 18 or Gemma in kennel 19, call the Animal Control volunteer coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or stop by Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

PREP BASKETBALL

Bouncing back



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Thomas Sumter's Josie Reed (11) goes after the basketball after a steal while Wilson Hall's Liza Segars (4) and Maddie Elmore pursue in the Lady Barons' 41-34 victory on Tuesday at Edens Gymnasium.

Lady Barons rebound from loss with 41-34 win over TSA

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

DALZELL — Coming off a hard-fought, 3-point loss to 3-time defending SCISA 3A varsity girls basketball champion Northwood Academy on Monday, Wilson Hall head coach Glen Rector was concerned about how his team would respond on Tuesday in a rivalry game against Thomas Sumter Academy.

Both teams had their moments and both had opportunities, but in the end it was the Lady Barons who did just enough to come away with a 41-34 win over the Lady Generals, led by 17 points and nine rebounds from Natalie Jackson.

"There's always a lot of intensity that goes into this girls basketball game between Wilson Hall and Thomas Sumter, and tonight was no exception," said Rector, whose team ran its overall record to 13-6. "We knew from the tipoff that both teams were going to play hard and both teams were going to try to execute, and both teams were going to battle. Both teams worked really hard tonight. We were just fortunate to come off making a few more baskets than they did."

Wilson Hall held a 21-16

lead at the break, but TSA stormed out to a quick 8-0 run, including an Aubrey Stoddard 3-point basket, low post bucket from Taja Hunley and 3-point play from Sydney Daniel, to grab a 24-21 lead less than a minute into the third quarter.

"With the foul trouble that we were in in the first half and going to the 2-3 zone, and being down by five at the half, I was saying that was great and that we had worked ourselves into being in this game," said TSA head coach B.J. Reed. "We talked about coming out strong in the first two minutes and in the first 30 seconds I was like, 'Holy smoke!' and we scored that eight points and it was awesome. Obviously, Wilson Hall is a very strong team, they're a well coached team, they're a very experienced team. Basketball is a game of runs, and they did a good job of stopping our run. I thought we got some good shots that we weren't able to hit, and then we had some turnovers. Sometimes the ball just doesn't bounce your way."

Jackson broke the TSA run with two free throws at the 5:17 mark and a runner by Liza Segars put the

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MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall's Natalie Jackson, left, tries to get the ball away from Thomas Sumter's Josie Reed during the Lady Barons' 41-34 victory on Tuesday at TSA's Edens Gymnasium.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Skole hopes to coach The Citadel to CWS glory

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Tom Skole was an integral part of the most successful baseball team in the history of The Citadel, playing third base on the 1990 team that reached the College World Series.

Now Skole's goal is to be part of the second Bulldog team to make a trip to Omaha,

Neb., for the CWS. If he does it again, it will be as the head coach of the Charleston military school, where he is set to begin his first season in charge of the program.

"Of course, that's the goal," said Skole, who was in Sumter last week speaking to the Palmetto Rotary Club at Sunset Country Club. "It's (the College World Series) such a special place to go to. I wish every college baseball player could have the opportunity to experience it."

"You realize just how special it is once you've had the opportunity to be there and take part in it."

First things first for Skole though. Skole, who was also a standout football player for The Citadel and was inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011, is taking over a program that went 16-35 overall and just 7-17 in the Southern Conference. And that was done with Sumter native and All-American left-handed pitcher John Patrick Sears, who was 7-2 on the season with a 2.03 earned run average. Sears is now a member of the New York Yankees organization.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Sumter pulls away from Conway for 58-42 victory

BY PATRICK ENZOR
Special to The Sumter Item

Sumter had commanded its game against Conway through three-plus quarters - a far cry from earlier in the month when the Tigers handed Sumter a 57-35 beating in Conway.

But the third-ranked Tigers kept hanging around with No. 6 Sumter and trailed by eight with over three minutes left.

Enter Omar Croskey and Tyree Smalls. Croskey crossed

up a defender to the floor before drilling a three pointer, Smalls forced a turnover on defense and knifed through the Conway defense for a layup to extend the lead

to 13 on the way to a resounding 58-42 win at the SHS Gymnasium.

The two teams are now tied for the Region VI-5A lead at 6-1. If both teams win their remaining three games, Round 3 will be held at a third-party school to be determined.

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CLEMSON MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 2 Virginia stifles No. 18 Tigers 61-36

BY HANK KURZ JR.
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Devon Hall scored 14 points, Kyle Guy had 12 and No. 2 Virginia broke open a close game with an 18-2 run in the second half to win their 11th straight, 61-36 over No. 18 Clemson on Tuesday night.

The Cavaliers (19-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who lead the nation in scoring defense, allowed their fewest points of the season. The Tigers gave Virginia a game until early in the second half, when Clemson managed just four points in a span of 12 minutes. The burst turned a 30-27 lead into a 48-29 advantage.

Gabe DeVoe scored 11 points, all in the first 12 minutes, and was the only player to score in double figures for the Tigers (16-4, 5-3). They shot 31.9 percent (15-47) and scored just 13 points in the second half.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson forward Aamir Simms (25) loses the ball as Virginia guard Devon Hall (0) and forward Isaiah Wilkins (21) defend during the first half of the Cavaliers' 61-36 victory over the Tivers on Tuesday in Charlottesville, Virginia.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).
10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).
Noon — Figure Skating: Four Continents Championships from Taipei City, Taiwan — Short Dance Competition (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
1 p.m. — College Football: Senior Bowl Practice from Mobile, Ala. (NFL NETWORK).
1:30 p.m. — College Football: Senior Bowl Practice from Mobile, Ala. (ESPN).
2 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic Final Round from Winding Bay, Bahamas (GOLF).
2 p.m. — Figure Skating: Four Continents Championships from Taipei City, Taiwan — Pairs Short Program Competition (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baseball Hall of Fame Election Announcement from Cooperstown, N.Y. (MLB NETWORK).
3 p.m. — College Football: Senior Bowl Practice from Mobile, Ala. (NFL NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Football: Senior Bowl Practice from Mobile, Ala. (NFL NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Marquette at Xavier (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: St. Joseph's at St. Bonaventure (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Boston College at Syracuse (ESPN).
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New Orleans at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Georgia Tech at Florida State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: South Carolina at Florida (SEC NETWORK, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Doubles Semifinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Colgate at Army (SPECTRUM 1250).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Houston at Dallas (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Louisville at Miami (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Toronto at Chicago (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: DePaul at Georgetown (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Temple at Cincinnati (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Stanford at Southern California (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: North Carolina State at Pittsburgh (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Auburn at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).
10 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Women's Semifinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN).
11 p.m. — College Basketball: Colorado State at San Diego State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
11 p.m. — College Basketball: Nevada at Wyoming (ESPN).
11 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Omega Dubai Desert Classic First Round from Dubai, United Arab Emirates (GOLF).
3:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's Semifinal Match from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN).

New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 13
 Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10
 New England 35, Tennessee 14
Sunday, Jan. 14
 Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42
 Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 21
AFC
 New England 24, Jacksonville 20
NFC
 Philadelphia 38, Minnesota 7

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 28
 At Orlando, Fla.
 AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
 Super Bowl
 Sunday, Feb. 4
 At Minneapolis
 New England vs. Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	13	.723	—
Toronto	31	14	.689	2
Philadelphia	22	21	.512	10
New York	21	26	.447	13
Brooklyn	18	29	.383	16

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	20	.574	—
Washington	26	21	.553	1
Charlotte	19	26	.422	7
Atlanta	14	32	.304	12½
Orlando	14	32	.304	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	27	18	.600	—
Indiana	25	22	.532	3
Milwaukee	24	22	.522	3½
Detroit	22	23	.489	5
Chicago	18	29	.383	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	33	12	.733	—
San Antonio	30	18	.625	4½
New Orleans	25	21	.543	8½
Memphis	17	29	.370	16½
Dallas	16	31	.340	18

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	31	18	.633	—
Oklahoma City	26	20	.565	3½
Portland	25	22	.532	5
Denver	24	23	.511	6
Utah	19	28	.404	11

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	37	10	.787	—
L.A. Clippers	23	23	.500	13½
L.A. Lakers	17	29	.370	19½
Phoenix	17	30	.362	20
Sacramento	13	33	.283	23½

MONDAY'S GAMES

Charlotte 112, Sacramento 107
 Atlanta 104, Utah 90
 Houston 99, Miami 90
 Memphis 105, Philadelphia 101
 Milwaukee 109, Phoenix 105
 New Orleans 132, Chicago 128, 2OT
 Dallas 98, Washington 75
 Denver 104, Portland 101
 Minnesota 126, L.A. Clippers 118

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
 Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
 New York at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Utah at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 New York at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Utah at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 New York at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	47	32	12	3	67	166	121
Boston	45	27	10	8	62	150	112
Toronto	49	26	18	5	57	155	143
Detroit	46	19	20	7	45	123	138
Florida	45	19	20	6	44	129	148
Montreal	47	19	22	6	44	120	148
Ottawa	45	15	21	9	39	122	160
Buffalo	47	12	26	9	33	105	163

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	48	28	15	5	61	146	136
New Jersey	46	24	14	8	56	142	140
Columbus	47	26	18	3	55	126	130
Philadelphia	47	23	16	8	54	137	134
N.Y. Rangers	48	24	19	5	53	144	140
Pittsburgh	49	25	21	3	53	142	149
N.Y. Islanders	49	24	20	5	53	170	179
Carolina	47	21	18	8	50	130	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	48	28	13	7	63	156	128
Nashville	45	28	11	6	62	139	119
St. Louis	49	28	18	3	59	142	129
Dallas	48	27	17	4	58	148	129

Colorado	46	27	16	3	57	154	132
Minnesota	48	26	17	5	57	141	134
Chicago	47	22	19	6	50	139	132

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	46	31	11	4	66	157	123
San Jose	46	26	14	6	58	134	122
Calgary	47	25	16	6	56	133	129
Los Angeles	47	25	17	5	55	135	114
Anaheim	48	22	17	9	53	131	135
Edmonton	47	21	23	3	45	131	149
Vancouver	47	18	23	6	42	121	153
Arizona	49	12	28	9	33	117	170

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Detroit 3, New Jersey 0
 Colorado 4, Toronto 1
 Minnesota 3, Ottawa 1
 Tampa Bay 2, Chicago 0
 Buffalo 2, Calgary 1, OT
 Arizona 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Ottawa at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Florida at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Columbus at Vegas, 10 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Winnipeg at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Columbus at Arizona, 9 p.m.
 Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Buffalo at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Vegas, 10 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

Tuesday

1. Villanova (19-1) beat Providence 89-69. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.
 2. Virginia (19-1) beat No. 18 Clemson 61-36. Next: at No. 4 Duke, Saturday.
 3. Purdue (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Michigan, Thursday.
 4. Duke (17-2) at Wake Forest. Next: vs. No. 2 Virginia, Saturday.
 5. Kansas (16-4) lost to No. 12 Oklahoma 85-80. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
 6. Michigan State (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Friday.
 7. West Virginia (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Saturday.
 8. Xavier (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday.
 9. Cincinnati (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Wednesday.
 10. North Carolina (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.
 11. Arizona (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
 12. Oklahoma (15-4) beat No. 5 Kansas 85-80. Next: at Alabama, Saturday.
 13. Ohio State (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Thursday.
 14. Texas Tech (16-4) beat Oklahoma State 75-70. Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
 15. Gonzaga (17-4) did not play. Next: at Portland, Thursday.
 16. Saint Mary's 19-2) did not play. Next: vs. BYU, Thursday.
 17. Wichita State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Thursday.
 18. Clemson (16-4) lost to No. 2 Virginia 61-36. Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday.
 19. Auburn (17-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Wednesday.
 20. Florida (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.
 21. Arizona State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Thursday.
 22. Tennessee (14-5) beat Vanderbilt 67-62. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
 23. Nevada (18-3) did not play. Next: at Wyoming, Wednesday.
 24. Rhode Island (15-3) did not play. Next: at Fordham, Wednesday.
 25. Michigan (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Purdue, Thursday.

WOMEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

Tuesday

1. UConn (18-0) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Wednesday.
 2. Mississippi State (20-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Thursday.
 3. Baylor (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Texas, Thursday.
 4. Louisville (20-1) did not play. Next: at Miami, Thursday.
 5. Notre Dame (18-2) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
 6. Texas (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Baylor, Thursday.
 7. Oregon (18-3) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Friday.
 8. Florida State (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Notre Dame, Sunday.
 9. South Carolina (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
 10. Tennessee (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
 11. Missouri (17-2) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Georgia, Thursday.
 12. Ohio State (16-4) lost to No. 14 Maryland 99-69. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.
 13. UCLA (15-4) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
 14. Maryland (17-3) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Thursday.
 15. Texas A&M (16-5) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.
 16. Michigan (18-4) beat Michigan State 74-48. Next: at Northwestern, Sunday.
 17. Oregon State (14-5) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
 18. Duke (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
 19. Oklahoma State (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
 20. West Virginia (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
 21. Georgia (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Missouri, Thursday.
 22. Green Bay (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. UIC, Friday.
 23. California (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
 24. TCU (13-5) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Wednesday.
 25. Arizona State (14-6) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Friday.

BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

Swampcats cruise past Camden Military

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy improved to 12-5 on the season with a 78-52 victory over Camden Military on Tuesday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Taylor Lee led the Swampcats with 23 points. Grayson Dennis added 17, while Braydon Osteen had 11 and Jerrel Kelly 10.

On Monday in Manning, LMA defeated Pinewood Prep 71-60. Lee had 22 points and seven assists. Kelly had a double-double of 11 points and 13 rebounds to go with five assists and four blocked shots.

Jake Jordan added 12 points, while Chase Lee and Brewer Brunson both had eight and Dennis seven.

NORTHWOOD 67 WILSON HALL 61

Wilson Hall lost to Northwood Academy 67-61 in double overtime on Monday at Nash Student Center.

Chandler Scott led the Barons with 29 points. Grey Holler and Landon VanPatten each finished with seven points.

Desmond Johnson led Northwood with 25, while Collin Briscoe had 14 and Tyler Berry 11.

WILSON HALL

Scott 29, Jones 3, DeVarona 6, Myers 3, Holler 7, G. Van Patten 2, Dabbs 4, L. VanPatten 7.

NORTHWOOD

Desmond Johnson 25, Collin Briscoe 14, Tyler Berry 11, Burch 6, Bowman 9, Moulton 2.

JV BASKETBALL

WILSON HALL 40 THOMAS SUMTER 20

DALZELL — Wilson Hall improved to 9-6 with a 40-20 victory over Thomas Sumter Academy on Tuesday at Edens Gymnasium.

Miller Jones, Wise Segars and Heath Watson each scored eight points to lead the Barons.

On Monday in Sumter, Wilson Hall topped Northwood 36-22. Nathan Harris led the Barons with 13 points.

LAURENCE MANNING 41 PINEWOOD PREP 27

MANNING — Laurence Manning had three players score in double figures as it defeated Pinewood Prep 41-27 on Monday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Gabe Harris and Denzell Sigler both had 11 points to lead 6-3 LMA. Austin Deppa had 10 and AJ Nelson five.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

SCOTT'S BRANCH 40 D.P. COOPER 37

KINGSTREE — Tariq Coard scored 13 points to lead Scott's Branch Middle School to a 40-37 victory over D.P. Cooper on Monday at the DPC gymnasium.



Thomas Sumter's Mason Warren goes up for a shot during the Generals' 50-47 loss to Wilson Hall on Tuesday at Edens Gymnasium. Go to www.theitem.com for information on the game..

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BARONS FROM PAGE B1

Lady Barons back on top, 25-24, with 3:47 to go in the third. The only other points for TSA in the quarter came on a Carmen Silvester low post

basket with 2:07 on the clock as Wilson Hall took a 30-26 lead to the final quarter. Wilson Hall led by as much as 10

in the final quarter before settling for the 6-point win. Both teams left points on the floor as the Lady Barons hit just seven of 18 free throws in the fourth while the Lady Generals were four of eight from the line.

SHS FROM PAGE B1

"The first year I coached, we lost nine games and won the state championship," said SHS head coach Shawn Jones, whose team is 12-7. "It's just getting these guys to understand that it's five games in the playoffs, so you definitely want to be home and win the conference. Anything can happen."

Sumter led just 11-9 after one quarter, but was up 20-11 after a steal and layup from Smalls with 4-minutes, 40-seconds left in the second quarter. Smalls finished with 14 points and five assists.

Conway cut that lead down to 24-19 at half. The Tigers, however, could never get it to one possession as the Gamecocks had an answer every time they needed it - something that didn't happen two weeks

ago. "It was still ugly," said Jones with a smirk. "We just played with more energy. (Conway) didn't shoot the ball well - down there they made a lot of shots. Down there, they were getting penetration at will. We made an effort to just switch (defenders) everything to control the penetration."

Sumter led by as few as six in the final stanza, but Smalls' six points and five more from Croskey nearly equaled Conway's output of 12 fourth quarter points.

"I put a defensive group in there that I thought could turn Conway over," said Jones. "I always tell them that defense is easy offense. We got some turnovers and got some easy baskets."

SUMTER 58, CONWAY 42					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
CHS -	9	10	11	12	- 42
SHS -	11	13	14	20	- 58

CONWAY
Grainger 3, Moody 2, Tylekk Cooper 10, Jimmy Nichols 23, Steele 2, Hemingway 2.

SUMTER
Jackson 2, Tyree Smalls 14, Isaiah Moore 12, Johnson 2, McCoy 2, Calvin Felder 13, Croskey 9, Durant 4.

Isaiah Moore had 12 points and eight rebounds for SHS, while Calvin Felder had 13 points and eight rebounds. Croskey ended with nine points.

Conway's top player Jimmy Nichols ended with 23 points and Tylekk Cooper had 10, but none of the other four scorers had more than three points.

Sumter is at West Florence on Friday.

TIGERS FROM PAGE B1

BIG PICTURE

Clemson: The Tigers played their first game since losing No. 2 scorer and rebounder Donte Grantham to a torn ACL suffered against Notre Dame, and after getting off to a fast start against Virginia, seemed to be lacking an offensive identity. DeVoe scored 11 points in the first 12 minutes, but none thereafter and top scorer Marcquise Reed (16 points per game) managed only six in 33 minutes. He finished 3 for 10 from the field.

Virginia: The Cavaliers played

without their best defender, Isaiah Wilkins, for most of the second half after he appeared to hit the floor hard while being fouled late in the first half. Wilkins didn't participate in warmups before the second half, but started and played only briefly.

UP NEXT

Clemson stays on the road and heads to Georgia Tech for a game Sunday.

Virginia faces its toughest test to date, playing at No. 4 Duke on Saturday night.

NO. 2 VIRGINIA 61, NO. 18 CLEMSON 36

CLEMSON (16-4)
Simms 4-8 0-1 9, Thomas 1-3 0-0 2, Mitchell 0-3 0-0 0, Reed 3-10 0-0 6, DeVoe 4-10 3-3 11, Skara 0-2 0-0 0, William 0-2 0-0 0, Donnal 1-2 0-0 3, Spencer 2-6 0-0 5, Oliver 0-0 0-0 0, Trapp 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 15-47 3-4 36.

VIRGINIA (19-1)
Wilkins 1-2 1-2 3, Salt 3-4 0-3 6, Guy 5-12 0-0 12, Jerome 3-5 0-0 8, Hall 6-11 0-0 14, Katstra 1-1 0-0 2, Huff 0-0 0-0 0, Diakite 1-5 0-0 2, Anthony 1-2 0-0 3, Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Bartley 0-0 0-0 0, Gross 0-0 0-0 0, Hunter 2-9 3-3 7. Totals 25-56 4-8 61.

Halftime: Virginia 27-23. 3-Point Goals: Clemson 3-20 (Donnal 1-2, Simms 1-3, Spencer 1-5, Skara 0-1, Mitchell 0-2, DeVoe 0-2, Reed 0-5), Virginia 7-19 (Jerome 2-3, Hall 2-4, Guy 2-6, Anthony 1-1, Johnson 0-1, Hunter 0-4). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Clemson 25 (Simms 6), Virginia 31 (Salt, Jerome, Hall, Wilkins 5). Assists: Clemson 6 (Mitchell 2), Virginia 9 (Jerome 3). Total Fouls: Clemson 10, Virginia 10.

PRO BASEBALL

Braves' Jones set to join familiar names in Hall of Fame

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — When Chipper Jones took stock of all of the familiar names he's on the cusp of rejoining, he wondered if it might be time to expand the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"We need to see if we can erect our own room in Cooperstown," Jones quipped, flashing that dry sense of

humor he was known for during his playing days.

All signs point to Jones becoming the latest member of those great Atlanta Braves teams of the 1990s and early 2000s to enter the Hall when the inductees are revealed on Wednesday.

The Braves' Big Three — pitchers Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz — already have taken their place in Cooperstown, along with Atlanta's longtime manager, Bobby Cox, and the architect of 14 straight division titles, general manager John Schuerholz.

A third baseman who played his entire 19-year career in Atlanta, Jones appears certain of election based on a tracking of ballots that show his support running at more than 98 percent, well above the 75 percent threshold.

His credentials include a .303 career average, 468 homers, nine seasons with at least 100 RBIs, eight All-Star Game appearances, a .401 on-base average, the 1999 NL MVP award, a batting title at age 36.

Jones always had a real appreciation for the history of the game and all the greats who came before him, which would make getting into the Hall even more poignant.

His father idolized Mickey Mantle, so he pushed young Chipper to become a switch-hitter. Jones wound up batting above .300 from both sides of the plate — an accomplishment that eluded even the Mick.

"I didn't play the game for money," Jones told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I never saw a pay stub my entire time in professional baseball. I didn't care. I didn't have to be the highest-paid player. Trust me, I was more than happy with what I got."

Indeed, while he made about \$177 million during his career, Jones never really came close to becoming a free agent. He wasn't interested in seeing what he could bring on the open market. He was content to remain with the Braves, always cognizant of how good he had it.

Jones broke into the lineup in 1995, helping win a fourth straight division title and what would be Atlanta's only World Series championship during this run. There were 10 more division titles in the unprecedented streak, which finally ended in 2006.

Jones would play on two more playoff teams, then retired after the 2012 season, giving him 13 postseason appearances in all.

Only twice in his career did the Braves have a losing record.



JONES



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PRO TENNIS

2016 champion Kerber advances to Australian Open semis

BY JOHN PYE

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — For anyone who doubted, this was Angelique Kerber in 2016 vintage form.

Kerber routed U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys 6-1, 6-2 on Wednesday to reach the semifinals of the Australian Open, the tournament where she kicked off her career-best season in 2016 with victory over Serena Williams in the final.

She also won the U.S. Open and finished that year with the No. 1 ranking. But she was upset in the first round at Melbourne Park last year, and her ranking dropped into the 20s.

The 30-year-old Kerber won the Sydney International to prepare for the first major of

the year, then won her first three rounds in straight sets.

Her third-round victory over Maria Sharapova meant she was the only singles Grand Slam winner remaining in the women's draw. But a struggling fourth-round win over No. 88 Hsieh Su-wei had commentators wondering if Kerber was in 2016, or 2017 form.

Against No. 17-seeded Keys, she responded by winning the first four games to take control of the quarterfinal — her first at a major since the 2016 U.S. Open. Keys held in the fifth game of the first set, but Kerber went on another roll to lead 3-0 in the second set.

Keys slowed the momentum by holding and then getting her first service break of the match, but Kerber responded quickly to finish it

off in 51 minutes. She broke Keys six times in total in the match.

"It's always tough to play against Madison," said Kerber, who has now won seven of eight matches against Keys. "She's hitting the ball so hard, the serve is also really fast, so I was just trying from the beginning like I played the whole week, just going out there, playing my game and enjoying it."

For Keys, it was another disappointing loss in a major. She reached the U.S. Open final last September but lost in straight sets to Sloane Stephens.

Kerber's semifinal opponent will be decided later Wednesday in a quarterfinal match between top-ranked Simona Halep and No. 6 Karolina Pliskova.



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Germany's Angelique Kerber serves to United States' Madison Keys during their quarterfinal match at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, on Wednesday.

RECRUITING CORNER

Ridge View standout hears from 'Tree' Rollins about Clemson

Even though the Clemson men's basketball program lost out on 5-star recruit **Zion Williamson** to Duke on Saturday and **Dontae Grantham** saw his season come to an end with a torn anterior cruciate ligament, things weren't all bad for the Tigers.

They did defeat Notre Dame in front of a sellout crowd at Littlejohn Coliseum. And they had another favorable experience with 6-foot-11-inch 2019 recruit **Malcolm Wilson** of Ridge View High School in Columbia, who was in for an unofficial visit.

"It was great. The energy was through the roof," Wilson said. "(Clemson head) Coach **(Brad) Brownell** and (assistant) Coach **(Steve) Smith** were both talking to me about continuing being a great rim protector and rebounder. They stressed that to be successful I need to play into my strengths and the other things will come."

Wilson also got some personal time with one of the Tigers' all time greats, someone who knew a thing or two about blocking shots and rebounding.

"I got to speak with **(Wayne) 'Tree' Rollins**, who told me the same things and challenged me to come to Clemson and remove him from the No. 1 spot in blocks and rebounds. They made me feel like I could make a good impact on the team."

Wilson also has a University of South Carolina offer and said there's been nothing new with him and USC. Georgetown and Massachusetts are also now showing interest. He was scheduled to visit Wake Forest for its game this past Sunday.

TJ Moss is a 6-4 combo guard from Memphis, Tenn., who attends Findlay Prep in Las Vegas and remains unsigned for the '18 class at this point. His team played in Columbia in December at the Chick-Fil-A Classic and USC head coach **Frank Martin** got a good look at him. He plans to take an official visit with USC later in the season. Memphis also is involved and Minnesota also has been in touch. Moss is point guard for Findlay this season.

USC is in the mix with 6-4 **Anfernee Simons** of IMG Academy in Florida. Simons is one of the top players in the '18 class and once was committed to Louisville. He decommitted after the FBI probe broke out and Martin made a move to get involved.

Simons has visited Tennessee and will visit North Carolina State on Feb. 10. He's also considering USC, Southern Methodist, Florida and Minnesota, according to *247Sports*. Simons said he's also going to consider his options regarding the National Basketball Association Draft this summer.

Jermaine Couisnard, a 6-4 USC target from Montverde Prep in Florida, was offered by Virginia Tech.

DJ Burns, a 6-9 '19 recruit from York Prep in Rock Hill, made an unofficial visit to USC for the Tennessee game. He's been to USC for multiple games this season.

USC offered 6-6 '19 recruit **Juwan Gary** of Gray Collegiate in Columbia. Gary also holds offers from Clemson, UF, Maryland, WF, Nevada-Las Vegas, Georgia, Connecticut, Texas A&M and NCSU.

Trey McGowens, a 6-3 '19 recruit from Hargrave Prep in Virginia and Wren High in Piedmont, was offered by Rhode Island. He's also a USC and Clemson target.

Christian Brown, a 6-7 standout from Lower Richland High in Hopkins, returned to Clemson on an unofficial visit for the Miami game. Brown said the visit moved the Tigers higher up on his list. UGA, Georgia Tech, UNLV, Florida State, UF, VT and UMass are



Phil Kornblut

others on which he's been focused. He's also planning to visit GT and Alabama this month.

The USC women's program is one of the final nine teams with the nation's top-ranked girls player for '19 in 6-2 **Samantha Brunelle** of Ruckersville, Va.

"South Carolina is, of course, a great program, a great coaching staff and have good intentions for what they want to do in the future," Brunelle said of the offer. The chance to play for (USC head coach) **Dawn Staley** also is appealing. I think she was named the Olympic coach for a reason. She runs the floor a lot and has a lot of high-low options, which I work well from the high post area and trailing."

This season, Brunelle is averaging 30 points, 19 rebounds, five assists and four blocked shots per game. She is focusing on her season before moving forward with her recruiting. The others on her short list are Connecticut, Duke, Kentucky, Maryland, NCSU, ND, Virginia and WF.

FOOTBALL

CLEMSON

Clemson had official visits over the weekend from two defensive back targets in **Matthew Hill** of Snellville, Ga., and **Leon O'Neal** of Cypress Springs, Texas. Hill currently is committed to Auburn as a wide receiver. O'Neal is a former Texas A&M commit and he's still considering the Aggies along with Oklahoma and UGA.

Visits for other Clemson targets: **DB Olajiah Griffin** to Oregon; **DB Tay-ion Palmer** to NCSU; **DB Mario Goodrich** to UGA; offensive lineman **Richard Gouraige** to Auburn; **WR Justyn Ross** to Alabama; and **DB Pat Surtain** to Alabama.

Clemson recently offered quick-rising cornerback prospect **Palmer** (6-0, 178) of Lawrenceville, Ga., and secondary coaches **Mike Reed** and **Mickey Conn** have been in to see him. Reed was back in last week. Palmer visited NCSU over the weekend and also has been to Vanderbilt and Nebraska. He is scheduled to see Clemson on Friday.

Ross, who is from Phenix City, Ala., is one of the last remaining targets for Clemson in the '18 class. The Tigers will have to beat out Alabama and Auburn to land him. He was at Auburn over the weekend and will go to Alabama this weekend. Clemson recruiters **Jeff Scott** and **Todd Bates** met with week before last.

"They were about how I can come and compete for a position knowing that **Deon Cain** just left for the (National Football League) draft. That's the position he's going to put me at so they were telling me about that. It sounds good to me. I still would like to play for my state, but I don't know for sure. It's really a tie down the stretch right now between Alabama, Auburn and Clemson."

He said he probably won't make another visit to Clemson. He made his official with the Tigers in November. Ross said he'll announce on National Signing Day on Feb. 7 on ESPN at his school via a video. He said the decision will simply come down to a level of comfort.

Clemson offered '18 DB **Goodrich** of Lees Summit, Mo. He was at UGA over the weekend and also has visited Louisiana State. He has visits to Mississippi and UF scheduled.

Clemson ceased recruiting linebacker **Dax Hollifield** of Shelby, N.C., per *Tiger Illustrated* due to lack of

scholarships on the defensive side with the return of the upperclassmen. Hollifield has been favoring Stanford, VT and North Carolina.

Jaylon Scott (6-2 220), a '19 LB from Shelby, has offers from Clemson, UNC, NCSU, Duke and Maryland. He was at Clemson on Saturday for the junior day. Scott said Clemson and UNC are on him the hardest at this point of his recruiting and he will visit Chapel Hill this weekend. He said the Duke offer was big to him and he also hears a lot from NCSU. Though he has no favorite, he said Clemson is in good shape with him at this point.

Other unofficial visits at Clemson Saturday included quarterback **Sam Howell** of Monroe, N.C., OL **Keiondre Jones** of Hoganville, Ga, WR **DeMarco Hellams** of Hyattsville, Md., DB **Sheridan Jones** of Virginia Beach, Va., OL **Kamren McCray** of Berkeley High in Moncks Corner, LB **Tra Wilkins** of Stone Mountain, Ga., LB **Brandon Smith** of Louisa, Va., and OL **Harry Miller** of Buford, Ga.

Clemson offered '19 running back **TJ McDaniel** of Southlake, Texas, '19 LB **Kalen Deloach** of Savannah, Ga., '19 tight end **Jackson Lowe** of Cartersville, Ga., '19 WR **Jaelyn Lay** (6-6, 210) of Riverdale, Ga., and '20 DB **RJ Mickens** of Southlake, Texas.

USC

USC had one uncommitted target in for an official visit over the weekend in defensive end **Dennis Briggs** of Kissimmee, Fla. He also has visited Miami and is scheduled to visit FSU this weekend.

Visits for other USC targets: defensive lineman **John Mincey** to Tennessee; OL **Dylan Wonnun** to Tennessee; DL **Rick Sandidge** to UNC; WR Warren Thompson to UNC; and DB **DJ Brown** to California.

Mincey of Homerville, Ga., has become a primary target for USC head coach **Will Muschamp**, and he spent a few hours last Wednesday meeting with Mincey and his father. USC DL coach **Lance Thompson** also was part of the meeting. Mincey visited Tennessee over the weekend and will visit FSU on Feb. 2. He's trying to work in an official visit to USC around his basketball schedule.

Sandidge of Concord, N.C., made an official visit to UNC over the weekend. He's also been to UGA and is scheduled to visit USC this weekend. Last Monday, several USC coaches had dinner with Sandidge, his family and head coach to reestablish their position in the competition.

"They were telling me what they can provide for me and what I can do for them, stuff like that," Sandidge said. "I had a good time, had a fun time eating with them."

He won't make his announcement until NSD, but he will decide before then and notify the schools.

USC's new QB coach **Dan Werner** has jumped right in to the task of identifying '19 targets for his position and one is **Garrett Shrader** of Charlotte. Shrader was already involved with USC, and he learned more on an unofficial visit on Saturday.

"I'm just getting to know the new guys and trying to figure out what they want to do, (offensive coordinator) **Bryan McClendon** and Coach Werner," Shrader said. "They say they want to be a pro-style pass scheme with more of a spread style run game with a little bit more tempo. That's what they're going for. That's what I'm looking for."

"I'd probably add the running element, something that's missing right now from the quarterback. Just a little bit more power read, read option, I think I'd be a little bit more of a

threat. That's basically what they are trying to do, get **Jake (Bentley)** to run the ball a little bit more."

Shrader has visited USC several times for camps and games so he's already familiar with the campus, the academics and the program.

"It's hard to beat SEC (Southeastern Conference) football 90 miles away," he said. "I like the school. They have all the majors I'm looking into. I'm just trying to figure out if it's the right fit for me. I'm open, I'm not trying to rush anything. I'm very comfortable with South Carolina. I like what they are doing. They have a positive trend for them right now winning nine games and a bowl game, but there are still some schools I need to check out."

Shrader said he also plans to see Tennessee, Missouri and Mississippi State. He'd like to make his decision this spring. Some of his other offers are Alabama, West Virginia, Syracuse, Penn State, Ole Miss, Vandy, Pittsburgh and WF.

Werner also offered '20 QB **Jack Miller** (6-4, 210) of Scottsdale, Ariz., regarded as one of the nation's top QB prospects in his class.

"I'm super excited about it. South Carolina is a place I feel like I would fit in and I'm super interested," Miller said. "I'm planning on coming down there this summer."

And that won't be the first time Miller and Werner will connect. He said their relationship goes back a couple of years.

"I first met Coach Werner in the eighth grade when he was recruiting me at Ole Miss," Miller said. "He said he likes that I get better every time he sees me and my size is perfect. And they'll do the same thing on offense."

Other offers for Miller include Arizona, Arizona State, UCLA, FSU and Ohio State.

Other unofficial visits to USC on Saturday included OL **Riley Simonds** of Buford, Ga., DE **Curtis Fann** of Twin Cities, Ga., athlete **Jammie Robinson** of Cordele, Ga., and WR **Jamario Holley** of Northwestern High in Rock Hill.

Jaylen McCollough, a '19 WR from Powder Springs, Ga., has USC on his short list along with Ohio State, FSU, Alabama, Auburn, UGA and Tennessee.

GT offered USC '19 LB commit **Ah-darious Gee** of Cordele, Ga.

USC offered '19 DL **Calijah Kancey** of Miami, '19 DB **Christian Williams** of Daphne, Ala., '19 DB **Tayvion Land** of Virginia Beach, Va., '19 WR **Tayvion Robinson** of Virginia Beach, Va., '19 RB **Tahj Gary** of Atlanta, '20 OL **Avery Jernigan** of Blackshear, Ga., '20 RB **Miles Friday** of Stone Mountain, Ga., '20 TE **Dominic Mammarelli** of Naples, Fla., '20 DB **Joshua Moten** of Fort Washington, Md., and '21 OL **Micah Morris** of Kingsland, Ga.

VT offered '20 QB **Luke Doty** of Myrtle Beach High. He also has offers from USC, NCSU and Coastal Carolina.

CLEMSON AND USC

RB **Michel Dukes** (5-11, 195), a '19 recruit from First Baptist in Charleston, was visited last week by **Tony Elliott** of Clemson, **Bobby Bentley** of USC and a recruiter from Duke. He did not visit anywhere over the weekend though he plans to attend future junior days at USC, Clemson, VT, UGA and Coastal.

Dukes has offers from USC, WF, Indiana, VT, UNC, Arkansas, Georgia State and Old Dominion. Dukes said there are no favorites at this point and he's not sure when he'll sign. Last season, Dukes rushed for 2,100 yards and 34 touchdowns. As a sophomore, he rushed for 2,241 yards and 40 TDs.

SKOLE FROM PAGE B1

The Citadel begins practice on Friday leading up to the season opener against George Mason on Feb. 16. Skole believes the team made steady progress during fall practice leading up to the 2018 season.

"We had to make some changes in our approach and as fall practice went on we began to improve," Skole said. "One thing we have is a lot of returning players, so we have experience." One of those returnees is Sumter

native and former Wilson Hall stand-out William Kinney. He is the Bulldogs' shortstop, starting all 51 games last season. He has started 159 of the 161 games The Citadel has played in his first three years.

Kinney batted .240 last season, but led the team in doubles with 14, a triple and two home runs with 27 runs batted in. He was 9-for-9 in stolen bases. "William is the epitome of a Citadel

baseball player," Skole said.

Skole succeeded Fred Jordan, for whom he played in his senior season of 1992, after Jordan retired. Skole played for legendary Citadel head coach Chal Port his first three seasons.

"This has been a special place for me," Skole said of The Citadel. "And this is a special job to get because they've only had two coaches in the past 50 years."

Skole has earned 566 wins during his career, including a school-record 471 at ETSU. His 471 Division I wins

are the most among current Southern Conference head coaches.

He began his coaching career at Lincoln Memorial University, where he led the program through a transition from NAIA to Division II, and became the head coach at ETSU in 2000.

In 2013, he guided ETSU to 36 wins, the school's first Atlantic Sun Tournament championship and the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1981. His 2011 team also won 36 games, capturing the program's most wins since 1982.

OBITUARIES

DORA LEE D. FRAZIER

MANNING — Dora Lee Dupree Frazier, 95, widow of Herbert Frazier Sr., died on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at 923 Branchview Drive, Manning. She was born on Feb. 23, 1922, in the Wilson community of Clarendon County, a daughter of the late Howard and Florene

Felder Dupree.

Funeral services for Mrs. Frazier will be held at 10 a.m. today at Providence Christian Church, Manning. Burial will follow in Manning.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Jannett Hammett, 925 Branchview Drive, Manning.

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

DONALD T. SPITZER

Donald Thomas Spitzer, age 85, beloved husband of the late Margaret "Peggy" Lucille Steen Spitzer, died on Jan. 8, 2018, in Bakersfield, California.

Born in LaFollette, Tennessee, he was a son of the late Ralph and Chloe Broyles Spitzer. Mr. Spitzer served his country in the U.S. Air Force for 26 years on active duty and for an additional 31 years in Civil Service. He was the longest serving fire chief in the Department of Defense history. While serving his country, he received the Outstanding Civilian Career Service award from the Department of Air Force and received a congratulatory letter from President George W. Bush on the occasion of his retirement.

Don was fun loving and known for his skill at everything from bowling and shooting pool to any kind of cards, especially if he could win your money. Don was an avid golfer and twice shot a hole-in-one. He was well loved and admired by his friends and family and will be greatly missed.

Surviving are one son, Wayne Spitzer and his wife, Ginger, of Atlanta; three daughters, Sue Goff and her husband, Mike, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Donna Magee and her husband, Chuck, of Bakersfield and Karen Harvey and her husband, Dennis, of Bakersfield; three brothers, Keith Spitzer and his wife, Shirley, of Versailles, Ohio, Kenny Spitzer and his wife, Joyce, of Versailles and Errol Spitzer and his wife, Linda, of McMinnville, Tennessee; three sisters, Shelvia Mock and her husband, Norman, of Union City, Indiana, Nell Rose Smith of Union City and Reba Richmond and her husband, Chester, of McMinnville; one sister-in-law, Ruth Spitzer of Fairborn, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Michael Goff, Aaron Goff, Shawn Davis, James Harvey, Lissa Harvey, Jessica Spitzer, Jake Spitzer and Hannah Spitzer; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Von Spitzer; and his sister, Lorena Spitzer.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at First Church of God in Sumter, 1835 Camden Highway, Sumter, with Fire Department Honors. Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

The family will receive friends two hours prior to the

service on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Church of God.

Honorary pallbearers will be retired Col. Frank Destadio, retired Col. Ed Henson, Chuck Porter, Bob Lemon, Judy Lemon, Hank Hurley, Steve Tipton, Grover Smith, Willie Godfrey, Benny Hodge, Terry Madewell and the men and women of the Shaw Fire Department.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Chesapeake First Church of the Nazarene, 1134 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



WILLIAM D. JENKINS

SUMMERTON — William David Jenkins, 75, husband of Marcella Pence Jenkins, died on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at Lake Marion Nursing Facility.

Born on Nov. 8, 1942, in Florence, he was a son of the late Jacob William Jenkins and Sarah Emma Kelly Jenkins. He was a former police officer for the Sumter Police Department and a former deputy sheriff for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. He retired from H.D. Supply Co. He was a State Constable, a Mason, a Shriner and a member of St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Summerton.

He is survived by his wife of Summerton; a daughter, Victoria Griffin (Cale) of Sumter; two grandchildren, John David Simmons of Hawaii and Kimberly Simmons Manyen (Andrew) of Sumter; a stepson, Robert Todd Logue (Nollette) of Lexington; two stepdaughters, T. LeAnn Logue (Mike Taylor) of Morrisville, North Carolina, and Jennifer Logue Milton (Jay) of Boerne, Texas; a brother, John Pinckney Kelly Jenkins (Penny) of Huger; two sisters, Beverly Jenkins Moberg-Goldsmith (David) of Summerton and Margaret Lynwood Jenkins of Sumter; two special nephews, Dana Moberg (Lindsey) of Summerton and Billy Jenkins of Mount Pleasant; three special nieces, Julie James Byrd (Dean) of Sumter, Leslie Aubrey Edwards of Summerton and Hi-Dee Jenkins Davis (Chris) of Charleston; and several great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Robert Jenkins.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at St. Matthias Episcopal Church with the Rev. Denman Isgett officiating. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery in Summerton.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall and other times at the residence, 1438 Tom Charles Road, Summerton.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605-4277 or to St. Matthias Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 336, Summerton, SC 29148.

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

PATRICK F. MCCABE SR.

SUMMERTON — Patrick Francis McCabe Sr., 83, husband of Ann Ferullo McCabe, died on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at his home.



MCCABE

Born on March 24, 1934, in New York City, he was a son of the late Edward and Margaret Berry McCabe. He was a retired bus driver.

He is survived by his wife of Summerton; five sons, Gary Howard of New Jersey, Michael Howard (Stephanie) of New York, Brian Howard of New Jersey, Patrick McCabe Jr. and James McCabe, both of Summerton; a brother, Edward McCabe of New York; a sister, Marie Masters (Bob) of New York; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Walsh officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at Stephens Funeral Home.

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

LEW E. WALLACE JR.

HAGOOD — Lew Elmer Wallace, Jr., age 85, beloved husband of the late Carolyn Beacham Wallace, died on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at his residence.



WALLACE

Born in Chicago, he was a son of the late Lew Elmer Wallace Sr. and Florence Rich Wallace. Lew served honorably in the Korean and Vietnam War in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a chief master sergeant after 27 years. He loved fishing, playing cards, bowling and football. He spent his younger years playing fast pitch softball. He was the commander of American Legion Post 175, Dalzell. He also was a member and deacon of High Hills of the Santee Baptist Church and the DAV, where he also drove veterans back and forth to Columbia.

Surviving are two sons, Gregory S. Wallace and his wife, Valerie, of Hagood and Jack A. Wallace and his wife, Annette, of Wedgefield; one daughter, Kathleen A. Marsalko and her husband, David, of Columbia; one niece, Flo Baker of Chicago; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Lew E. Wallace III, and his two sisters, Jackie W. Naiper and Ellen Wallace.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at High Hills of the Santee Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery with full military honors.

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

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post 17, Dalzell, or to High Hills of the Santee Baptist Church.

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

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



EVA COUNCIL

Eva Council, 83, departed this life on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Born on Aug. 16, 1935, in Rembert, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Sally Moses Council.

The family will be receiving friends from 3 to 8 p.m. at 570 Adger Lane.

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

CLIFTON BENBOW

MANNING — Clifton Benbow, 80, husband of Helen Williams Benbow, died on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at Blue Ridge Nursing Home.

He was born on Sept. 11, 1937, a son of the late Monroe and Emma Lemon Benbow.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 205 Walker St., Manning.

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

LUELLA P. PEARSON

BISHOPVILLE — Luella P. Pearson, 69, wife of Jackie Pearson, passed on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Amanda McNulty, County Extension Agent

Don't Guess, Soil Test

Catalogues are arriving in the mail and everyone's thoughts are on that spring-planted garden. Besides choosing your flowers and vegetables, you should take a soil test. Oh, I can hear you already. "Those Clemson people must be brainwashed in their first agriculture course to respond to almost any question by asking, 'Have you taken a soil test?'" So let's talk about why it's critically important.

The other statement included in Brainwashing 101 is the following: "PH controls the availability of nutrients." PH measures the acidity or alkalinity of your soil. It's a logarithmic, not linear, scale ranging from 0 to 14, with the numbers below 7 representing acidic soils and those above 7 alkaline or basic. That means that a soil with a pH of 7.5 is ten times more alkaline than a soil with a pH of 6.5; that's a big difference because as you move away from the middle of the pH scale, some of the nutrients that plants must have for growth become tied up in compounds that won't dissolve in water and plant roots can't absorb them.

Nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium and magnesium, all essential elements, become less available as the soil becomes more acidic. At the other end of the scale, the same thing happens again with phosphorus again and other elements.

The good news is that there is a sweet spot for most plants. A pH of 5.8

to 6.5 provides the ideal availability of nutrients for most grasses, trees, shrubs, perennials and vegetables. There are a few exceptions. Blueberries need a low pH, potatoes are grown in lower pH ranges to prevent scab, and centipede grass wants a pH of 5.5

If you search "Clemson HGIC soil test," you'll find directions to take for a good sample. You don't have to come by our office to get a bag first. Just put your results in a plastic zip bag (with a piece of paper inside with the area written in pencil if you have more than one sample). Bring your sample to the Sumter Clemson Extension office on the fifth floor of the Sumter Skyscraper, the seven-story white building next to the downtown library. The cost is only \$6, and we take cash or check. In about two weeks you'll get a remarkably detailed report with exact amounts of lime and different fertilizers to add. We can't control the temperature or rainfall that plays into plant growth, but we can control the nutrients that are available. Make certain that you have prepared the best environment possible for those vegetables and flowers you plan to grow this summer.

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Sumter School District is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the **replacement of HVAC Equipment** in Kitchen/Commons for Lakewood and Crestwood High Schools. All bids must be received at the District Office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150 no later than Wed., Feb. 7, 2018 - 2:00PM. A Site Visit is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 31, 2018 - 2:00PM. A copy of IPB#18-008 can be obtained from the District's website at www.sumterschools.net under Current Solicitations. Questions can be directed to the District's Procurement Coordinator by calling 803-469-6900, extension 310.

Sumter School District is seeking bids from qualified vendors to **retrofit all lighting fixtures to LED** at various schools. All bids must be received at the District Office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150 no later than Tues., Feb. 6, 2018 - 11:00AM. A prebid conference is scheduled for Tues., Jan. 30, 2018 - 11:00AM. A copy of IPB#18-007 can be obtained from the District's website at www.sumterschools.net under Current Solicitations. Questions can be directed to the District's Procurement Coordinator by calling 803-469-6900, extension 310.

Summons & Notice

HEARING NOTICE
FILE NO.:
2017-DR-43-468

IN THE FAMILY COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER

Summons & Notice

Heyward, Harold Plaintiff
vs.
Davis, Letisha and Bostic, Roland Dwight Defendant.

TO: DWIGHT C. MOORE, Esq.

A Hearing has been set in the above matter for the 6th day of March, 2018 at 09:30 o'clock A. M.

You are hereby notified to be present in the chambers of the Family Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit, located at 215 North Harvin Street at the aforesaid time.

TYPE: ADOPTION HEARING
TIME ALLOTTED: 1 Hour

THIS CASE WILL BE HEARD BY:
JUDGE ANGELA R. TAYLOR

IT IS ORDERED that the attorney requesting the hearing shall notify the opposing Counsel or party of the date of the hearing as the Clerk's office will send notices of Hearing only to the requesting attorney.

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Ponies greet each other by nuzzling their noses.

Greeting rituals — some are charming, others not so much

BY NICK THOMAS
Tinseltown Talks

I've never been especially fond of shaking hands. As a child, I rated it on the same level of disdain as being kissed by smothering, elderly ladies with the facial hair of a porcupine.

Today, I'm older, wiser, but more germophobic. So the thought of millions of bacteria and viruses hitching a ride on our skin during this largely pointless human greeting ritual only makes it more hideous — especially this winter with the near-epidemic flu season currently in full swing.

When you actually think about it, handshaking is a rather odd custom with a somewhat obscure origin. One plausible theory dates from Roman times when men carried daggers and similar weaponry for protection as they traveled the long, lonely roads.

If they came upon a stranger, it was apparently not uncommon to reach for one's blade and brandish it as a warning to a potential assailant. (Not a particularly friendly greeting, perhaps, and even today not an entirely unknown gesture in some urban areas). However, once it was established that your new acquaintance was not planning to steal all your hard-earned denarii, daggers would be re-sheathed. Presumably, travelers eventually just extended open hands upon meeting to demonstrate your benign intent, ultimately evolving to gripping them together.

It seems there could also be a biological component associated with greeting rituals, because they are not restricted to humans. Other primates, such as chimpanzees, commonly greet each other by touching hands, too, although they rarely reach for weapons or antiseptic hand wipes.

Handshaking is actually a somewhat simplistic form of greeting compared to the more elaborate behavior displayed by other animals. In fact,

Not only handshakes spread germs

The flu is reaching epidemic proportions across the U.S. this winter — so it's recommended to stay home if hacking. If you plan on venturing out and sneezing in public, this 90-second YouTube video will make it clear why you should take a handkerchief or tissues with you (because direct contact such as handshaking isn't the only way to spread infection). It's totally disgusting, but you'll get the idea.

Research has shown that large droplets of expelled saliva or mucus (that contain the viruses) actually fall to the ground quickly but can reach 1–2 meters on their journey. The largest ones can travel up to 8 meters for a sneeze or 6 meters for a cough. Smaller droplets can remain airborne as aerosols and may stay suspended for up to 10 minutes — long enough to reach many people in even a large room. Gesundheit.

Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKiQA5e-fPg>

methods of expressing welcome in other species are as varied as the species themselves.

For instance, wild dolphins greet their pals using individual whistle signatures. Each has a unique whistle which the dolphins use to recognize one another. Of course, human males once widely mimicked this technique to casually acknowledge the presence of female members of their species — that is until the 1960s when many female humans quite rightly began spurning this primitive greeting ritual, regarding it as offensive and evidence of limited emotional evolution in their male counterparts.

In the case of large cats such as lions, they generally greet by rubbing their heads and bodies against each other. Again, it would probably be unwise for humans to mimic such con-



Elephants say hello by entwining their trunks.

tact, at least during an initial meeting since this gesture could be misinterpreted. Better to remain a little more aloof like domestic cats that are far less demonstrative than their larger cousins and merely extend their tails straight up when a fellow feline approaches.

Other animal greetings are quite charming: Elephants say “hi” by entwining their trunks; giraffes press their necks together; horses rub noses; penguins tap their bills together. But some are less appealing — canine tailgating obviously comes to mind.

In fact, quite a few animal species are clearly in need of etiquette lessons when it comes to salutations. For instance, lobsters greet by squirting urine on each other. It appears that when two boisterous males meet,

their urine carries a record of who's the boss and this helps to avoid fights. No doubt this crustacean welcoming gesture would escalate conflict should humans adopt it.

But mammals, too, can demonstrate less than hygienic greetings: hippos display aggressive and territorial characteristics by hurling excrement on rivals when they meet in the herd. And if this practice sounds somewhat familiar, it should. That's because it's sometimes observed in human society, particularly during a ritual known as “political campaigning.”

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama, and has written features, columns, and interviews for more than 650 magazines and newspapers.



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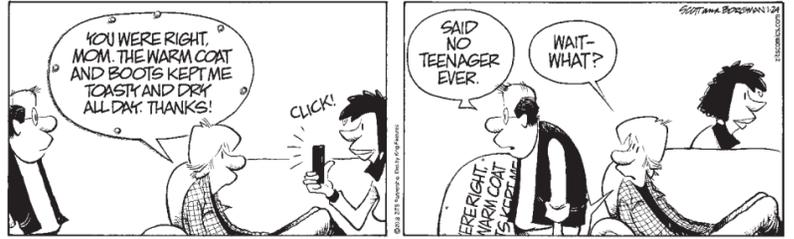
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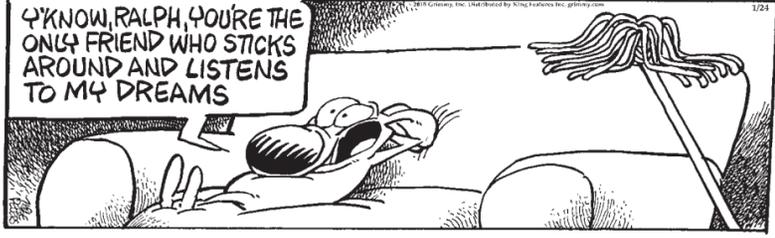
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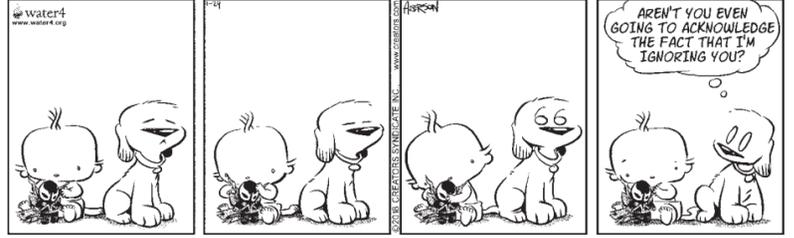
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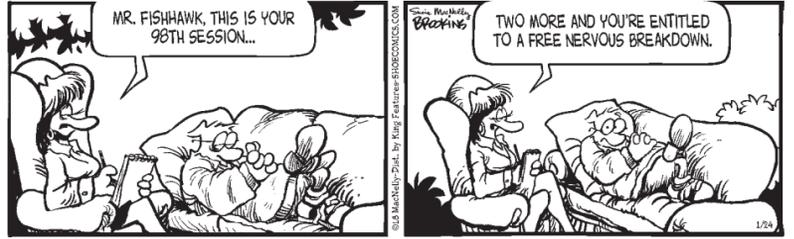
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Online guide helps parents identify child depression



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — Seeing a child you love struggle with depression is a helpless feeling. Parents wonder how to talk to them as they withdraw from people and activities that used to bring them joy. You just want them to feel better again. Many times, parents tell themselves it's just a phase their child will grow out of, but one in five teens is affected by depression. It's important for parents to know that children even younger can become depressed, and that girls are twice as likely as boys to experience it.

Depressed kids are more likely to abuse alcohol and other drugs and are at greater risk for attempting suicide. To help concerned parents reach out to their hurting children, USA.gov has created the free online-only Kids and Depression guide at www.usa.gov/features/kids-and-depression. The guide's sound, compassionate advice helps parents, grandparents and teachers recognize symptoms and risk factors in young people. It explains treatment options, including counseling and medication. And it also includes age-appropriate information about depression that parents can share with their children, elementary age through college.

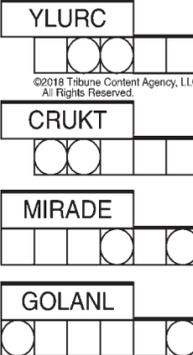
DEAR NANCY — I'm glad you wrote because I receive many letters from worried parents and depressed young people. I know the online guide will provide important information they will find useful. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, in 2015, 3 million kids aged 12 to 17 experienced a major depressive episode in the past year. Because, as you stated, depression can be a significant factor in suicide attempts, the guide provides information to help parents recognize the warning signs of suicidal thoughts in their children. If you think your child might be suicidal, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling (800) 273-8255. It offers confidential help 24 hours a day.

Nancy Tyler, senior editor, USA.GOV

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.



Print your answer here: _____



THE STORY ABOUT THE DIAMOND AND ITS SETTING DIDN'T

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

(Answers tomorrow)
Jumbles: ELDER TUNER CLAMOR LAWFUL
Answer: After winning new windows at the grand opening, they owned them — FREE AND CLEAR

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Roland Huget

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Paquin of Netflix's "Alias Grace"
16 Tremble
17 Slick
18 Team first managed by Casey Stengel
19 Volcanic archipelago state
20 Eyelid bump
21 Fast clip around the racetrack
24 Internet subdivision
25 Feathered layer
26 USPS assignment
29 Eagerly took in
30 Flutist of Greek myth
33 Romanov rulers
35 Classic shoe polish brand
39 Surmounting
40 Fast clip from the pitcher's mound
45 "Field of Dreams" setting
46 Lowered the grade of
47 Take potshots
49 Simple survey answer

50 Poetry Muse
55 Own, to Burns
56 Craven of horror
59 Mental haze
60 Fast clip down the slopes
65 "Toodles!"
67 Evening get-together
68 One-named Deco artist
69 Curved paths
70 There for the easy to get
71 Plug-in vehicle, briefly
72 Chinese toy
73 Comes down hard?
74 Dines

DOWN
1 Greek letter whose lowercase indicates wavelength
2 Developer's unit
3 Early enough
4 Bahamian capital
5 Pale as a ghost
6 —Pei: wrinkly dog
7 Fuzzy fruit
8 "Ghostbusters" director
9 Secretariat utterance?
10 Complaint

11 Anjou kin
12 Intelligentsia
13 English cathedral town
14 Easter egg dip
22 A bit buzzed
23 Aardvark snack
27 Bouncy gait
28 Best Game or Best Play
30 Christmas candle scent
31 Fit to be tied
32 Super stars?
34 Plant pouch
36 Put out of sight
37 "I'm game"
38 Newcastle
Brown brew
40 Wolfgang Puck creation
41 New Rochelle college
42 Twice-baked bread

43 Hit with a laser
44 "Awake and Sing!" playwright
48 Farm mom
51 "Slumdog Millionaire" money
52 Brief summary
53 Line dance step
54 Military instructions
57 Bridge seats
58 Scandinavian toast
59 Surfboard stabilizers
61 Got up
62 "Just do it" brand
63 Niagara Falls source
64 Penny
65 Ballplayer's hat
66 Cholera

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Previous Puzzle Solved

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WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Amazing Race "Gotta Put Your Sole Into It" (N)		Criminal Minds "Cure" Cryptic notes left with murder victims. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Swiss Holiday" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs "1990-Something" (N) (DVS)	American Housewife "Midlife Crisis" (N)	Modern Family Phil shows a house to his musical hero. (N)	(:31) American Housewife "The Mom Switch" (N)	Match Game Jack McBrayer; Ellie Kemper; Anna Camp. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live
WRJA	27	11	14	Weekends With Yankee The Elms; Glass House.	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Nature "Animal Misfits" Odd and bizarre creatures adapt to life. (DVS)	NOVA "Petra -- Lost City of Stone" A city of stone. (DVS)	Secrets of the Dead "Scanning the Pyramids" (Season Premiere) The Great Pyramid of Giza. (N)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	NHK Newsline	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory "The Loobenfeld Decay"	The X-Files "The Lost Art of Forehead Sweat" Mulder and Scully make a discovery. (N)	9-1-1 "Worst Day Ever" Bobby helps survivors of a plane crash. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Sinkhole"	Last Man Standing "School Merger"	Riverdale "Chapter Twenty-Four: The Wrestler" Archie tries out for the wrestling team. (N)	Dynasty "I Answer to No Man" Fallon is taken hostage. (N)	Dateline "Under a Full Moon" A Las Vegas cocktail waitress's murder.	Dateline "Deadly Exchange" A game ends in deadly consequences.	The Game Char-donnay hides her friendship.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "Vamos a Placencia"	Storage Wars "Mutt-erial Girl"	Storage Wars "Me, Myself and Ivy"	Storage Wars: Northern	Storage Wars (N)	(:01) Rooster & Butch "Ride the Bull" A smartphone for children. (N)	(:03) Rooster & Butch Two drug products are put to the test.	(12:03) Storage Wars	
AMC	48	180	(5:30) ** "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005) Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie.	** "A Bronx Tale" (1993, Drama) Robert De Niro, Chazz Palminteri, Lillo Brancato. A youth favors a flashy mobster over his hard-working dad.	** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis, Tom Arnold. A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.							
ANPL	41	100	Tanked	Tanked Kevin Smith has two turtles.	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition "NBA Center Hannity" (N)	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition "NBA Center Lucas. Malcolm and his stepson go under cover at a girls school.	Tanked "Hang Ten Barbeque"	Tanked: Sea				
BET	61	162	(5:03) "True to the Game" (2017)	(:25) * "Big Momma's House 2" (2006, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, Emily Procter. An FBI agent reprises his disguise, posing as a heavy nanny.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey "Reunion Part 2" (N)	The Real Housewives of New Jersey "Reunion Part 2" (N)	Relative Success With Tabatha A jewelry company owner passes away. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New Jersey "Reunion Part 2" (Part 2 of 2)			
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New Jersey	The Real Housewives of New Jersey	The Real Housewives of New Jersey	The Real Housewives of New Jersey	Relative Success With Tabatha A jewelry company owner passes away. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New Jersey "Reunion Part 2" (Part 2 of 2)			
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Billion Dollar Buyer (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper		
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park	(:25) South Park	South Park	South Park "Imaginationland: The Trilogy" Animated. The boys cross into a new dimension.	Corporate (N)	Corporate "The Void"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) The Office "Initiation"	
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	K.C. Undercover (N)	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon	Street Outlaws: Countdown to Armageddon
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)
ESPN2	27	39	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)
FREE	20	131	(5:30) *** "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana.	grown-ish (N)	(:31) Alone Together "Fertility"	(:02) *** "Hercules" (1997, Children's) Roger Bart. Animated. The strongman becomes a Greek hero.	Voices of Tate Donovan, Josh Keaton, Robert Arant. Animated. The strongman becomes a Greek hero.	The 700 Club People experience God's blessings.	"National-European"			
FSS	21	47	Hawks Pregame	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	Hawks Pregame	Hawks Pregame	Hawks Pregame	Hawks Pregame	Hawks Pregame	Hawks Pregame	Hawks Pregame	Hawks Pregame
HALL	52	183	Full House	Full House "Under the Influence"	Full House	Full House "D.J.'s Choice"	The Middle "The Play"	The Middle "Thanksgiving III"	The Middle "A Christmas Gift"	The Middle "Year of the Hecks"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Vikings "A Simple Story"	Vikings "Moments of Vision" (N)	(:02) Knightfall "IV" (N) (DVS)	(:02) Knightfall "IV" (N) (DVS)	(:02) Knightfall "IV" (N) (DVS)	(:02) Knightfall "IV" (N) (DVS)	(:02) Knightfall "IV" (N) (DVS)	(:02) Knightfall "IV" (N) (DVS)
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Chosen" Gambling operation.	Law & Order "Chosen" Gambling operation.	Law & Order "Under God" A vigilante priest kills a drug dealer.	Law & Order "Absentia" A jewelry store customer stands trial.	Law & Order "Star Crossed" A car salesman is murdered.	Law & Order "Star Crossed" A car salesman is murdered.	Law & Order "Star Crossed" A car salesman is murdered.	Law & Order "Star Crossed" A car salesman is murdered.	Law & Order "Star Crossed" A car salesman is murdered.	Law & Order "Star Crossed" A car salesman is murdered.
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.	Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon.
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word
NICK	16	210	Paradise Run (N)	Lip Sync Battle	** "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days" (2012) Zachary Gordon.	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men
SPIKE	64	153	(4:30) Shooter	** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen.	The Magicians "The Losses of Magic" Alice and Quentin visit her parents. (N)	Happy! "Destroyer of Worlds" Sax and Happy's push to save Hailey. (N)	Happy! "Destroyer of Worlds" Sax and Happy's push to save Hailey. (N)	Happy! "Destroyer of Worlds" Sax and Happy's push to save Hailey. (N)	Happy! "Destroyer of Worlds" Sax and Happy's push to save Hailey. (N)	Happy! "Destroyer of Worlds" Sax and Happy's push to save Hailey. (N)	Happy! "Destroyer of Worlds" Sax and Happy's push to save Hailey. (N)	Happy! "Destroyer of Worlds" Sax and Happy's push to save Hailey. (N)
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) ** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Capt. Jack Sparrow searches for the Fountain of Youth.	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory
TCM	49	186	(6:15) *** "The Shop Around the Corner" (1940) Margaret Sullivan.	** "The Learning Tree" (1969, Drama) Kyle Johnson, Alex Clarke. A teenager witnesses racism and a murder in his 1920s Kansas town.	** "The Negro Soldier" (1944) Role of black soldiers in World War II.	** "The Negro Soldier" (1944) Role of black soldiers in World War II.	** "The Negro Soldier" (1944) Role of black soldiers in World War II.	** "The Negro Soldier" (1944) Role of black soldiers in World War II.	** "The Negro Soldier" (1944) Role of black soldiers in World War II.	** "The Negro Soldier" (1944) Role of black soldiers in World War II.	** "The Negro Soldier" (1944) Role of black soldiers in World War II.	** "The Negro Soldier" (1944) Role of black soldiers in World War II.
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life (Part 2 of 2)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Alicia's Story" Alicia fears her food addiction. (N)
TNT	23	158	(6:00) ** "The Hangover Part II" (2011) Bradley Cooper. (DVS)	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.
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	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond
USA	25	132	NCIS "The Artful Dodger" A murder is tied to black market art. (DVS)	** "Spider-Man 3" (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco. Premiere. Peter Parker falls under the influence of his dark side.	Law & Order	Law & Order "Teenage Wasteland"	Law & Order "Phobia"	Law & Order "Phobia"	Law & Order "Phobia"	Law & Order "Phobia"	Law & Order "Phobia"	Law & Order "Phobia"
WE	68	166	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order
WGNA	8	172	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops In Arizona.	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"	Bellevue "Pilot" (DVS)	Cops	Cops	Cops

Compelling 'Waco' explores characters behind tragedy

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The Paramount Network continues its reboot (or re-brand), shifting away from its former Spike identity with the six-part series "Waco" (10 p.m., TV-14). A multiple-character study within a tragedy, "Waco" airs 25 years after the tragic siege of the Branch Davidian compound.

"Waco" is smart, compelling TV, evocative of old-fashioned miniseries and contemporary tales of such antiheroes as last summer's Discovery series "Manhunt: Unabomber" (now streaming on Netflix) and the flashback-heavy portrait of a serial killer in the new version of "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story," also airing at 10 p.m.

Question No. 1 for the new Paramount Network: Why schedule "Waco" opposite "Versace"?

Taylor Kitsch ("Friday Night Lights") does a noteworthy job of breathing three dimensions into cult leader David Koresh, portraying him as both seductive and manipulative. He can be a regular guy who plays with his kids and jams with his band, performing "My Sharona" at a local dive bar. But he's also a self-appointed messiah who demands celibacy from every male in his compound while he impregnates their wives with offspring who he believes will sit in judgment during the tribulation foretold in the Book of Revelation. He's also got a thing about stockpiling military-grade weaponry.

On the other side of the equation, Michael Shannon ("Boardwalk Empire") portrays hostage negotiator Gary Noesner, a complex, conflicted character. A dedicated FBI man, Noesner has become disturbed by the militarization of federal agencies and the use of heavy firepower, tanks and grenades in the place of negotiation tactics.

"Waco" reunites Shannon with two "Boardwalk Empire" castmates, Paul Sparks and Shea Whigham. Sparks portrays a theologian drawn to Koresh's command of scripture and miraculous presence, but who begins to recoil when his wife becomes impregnated by the compound's leader. Whigham plays Noesner's rival at the FBI, a trigger-happy tactical commander.



THE PARAMOUNT NETWORK

Taylor Kitsch stars as cult leader David Koresh in the six-part series "Waco," premiering at 10 p.m. today on The Paramount Network.

Another notable performance belongs to Rory Culkin as a session drummer who joins Koresh's "band" only to fall under his messianic spell. Camryn Manheim ("The Practice") appears as his mother, who becomes close to Koresh's mother and negotiator Noesner as the noose tightens around the compound and its inhabitants.

The new Pop comedy "Let's Get Physical" (8:30 p.m., TV-14) doesn't aim for sophistication. It recalls the slob-against-snobs appeal of movies like "Caddyshack."

Matt Jones ("Mom") stars as an overweight, over-the-hill leader of a Guns N' Roses tribute band who inherits his father's fitness club and the prospect of a huge inheritance. But to get it, he must win an aerobics contest against his old rival (Chris Diamantopoulos), a gym owner who embodies all the vanity and technology addiction of contemporary fitness culture. Jane Seymour also stars.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A mosaic of recollections on "The X-Files" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Jughead unearths some unsavory history on "Riverdale" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).

- Gloom consumes Kattagat on "Vikings" (9 p.m., History, TV-MA).
- An officer falls under suspicion on "Chicago P.D." (10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).
- Andrew Cunanan arrives in Miami on "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

A bus breakdown strands

Egyptian musicians in an Israeli backwater town in the 2007 drama "The Band's Visit" (8 p.m., TMC), a film that inspired a Broadway musical, just like the 1993 drama "A Bronx Tale" (8 p.m., AMC).

SERIES NOTES

Sailing in the South of France on "The Amazing Race" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * On two helpings of "Law & Order: Spe-

cial Victims Unit" (NBC, r, TV-14), a man is mutilated (8 p.m.), teens suspected of cyberbullying (9 p.m.) * Beverly meddles on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * On two helpings of "American Housewife" (ABC, TV-PG), a day off (8:30 p.m.), underappreciated (9:30 p.m., r) * Bobby confronts his demons on "9-1-1" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Name droppers on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Fallon is held hostage on "Dynasty" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Sickos put words in victims' mouths on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Alec Baldwin hosts "Match Game" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

P.K. Subban is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * DJ Khaled, Natasha Leggero and The Ghost of Paul Revere appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Ice-T, Meghan Trainor and The Avett Brothers on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Jim Gaffigan, Van Jones, Josh Gondelman and Brann Dailor visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Bryan Cranston, Timothee Chalamet and BTS appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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Rich French beef stew is made healthier

BY MELISSA D'ARABIAN
Associated Press

When it comes to making beef stews, the French are clear winners.

French beef stews — from wine country's Boeuf Bourguignon to southern France's Daube a la Provencale — get their unmistakable flavor from onions, red wine, chunks of beef, herbs and often bacon or fatty pork that simmer together for hours, creating heady, delicious aromas. My entire family can identify French stews bubbling in the oven from the moment they waltz into the kitchen. Immediately, their eyes light up and their lips form into a knowing smile in anticipation of one of their favorite meals.

So, dare I make a healthy version of a dish that celebrates my (Marseille-born) husband's heritage, especially given he grew up eating a truly-perfect version of stew made by his mom? I treaded lightly, but found a few tricks that kept the flavor while vastly improving the nutrition profile.

The good news is that the main source of richness — red wine — stays. The tweaks were

actually quite simple. I cut nearly all of the bacon, keeping one slice for flavor, and boosted the smoky quality by adding calorie-free smoked paprika. The flavor held up enough that my family didn't notice, even if I confess I did (still worth the trade-off.) I doubled the veggie quantities (and added more American-stew carrots), boosting vitamins and fiber, and reduced the meat by about 25 percent compared to my normal stew, slashing fat, and no one even noticed.

Regarding the vegetables, I cut them a little larger than usual — just slightly bigger than bite-sized — so they would remain bulky, even after long simmering. Bulkier vegetables meant a less compact stew visually, which meant a nice big bowl of stew per serving. Last tweak was to make the stew a day ahead, chill it, and skim off the congealed fat before reheating. Whatever silkiness the stew may have lost by the missing fat was more than made up for by the extra time the flavors had to marry. You can also let the stew cool a bit on the counter and spoon out liquid fat as best you can, if your family is like mine and simply can't wait to dig in.

FRENCH-STYLE BEEF STEW WITH VEGGIES

Servings: 8

Start to finish: 24 hours, including inactive marinating and chilling time

2 1/2 pounds lean stew beef, cut into 2- to 3-inch pieces

3 medium yellow onions, sliced lengthwise, about 4-5 cups total

1 1/2 cups red wine

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

1 slice of bacon, cut into small pieces

3 teaspoons olive oil, divided

1 teaspoon smoked paprika

4 carrots, chopped into slightly larger than bite-sized pieces, about 2-3 cups

1 stalk celery, finely chopped, about 1/2 cup

1 pound white mushrooms, sliced thickly (or quartered)

6 cloves garlic, smashed

1 cup beef broth

4 stems fresh rosemary and thyme, tied together with kitchen string

2 bay leaves

Water

Place the beef cubes in large glass bowl, sprinkle with salt and pepper and pour over the red wine. Let marinate for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours, chilled. Preheat the oven to 325 F. Remove the beef from the marinade (reserving the marinade) and dry gently with paper towels.

Heat 1 teaspoon of the oil in a

large, heavy Dutch oven over medium heat, and cook the bacon until crisp. Sprinkle the bacon with smoked paprika, and cook another minute until fragrant. Remove the bacon, and set aside, reserving the fat in the pot. Add the remaining two teaspoons of olive oil in the Dutch oven, and brown the beef on all sides. You may need to work in batches.

Remove the beef from the pot and set aside. Add the onions into the pot, and cook over medium heat until soft, about 10 minutes. Increase the temperature to medium high, and add the rest of the vegetables and the garlic. Once the mushrooms are softened, about 10 more minutes, add in the reserved marinade and bring to a simmer. Add the browned beef, the bacon, beef broth, herb bundle, bay leaves and enough water to just barely cover the meat. Bring to a simmer on the stovetop, then cover tightly and cook in the oven for 2 1/2 to 4 hours, until the meat is tender.

Check the stew every hour, and add a little more water if the stew looks dry. Remove the lid for the final half hour of baking to allow the sauce to reduce a little. Remove the herbs. Cool the stew on the counter, and spoon off and discard fat collecting at the top. (Even better: chill for several hours or overnight. Scrape off congealed fat from top of stew, and reheat to serve.)

Nutrition information per serving: 284 calories; 80 calories from fat; 9 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 83 mg cholesterol; 176 mg sodium; 14 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 5 g sugar; 32 g protein.

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