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Opioid overdoses rise 170 percent

Four-county region bands together to tackle nationwide crisis locally

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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As the opioid crisis continues and more overdoses are reported in the state, representatives from Sumter, Lee, Clarendon and Kershaw counties met Wednesday to discuss ways to get ahead of the problem as a region.

The strategic planning session, hosted by Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments in the Reynolds Gallery at the University of South Carolina Sumter, called together coroner's office, EMS, law enforcement and health center employees from each county.

Chris McKinney, executive director of the council, said the opioid problem, a crisis slamming the entire nation, is something he has been asked to address since he was hired in October.

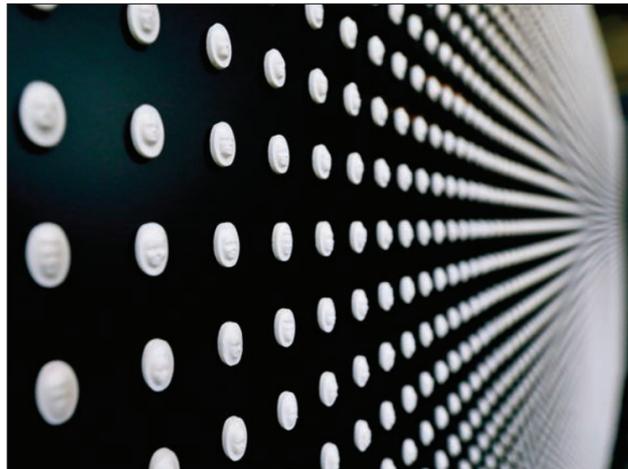
He said the purpose of the session was to get

all the smart people — the people who deal with this issue everyday — together and forget about county and city lines to make incremental gains.

Bobby Hingst, director of Sumter County EMS, said his department has responded to 137 opioid overdoses since Jan. 1 — 101 of which involved heroin and fentanyl, a synthetic narcotic 100 times more potent than morphine — showing a 170 percent increase compared to the 50 opioid overdoses between July and December 2017.

Many of the 137 were people who have been treated for an overdose multiple times since the beginning of the year, he said. A significantly low number resulted in death.

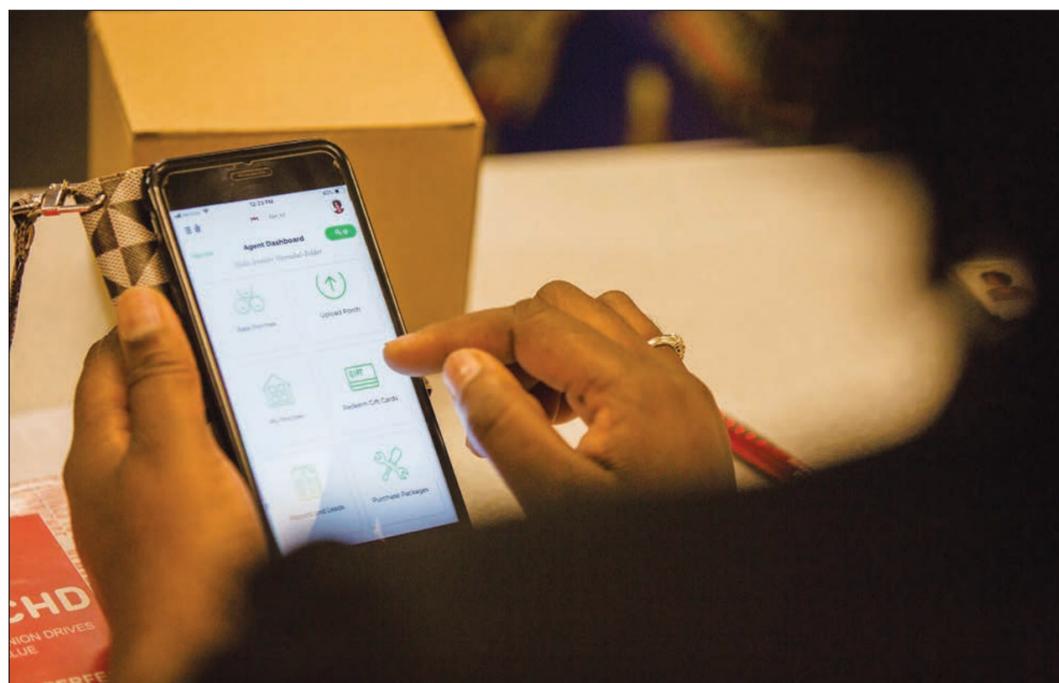
That was new information to the other officials at Sumter's table, including Glenn Peagler, director of Sumter Behavioral Health Services, who noted most people judge the opioid problem based on the number of overdose deaths.



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The National Safety Council's memorial to victims of the opioid epidemic includes 22,000 pills with faces carved into them. The carved pills represent the face of someone who fatally overdosed. The number continues to rise.

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A local Realtor tests the PORCHD app on her mobile device Wednesday during a presentation at the Sumter Board of Realtors by creators Anand and Aimee Vora.

Tech startup looks to hit home with Realtors, homeowners

App by husband-wife team provides public feedback

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Two Sumter residents hope a new tech application they've created will satisfy a need in the real estate market locally and nationwide.

Husband-and-wife team Anand and Aimee Vora gave a hands-on presentation Wednesday to about 15 local Realtors of the mobile app PORCHD they recently created with the help of a web development company. The new real estate app is unique from other industry applications in that it provides unbiased, anonymous ratings and feedback on residential properties.

For example, Aimee Vora said, say someone is a Realtor and they have a client who's trying to sell a home built in the 1980s, and the homeowner just isn't budging that the kitchen needs a new color to modernize it and bring it up to market value.

With PORCHD, a Realtor can post property pictures online, ask questions and get anonymous public feedback and ratings right on their smart phone.

The whole process is anonymous, according to the Voras. Online property reviewers from across the state and nation don't know the Realtors or their clients, and local properties' addresses are not given.

Local real estate agent Jay Linginfelter, who attended the presentation at the Sumter Board of Re-



Anand Vora, left, founder of the PORCHD mobile device application, assists local Realtor Jane Hammond with using the app on Wednesday during a briefing on the newly released product.

altors, 26 E. Liberty St., said he thinks it's a novel idea.

"This provides us a tool to take back to our clients and say, 'Hey, this is what the general public is saying,'" Linginfelter said. "So, now there is more power behind that to help the homeowner make a decision."

All the big-name Realtor web sites — Zillow, Realtor.com and Trulia — don't provide ratings and feedback, according to Linginfelter and the Voras.

Before deciding to sell their home, homeowners can also get on PORCHD themselves to see what

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Memorial Day weekend brings more drivers, higher gas prices

Local officials offer safety tips

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The first true holiday of summer is fast-approaching, and agencies are already predicting more Carolinians will travel this Memorial Day weekend than last year despite the highest gas prices since 2014.

An estimated 593,250 South Carolina residents and 1.26 million from North Carolina are expected to travel for the holiday on the last weekend of May, the highest volume of travel from Carolina residents since 2005 and an increase of 5 percent from last year, according to AAA Carolinas.

"As the temperatures go higher, tempers grow shorter, and that can lead to dangerous situations on the highways."



SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF ANTHONY DENNIS

"A strong economy and growing consumer confidence are giving Carolinians the motivation they need to kick off what we expect to be a busy summer travel season with a Memorial Day getaway," said Tiffany Wright, AAA Carolinas spokeswoman, in a news release.

The Memorial Day holiday travel period is defined as Thursday, May 24, through Monday, May 28.

AAA Carolinas and INRIX is predicting the greatest amount of congestion along roadways will be between that Thursday and Friday in the late afternoon as commuters leave work early and mix with holiday travelers.

The 88 percent of travelers choosing to drive to their vacation destination, however far, will pay the most expensive Memorial Day gas prices since 2014, according to AAA Carolinas. As of Wednesday, gas prices averaged \$2.61 in South Carolina, a 56-cent increase over last year's holiday price due to "expensive crude oil, record gasoline demand and shrinking global supply." That is still below the national average of \$2.89.

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Another injured inmate sues after deadly Lee prison riot

COLUMBIA (AP) — Another inmate stabbed during a prison riot that left seven inmates dead is suing the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Media outlets reported 21-year-old Reakwon Latray Watson sued this week, about four weeks after the deadly riot at the Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville.

The lawsuit says Watson suffered about eight stab wounds after about 10 to 15 inmates ambushed him.

The lawsuit says there were not enough correctional officers and medical personnel to prevent the attack or treat his wounds when they occurred.

Watson had been at the prison since 2015, having previously been housed at prisons in Richland, Allendale and Spartanburg counties. He was sentenced to eight years in prison for aggravated assault and battery in Bamberg County.

The prison system says it doesn't comment on pending lawsuits.

Boy bitten by shark at Hilton Head Island

HILTON HEAD ISLAND (AP) — A 10-year-old boy was bitten by a shark while splashing in waist-deep water along the South Carolina coast, according to the boy's mother.

Tonya Turrell told the *Island Packet* of Hilton Head that her son Jei was bitten in the right forearm while he and his brother were playing Sunday on Hilton Head Island.

Turrell says the family had been at the beach about an hour when she heard her son screaming, "Shark!" and saw blood.

"He is a trooper," said Turrell, who wrapped Jei's arm in a towel and went to a life-guard for help. "He is so brave."

The boy was flown to a hospital in Savannah, Georgia. He underwent surgery Sunday, and Turrell said that he's recovering but likely wouldn't want to venture back into the ocean anytime soon.

CLARIFICATION

It should be noted that the portrait of and unveiling ceremony for U.S. Congressman James Clyburn in the Mary McLeod Bethune Learning Center and Art Gallery was initiated and commissioned by the town of Mayesville and Mayor Jereleen Hollimon-Miller.

Pastors alliance admonishes Senate for abortion ban fail

BY CHRISTINA L. MYERS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A group of pastors admonished South Carolina state senators Wednesday for failing to pass legislation that would have banned virtually all abortions in the state.

The South Carolina Pastors Alliance held a news conference at the Statehouse calling out senators who failed to pass a personhood bill that stipulated life begins at conception and an embryo would have all the rights of a citizen. The measure was pushed by Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant and endorsed by Gov. Henry McMaster, both of whom are seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination this year.

Alliance Executive Director Mike Gonzalez said senators had an opportunity to do something "righteous" and "historic" during the regular session and said nonsupport from GOP members was an indictment of the party.

"Through the weeds of Senate rules, political pragmatism and the fear of judiciary, you chose to let it guide you to a graveyard of contested bills," Gonzalez said in an open letter to senators.

The personhood bill introduced last year and sponsored by 18 Republicans and one Democrat senator failed to reach debate on the Senate floor, but another bill that seemed to breathe life into anti-abortion proponents also met its demise earlier this month.

Senators did not pass a dismemberment bill that would also have banned abortions except in cases of incest, rape or mother's risk to life. The dismemberment procedure was only performed 22 times out of 5,736 abortions in South Carolina in 2016. The measure failed when Democrats held the Senate floor during an hours-long filibuster.

Field Director Kevin Baird said The Pastors Alliance was disappointed spe-

cifically in six senators who he said promote themselves as 'anti-abortion' but stifled the progress of anti-abortion legislation and have been doing so for years.

One of those senators called out was Republican Sen. Paul Campbell of Goose Creek, who said he's completely against abortion but that implementing a ban is a federal, not a state, issue.

"I don't like abortion," the Goose Creek senator said. "I just don't think the state can pre-empt federal law. If we tried to stop abortion in South Carolina, it would be enjoined by Planned Parenthood and we would spend a lot of money on it."

Gonzalez said lawmakers will be held accountable by God and that political strategy is not an excuse for failing to pass legislation.

"You don't need cheerleading to do what is right," Gonzalez said, "you need courage."

Hands-on archaeology at Alice Drive Middle School



Helena Ferguson, below, a representative of South Carolina Archaeology Public Outreach Division, works with a group of students at Alice Drive Middle School on May 11 to teach them about the fundamentals of the science through the hands-on creation of pottery and a slide show detailing some of the topics in the field, such as the division of prehistoric time according to technological developments evident in projectile points. The Archaeology in the Classroom project was sponsored by Midlands Gives and made possible in part by a grant from the S.C. Humanities Council. It has so far taken its program to six schools and worked with some 300 students. For more information on the project, visit www.scapod.org or email scapod@gmail.com.



TOP LEFT: Students makes pottery 'coils,' long strands of rolled clay that are then pressed together and smoothed to create hand-built pottery without the use of a wheel.

CENTER LEFT: Some of the tools the students used to create their pottery pieces are seen.

LEFT: Some of the finished pieces of student-made pottery are seen as they dry during the demonstration.

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Diets fail to deliver

The weight loss industry in the United States has grown to 58.6 billion annually. Yet, despite the amount of money and efforts to focus on obesity, there has not been any significant improvement in the rates of chronic disease. The focus on losing weight to be healthy has failed to produce results. Instead of focusing on weight loss for measuring success, it is suggested by many nutrition professionals that we focus on being healthy, regardless of size.



Missy Corrigan

and size. All too often weight loss gets the credit for improving health when it was the adopted healthier behaviors that led to these improvements. Weight loss is not necessary for improving health. An overweight individual who has good habits can be healthier than someone of normal weight that doesn't have healthy habits.

Behavior change — independent of weight loss — is what drives our health. This weight-neutral approach focuses on positive habits that encourage healthy behavior changes. This means that obese individuals can improve their health by eating more nutritious foods and exercising regularly. Weight loss, if it happens, is secondary. By shifting the focus off of weight, the focus is on behaviors for health rather than reaching a number on the scale.

Weight-focused dieting can be both psychologically and physically damaging. By shifting to a more weight-neutral approach, the focus is on individual behaviors, thoughts and feelings. These behavior changes can stabilize weight at a healthy level regardless of being within the ideal weight range. So ditch the scale, and change your focus to improving your eating, sleep and exercise habits. This will support both mental and physical health of all individuals of any size. *Missy Corrigan is executive of community health for Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymca-sumter.org or (803) 773-1404.*

More U.S. adults try vaping but current use is down, data show

CHICAGO (AP) — New research shows 1 in 7 U.S. adults have tried electronic cigarettes. That's an increase but it's offset by a small decline in the number currently using the devices.

About 3 percent of adults were current users in 2016, down from almost 4 percent in 2014, the study found. Adults who said they have tried vaping at least once reached just over 15 percent in 2016, versus 12.6 percent in 2014. That means an estimated 33 million U.S. adults have tried e-cigarettes, said University of Iowa researcher Dr. Wei Bao, the lead author.

The decline in e-cigarette use among current smokers and increased use among former smokers suggests that some adults are using them to quit smoking tobacco. But a rise in use among adults who never smoked tobacco is concerning, Bao said.

The study was published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that turn liquid often containing nicotine into an inhalable vapor. They have been sold in the United States for about a decade.

The devices have been touted as a way to help smokers quit traditional tobacco products but solid evidence of that is lacking, and uncertainty over their long-term health effects has raised concerns about their use, especially by teens.



Under federal law, sales are banned to those under 18.

Previous data show recent use among U.S. teens declined in 2016 after rising in previous years. In 2016, 11 percent of U.S. high school students and 4 percent of middle schoolers said they'd used the devices during the previous month.

In the new study, researchers analyzed annual U.S. government in-person surveys for 2014 through 2016 that asked Americans aged 18 and older questions about

health-related habits. About 100,000 adults were involved.

Current use included adults who use e-cigarettes daily or just some days; ever-use included those who frequently used the devices in the past and adults who have only tried them once.

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Trump: U.S. hasn't been notified about N. Korea's threat to cancel summit

BY ZEKE MILLER AND CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday the U.S. hasn't been notified about North Korea's threat to cancel his planned summit with Kim Jong Un next month.

North Korea threatened earlier in the day to scrap the historic summit between Trump and Kim, saying it has no interest in a "one-sided" affair meant to pressure the North to abandon its nuclear weapons. Trump maintained that he'll still insist on the country's denuclearization should the summit go on.

"We haven't been notified at all" about the threat, Trump said as he welcomed the president of Uzbekistan to the White House.

He added: "We haven't seen anything. We haven't heard anything. We will see what happens."

The warning from North Korea's first vice foreign minister came after the country abruptly canceled a high-level meeting with South Korea to protest U.S.-South Korean military exercises that the North has long claimed are an invasion rehearsal.

National Security Adviser John Bolton told Fox News Radio Wednesday that "we are trying to be both optimistic and realistic at the same time."

'This is not like a condo deal where two people sit down and hash out a number of outstanding issues'

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Bolton, who was called out by name by the North for saying that the U.S. is seeking to seek an outcome similar to Libya's unilateral nuclear disarmament, said the personal attack raised question of "whether this really is a sign that they're not taking our objective of denuclearization seriously."

Press secretary Sarah Sanders said earlier Wednesday that preparations for the summit were ongoing despite the cancellation threat and that Trump is "hopeful" the meeting will still take place.

"If it doesn't we'll continue the maximum pressure campaign that's been ongoing," she told Fox & Friends.

Oregon Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden said he is concerned that talks are "really being oversimplified" by the White House.

"This is not like a condo deal where two people sit down and hash out a number of outstanding issues and then they say 'Well, some lawyers can write it up,'" he said.



MINDY SCHAUER/THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/SCNG VIA AP

Firefighters and sheriff's deputies escort children from Academy on the Hill pre-k school in Aliso Viejo, California, on Tuesday after a fatal explosion nearby.

Explosion at medical building investigated as intentional act

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal and local investigators searched through debris, looking for remnants of a possible explosive device, after a blast at a Southern California medical office building that left a woman dead and three other people injured.

The explosion happened around 1 p.m. Tuesday in Aliso Viejo, about 50 miles south of Los Angeles.

Investigators worked through the night and remained at the scene Wednesday morning, said Orange County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Carrie Braun.

The blast blew siding off the walls, exposing insulation and framing and shattering windows at the two-story building that houses medical offices.

"The corner of that building, the whole bottom floor is pretty much blown out," said Orange County Fire Authority Capt. Tony Bommarito.

The cause of the blast remained a mystery for much of the day, with officials initially believing a car had smashed into the building. But sheriff's officials said the size of the blast made it suspicious.

A federal official told The Associated Press late Tuesday that the explosion was thought to be an intentional

act and the blast may have come from a package.

The official said the information was based on a preliminary investigation. Authorities said they had not yet located an explosive device and were searching through debris.

The official, who was briefed on the investigation, was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Bomb technicians and agents from the Sheriff's Department, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were at the scene Tuesday night.

"We have not found any type of specific device inside of the building right now that would tell us or lead us to exactly what the device was, if there was a device," sheriff's Cmdr. Dave Sawyer said.

The woman who was killed inside the building was "in close proximity" to the explosion, Sawyer said. The three people who were injured were nearby and were being questioned by investigators late Tuesday night, he said.

"Anytime you see an explosion of this magnitude, it would definitely be suspicious to us," Sawyer said.

Police praise Wisconsin students for prank

CUMBERLAND, Wis. (AP) — Police had praise for students who created an illusion for a senior class prank that appeared to show a car crashed into the principal's office.

Students at Cumberland High School in Wisconsin used a junk car, some bricks, some tape and a black tarp to make it look like the car had crashed into their school.

Police arrived on the scene only to realize it wasn't really a wreck. The Cumberland Police Department wrote on Facebook that it was "one of the best senior pranks."

The school district also congratulated the students for their ingenuity.



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This photo taken Wednesday shows what looks to be a car that crashed into the principal's office at Cumberland High School in Cumberland, Wisconsin, but is actually an illusion created for a senior class prank.

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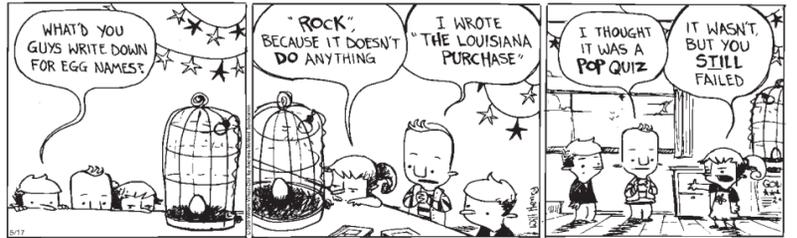
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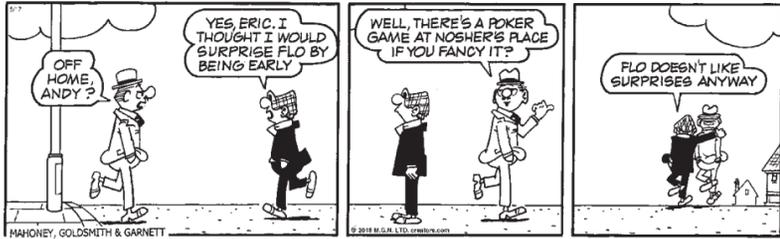
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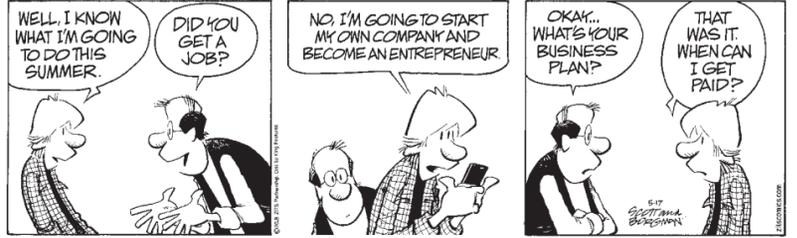
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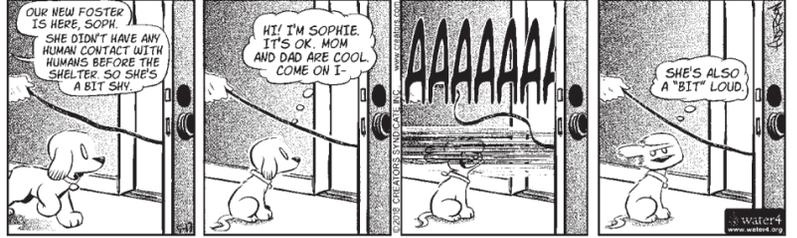
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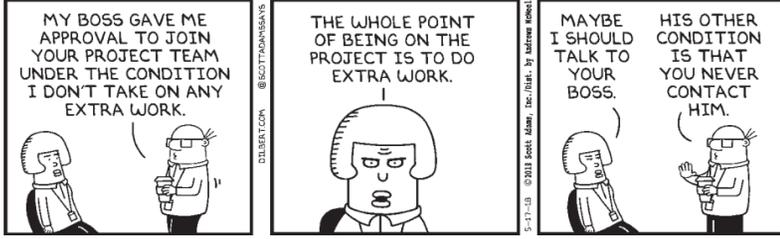
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Exhausted, hot mess mom

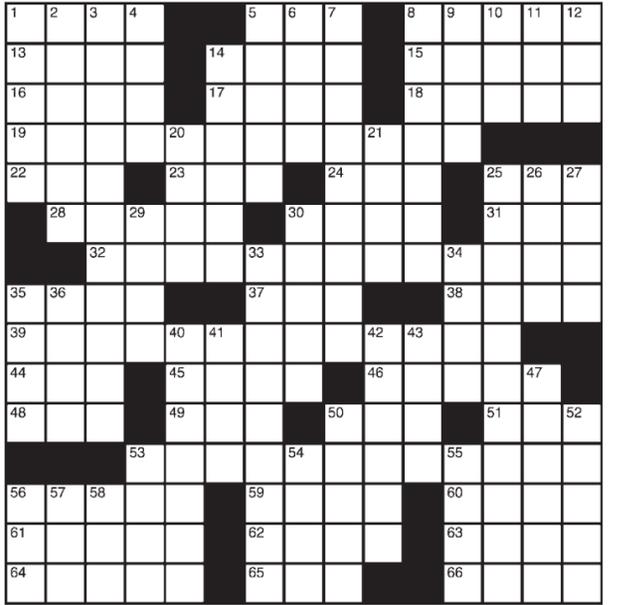
physician, who can then help you explain to your husband that if he doesn't step up, he could indeed be left with the sole responsibility of taking care of the children. You're right. You shouldn't be carrying the whole load, and the bonus would be the likelihood that your husband's relationship with the children would improve.

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

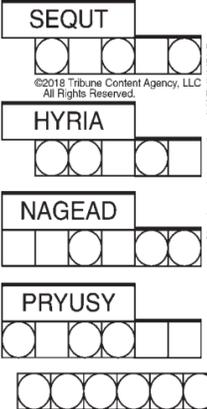


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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: GUARD CEASE STUDIO SCRIPT
Answer: When the basketball player appeared as a witness, the jury had — COURT-SIDE SEATS

SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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In Sumter County, average prices were among the lowest at \$2.55, while Clarendon County's average of \$2.72 was the second-highest in the state. Last year, Sumter's average gas price was \$2.

With more people on the roads during this time, Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the "100 Deadliest Days," the period when teen traffic deaths historically rise, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Last year, there were 1,008 collisions resulting in 501 injuries and 12 fatalities in South Carolina, according to the foundation.

With busy roadways being almost a guarantee this weekend, Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis offered some safety tips for traveling:

- Be well-rested and alert, observe the speed limit and follow the rules of the road;
- If you plan on drinking alcohol, designate a driver who won't drink or make sure you can call a taxi or ride-share app;
- Give your full attention to the road, avoiding distractions such as cell-phones;
- Use caution in work zones;
- Don't follow other vehicles too closely;
- Clean your vehicle's lights and windows to help you see, especially at night;
- Turn on your headlights as dusk approaches or during inclement weather;
- Don't let your vehicle's gas tank get too low;
- If you have car trouble, pull over as far off the road as possible; and
- Let someone know where you are going, your route and when you expect to get there. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along the predetermined route.

Dennis mentioned road rage as a particular danger to motorists. "As the temperatures go higher, tempers grow shorter, and that can lead to dangerous situations on the highways," he said. Some tips to avoiding road rage or those showcasing it include:

- Display common courtesy. If someone wants to go around you, let them. It's not worth risking getting into an accident or worse with a driver displaying bad behavior;
- Fatigue can also be a factor. As drivers get tired, tempers often flare up more easily;
- Never argue with another driver; and
- Call 911 if you notice a dangerous driver such as someone weaving in and out of traffic. Give them your location and direction

MEMORIAL DAY BY THE NUMBERS

520,359

South Carolinians who are expected to drive to their destinations

37,855

South Carolinians who are expected to fly to their destinations

32,531

South Carolinians who are expected to take other modes of transportation (cruises, trains and buses)

\$2.61

Average gas price in South Carolina

Top travel destinations for Carolinians

By vehicle:

1. Myrtle Beach
2. Washington, D.C.
3. Orlando, Florida
4. Asheville, North Carolina
5. St. Augustine, Florida

By air:

1. Alaska
2. Italy
3. Dominican Republic
4. Bahamas
5. Jamaica

of travel and a description of the driver's car.

"Other factors that can contribute to road rage include driving while texting or talking on your telephone; leaving your high beams on as you meet a vehicle in the oncoming lane or when you overtake a slower vehicle ahead of you; or not using a turn signal when you change lanes or turn," Dennis said.

Dennis warned against trying to video the unsafe driver unless a passenger can discretely.

"If someone wants to get there a half-minute ahead of you," he said, "let them."

While road trippers will pay higher gas prices, travelers can expect relief in their wallets when paying for airfare, car rentals and most mid-range hotels.

According to AAA's Leisure Travel Index, airfares are 7 percent lower than last Memorial Day, landing an average price of \$168 for a round-trip flight along the top 40 domestic routes. At \$59, the average daily cost of a rental car is the lowest rate in the past four years and 11 percent cheaper than last year.

Travel numbers are not expected to change for Memorial Day weekend, but gas prices likely will or may already have. For the most up-to-date gas prices throughout the Carolinas, visit www.gasprices.aaa.com.



Sumter County Councilman Gene Baten gives ideas about how to tackle the opioid problem in Sumter during a strategic work session hosted by Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments on Wednesday.

ADRIENNE SARVIS / THE SUMTER ITEM

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He said the reason Sumter has been designated a low risk area is because of the low number of deaths.

Opioid overdoses can also be underrepresented on death certificates when a symptom of the overdose is listed as the cause of death, said Kathy Cheek, substance abuse care program manager at Sumter Family Health Center.

The stigma of drug overdose deaths is hurting local agencies when they seek funding to address the problem, she said.

"We do admit in Kershaw County we have a problem," said Mara Jones, with ALPHA Behavioral Health Center.

Some facilities are tapped out on treatment resources, including staff, and potential patients have died while waiting for treatment, she said.

Jones said best practice evidence shows outpatient treatment combined with medication-assisted treatment and cognitive counseling is the most significant form of long-term recovery.

In-patient care takes place in a restricted environment where the person does not learn to adjust to real-life situations, making it easier to relapse once they are released, she said.

The medications used for this kind of treatment shuts down a person's opioid craving, which is constantly pushing the person to seek more drugs, and allows them to focus on learning recovery skills, she said.

"Their brain never turns off from the craving," she said.

And while some may have an issue with substituting one drug for another, they need to know someone on the treatment medication is taking care of his or her family and being a productive member of society, Jones said.

A person on opioids is committing crimes and draining the tax payer system, she said.

Cheek said Sumter Family Health Center is planning to partner with Sumter Behavioral Health Services to provide medication-assisted treatment and counseling for opioid addicts for people with various insurance providers or even no insurance.

But, ultimately, the person has to be invested in getting better, she said.

On average, Jones said, it takes seven attempts at treatment before a person with an addiction gets clean and sober.

Representatives from the four counties also discussed

methods of educating the public about the dangers of opioids, including getting into the schools.

It may be difficult for some people to accept that kind of information going into an elementary school, Hingst said, but you have to start early because learning habits are established at a young age. And education has to continue throughout middle and high school, he said.

There also needs to be resources for students who already have a problem with opioids, he said, which can be prescription pain pills or heroin.

Cheek said local agencies also need to address barriers such as transportation blocking a person's path to treatment and recovery, especially in rural parts of the region.

Other suggestions for education included providing information during prenatal care visits, posting eye-catching information online, offering incentives for those seeking treatment and making a memorable message that can be shared throughout the four-county region.

The representatives decided that Santee-Lynches would collect opioid overdose data for each of the four counties and create and disseminate an awareness message that will be shared in each county.

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public opinion is on various aspects of their property, Aimee Vora said.

Feedback for homeowners on their properties via social media, such as Facebook and Instagram, is often biased since a person's friends and families are providing the opinions.

Fellow Sumter Realtor Lisa Svetlik, who has 33 years of experience in the field, thinks the app is a "brilliant idea," she said. "This gives you information to give to your sellers," she said.

Realtors are individually linked to specific properties and can generate their own leads of potential buyers, as well.

The incentive for online reviewers is the more property reviews they complete, the more points they rack up, which are redeemable for gift cards, according to the

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Voras.

The Voras have been in product development for about 18 months, they said, and through free trials to date they have basically worked out all the bugs, Aimee Vora said.

The prime package for Realtors is \$499 per year and includes listing 10 properties online with 10 pictures each. Properties stay online for ratings and feedback for 30 days.

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COMMENTARY

To understand why Trump won, look at Democratic hysteria

WASHINGTON — If you want to understand why Donald Trump is president today (and why he could very well win a second term), look to the Democrats' hysterical response to two of Trump's major foreign policy achievements over the past week.

Last Thursday, the president traveled to Joint Base Andrews to greet three American hostages whose release he had secured from North Korea. Unlike his predecessor, Trump did it without sending the offending regime an unmarked plane loaded with hundreds of millions in hard currency. The return of these American captives should have been a moment of celebration and bipartisan unity.

So how did Democrats respond? By blasting Trump for the way he welcomed the U.S. hostages home. The pretext for their outrage was Trump's comment thanking Kim Jong Un, who he said "really was excellent to these three incredible people" -- by which Trump obviously meant releasing them. No matter. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., took the Senate floor to attack Trump for his "troubling" remarks. "Kim Jong Un is a dictator" who "capriciously detained American citizens," Schumer declared, channeling Captain Obvious, and warned that, by praising Kim, Trump "weakens American foreign policy and puts American citizens at risk around the world."

Seriously? How do Democrats take a positive event such as the release of American hostages and turn it into an excuse to attack Trump? Apparently, Trump Derangement Syndrome is so debilitating that Democrats can't bring themselves to say "Good job, Mr. President," even when he brings our hostages home. Before, Democrats complained that Trump was too belligerent toward Kim; now, they're upset that he is too effusive. This is absurd. Trump is laying the groundwork for a high-stakes nuclear summit with Kim; of course the president is not going to publicly criticize him. People in Middle America listen to the Democrats' reactions and think: Can Trump do nothing right in these people's eyes?

Then, a few days later, Trump racked up another major achievement when he fulfilled his promise to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. Four American presidents pledged to do it, but only Trump actually did. How did Democrats respond? Not a single congressional Democrat traveled to Israel to attend the historic opening of the embas-



Marc Thiessen

sy. Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., said that he personally invited Democrats to join the congressional delegation, but no one took him up on the

offer. "I am disappointed that not one Democrat came," Graham said. "What does that say?" It says not a single Democrat could bring themselves to join in a celebration of what Trump had done.

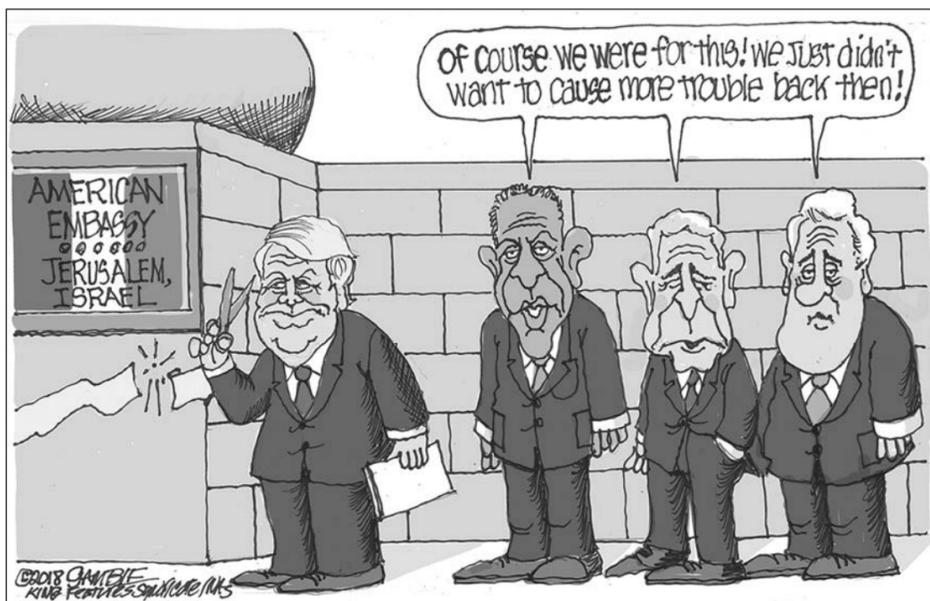
House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., blasted Trump's decision when he announced it in December, declaring that "moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem now may needlessly spark mass protests, fuel tensions, and make it more difficult to reach a durable peace." Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., did the same, declaring, "The future of Jerusalem is an issue that should be decided by Israel and the Palestinians, not unilaterally by the United States." Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., called Trump's embassy move a setback while former Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., declared that Trump's action would "severely, perhaps irreparably damage" peace efforts.

Keep in mind, the past four Democratic Party platforms had called for the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. And last June, the Senate voted 90-0 (with the support of Feinstein, Murphy and Sanders) for a resolution that "reaffirms the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995," which mandated the embassy move (a bill that passed two decades ago with Pelosi's vote). Americans see Trump being criticized for doing exactly what Congress demanded, and his Democratic and Republican predecessors promised, and they rightly see hypocrisy.

No matter what Trump does, the Democratic reaction is the same: Outrage. When Democrats can't even praise Trump unreservedly for bringing American hostages home or show up when he fulfills a plank of the Democratic Party platform by moving our embassy to Jerusalem, it further convinces millions of Americans who abandoned the Democratic Party in 2016 that they made the right decision.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Two views of proposed SCE&G rate cuts

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

THE POST AND COURIER May 10

The legislative session ended recently, and SCE&G customers are still paying 18 percent of their monthly power bills toward the \$9 billion cost of two failed nuclear reactors that will never be switched on.

It's time to finally do something about that.

A conference committee composed of state House and Senate members met recently to consider a rate cut for SCE&G customers. They failed to take any action.

The House has approved a full 18 percent rate cut. The Senate has approved a less optimal, but safer 13 percent cut. Both would be temporary measures while state regulators and officials work to further untangle the mess that led to one of South Carolina's most costly economic disasters.

But it's time to reach an agreement.

The 18 percent cut appeals to fairness. After all, why should customers continue to pay for something that will never benefit them? It's outrageous that SCE&G ratepayers have spent an average of \$27 per month on the two abandoned reactors for close to a year by now.

The 13 percent cut the Senate wants has the advantage of safety. According to a recent report, that's the maximum that lawmakers can cut SCE&G customers' bills without risking financial chaos for the utility's parent company, SCANA.

Frustrated customers may not be particularly concerned about the financial health of SCANA right now. But they should be. SCANA, and the reliable electricity it supplies, are key components of South Carolina's larger economy. The state can't function without power, and throwing SCANA into chaos could end up forcing everyone to pay even higher electric bills in the long run.

Further complicating matters, Gov. Henry McMaster has threatened to veto any rate cut less than the full 18 percent. But that's almost certainly an empty threat. Vetoing lower power bills for hundreds of thousands of South Carolina residents and businesses would be politically disastrous ahead of the upcoming gubernatorial primary.

Again, the rate cuts in question are temporary. Regulators will have the final say. They should find a way to completely undo the nuclear payments and permanently lower customers' bills.

But in the meantime, SCE&G ratepayers need relief.

The House and Senate are considering a move that would allow them to keep debating nuclear issues into the summer, after the regular session has ended. There's no reason to delay this any further and leave customers to pay yet another inflated electric bill. Lawmakers have had since January to come up with a solution. It's past time.

Take advantage of the last day of the session. Cut rates. Pick a fair 18 percent or a safe 13 percent. Either would provide desperately needed short-term respite from higher power bills — especially as the weather starts to heat up.

Send something to Mr. McMaster. Let regulators continue their work. And save SCE&G customers a few extra dollars now — not later.

Online: <https://www.postandcourier.com/>

THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT May 16

At too many turns along the way, the news from the ongoing saga of the abandoned nuclear reactors at the V.C. Summer plant in Fairfield County has been anything but positive for the utilities.

The very idea of those at the helm at South Carolina Electric and Gas Co., its parent firm SCANA Corp. and Santee Cooper profiting in any way from the debacle infuriates just about everyone, not the least of those being South Carolina lawmakers determined to provide relief for ratepayers picking up the tab for the failed project.

While it's not hard to get most South Carolinians to go along with the idea that they've paid enough for the project, the fact is the General Assembly cannot solve the problem as much as it wants the public to believe it can.

Before leaving Columbia at the session's end this past week, both the House and Senate passed legislation mandating rate reductions by SCE&G for the tab being charged to electric customers for the nuclear project. (The Legislature and PSC have no power regarding Santee Cooper rates.)

The House and Senate versions differ and there is no guarantee of a compromise, though lawmakers are anxious to tell voters they did something on the issue ahead of June's primaries.

The House version removes the rate hikes for the nuclear project authorized under the Base Load Review Act, the 2007 law approved by the General Assembly

that gave SCE&G the right to make such charges whether the project was successful or not. The House extends the rate relief until the Public Service Commission makes a decision on whether SCE&G and SCANA are responsible for the nuclear debt. The reduction would also last through any court cases resulting from appeals.

The Senate lifts the rate hikes imposed after 2011, leaving 2009-2010 rate hikes intact. It gives relief for 30 days.

There are real questions regarding the legislature's legal power to mandate a rate reduction, but even if the reductions occur, they are short-lived.

With the PSC ruling scheduled for later this year, rate relief would range from one month (the Senate) to about five months (the House). By year's end, the PSC would have to decide on SCE&G/SCANA's liability and whether Virginia-based Dominion Energy's proposal to purchase SCANA will be approved.

The much-publicized merger of the utilities would mean implementation of Dominion's plan to refund SCE&G's customers about \$1,000 each and reduce rates for the nuclear project by about 5 percent, but the remainder of the 18 percent being charged now would remain for 20 years. Dominion has said it will not go through with the merger if lawmakers or regulators remove its ability to recoup nuclear project monies. Without the merger, SCANA has said it would continue to charge for the plant for up to 60 more years.

Doing away with the Base Load Review Act is within lawmakers' power, but retroactively undoing SCE&G's ability under the law to charge for the nuclear project is certain to be challenged in court. And all the while this saga plays out, the future of SCANA Corp. and SCE&G is left hanging. Despite the claims and counter-claims of the utility's ability to survive if it is saddled with all nuclear plant debt, such a scenario would not be good for SCE&G, which is vital to development and quality of life in a big part of South Carolina.

A famous Yogi Berra quote is "It ain't over til it's over." Well, it seems South Carolina's experience with the failed nuclear project is anything but over, even if lawmakers come to agreement in the coming weeks on rate reductions. The fight then, in some ways, will have just begun. And the future of the Dominion deal, which remains the best solution all around, will be in further doubt.

Online: <http://thetandd.com/>

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CRUISERS CAR CLUB SHOW WON'T BE AT IRIS FESTIVAL

As president of the Sumter Cruisers Car Club, it has been brought to my attention and I've seen for myself, that the Iris Festival Committee has listed on their web-site and in several flyers,

that the Sumter Cruisers Show & Shine will be part of the activities on Sunday May 27th during the Iris Festival.

This is not true.

Although we have been a part of the Festival for the last 20 years, the Festival committee did not ask us to take part this year.

We will be displaying our cars on Saturday May 26th from 5 to 8 pm at the Sumter K-mart parking lot. Please come see our cars & trucks at this time.

Thank You,
DAVID MARCELLA
Sumter

AROUND TOWN

A Friends of the NRA event will be held at 6 p.m. today at 31 Artillery Drive. Continue the legacy of fighting for the future of the Second Amendment while enjoying a night of auctions, drawings, firearms and fun. Friends of NRA is a grass-roots fundraising program that fosters community involvement, raises money and gives 100 percent of the net proceeds to qualified local, state and national programs. Ticket prices are \$20 for children, \$45 for singles, \$80 for couples and \$320 for a table. Call Debbie Brown at (803) 340-0025. Visit www.friendsofnra.org.

The General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817 Military Order of Purple Heart will meet at 6 p.m. today at the Sumter Combat Veterans Group building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All Purple Heart recipients and those interested in association membership are invited. Life membership is available for only \$25. For more information, call (803) 773-0658.

Santee Wateree RTA will hold public meetings to obtain community input in determining how the current Lee County Trans Route may be modified to provide passengers additional opportunities to access various recreational, social, employment, medical and educational venues that the cities of Bishopville and Sumter have to offer. Meetings will be as follows: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, Lynchburg Police Department, 106 Main St., Lynchburg; and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, Franklin Store, 2831 Woodrow Road, Woodrow.

Rembert Area Community Coalition will hold summer camp for ages 3 1/2 to 12 years old from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 11-July 20, at the Rembert Youth Center (behind Rembert Car Wash), 20 Horatio-Hagood Road, Rembert. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. each day and lunch will be served at noon each day. Reduced rate for multiple children. First 35 students signed up by May 15 will get a free week. Apply online at www.raccinc.org

Free diabetes, cholesterol and prostate screenings will be available from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 300 Odom Lane, Wedgefield. Call Palmetto

Health CareCall at (803) 774-CARE (2273) to register. Diabetes screenings available for anyone between the ages of 18-44 and are considered to be at high risk and all adults age 45 or older. Cholesterol screenings available for anyone age 18 or older and 12 hour fasting is required. Prostate screenings available for African American men ages 40-69 and all other men ages 50-69.

Mayfest 2018 will be held on Saturday, May 19. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Moody and Horatio Haygood roads, continuing on to Sumter Landing Road to the community park across from Willow Grove AME Church. Call Brother Michael Miller at (803) 499-2127 for information.

Because of God We Can Outreach Ministry will hold a giveaway beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, at the home of Viola Shaw, 186 Green Lane, Bishopville. Food will be served at noon. Tickets will be drawn for door prizes as well as cash prizes. Entertainment will be provided by the Goodman Family of Lynchburg and Lisa Bradley of Bishopville. Donated items include: clothes (men, women and children), treadmill, toys, shoes (men, women and children), televisions, chest freezer, dryer and more. Call (803) 428-3488 for information.

The One Sumter Community group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 315 W. Fulton St. The meeting will serve as a "meet and greet" the candidates running in the June primary. For information, call Joshua Dupree at (803) 795-3600.

A Sumter County Job Fair will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at the Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St. Up to 80 employers are expected to be on site for this event. From 9 to 9:30 a.m. will be for veterans only. Professional dress is required and attendees need to bring their resume. Call S.C. Works at (803) 774-1300 or (803) 432-5153 for information.

Local author Musick Harris will hold a book signing at Bojangles restaurant, Paxville Highway, Manning, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, and Tuesday, May 29.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
					
A shower and t-storm around	A t-storm early; cloudy, humid	Variable clouds with a t-storm	Mostly cloudy with a t-storm	A thunderstorm in spots	A t-storm in spots in the p.m.
80°	69°	81° / 67°	81° / 68°	82° / 67°	84° / 67°
Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%
S 8-16 mph	S 6-12 mph	SSW 6-12 mph	S 6-12 mph	S 6-12 mph	W 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

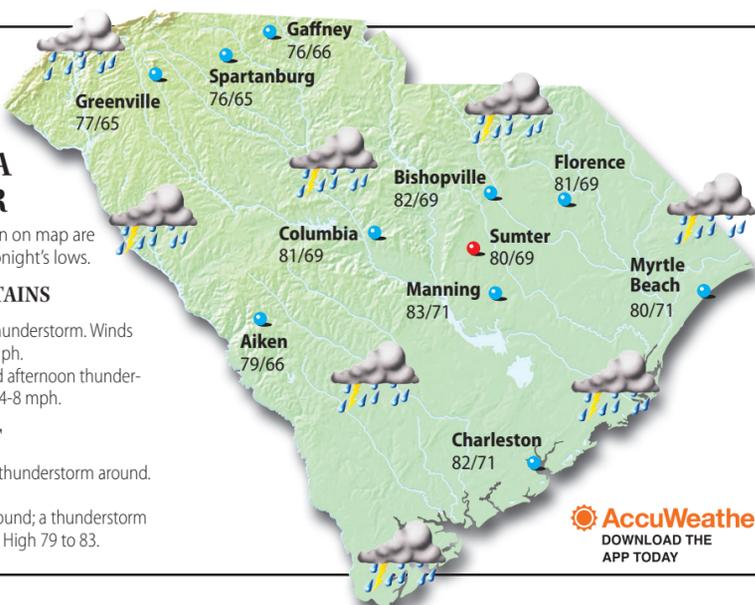
Today: Rain and a thunderstorm. Winds east-southeast 4-8 mph.

Friday: Morning and afternoon thunderstorms. Winds south 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower or thunderstorm around. High 80 to 84.

Friday: A shower around; a thunderstorm in spots in the south. High 79 to 83.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
82°	82°	70°	82°	57°	97° in 1962	46° in 1978

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
0.95"	1.44"	1.56"	10.91"	15.46"	15.91"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.16	+0.11
Marion	76.8	75.54	+0.05
Moultrie	75.5	75.15	+0.08
Wateree	100	97.42	+0.09

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	3.62	-0.19
Congaree River	19	3.71	-1.30
Lynches River	14	2.56	-0.03
Saluda River	14	6.43	-0.25
Up. Santee River	80	77.15	+0.11
Wateree River	24	6.59	-2.09

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:19 a.m.	Sunset	8:18 p.m.
Moonrise	8:23 a.m.	Moonset	10:51 p.m.

Phase	Date
First	May 21
Full	May 29
Last	June 6
New	June 13

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	11:21 a.m.	3.0	6:01 a.m.	-0.4
	11:41 p.m.	3.7	6:03 p.m.	-0.5
Fri.	12:15 p.m.	2.9	6:53 a.m.	-0.3
	---	---	6:56 p.m.	-0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	81/67/t	82/68/t
Chicago	78/55/pc	76/56/pc
Dallas	94/75/s	94/73/s
Detroit	78/53/pc	70/55/pc
Houston	96/69/s	95/71/s
Los Angeles	71/57/s	69/58/pc
New Orleans	93/71/s	94/72/pc
New York	70/58/sh	62/52/r
Orlando	81/70/t	83/69/t
Philadelphia	68/59/r	62/54/r
Phoenix	97/69/s	94/70/s
San Francisco	65/55/pc	66/54/pc
Wash., DC	71/61/t	68/61/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	74/61/r	76/62/t	Florence	81/69/t	81/66/t
Athens	81/64/c	81/64/t	Gainesville	83/69/t	84/69/t
Augusta	81/64/t	83/62/t	Gastonia	77/66/r	80/66/t
Beaufort	84/70/t	83/70/pc	Goldsboro	81/69/t	80/68/t
Cape Hatteras	79/70/t	81/71/sh	Goose Creek	83/72/t	81/70/t
Charleston	82/71/r	82/70/t	Greensboro	77/67/r	77/65/t
Charlotte	77/67/r	80/66/t	Greenville	77/65/r	79/66/t
Clemson	77/65/r	81/65/t	Hickory	73/65/r	77/64/c
Columbia	81/69/t	83/68/t	Hilton Head	82/73/t	80/71/t
Darlington	82/70/t	82/68/t	Jacksonville, FL	84/69/t	83/69/t
Elizabeth City	80/69/t	80/68/t	La Grange	84/66/t	85/66/t
Elizabethtown	82/72/t	82/69/t	Macon	84/66/c	83/65/t
Fayetteville	81/70/t	81/67/t	Marietta	81/65/c	81/66/t
Marion	75/63/r	77/63/t	Mt. Pleasant	82/73/t	81/71/t
Myrtle Beach	80/71/t	79/70/t	Orangeburg	81/68/t	82/67/t
Port Royal	83/72/t	81/71/pc	Raleigh	80/68/t	79/65/t
Rock Hill	77/66/r	80/65/t	Rockingham	81/70/t	82/68/t
Savannah	84/68/t	83/68/t	Spartanburg	76/65/r	80/65/t
Summerville	82/70/t	81/69/t	Wilmington	80/72/t	79/70/t
Winston-Salem	77/67/r	77/65/t			

PUBLIC AGENDA

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION
Today, 5:30 p.m., building M500, second floor, President's Conference Room, 506 N. Guignard Drive

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
Today, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Touch base with an old friend or

relative. The information you share will be eye-opening and lead to some unexpected changes that will encourage you to take an active role in the way things unfold in your personal and professional life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Try not to conflict with those who aren't heading in the same direction. Use your resources to help you stay on track until you get what you want. Reconnecting with someone from your past will change your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get motivated and get moving. Express your feelings and make decisions that will help you sort out any unfinished personal business that needs to be taken care of. Walk away from anyone asking for too much or taking advantage of you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Find a unique way to help others. Offering suggestions and bringing about changes that will make it easier for others to contribute to what you are trying to accomplish will help you reach your goal. Make a statement and stick to it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be tempted to follow someone. If you want a change, do something that will benefit you. Simplicity and moderation should be honored no matter how tempted you are to go over budget. Physical improvements can be made.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need to get out more. Try new things, sign up for a course or go to networking functions that will bring you in contact with people who share your interests and concerns. Gather facts by talking to an expert.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you want something, put a little energy behind achieving your goal. Hard work will pay off, and a physical effort to get what you want is the best way to reach your objective. Romance will enhance your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get involved in the creative process behind something you want to do; you will gain respect as well as hone the skills you need to conquer your goals. Embrace the unusual and manipulate things to work in your favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't believe everything you hear. Be cautious when it comes to partnerships and sensitive issues that could easily backfire on you if handled improperly. Aim for stability. Be a trendsetter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen and you will be given information that will allow you to bring about positive changes at home and in your community. Don't expect everyone to want to follow your plan. Don't waste time on those who don't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You don't have to overspend to make a point. Live within your means and offer insight and good advice if you want to get something done on time. A personal change will boost your ego, and romance is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful how you handle personal matters, children and domestic affairs. You'll face someone who is a master manipulator, making you question what you are doing. Don't put up with ultimatums or interference. Make your own opportunities.

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Sandra Holbert comments on her photos, "Of all places for a mockingbird to build her nest in my yard, she chose to build it on a ladder that is hanging on the side of a storage building."

USC SUMTER BASEBALL

Fire Ants forced to wait a day to start Eastern District tourney

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The University of South Carolina Sumter baseball team has had to wait a day before beginning play in the NJCAA Eastern District tournament after a major storm ripped through Poughkeepsie, New York, on Tuesday.

The Fire Ants were scheduled to open the tournament against ASA Brooklyn on Wednesday. However, a storm with wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour, heavy rain and hail left the facility at which the tournament is being played without power.

The Fire Ants are scheduled to play today at 10 a.m. If it wins, USC Sumter will face the winner of the game between Harford Community College and Monroe College on Friday at 10 a.m. If it loses, USCS will take on the loser of that game today at 4 p.m.

Fire Ants head coach Tim Medlin said in a text on Wednesday that night games can't be played because of the power issues, and that today's games may be played without any power at all in the facility.



MEDLIN

Medlin also said it took all morning on Wednesday to clear debris from the park and surrounding roads. He stated there are trees down everywhere and

that many hotels are closed because of the power outage.

The Poughkeepsie Journal said in a Wednesday story that 20,000 customers in the area were without power and that it may not be completely restored until the weekend.

The winner of the 4-team, double-elimination tournament will earn a berth in the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. The Fire Ants are 36-21 on the season while ASA Brooklyn is 19-17.

Harford is 47-12 while Monroe 33-14-1.

PREP BASEBALL

Cavaliers come through with 5-3 victory, force title game in 2A series

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Robert E. Lee Academy and Pee Dee Academy will play at Wilson Hall's Baron Field today at 7 p.m. to decide the SCISA 2A baseball state championship.

The Cavaliers forced a third and deciding game in the series with a 5-3 victory on Tuesday in Mullins. REL improved to 24-3 on the season, while the Golden Eagles dropped 20-3.

Robert E. Lee took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning in Tuesday's game. Pee Dee starting pitcher Timmy Felder walked the first five batters of the game, forcing in two runs with bases-loaded walks to Dustin Kennedy and Jenkins McCullum.

The other two runs came in on ground outs by Nick Laney and Austin Windham. The Cavs pushed the lead to 5-0 in the second on a 2-out double by Kennedy.

Even though the Eagles rallied, that would be more than enough for Kennedy on the mound. Kennedy retired the first nine batters he faced and struck out eight batters in six innings. He allowed four hits.

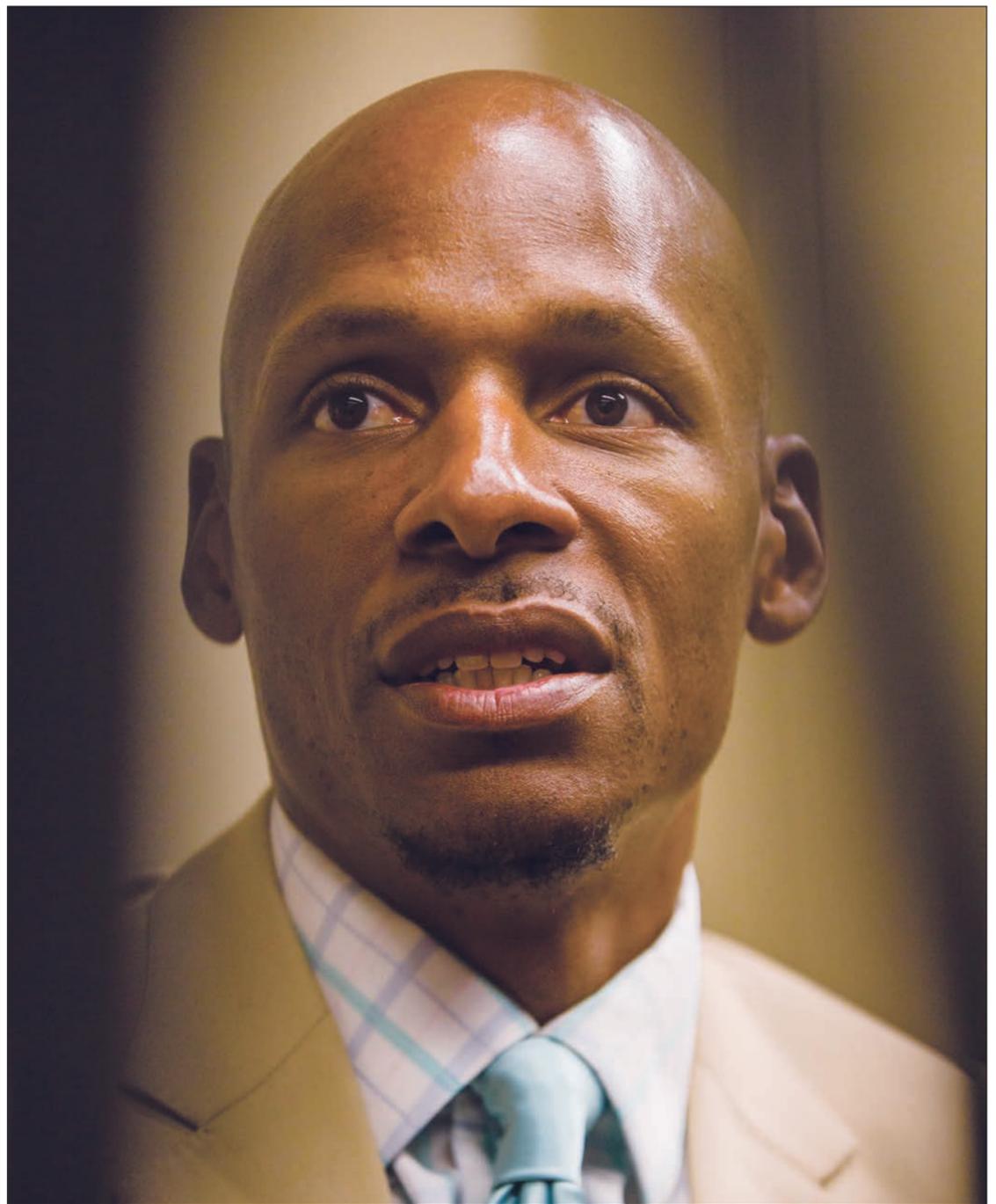
Pee Dee, which won the opener 2-0 on Monday in Bishopville, picked up two runs in the fourth and another in the sixth to pull within 5-3.

Gavin Melton came on in the seventh to retire the Eagles in order and picked up the save.

Pee Dee will be trying to defend its state title. Robert E. Lee, which is in the championship series for the fourth time in five years, is trying to win its first title since 2014.

LOCAL SPORTS

'Candy Man'



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Former Hillcrest High School standout and two-time NBA champion Ray Allen was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame on Monday in Columbia.

Basketball great Ray Allen talks Hillcrest state title, career, hall of fame inductions

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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COLUMBIA — While going through interview sessions for his induction into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame on Monday, Ray Allen was asked how often he was called "Jesus."

"Every day," Allen said in response to Jesus Shuttlesworth, the character he played in Spike Lee's 1998 movie "He Got Game."

When asked how long it had been since someone called him "Candy Man," Allen responded, "it's been a while. I know if I heard that I know I need to look around because it's someone from Hillcrest."

That nickname was given to the now 42-year-old Allen as he grew up playing for Hillcrest High School in Dalzell. And before he was the Big East Conference Player of the Year at Connecticut and before he was a major cog in leading the Bos-

ton Celtics and the Miami Heat to titles, he helped lead the Wildcats to the 1993 4A state title.

"That was the first thing that I ever really won," Allen said. "So to talk about the guys that we won with, like we grew up together. From the eighth grade on, we played B team; by the time we get to the 12th grade, we were a group of guys, we knew each other."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Celtics' Smart unflappable against Cavs

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Celtics coach Brad Stevens has said what has carried his team through the NBA postseason is its ability to make "winning plays" with the game on the line.

And more times than not, it's been Marcus Smart making them.

Since returning from thumb surgery late in the first round, Smart has been unflappable and Boston's unquestioned deacon of toughness.

From sacrificing his body diving for loose balls or keeping plays alive with a rebound, to causing deflections on defense, to popping up out of the crowd for a timely rebound or tip-in, Smart is the proud everyman for a once underdog Celtics team that has outworked



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Boston guard Marcus Smart, left, drives against Cleveland guard Kyle Korver during the second half of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday in Boston. The Celtics won 107-94 to take a 2-0 lead.

the Cavaliers through the first two games of the Eastern Conference finals.

"That's me. That's how I was raised," said Smart, who was Boston's top per-

former off the bench in the Celtics' 107-94 Game 2 win with 11 points, nine assists, five rebounds and four steals. "I'm the youngest of four boys. My whole life I had to fight.

"I had to get down and do things in order to secure my spot in the household. So coming onto the court it's nothing different."

Boston took a 2-0 series lead on the Bucks in the first round before dropping back-to-back games in Milwaukee. Smart came off the bench when the series swung back to Boston for Game 5. He finished that one with nine points, five rebounds, four assists and three blocks to help the Celtics pull out a five-point victory.

Boston is 8-2 since Smart's return and has the Cavaliers facing their first 2-0 series hole since 2008, when they lost 4-3 to the Celtics in the conference semifinals. Boston went on to win the NBA title that season.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Capitals have home-ice disadvantage for Game 4 vs. Lightning

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The good news for Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals is they still lead their Eastern Conference final against the Tampa Bay Lightning. The bad news for the Capitals, counterintuitive as it may be: They host Game 4.

So far, Washington is 7-1 in away games this postseason, closing out each of its first two series on the road.

Heading into Thursday night, the Capitals are only 3-4 in their arena. The latest setback was a 4-2 loss to the Lightning on Tuesday, after victories at Tampa Bay by a combined score of 10-4 in the final's opening two games.

Ovechkin simply shrugged when asked about that discrepancy.

"We don't think about it," the three-time NHL MVP said. "We just play our game."

Others were less dismissive. "We can take a few things that we've done on the road and put it into our home game," goalie Braden Holtby said. "Just a little simpler. Simpler play. Just a kind of, like, more gritty style."

Asked what his club could do to fare better at home, Capitals coach Barry Trotz said: "Just play the way we do on the road. We're invested there. We're playing with real good focus. I didn't think we were as fo-



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Washington goaltender Braden Holtby (70) blocks a shot by Tampa Bay center Tyler Johnson (9) with Capitals defenseman Michal Kempny (6) nearby during the first period of Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday in Washington.

cused as we have been normally on the road. So just pretend you're on the road. All the buildings are pretty well the same these days."

Trotz notices a difference in his players' attitude on home ice, saying: "It's 'us against the world' when were on the road."

There is a league-wide trend here: Road teams are 38-34 in these playoffs.

So much for any supposed home-ice advantage, right?

"For whatever reason, at this time of the year there are more distractions than in the regular season, for sure. A lot of people have friends and family coming down and ticket requests. Sometimes there's that little added pressure of playing at home and wanting to obviously do good things in front of your fans," Light-

ning forward Steven Stamkos said. "There's something to be said, too, (for) winning games on the road, when you can just kind of hear a pin drop in the crowd, sometimes, which is always a good thing."

Holtby agreed.

"It's easier to play on the road. It's always that way on the road. Any team would say that," he said. "Because you're not focused on the excitement of your fans and all that. They bring you energy in good ways, but at the same time, you need to stay realistic and play your game."

During the regular season, Washington was a strong home team, playing in front of loud, red-wearing sell-out crowds in every game.

Only five teams in the 31-club NHL had more victories at home than Washington's 28 — and that total represents seven more wins than the Capitals managed on the road.

So what is going on in the playoffs?

"I don't really have an explanation for it, to be honest with you," defenseman Brooks Orpik said. "I know when we go on the road, I think maybe we feel a bit more relaxed, and when we do make mistakes, maybe we don't let the groaning affect us or whatnot. I mean, that being said, I think we should be probably mentally stronger to not let that affect us. Just got to try to find a way to win the next one at home, for sure."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

5 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Belgian Knockout Day 1 from Antwerp, Belgium (GOLF).

6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Internazionali BNL d'Italia Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).

9 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Belgian Knockout Day 1 from Antwerp, Belgium (GOLF).

10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Internazionali BNL d'Italia Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).

10:30 a.m. — LPGA Golf: Kingsmill Championship First Round from Williamsburg, Va. (GOLF).

Noon — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Miami (MLB NETWORK).

12:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Regions Tradition First Round from Birmingham, Ala. (GOLF).

2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Regulation Playoff First Leg Match — Holstein Kiel vs. Wolfsburg (FOX SPORTS 1).

3 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Draft Combine from Chicago (ESPN2).

4 p.m. — PGA Golf: Byron Nelson First Round from Dallas (GOLF).

6 p.m. — College Baseball: Clemson at Pittsburgh (WJMZ-FM 93.1).

6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).

7 p.m. — College Baseball: Louisiana State at Auburn (ESPN).

7 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour BMW Charity Pro-Am First Round from Greenville (GOLF).

7:30 p.m. — College Baseball: Texas Christian at Texas (FOX SPORTS 1).

7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Oakland at Toronto or Chicago Cubs at Atlanta (MLB NETWORK).

7:30 p.m. — College Baseball: South Carolina at Texas A&M (WNKT-FM 107.5).

8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Final Series Match 4 — Tampa Bay at Washington (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Romero Duno vs. Gilberto Gonzalez in a Lightweight Bout from Indio, Calif. (ESPN2).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	28	12	.700	—
Boston	28	14	.667	1
Toronto	22	21	.512	7½
Tampa Bay	19	22	.463	9½
Baltimore	13	29	.310	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	21	21	.500	—
Minnesota	18	21	.462	1½
Detroit	19	23	.452	2
Kansas City	13	30	.302	8½
Chicago	10	29	.256	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	17	.614	—
Los Angeles	25	17	.595	1
Seattle	24	17	.585	1½
Oakland	21	21	.500	5
Texas	16	27	.372	10½

TUESDAY

N.Y. Yankees at Washington, 5½ innings, susp.

Philadelphia at Baltimore, ppd.

Pittsburgh 7, Chicago White Sox 0

Detroit 9, Cleveland 8

Oakland 5, Boston 3

N.Y. Mets 12, Toronto 2

Minnesota 4, St. Louis 1

Tampa Bay 6, Kansas City 5

Houston 5, L.A. Angels 3

Seattle 9, Texas 8, 11 innings

WEDNESDAY

N.Y. Yankees at Washington, 5½ innings, susp.

Philadelphia at Baltimore, ppd.

Pittsburgh 3, Chicago White Sox 2

Cleveland 6, Detroit 0

St. Louis 7, Minnesota 5

Toronto 12, N.Y. Mets 1

Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 3

Texas 5, Seattle 1

Oakland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.

Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:40 p.m.

TODAY

Oakland (Triggs 3-1) at Toronto (Sanchez 2-3), 7:07 p.m.

Baltimore (Gausman 3-2) at Boston (Price 3-4), 7:10 p.m.

Texas (Hamels 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-4), 8:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Archer 2-3) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 10:07 p.m.

Detroit (Boyd 2-3) at Seattle (Gonzales 3-3), 10:10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Oakland at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Baltimore at Boston, 7:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

Texas at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

Detroit at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	25	16	.610	—

Philadelphia	24	16	.600	½
Washington	24	18	.571	1½
New York	20	19	.513	4
Miami	15	26	.366	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	25	17	.595	—
Milwaukee	26	18	.591	—
St. Louis	23	17	.575	1
Chicago	22	17	.564	1½
Cincinnati	15	29	.341	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	25	18	.581	—
Colorado	23	20	.535	2
San Francisco	22	22	.500	3½
Los Angeles	16	25	.390	8
San Diego	17	27	.386	8½

TUESDAY

N.Y. Yankees at Washington, 5½ innings, susp.

Philadelphia at Baltimore, ppd.

San Diego 4, Colorado 0

Pittsburgh 7, Chicago White Sox 0

Miami 4, L.A. Dodgers 2

N.Y. Mets 12, Toronto 2

Chicago Cubs 3, Atlanta 2

Minnesota 4, St. Louis 1

Arizona 2, Milwaukee 1

San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 3

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.

Thursday, April 26: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2

Sunday, April 29: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1

Tuesday, May 1: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3

Thursday, May 3: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1

Saturday, May 5: Washington 6, Pittsburgh 3

Monday, May 7: Washington 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT

Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1

Saturday, April 28: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2

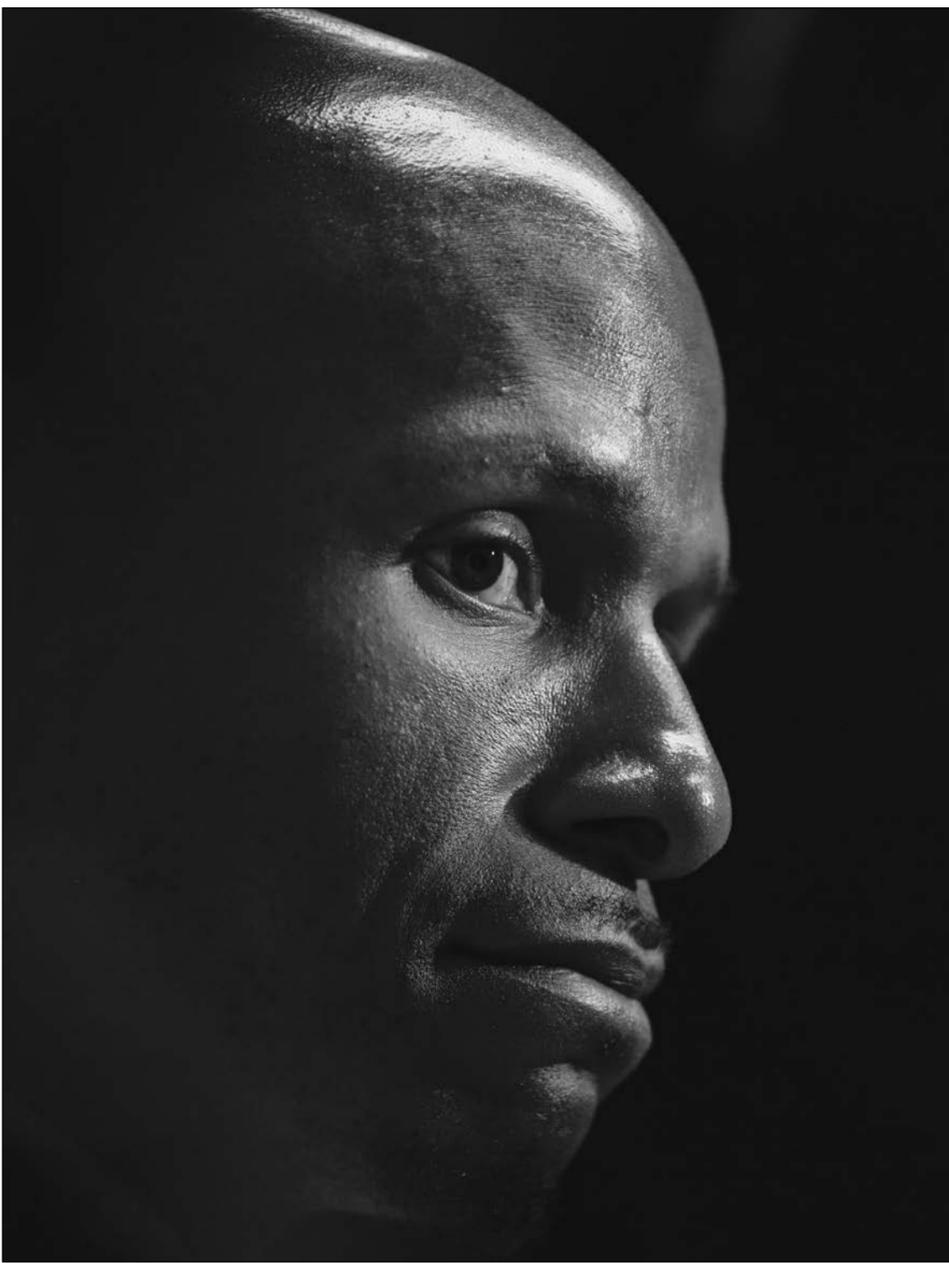
Monday, April 30: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2

Wednesday, May 2: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1

Friday, May 4: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, OT

Sunday, May 6: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

LEFT: Former Hillcrest High School and NBA standout Ray Allen answers reporters' questions during an interview session prior to his induction into the South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame on Monday in Columbia. **ABOVE:** Allen's 2008 NBA championship ring from his days with the Boston Celtics is seen.

ALLEN FROM PAGE B1

One of the best things we did was we played Mars Hill team camp, Presbyterian College team camp and Clemson team camp. So we were always around each other and played a lot of basketball. It basically was a culmination of a program that stayed together at a young age to senior year in high school. It paid off for us."

What sticks out to Allen about the run to the title win over Byrnes is the games having to be moved from Hillcrest's small gymnasium to Morris College's Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center.

"It was a whole exciting time playing at Morris College," he said. "Because the games had gotten so big, we had to move them.

"Just moving the games there, if I had the right mind I would have been nervous because I knew more people wanted to see the games, sell more tickets," said Allen, who

tried to get in the Hillcrest gymnasium on Sunday, but to no avail. "But I just knew I'm a player, it never dawned on me to think about it."

One thing that Allen regrets is that he and his teammates didn't revel in the state title as much as they should have.

"I think for certain we took it for granted," said Allen, who credited head coach James Smith for leading him and his teammates to the crown. "I don't think we celebrated it enough.

"We kind of came out of nowhere. We were 4A, but we were a small 4A. Nobody really expected us to do that."

Allen pointed out that this was the first hall of fame to which he was inducted. However, there is another one coming to him in September -- the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Allen was selected for induction in his first year of eligibility. However, it was not something to which he as-

pired.

"It's not like you shoot for that," he said. "There's so many other boxes you've got to check off first to be eligible for that award, that ability to be accepted. I don't know how many kids dream about being in the hall of fame. You dream about doing other things and then on the way you think about I could be in the hall of fame."

Allen said the recognition is about far more than just him.

"Once there's this conversation about me being nominated as a hall of famer, I don't have to say it, I don't have to toot my own horn, I don't have to hold my statistics up against somebody else. I've done everything I think that I can do, and I let my actions speak for themselves. After that I'll just be grateful, but at the same time it's the celebration of the people who got me to this point, the people who fought for me and believed in me."

Allen's statistics do speak for themselves.

He was a two-time All-

American at UConn and the Big East Player of the Year in 1995-96. A two-time First-Team All-Conference selection, Allen was USA Basketball's Athlete of the Year in 1995.

In three years at UConn, he scored 1,922 points, still No. 5 on the all-time list. The Huskies had an overall record of 89-13, a Big East Conference record of 49-5, with three Big East regular-season championships and a Big East Tournament Championship, three NCAA appearances that resulted in two appearances in the Sweet 16, and one to the Elite Eight.

Allen, a 10-time All-Star, is the most prolific 3-point shooter in NBA history and a 2-time league champion.

Allen is the NBA's all-time leader in career 3-point field goals made in both the regular and postseason and is one of the most accurate 3-point and free throw shooters in NBA history. He won championships in 2008 with Boston and in '13 with Miami.

He averaged 18.9 points per game for his career in 1,300 games.

Allen said his ascension up the basketball ladder happened because of hard work to prove himself at each level.

"I always had the mentality to figure out how to improve, how to get better," he said. "At no point did I think I was good

enough. It was a constant source of heartache because I knew where I was at that moment wasn't good enough.

"So there was a constant search, thirst to improve. So while someone's telling me I'm great, I'm like, 'Yeah, yeah, I've got things I've got to get better at.' "

Allen made 2,973 3-pointers in regular-season games, but that doesn't even count the one that was his most unforgettable, coming in the post-season.

His 3-pointer from the right corner with 5.2 seconds left in Game 6 of the '13 NBA Finals for Miami sent the Heat to overtime against the Spurs in a win-or-else game, and helped them go on to win the title in seven games.

Chris Bosh got an offensive rebound and passed to Allen, who was backtracking toward the corner. Allen, without even needing to look down to ensure that he was behind the line, elevated over Tony Parker and connected to tie the game. The Heat won in overtime to even the series at 3-3 and followed it with a Game 7 triumph.

Allen doesn't dwell on his most famous shot.

"I didn't know," Allen answered when asked if he thought the shot was going in. "I felt like it was short because I let it go so easily, but it's history now."

SPORTS ITEMS

Rain sets back SCISA 3A softball championship series

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Game 2 of the SCISA 3A softball state championship series between Wilson Hall and Cardinal Newman scheduled for Wednesday in Columbia was postponed for the second straight day because of rain.

The game has been rescheduled for today at 6 p.m. at the CN field. The Lady Barons lead the best-of-3 series 1-0.

SALE OF CAROLINA PANTHERS COULD CHANGE TRAINING SITE

SPARTANBURG — The impending sale of the Carolina Panthers could change the team's long-term policy of

holding summer training in South Carolina.

Hedge fund manager David Tepper appears set to buy the team from Jerry Richardson, a Wofford College graduate who made sure his team started its summer training at the Spartanburg school.

Wofford College spokeswoman Laura Corbin told the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg that the school will remain the home of camp through at least next summer. The college's contract with the team runs through 2019.

Corbin says it's too soon to say what might happen after next year.

Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce President Allen Smith says the

Wofford training site has worked for the team and the community. Smith says the location helps cement the two-state image for the Panthers.

MICHIGAN STATE AND NASSAR VICTIMS REACH \$500M SETTLEMENT

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State University has agreed to pay \$500 million to more than 300 women and girls who said they were assaulted by sports doctor Larry Nassar in the worst sex-abuse case in sports history, the university announced Wednesday.

The deal surpasses the more than \$109 million that Penn State University paid to settle claims by at least 35

people that assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky had sexually abused boys, though the Nassar settlement involves far more victims.

"We are truly sorry to all the survivors and their families for what they have been through, and we admire the courage it has taken to tell their stories," said Brian Breslin, chairman of Michigan State's governing board. "We recognize the need for change on our campus and in our community around sexual assault awareness and prevention."

The statement did not indicate how much money each victim would receive. It also did not say how Michigan State will pay the bill.

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Not bad for a guy taken sixth overall by Boston in the 2014 draft despite being criticized coming out of Oklahoma State for being undersized at 6-foot-4, having questionable ball-handling and poor 3-point shooting, and at times displaying uncontrollable emotions.

"I think he's as tough as they come," Stevens said. "He matches his intensity with a physical toughness. ... People talk about him all the time. Sometimes they focus on things that don't matter, and the other times they focus on

that he impacts winning."

Smart showed all those attributes late in the fourth quarter Tuesday night against the Cavs, when he came to the defense of Al Horford after JR Smith shoved him in the back on a layup attempt. Smart got in Smith's face, prompting Smith to shove him. Both received technical fouls. But having a teammate's back is second nature to Smart.

He said he felt like Smith was being a bully. That has never played well in Smart's orbit.

"One of my guys was down, and I took offense to it," he said.

From a basketball standpoint, Cleveland has taken note of Smart's impact.

LeBron James called Smart's creativity on the court "uncanny," and Kevin Love said the Cavs can "definitely learn" from what Smart and Boston are doing to them.

"I think Marcus always makes plays at the right time," James said. "They put the ball in his hands and they trust him to make plays for others."

Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said Smart's impact is clearly something they must combat as they try to hold serve at home beginning with Game 3 on Saturday.

"If it's 50/50 balls, he's going to get it. If it's a loose ball, offensive rebound they need to have, he's going to get it," Lue said. "We've got to be able to find someone who can match his toughness."

The most impressive thing about Smart's run might be that he's doing it while his mother, 63-year old Camellia Smart, is battling bone marrow cancer.

Smart learned of her diagnosis during a visit to see her in Texas back in April.

"We're just trying to preserve life," Smart said recently of how she's doing. "At her age a transplant would probably be more harmful than

good. ... It's tough, but my mom's a tough cookie.

"As long as she's fighting I'm going to continue fighting."

It's the kind of toughness that has always run deep in the Smart family. His mother also has been through quadruple-bypass surgery on her heart.

She wants her son exactly where he is.

"She told me she'd rather me be here than back there, doing what I love to do," Smart said, "because she loves watching me play. She said it puts a smile on her face."

Along with a lot of other Boston fans.

MLB ROUNDUP

Cubs throw out 2 runners at home, rally to beat Braves 3-2

ATLANTA — Willson Contreras threw one away, then made the tag at home plate to keep the Braves off the scoreboard in the very first inning.

Turns out, the Chicago catcher was just getting warmed up.

Contreras threw out runners at home and third during a wild fifth inning, and the Cubs rallied for two runs in the ninth to stun first-place Atlanta 3-2 on Tuesday night.

"We'll take it," Chicago manager Joe Maddon said.

This one really stung for the Braves, who were coming off a 6-1 road trip that propelled them to the best record in the National League.

They were fuming after two questionable calls on the basepaths in the fifth ruined a potentially big inning.

"We've been winning most of those games," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "It's not going to go your way all the time. We'll be fine."

After Ronald Acuna Jr. broke a 1-1 tie with a mammoth homer in the eighth, the Cubs bounced back against Atlanta closer Arodys Vizcaino. Back-to-back doubles by Albert Almora Jr. and Addison Russell tied it at 2, and Ben Zobrist came through with a two-out, run-scoring single off Vizcaino (1-2).

Carl Edwards Jr. (2-0) earned the win despite surrendering Acuna's homer over the 400-foot sign in center field. Brandon Morrow got the final three outs for his 10th save.

Chicago's Yu Darvish returned from the disabled list after a bout with the flu, only to work just four innings because of cramping. Still, his first appearance since May 2 was an encouraging one, given that he was 0-3 with a 6.00 ERA in his first season with the Cubs.

The only run off Darvish was Ender Inciarte's fourth-inning homer.

"It was really enjoyable going out there," Darvish said through an interpreter. "We have such a strong team. When I look behind me, I see all these star players."

With the game tied at 1 in the fifth, the Braves put runners at first and third with no outs after Javier Baez's throwing error ruined a potential double play.

That's when things really got wacky.

First, Mike Montgomery's pitch skipped past Contreras but caught a fortuitous ricochet off the backstop, bouncing right back to the catcher so he could make a quick throw to Mont-



Atlanta first baseman Freddie Freeman (5) is tagged out by Chicago Cubs catcher Willson Contreras (40) in the first inning of the Cubs' 3-2 victory over the Braves on Tuesday in Atlanta.

gomery covering home. The tag caught Johan Camargo on the left shoulder as he made a head-first slide, leading plate umpire Jim Wolf to call him out. The Braves challenged, and at least one replay angle appeared to show Camargo getting his left hand to the plate a split-second ahead of the tag.

After a two-minute review, the call was upheld.

Snitker was irate, screaming and waving his arms in the dugout until Wolf mouthed to him, "Enough."

"There wasn't enough evidence to overturn it, I guess," Snitker said with a shrug.

UP NEXT

Cubs: RHP Tyler Chatwood (3-3, 3.35) will face the Braves on Wednesday night looking for his fourth straight win after beginning the season 0-3.

Braves: RHP Brandon McCarthy (4-2, 5.58) hopes to bounce back from two straight miserable outings. After starting the season with four straight wins, McCarthy has surrendered 23 hits, 14 earned runs and three homers in his last 8 1-3 innings.

PHILLIES 4
ORIOLES 1

BALTIMORE — Nick Pivetta tied a career-high with 11 strikeouts, Cesar Hernandez homered and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-1 Wednesday in a wet interleague matchup.

Philadelphia (24-16) climbed eight games over .500 for the first time since the end of the 2011 season. The Orioles (13-29) have dropped two of three and have the second-worst record in the American League, ahead of only the Chicago White Sox.

PIRATES 3
WHITE SOX 2

PITTSBURGH — Pinch-hitter Josh Bell singled to break a seventh-inning tie, and the streaking Pittsburgh Pirates beat the skidding Chicago White Sox 3-2 Wednesday.

Pittsburgh has won seven of eight and improved to 10-2 in interleague play this season.

INDIANS 6
TIGERS 0

DETROIT — Trevor Bauer struck out 10 in eight sparkling innings, and the Cleve-

land Indians beat the Tigers 6-0 on Wednesday, avoiding a three-game sweep in Detroit.

The scuffling Indians lead the AL Central despite a .500 record, and this easy win was certainly welcome for Cleveland after a pair of losses to the injury-plagued Tigers. Bauer (3-3) retired his first 12 hitters, and Michael Brantley hit his sixth home run of the season.

CARDINALS 7
TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS — Dexter Fowler reached base four times and drove in two runs in his return to the lineup and the St. Louis Cardinals beat former starter Lance Lynn and the Minnesota Twins 7-5 on Wednesday.

BLUE JAYS 12
METS 1

NEW YORK — J.A. Happ reached three times and allowed only two baserunners over seven innings, and the Toronto Blue Jays got their first road victory against the New York Mets, 12-1 on a rainy Wednesday in Queens.

RAYS 5
ROYALS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — C.J. Cron homered and scored three runs, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat Kansas City 5-3 on Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep of the woeful Royals.

RANGERS 5
MARINERS 1

SEATTLE — Bartolo Colon laughed off having a line drive hit him in the stomach, allowing four hits in 7 2/3 shutout innings and giving the Texas Rangers a 5-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday.

BREWERS 8
DIAMONDBACKS 2

PHOENIX — Travis Shaw, Domingo Santana, Christian Yelich and Tyler Saladino homered in the first four innings off Matt Koch, and the Milwaukee Brewers routed the Diamondbacks 8-2 on Wednesday to take two of three in Arizona.

REDS 6
GIANTS 3

SAN FRANCISCO — Scooter Gennett homered a half-inning after the second baseman saved two runs with a diving catch on a difficult popup, helping the Cincinnati Reds avoid a sweep by the San Francisco Giants with a 6-3 win Wednesday.

OBITUARIES

BETTY JANE NEAL

The Rev. Betty Jane Neal, 86, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

Born on Aug. 27, 1931, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Alexander Neal Sr. and Daisy Neal.

The family will receive relatives and friends from noon until 1:20 p.m. on Saturday at the Robert Scriven Jr. Memorial Chapel of Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral Home.

Funeral services for the Rev. Betty Jane Neal will begin immediately after visitation at 1:30 p.m. at the Robert Scriven Jr. Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Sammie D. Simmons, of St. Mark Four Bridges Missionary Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Nate Brook. Burial will follow at Hillside Memorial Garden.

Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral Home, 230 S. Lafayette Drive, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 775-8911, "Where Dignity is the Watchword."

RALPH P. COWLEY JR.

Ralph P. Cowley Jr., age 95, died on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

He was born on Sept. 28, 1922, in West Orange, New Jersey, a son of the late Ralph P. Cowley Sr. and Gladys Bleakley.

Ralph served in the Army Air Corps' 351st Bomb Group in Polebrook, England, during World War II. He moved to Sumter in 1965 as part of the initial leadership team establishing Exide Battery, where he served as the plant production control manager. Legally blind since 1955 and eventually fully blind, Ralph had a passion for improving the

lives of the blind and sight impaired, serving as past president of the National Federation of the Blind, Sumter Chapter. Ralph was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Sumter. His extensive volunteer service included the Boy Scouts of America, Elks Lodge, the American Legion and Tuomey Hospice.

Surviving are one son, retired U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer-5 Doug Cowley and his wife, Maribel Cruz Cowley; granddaughters, Celina, Kayla and Marisa Cowley of Cape Carteret, North Carolina, and Dawn Cowley of Marysville, California; and one brother, Robert Cowley of West Orange.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carolyn Boykin Cowley; and two brothers, Earl and Raymond Cowley of West Orange.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Nick Cheek officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Federation of the Blind, Sumter Chapter, P.O. Box 641, Sumter, SC 29151.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



LEE C. KNUCKLES SR.

Lee Clinton Knuckles Sr., 76, husband of Sara C. Knuckles, departed this life early on Wednesday morning, May 16, 2018, at his home.

Mr. Knuckles Sr. was born

on June 17, 1941, in Gaffney, a son of the late Rev. L.C. and Mary Knuckles.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 950 S. Main St.

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

ROYALTY R. MCLEOD

Baby girl Royalty Renee McLeod, 1 month, departed this life on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at her residence.

She was born on April 11, 2018, in Columbia, a daughter of Robert McLeod and Whitney Way.

The family will receive friends at the home, 272 Gamble St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

CORINNE E. HILL

Corinne Edith "Dolly" Hill, age 66, died on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



JANICE R. JOYNER

Janice R. Joyner, age 92, died on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at NHC Healthcare Sumter.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter.



CHARLES E. TOMS

Retired U.S. Army E-7 Charles Eugene "Sarge" Toms, 65, was the husband of Kathy D. Mathis-Toms and son of Bernice Boykins Toms and the late Clyde Toms.

"Sarge" was educated in

Cleveland County School District, graduating from Crest High School. After graduating, he relocated to Queens, New York. While in New York, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and completed two tours to Germany and earned several awards. While in Fayetteville, he completed some classes at Fayetteville Technical Institute. He then became a recruiter and Florence was his duty station. He became top recruiter of Battalion "Swamp Fox" twice as well as other awards. It was there he met his heart string, "Shorty," Kathy Mathis. These two were best friends and partners. Sarge and Kat were married on May 18, 1989.

The top award was on March 28, 2002 with the birth of their son, Alexander De'Yaunte Toms. Now it was "Three Toms," as they often would say. Alex was his heart, often seen doing "father-son" trips, some local (games, shopping etc.) and some long distance. Three Toms enjoyed each other, traveling, cooking out, sitting outside on the porch/patio, playing checkers, playing cards ... and, of course, playing with "Miss Bu-Bu." He enjoyed family time with his wife and son.

After health issues for nearly five years, he departed this life on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He is remembered by his wife, Kathy; and son, Alexander Toms of the home; his mother, Bernice Toms; sisters, Annette, Allison, Sheila, Phyllis and Gwendolyn, all of Shelby, North Carolina; mother-in-law, Essie Mathis of Belton; brothers-in-law, Earl F. Mathis Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Jerry Whittington of Shelby; close friends, Earl Hilton, Curtis Jackson and Oliver Peterson; "sister-in-law," Hannah Gurley; godchildren, Darryl and Ilissa Cunningham; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews

and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father and brothers, David and Ray Toms of Shelby.

Mr. Toms will be placed in the church at 5 p.m. today for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. today at Salem Chapel and Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Pastor D.L. Grant officiating, Pastor Ezekiel Hampton, eulogist, and Pastor Darryl Cunningham and Minister Pygatt assisting.

Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1319 Richmond Drive, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

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

RUTH Y. HOWARD

LARGO, Md. — Ruth Yvonne McFadden Howard, 80, died on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at Doctor Hospital, Lanham, Maryland.

She was born on May 18, 1937, in Clarendon County, a daughter of the late John Wheller and Virginia Leck McFadden Fulton.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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

RHONDA M. HENDERSON

Rhonda Melissa "Misty" Henderson, age 44, died on Monday, May 14, 2018, at her residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Ellen's Game of Games	American Ninja Warrior "All-Stars Special" All-stars compete head-to-head. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon "Tina Fey; Paul Bettany; Courtney Barnett" Tina Fey; Paul Bettany; (N)				
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory (DVS)	(:31) Young Sheldon (DVS)	(:01) Life in Pieces (Season Finale) Sophia wants a second ear piercing. (N)	S.W.A.T. "Hoax" (Season Finale) The team attempts to stop bombings. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Jake Tapper; Liam Payne; J Balvin" Jake Tapper; Liam Payne; J Balvin.		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Shopping Spree" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "All of Me" (Season Finale) (N)	Station 19 "Not Your Hero" (Season Finale) Ben reaches a new milestone. (N)	What Would You Do? (Season Premiere) (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Will Arnett; Lilly Singh; MGMT" Will Arnett; Lilly Singh; MGMT performs. (N)			
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe "The Majesty of Madrid"	Palmetto Scene	The This Old House Hour "Rainbow Row; Fireplace Reface; Kitchen Faucet" Rainbow Row; termite damage; pergola.	Last Tango in Halifax Celia builds bridges with Alan.	To Be Announced	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	NHK Newline		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Skywalker Incurison"	The Big Bang Theory	Gotham "A Dark Knight: No Man's Land" (Season Finale) Jeremiah warns Gordon about the future. (N)	Showtime at the Apollo "Week 11" Performers with various talents compete. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Mike attempts to teach Eve a lesson."	Last Man Standing "Trick or Treat"	Supernatural "Let the Good Times Roll" (Season Finale) Sam and Dean continue to battle evil. (N)	Arrow "Life Sentence" (Season Finale) Oliver engages Diaz in an epic battle. (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "No Exit" Four young adults die in a suicide pact.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "The Unblinking Eye" An actor is wounded, his fiancée killed.		The Game Char-donnay attempts an intervention.		
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol (N)	Live PD: Police Patrol (N)	(:01) Live PD: Police Patrol (N)	(:32) Live PD: Police Patrol (N)	(:03) Live PD: Police Patrol	(:33) Live PD: Police Patrol	(12:03) Live PD: Police Patrol
AMC	48	180	(5:25) ** "Escape Plan" (2013, Action) Sylvester Stallone.	** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. 1882.							(:05) ** "The Lone Ranger" (2013) Johnny Depp. An Indian warrior and a lawman unite to fight corruption.		
ANPL	41	100	North Woods Law: Uncuffed	Dangerous hunting; feathered fellows. (N)			Lone Star Law: Bigger and Better (N)	Lone Star Law "Chase on the Border"	Lone Star Law "Roadside Sting"	North Woods Law			
BET	61	162	(4:40) ** "Takers" (2010)	Robbery on an airplane.									
BRAVO	47	181	Southern Charm "Pulp Friction" Patricia encourages Thomas to propose.	Southern Charm Naomie prepares to open the restaurant.			Southern Charm (N)	Imposters "Maid Marian on Her Tip-Toed Feet" Friends and foes converge.	Watch What Happens Live	Southern Charm			
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			Shark Tank (DVS)	Jay Leno's Garage "Rebels" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "Down and Dirty"	Jay Leno's Garage			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	The Office "Initiation"	(:26) The Office "Diwali"	(7:53) The Office "Branch Closing"	The Office "The Merger"	Drunk History "Bar Fights"	Drunk History "Miami"	Drunk History Disc jockey Alan Freed.	Drunk History "Heroines"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper	(12:01) South Park
DISN	18	200	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	DuckTales	Gravity Falls (DVS)	Bunk'd (Part 2 of 2)	Bunk'd	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Raven's Home	DuckTales	
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid "Garden of Evil"	Naked and Afraid "King of the Forest"			Naked and Afraid Pop-Up Edition (N)	Naked and Afraid XL Pop-Up Edition	Naked and Afraid "All or Nothing"	Naked and Afraid			
ESPN	26	35	(6:00) SportsCenter	To Be Announced			To Be Announced		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter			
ESPN2	27	39	NBA: The Jump	NFL Live			Boxing	Boxing Romero Duno vs. Gilberto Gonzalez. From Indio, Calif. (N) (Live)					NFL Live
FOOD	40	109	Chopped "Fat Chance"	Chopped "Leftover Takeover"			Chopped "Hush Puppy Love"	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson			
FREE	20	131	(5:00) *** "X-Men: First Class" (2011, Action) James McAvoy.	Siren "Street Fight" Donna comes ashore to bring Ryn home. (N)			(:01) ** "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance) Shane West, Mandy Moore, Peter Coyote. A high-school delinquent courts a minister's daughter.						** "When in Rome" (2010)
FSS	21	47	Braves Live!	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)			Braves Live! Post.	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves.					
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing "Odd Couple Out"	The Middle "The Kiss"	The Middle "The Christmas Tree"	The Middle "Sleepless in Orson"	The Middle A prank battle.	The Golden Girls "Zbom Again"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	39	112	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Flip or Flop Vegas	Flip or Flop Vegas	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters	Flip or Flop Vegas
HIST	45	110	Swamp People "Swamp Savage"	Swamp People: Blood and Guts (N)			Swamp People "Lockjaw" (N)	(:03) Truck Night in America	Blue Bloods "Risk and Reward" A detective is captured by a drug lord.	(:02) ** "Where the Heart Is" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd. Kind townspeople befriend an abandoned teen and her infant.	(:05) Swamp People "Lockjaw"	Swamp People	Swamp People
ION	13	18	Blue Bloods "Domestic Disturbance" Linda returns to work.	** "Two Weeks Notice" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant, Alicia Witt. A millionaire confronts his feelings for his lawyer.			Blue Bloods "Scorched Earth" A bride is murdered on her wedding day.				Blue Bloods "Greener Grass" Danny protects Erin's key witness.	Blue Bloods "Nightmares"	
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy "Testing 1-2-3" The interns take their first-year exams.	** "Happy Feet Two" (2011) Voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams.			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	The Thundermans			** "Happy Feet Two" (2011) Voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	64	153	Friends	Friends			** "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates.	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Adam Sandler.					
SYFY	58	152	*** "Men in Black" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino. Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.	Seinfeld "The Muffin Tops"	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Butter Shave"	** "Old School" (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn. Three men relive their wild past by starting a fraternity. (DVS)	** "The Devil Is a Woman" (1935) Marlene Dietrich. A revolutionary is seduced by a manipulative flirt.			Conan "Conan Without Borders: Italy" Conan enjoys Italian food and culture.	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	The Expanse "Immolation"
TCM	49	186	(6:15) ** "Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case" (1943, Drama) Lionel Barrymore.	** "Angel" (1937, Drama) Marlene Dietrich, Herbert Marshall, Melvyn Douglas. A neglected wife finds unexpected romance in Paris.			Long Lost Family "28 Foster Homes"	Long Lost Family	Long Lost Family	(:01) Long Lost Family	Long Lost Family	Long Lost Family	Long Lost Family
TLC	43	157	Long Lost Family	NCIS: New Orleans "Stolen Valor" A retired SEAL is murdered.			Agents track a team of illusionists who are thieves. (DVS)	(:15) ** "Focus" (2015, Comedy-Drama) A con man's former protegee/lover throws him off his game. (DVS)					(12:15) ** "Blackhat" (2015)
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans "Stolen Valor" A retired SEAL is murdered.	Agents track a team of illusionists who are thieves. (DVS)			Agents track a team of illusionists who are thieves. (DVS)	Carbonaro Eff.	Inside Carbonaro	Game Show	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Nobodies (N)	(:31) Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "Angel of Death" A drug dealer holds Dinozzo captive. (DVS)	NCIS "Family" Ducky makes a startling discovery. (DVS)			NCIS "Identity Crisis" Misidentified cadaver was murdered. (DVS)	NCIS "Leap of Faith" A distraught naval officer. (DVS)			NCIS "Chimera" A death aboard a top-secret ship. (DVS)	NCIS Ziva's cover may be blown.	
WE	68	166	(5:30) ** "Barbershop" (2002)	** "Barbershop" (2002) Ice Cube. A barbershop owner considers selling his establishment.			** "Barbershop" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson.						
WGNA	8	172	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "Busted!"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

Cancellation of ABC's 'Quantico' fits a pattern

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Don't go looking for "Quantico" anymore. Only a few weeks into its third season, the spy thriller was abruptly yanked by ABC. Look for the summer season "news" distraction "What Would You Do?" (10 p.m.) to air in its place.

While every canceled series fails for unique reasons, certain trends have emerged. This year has seen network viewers cool to thrillers set in the spy game as well as shows featuring political intrigue and deep web skullduggery. Along with "Quantico," ABC has canceled the alien-invasion-from-the-future conspiracy thriller "The Crossing."

This season saw three new hour long dramas covering the shadow world of special ops and undeclared wars. Of the three, only "SEAL Team" on CBS has survived. The CW's "Valor" and NBC's "The Brave" never found an audience. "SEAL Team" had the benefit of a CBS audience receptive to hyper-violent procedurals. But not even CBS viewers could put up with "Wisdom of the Crowd," a show about crime-solving through crowd-sourcing that quickly vanished from the schedule.

There will be fewer shows set in a scandal-plagued White House next season. "Scandal" is gone and so is "Designated Survivor." Curiously, "Madam Secretary," a series that seemed to be based on a former secretary of state and reflect a bygone political era, has been renewed.

Series set in the TV business are always a hard sell. Not even Kyra Sedgwick could save "Ten Days in the Valley," a missing person drama revolving around a TV writer/producer. And Tina Fey's "30 Rock" touch was not enough to save the network newsmagazine comedy "Great News" on NBC.

It's worth noting that Fox has renounced Satan and all of his pomp, canceling "The Exorcist" and "Lucifer." Viewers also rejected the angelic head-scratcher "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World" and the sitcom "Living Biblically."

I couldn't help noticing that this has been a bad year for shows with "Kevin" in the title. In addition to ABC's canceled "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World," CBS issued a pink slip for "Kevin Can Wait."

Audiences recoiled when that series killed off Kevin's wife, played by Erinn Hayes, so he (Kevin James) could spend more time with another woman (who happened to be played by James' "King of Queens" co-star Leah Remini). Casting gimmicks can be murder.

BBC America looks forward to Saturday's big wedding by looking back at the last time a couple tied the Windsor knot. "Kate: Making of a Modern Queen" (8 p.m., TV-PG) makes way for "The Royal Wedding 2011: Prince William and Catherine Middleton" (9 p.m., TV-PG) before returning to the regularly scheduled "Thursday Night Darts: Premier League 2018" (10 p.m.).

Viewers who just can't turn away can tune into the fourth night of "Royal Wedding Watch" (10 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).

CULT CHOICE

Based on the "unauthorized autobiography" of Chuck Barris, the 2002 comedy "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" (7:04 p.m., Starz Encore) depicts "The Gong Show" host (Sam Rockwell) leading a double life as a CIA contract killer. George Clooney's directorial debut.

TONIGHT'S SEASON FINALES

- Jeremiah offers his warning on "Gotham" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Heartaches and stethoscopes on "Grey's Anatomy" (8 p.m. ABC, TV-14).
- The battle never ends on "Supernatural" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).



DEAN BUSCHER / THE CW

From left, Jensen Ackles stars as Dean, Misha Collins as Castiel and Jared Padalecki as Sam in the "Let the Good Times Roll" season 13 finale of "Supernatural," airing at 8 p.m. today on The CW.

- On two helpings of "Life in Pieces" (CBS, TV-PG), big news (9 p.m.), a surprise party (9:30 p.m.).
- A skyscraper fire tests everyone's resolve on "Station 19" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- Oliver and Diaz duke it out on "Arrow" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- A hateful group pulls a hoax as a diversion on "S.W.A.T." (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Sheldon faces his critics on "The Big Bang Theory" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * "Ellen's Game of Games" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * An ecumenical moment

on "Young Sheldon" (8:30 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

"Conan" visits Italy (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Jake Tapper, Liam Payne and J. Balvin are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Tina Fey, Paul Bettany and Courtney Barnett on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Will

Arnett, Lilly Singh and MGMT appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Kate McKinnon, Candice Bergen, Andre Leon Talley and Matt Byrne visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Steven Tyler, Morena Baccarin and Kacey Musgraves are on "The Late Late Show With James Cordeiro" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 22, 2018** for parents and citizens of Sumter School District to provide feedback and make recommendations regarding the development of the 2018-19 Title I Project.

The meeting will be held at the Sumter School District Administrative Building, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC, Room 118, at 9:00 a.m.

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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CIVIL ACTION NO: 2018-CP-43-00442

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Victoria Cox, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
Roger Dale Anderson and Joseph Vernon Cooper, Jr., DEFENDANTS.

TO THE DEFENDANT, JOSEPH VERNON COOPER, JR., HEREIN NAMED:

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NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Complaint was filed in the above entitled action in the Sumter County Clerk of Court's Office on March 13, 2018, for the purpose of instituting an action against the Defendant as a result of an auto accident which occurred April 6, 2015.

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