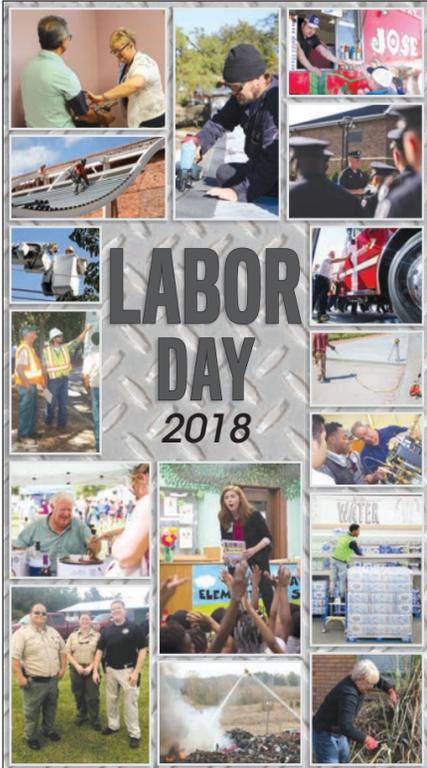


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White House's top lawyer is leaving

Trump praises McGahn, who has played key role in many issues

BY **KEN THOMAS** and **ZEKE MILLER**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House Counsel Don McGahn, a consequential insider in President Donald Trump's legal storms and successes and a key figure in the administration's handling of the Russia investigation, will be leaving in the fall, the president announced

Wednesday.

McGahn's exit continues the churn of top officials as the administration sets records for turnover and the White House struggles to fill key vacancies.

Unlike some less-amiable separations, however, Trump praised McGahn as "a really good guy" who has done "an excellent job."

Trump said McGahn's departure

had nothing to do with his interviews with the special counsel investigating possible Trump campaign collusion with Russia in the 2016 election.

Pressed by reporters, Trump said he had approved the attorney's interviews and was unconcerned about anything McGahn

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From 8 felonies to successful Sumter BAIL BONDSMAN

I use what I know to help people along the way. All I ask is you show up to court.



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Joe Brown has worked as a bail bondsman in Sumter since 1999 after having his eight felonies pardoned, going to college. He opened his own business, JoeBrown Bail Bond, in 2005. He's seen here at his business Wednesday with tools for apprehending those who don't make their court dates.



Bondsman uses his past to guide defendants

BY **ADRIENNE SARVIS**
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This Labor Day, remember to thank your bondsman and show up to court.

Though most days may not be as glamorous as what is shown on TV, the job of bail bondsman can become action-packed — knock on wood — if the defendant decides to run.

Those who run from bail bondsman Joe Brown find out that 18 years in the business is more than enough time to build up an arsenal of knowledge and equipment to make good on the agreement that the defendant shows up to court.

How does someone gain an interest in a job like this?

"I had eight felonies," Brown said.

Coming up on the South side of Sumter, he said, there was no one to give direction.

However, Brown decided to change his life around and give up

the things and people who were keeping him down.

You can be part of the problem or part of the solution, he said.

So Brown sought to have his felonies pardoned and was successful on his first try.

"I am better than what I put out before," he said.

Despite people telling him he would never clean up and make something of himself, Brown now has an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Columbia

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Clarendon school leaders preparing to share services

Superintendents must submit plan to state under new law

BY **BRUCE MILLS**
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The two small school districts in Clarendon County that must submit plans for

consolidating services to the state superintendent of education by Sept. 21 are already engaged in some level of service sharing.

Now, Clarendon School District 1 Superintendent Barbara Champagne and Clarendon School District 3 Superintendent Connie Dennis said they say they may be brainstorming for some more ideas in the

next few weeks before the submission deadline.

A new state law requires their districts — along with 11 other small districts in the state — to consolidate administrative and professional services with their own neighboring districts.

The state law details "consolidation of administrative functions" may include, but

are not limited to, transportation, accounting, human resources, procurement, technology and academic offerings.

Champagne said Clarendon 1, based in Summerton, already shares teachers' professional development services with neighboring districts and career-center services for some of its high school stu-

dents at the county's F.E. DuBose Career Center in Manning. All three Clarendon districts — 1, 2 and 3 — share the career center on U.S. 521 near Alcolu for vocational training.

Champagne said her district is also exploring the option of sharing instructional offerings for some high

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22nd Gospel in the Park offers 6 hours of music

BY IVY MOORE

Special to The Sumter Item

Gospel in the Park returns for its 22nd-annual afternoon of live gospel music on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3. Shonda English, a gospel singer and recording artist, will again host the concert. Gospel in the Park is scheduled for noon until 6 p.m. Monday at the Bishop W.T. English Memorial Park, 3735 Congruity Road, Sumter.

The gospel concert series was founded by English's father, the late Bishop W.T. English, in 1996. He was also the founder of Greater St. Paul Church and an award-winning gospel singer. After his death in 2013, Shonda English took over producing the afternoon of gospel. She is an accomplished singer and songwriter, who is also known for her collaborations with the



PHOTO PROVIDED

Gospel singer Shonda English will host Gospel in the Park on Monday.

singer Dorothy Norwood, recognized as one of the greatest contemporary gospel singers.

English said there are two significant changes to the popular outdoor concert.

"For the first time ever, all performers hitting the stage come from the Palmetto State," she said. "It's a South Carolina Showcase."

In addition, English has announced free admission all afternoon long. Past attendance has been from 200 to 300, she said, and she is hoping for an even larger turnout with the free admission.

Headlining the event will be Doc McKenzie and the Hi-lites. Sumter's Elijah Bradford will perform with Purpose Driven; both have sung at Gospel in the Park previously. Also from Sumter are Minister Lee Burgess and Resurrection, the Greater St. Paul (GSP) Young Adult Choir and the W.T. English Youth Choir. Several newcomers to Gospel in

the Park include Jarell Smalls & Company from the S.C. Lowcountry; The Dynamic Abraham Brothers; John Lakin and BOW; Alfonzo Udell & Chosen; Kenny Smith and others.

"The music will all be gospel, just different styles of gospel," English said. "There won't be any preaching — it will be all music, food and fellowship."

Food sold on site will include hot dogs, barbecue pork, popcorn, cookies, other snacks, soft drinks, chicken salad and water.

Smoking and alcohol consumption are prohibited, and security will be provided by Sumter law enforcement.

The public is invited to Gospel in the Park from noon to 6 p.m. on Labor Day, Sept. 3, at the Bishop W.T. English Memorial Park, 3735 Congruity Road, Sumter.

United Way receives AmeriCorps funding

Will be used for literacy tutoring program

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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The governor's lead agency on volunteerism in South Carolina announced \$3.2 million in grants were allotted for AmeriCorps funding for the next year, and Sumter's group will receive a portion of that allotment.

Grants secured through the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency for volunteering and service programs, will be matched with more than \$1 million in local money to support 17 AmeriCorps programs and nearly 500 AmeriCorps members serving South Carolina communities by tackling some of the toughest problems in the state, including education, disaster response, economic opportunity, healthy futures and environmental stewardship.

The \$3.2 million includes three grants earned through a national competition, which brought an additional \$885,347 to expand the AmeriCorps Service in the state, according to Commission Chairwoman Missy Santorum.

One of the 17 programs is United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties' Reading Success Program and its 28 AmeriCorps members who provide literacy tutoring for students in kindergarten through third grade who start the school year reading below grade level, said Nichole Mayberry, a spokeswoman for the United Way Association of South Carolina, the administrative agent for AmeriCorps funding in the state.

"AmeriCorps members provide individualized and small group tutoring to students in Lee County at three elementary schools, in Sumter Coun-

ty at five elementary schools, at three after-school PERKS sites and at one after-school program," Mayberry said.

"The goal of the program is to have all students served through the program reading at grade level by the time they enter the fourth grade."

Mayberry said the funding for Sumter is a continuation grant.

"They received funding for a three-year cycle. Overall, they've received funding for five years total. Funding in the current cycle has remained pretty consistent, with the change from last year to this year being \$156,246 to \$161,699," she said.

The total federal investment includes four new programs and a planning grant, totaling \$3,187,638.

"South Carolina is largely defined by the selfless spirit of the people who call it home," Gov. Henry McMaster said in a news release. "These funds are going into the hands of people and organizations that embody the spirit, and I know that countless South Carolinians will benefit by their service."

AmeriCorps members will collectively earn \$1.89 million in Eli Segal Education Awards, which can be used to fund continuing education or repay existing student loans.

Commission Director Carson Carroll said in a news release that members over the age of 55 can pass the benefit to a child or grandchild.

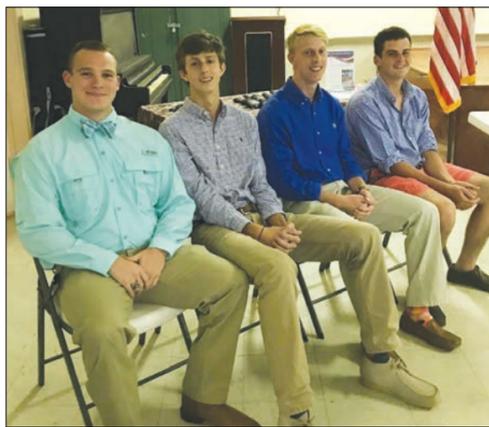
Since the program's inception in 1994, more than one million people have served in AmeriCorps, providing more than 1.4 billion hours of service and earning more than \$3.3 billion in education scholarships, more than \$1 billion of which has been used to pay back student loan debt.

Thomas Sumter Academy delegates



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Members of the Class of 2019 at Thomas Sumter Academy had the opportunity to attend Palmetto State this summer. Girls State delegates, above, were nominated by TSA and sponsored by The Auxiliary American Legion; Kenzie MacQueen, Riley Delavan, Emily Jackson and Karin Brannon. The Palmetto Boys State delegates, below, were nominated by TSA and sponsored by American Legion Post 175: Ed Lee, Tyler Millwod, Mason Warren and Jarret Butzer.



American Legion Boys State teaches students about the operation of local, county and state government. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. The Girls State program strives to develop leadership and pride in American citizens; educates citizens about the U.S. system of government; instills an understanding of American traditions; and stimulates a desire to maintain the democratic government processes.

Board takes no action at special meeting

BY BRUCE MILLS

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Sumter School District's Board of Trustees took no action at Tuesday's special called meeting at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road.

After opening the meeting at 6 p.m., the board went into executive session behind closed doors for receipt of legal advice from

counsel relating to potential adversarial claims and discussion of its upcoming superintendent search.

After returning to open session, Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney said there would be no action taken related to the executive session.

Tuesday's meeting concluded at 7 p.m. Board members William Byrd and Karen Michalik didn't attend the meeting.

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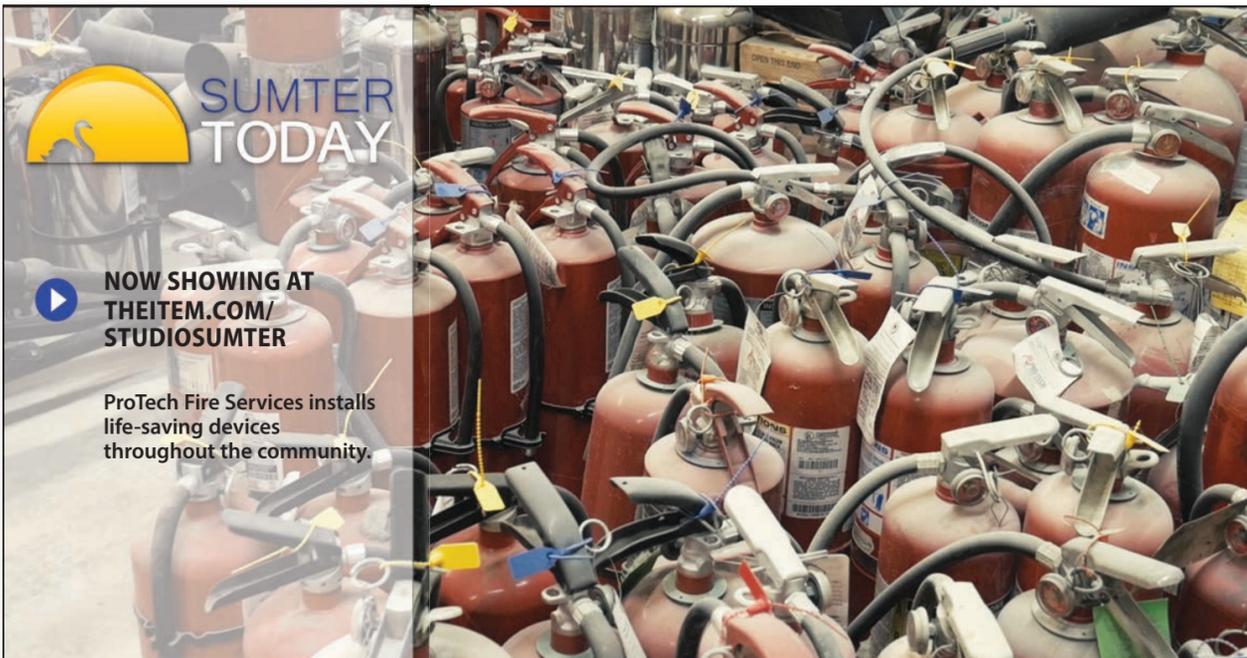
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Cindy McCain, wife of Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, lays her head on the casket during a memorial service at the Arizona Capitol on Wednesday in Phoenix.



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Sen. McCain's family begins process of saying goodbye

BY MELISSA DANIELS AND NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Cindy McCain pressed her face against the flag-draped casket of her husband, U.S. Sen. John McCain, on Wednesday and several of his children sobbed during the first of two services for the statesman and former prisoner of war before he is taken for the last time from the state he has represented since the 1980s.

The private service at the Arizona Capitol marked the first appearance of McCain's family members since the senator died Saturday of brain cancer.

During the service, Gov. Doug Ducey remembered McCain as a senator and internationally known figure as well as a major figure in the history of Arizona.

While Barry Goldwater was an Arizona native, McCain was "Arizona's favorite adopted son," the governor said on what would have been the 82nd birthday of McCain, who was born in the Panama Canal zone while his father served in the military.

"Imagining an Arizona without John McCain is like picturing Arizona without the Grand Canyon," Ducey said.

Former Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl said he has been with McCain all around the world and he had better instincts on when to assert U.S. power than anyone else he knew.

Kyl said he would miss McCain, whose greatest contribu-

tion was national security.

Sen. Jeff Flake offered the benediction at the service.

Later in the afternoon, the Capitol was open to the public to pay their respects.

Arizona National Guard members carried the casket into the Arizona State Capitol Museum rotunda, where McCain will lie in state. Black curtains hung in the rotunda. U.S. and Arizona flags encircled the room.

By the time the service ended and the rotunda was cleared, at least 100 people had already gathered outside to wait for the public viewing.

They took shelter from the hot sun under tents erected by security teams while volunteers filled coolers with ice and water bottles.

Chasity Pullin, whose husband and father are both veterans, was among those in line. She said she liked how McCain didn't act like he was above others and praised all he did for veterans.

"It feels like you're losing part of your family, as much as he did," she said.

Kassandra Morales, 44, stood with her sons, 8 and 2 years old. The single mom and Democrat brought a bouquet of flowers and said she had always looked up to McCain.

"Yesterday I asked my son who his hero was. He gave me a rapper's name," Morales said. "I brought my children here to show them what a real hero was."

Veteran Judith Hatch handed out flags to those assembled, saying Arizona lost a champi-

on for the military.

"We definitely have lost a strong advocate, so we'll need someone who is going to step up to the plate," Hatch said.

The viewing later in the day went on as long as people were waiting in line, said Rick Davis, McCain's former presidential campaign manager.

For some Arizona residents, McCain has been a political fixture in the state for their entire lives. He took office in the state in the early 1980s, first as a congressman and then as a senator in the seat once held by Goldwater.

This morning will feature a procession through Phoenix on the way to a memorial service at North Phoenix Baptist Church, with the public invited to line the route along Interstate 17.

The memorial service will include tributes, readings and musical performances, including a tribute from former Vice President Joe Biden. Musical choices include a recession to "My Way" by Frank Sinatra.

From there, McCain will depart Arizona from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Another viewing will be at the U.S. Capitol on Friday, with a final memorial service at the Washington National Cathedral.

13 lbs. of powder seized is sugar, not fentanyl

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina sheriff's office thought it made a huge drug bust, seizing 13 pounds of fentanyl worth \$2 million on the street. The powder was found in a home along with other drugs and paraphernalia. A field test indicated it was the powerful opioid, justifying a host of charges against three suspects.

Most of those charges soon evaporated when a state lab concluded that whatever the powder was, it wasn't fentanyl.

The sheriff's office then sent the powder to a private lab, and the results arrived this week. New Hanover Sheriff's Lt. Jerry Brewer tells WECT-TV that the powder seized in July includes no illicit ingredients, and is nothing more than "a combination of simple and complex carbohydrates." In other words, sugar, worth about \$8 at the grocery store.

S.C. killer's personal items auctioned off

COLUMBIA (AP) — Hundreds of items belonging to a man who killed seven people in South Carolina have gone up on the auction block, with proceeds slated to help pay millions of dollars in judgments levied against him.



KOHLLEPP

A gun safe, power tools, furniture and office supplies belonging to Todd Kohlhepp were among the inventory in an online auction, which opened over the weekend and was slated to close Wednesday afternoon. Proceeds from the sale go toward paying judgments against Kohlhepp, who's serving seven consecutive life sentences in a state prison in Columbia.

The items are at Kohlhepp's Woodruff property, where authorities discovered three bodies in 2016, along with a missing woman locked in a storage container. Last week, a judge awarded \$6.3 million in damages to Kala Brown, who had been missing for two months before cellphone data led authorities to Kohlhepp's property.

Kohlhepp raped Brown while holding her against

her will, and told her he had also killed a husband and wife in December 2015, burying their bodies on his land. The Associated Press typically doesn't identify victims of sexual assault, but Brown has spoken publicly about her traumatic experience.

Brown also told investigators she saw Kohlhepp shoot and kill her boyfriend, who had gone with her for a cleaning job on Kohlhepp's property. When he was arrested, Kohlhepp also admitted he had killed four people in the Superbike motorcycle shop in November 2003, allowing investigators to solve a puzzling crime that had been a mystery for more than a decade.

Attention refocused last week on Kohlhepp's case after investigators got a tip that they'd find more bodies connected to him in a wooded area in rural Spartanburg County. Sheriff Chuck Write called off the search after nearly two dozen sheriff's deputies and a cadaver dog came up empty.

Kohlhepp's foreclosed Woodruff property is slated to go up for auction next week. Public records indicate he also owned another property in Spartanburg County.

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Considering 2020 run for president, Los Angeles mayor will visit S.C. Democrats

COLUMBIA (AP) — Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti is returning to South Carolina next month as he continues to mull a 2020 presidential bid.

The Charleston County Democratic Party said Wednesday that Garcetti will give the keynote address at next month's Blue Jam. The event has become a showcase for national-level Democrats, including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders. Former

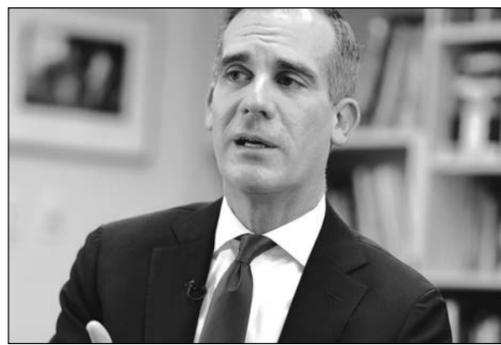
Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm spoke at the event in 2014.

This is Garcetti's second trip in a year to South Carolina, home to the first-in-the-South presidential primary, where in February he hosted a fundraiser that brought in \$100,000 for the state's Democrats.

In a wide-ranging interview earlier this month, the two-term Democratic mayor — who already has also visited the important presidential election states of Iowa and New Hampshire — said he in-

tends to make a decision on his candidacy by March. No candidate has ever ascended directly from a mayor's office to the presidency, but Garcetti has argued that the work of mayors is essentially the type of chief executive work a president does.

Other possible 2020 Democrats have begun making the rounds in South Carolina. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff and U.S. Rep. John Delaney have made trips to the state, as has U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley.



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Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti talks during an interview with the Associated Press in Los Angeles on Aug. 16.

Worldwide gun deaths reach 250,000 yearly; U.S. ranks high on list

CHICAGO (AP) — Gun deaths worldwide total about 250,000 yearly, and the United States is among just six countries that make up half of those fatalities, a study found.

The results from one of the most comprehensive analyses of firearm deaths reveal "a major public health problem for humanity," according to an editorial published with the study Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Although recent headlines make it seem like gun killings are surging globally, the new figures tell a more nuanced story.

Researchers counted about 209,000 gun deaths in 1990 compared to 251,000 in 2016. The average rate, about 4 per 100,000 people, was mostly unchanged.

Two-thirds of the deaths in



AP FILE PHOTO
Guns are displayed for sale in 2014 by an arms seller east of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The U.S. is among wealthy countries where suicides by gun outnumber gun killings, according to a study of 1990-2016 data, released on Tuesday.

2016 were homicides, although the U.S. is among wealthy countries where suicides by gun outnumber gun killings, the study found.

The numbers reflect more

than "how many guns are around in a country," said lead author Dr. Christopher Murray, a professor of health metrics at the University of Washington. Cultural

beliefs about guns and suicide vary widely around the world, he noted, adding, "That's where we get this incredible range of firearm deaths."

Police: Pair stole trash cans around Santa Fe

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Two New Mexico men are facing charges after police said the pair went on a spree of stealing trash cans across Santa Fe.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reported 50-year-old Kenneth Brooks and 19-year-old Nicola Weydeveld were arrested Sunday after a security guard spotted them pushing rolling trash carts with trash cans inside from the Santa Fe Community Convention Center.

A criminal complaint said police found the two men next to the two carts with other trash carts loaded inside.

Court documents said Weydeveld told police he intended to use the trash carts for personal use. Police said one stolen bin was valued at more than \$3,200.

The men were ordered held on an unsecured bond of \$2,500 each on larceny charges. It was not known if they had attorneys.

Tariffs on imported newsprint nixed by trade commission in a win for U.S. newspapers

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a victory for the American newspaper industry, the U.S. International Trade Commission on Wednesday blocked tariffs imposed by the Trump administration on imported newsprint, finding that American producers weren't harmed by imports from Canadian paper mills.

The newspaper industry had complained that the rising cost of newsprint, typically their second-biggest expense, made it harder to operate.

In July, lawmakers testified before the ITC that the tariffs were hurting the very paper industry they were supposed to protect. That's because publishers were responding to the additional costs by reducing the number of pages in their newspapers, thus dampening demand for newsprint, the paper used to make newspapers, books and advertising inserts. Others testified that the higher cost of newsprint had led newspapers to cut staffing and the number of local events that they cover.

"These tariffs were extremely harmful to our regional papers — the lifeblood of our local communities," Senate Mi-

nority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., tweeted. "ITC made exactly the right decision to completely eliminate them. I will remain vigilant to make sure that they never return."

The Commerce Department had imposed the tariffs in response to a complaint from a hedge-fund-owned paper producer in Washington state that argued that its Canadian competitors took advantage of government subsidies to sell their product at unfairly low prices.

The department had revised the tariffs lower in a decision earlier this month, though newsprint buyers still would have been hit with an anti-dumping levy of up to 16.88 percent and anti-subsidy duties of up to 9.81 percent.

But under U.S. law, the two-part process for making the tariffs permanent also requires the ITC to find that the U.S. paper industry was harmed or threatened by the imports from Canada. The commission unanimously determined that no injury is occurring.

Members of a coalition of printers and publishers hailed the ruling, calling it "a great day for American journalism."



Emergency responders, police and firefighters search for a missing boy who disappeared beneath the water of a retention pond while playing with friends on Tuesday in Harrison, Wisconsin. The boy was found, alive, in an air pocket beneath a manhole cover about 30 feet from the place he went missing.

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Boy swept in sewer sticks finger out of manhole and is saved

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — An 11-year-old boy sucked into a flooded Wisconsin storm sewer was saved when an eagle-eyed firefighter saw the boy's fingers pop through an opening in a manhole cover.

The astonishing rescue Tuesday evening came as storms pounded the southern half of the state and southeastern Minnesota.

The Calumet County Sheriff's Office said the boy was playing with friends in a flooded drainage ditch after the rains passed about 6 p.m. in the Village of Harrison. He disappeared under the water and didn't surface.

A dive team, sheriff's deputies and volunteer firefighters responded. Deputy Fire Chief Wesley Pompa said that when they arrived they found a bystander trying to hold onto the boy, but he was sucked into a culvert that led to the storm sewer.

Pompa said the water was rushing so quickly it would have sucked a full-grown

man into the culvert.

The rescuers could do nothing except try to determine where the flow might take the boy. Pompa called the village road superintendent, Bob Kesler, to the scene to help map out the sewers.

Pompa and Kesler were standing on top of a manhole cover about 30 feet away from the ditch when Pompa saw the boy's fingers pop through an opening in the cover. The boy had found an air pocket just beneath the manhole cover and was hanging onto a ladder leading up to the manhole.

The firefighters wrenched the cover open. Pompa and Kesler lifted the boy to safety.

"He was hollering and talking to us, and he was able to reach up for us," Pompa said.

The boy was taken to the hospital, and authorities said he was alert and conscious after his ordeal. Pompa said he never got the boy's name.

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Michelle Janikian, who writes about marijuana for publications like *Herb*, *Playboy* and *Rolling Stone*, says after she tells someone what she does for a living she usually spends the rest of the conversation "trying to act so friendly and mainstream" so they don't think she's stoned.

Legal marijuana industry tries to shake 'stoner' stereotypes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michelle Janikian, who writes about marijuana for publications like *Herb*, *Playboy* and *Rolling Stone*, says after she tells someone what she does for a living, she usually spends the rest of the conversation "trying to act so friendly and mainstream" so they don't think she's stoned.

Adam Salcido relates that after he went to work a couple of years ago for a Southern California company that helps organize weed-infused events like Hempfest and Cannabis Cup, he had to reassure his family he wouldn't turn into a drug addict.

Stoner stereotypes die hard. But with a multibillion-dollar industry beginning to flower — marijuana is now legal in some form in 30 states — cannabis advocates are pushing to dispel the idea that people who take up still live on the couches in their parents' basements and spend their waking hours eating Cheetos and playing video games.

MedMen, a flashy, upscale chain of dispensaries that brands itself as the Apple store of pot shops, recently rolled out a \$2 million ad campaign that, for lack of a better description, might be called the "anti-stoner offensive."

Photos of 17 people — including a white-haired grandmother, a schoolteacher, a business executive, a former pro football player and a nurse — are being splashed across billboards, buses and the web by the company that has dispensaries in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and New York. Each photo has the word "stoner" crossed out and in its place a description of their job.

People can find their biographies on the website www.forgetstoner.com, where they can also learn why they use weed. Reasons range from treatment of medical conditions like migraines and anxiety to simply enjoying the high.

"What we're saying is the very definition of a stereotype is defining a person by one bad mention," says Daniel Yi, MedMen's senior vice president of communications and a former *Los Angeles Times* reporter. "They're also a grandmother. They're also a father, a son, a brother."

Judd Weiss, CEO and founder of cannabis company Lit.Club, believes the industry needs to do still more. He suggests marketing products in a way that makes them look more than just respectable, but as the herbal equivalent of a fine bourbon or scotch.

Thus, he says, Lit.Club's vape pens are packaged in a way

"that won't embarrass you at the opera." They look sleek and stylish, with inspirational phrases like "Light A Path" printed on each one. He compares the aroma and flavor of his company's pre-rolled joints to something similar to a fine brandy.

"Very much like the Tesla, we want to be seen as luxury quality but affordable," he said.

The website Leafly, which is sometimes called a Yelp for discerning potheads, has taken out ads in *The New York Times* and staged promotional events at gatherings like the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas, to extol the virtues of marijuana. Better sex and better health are two claims it focuses on.

Still there is pushback from some who think realities about pot are being glossed over by slick marketing.

"It is not a controversial claim to say that marijuana could be addictive for some people, that it could produce mental illness, that it's tied to impaired driving, that it makes you not motivated, that you're more likely to drop out of school if you're a kid using," said Kevin Sabet, president of the group Smart Approaches to Marijuana and a former drug policy adviser to presidents Clinton, Obama and George W. Bush.

Sabet accuses the cannabis industry of enticing children with edibles and cookies in an attempt to become another "Big Tobacco," although he also acknowledges there is evidence that marijuana has some medicinal value.

It was edibles that brought Cindy Paul of Billings, Montana, to a Portland, Oregon, pot shop a few weeks ago to sample marijuana for the first time in 25 years. A casual if closeted smoker during her school days,

Paul, 55, said she decided to indulge again while vacationing with her daughter in a state where it's legal and where she can acquire it in a form she doesn't have to inhale.

"I do think it has medicinal qualities," she said, adding, "I'm not using it for that. I'm using it to have a good time. I don't think it's any different than having a beer."

To bring more people like Paul into the fold, branding expert Robert Miner says the marijuana industry needs to use movies and TV shows to change negative perceptions.

Those lovable stoners Cheech and Chong were fine back in the day when it came to rebuffering the idea that anybody who smoked pot was headed for Reefer Madness. But the mainstreaming of marijuana, he said, demands a new message.

"For that larger portion of the cannabis-consuming population, that same silly bumbling stereotype that led to a wider acceptance is now an impediment to their being open about their cannabis consumption," said Miner, whose firm, Miner & Co. Studio, works with TV networks and other media in image building.

One show that presents a more modern take on marijuana is HBO's "High Maintenance." It features a bicycle-riding pot dealer who interacts with a variety of average New Yorkers, from empty-nesting boomers to workaholic millennials. The only thing any have in common is they buy marijuana from him and, as they do, pull him into their daily lives.

It's one of Janikian's favorite shows, and she'd like to see more like it. But for now the writer who divides her time between New York and Mexico will continue to remain circumspect about her marijuana use.

Disappearance of Neanderthals linked to cold, dry climate shifts

NEW YORK (AP) — Ancient periods of cold and dry climate helped our species replace Neanderthals in Europe, a study suggests.

Researchers found that such cold periods coincided with an apparent disappearance of our evolutionary cousins in different parts of the continent, followed by the appearance of our species, *Homo sapiens*.

"Whether they moved or died out, we can't tell," said Michael Staubwasser of the University of Cologne in Germany.

Neanderthals once lived in Europe and Asia but died out about 40,000 years ago, just a few thousand years after our species, *Homo sapiens*, arrived in Europe. Scientists have long debated what happened, and some have blamed the change in climate. Other proposed explanations have included epidemics and the idea that the newcomers edged out the Neanderthals for resources.

Staubwasser and colleagues reported their findings Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. They drew on existing climate, archaeological and ecological data and added new indicators of ancient climate from studies of two caves in Romania.

Their study highlighted two cold and dry periods. One began about 44,000 years ago and lasted about 1,000 years. The other began about 40,800 years ago and lasted six centuries. The timing of those events matches the periods when artifacts from Neanderthals disappear and signs of *H.*

sapiens appear in sites within the Danube River valley and in France, they noted.

The climate shifts would have replaced forest with shrub-filled grassland, and *H. sapiens* may have been better adapted to that new environment than the Neanderthals were, so they could move in after Neanderthals disappeared, the researchers wrote.

Katerina Harvati, a Neanderthal expert at the University of Tuebingen in Germany who wasn't involved in the study, said it's helpful to have the new climate data from southeastern Europe, a region that *H. sapiens* is thought to have used to spread through the continent.

But she said it's unclear whether Neanderthals disappeared and *H. sapiens* appeared at the times the authors indicate, because the studies they cite rely on limited evidence and are sometimes open to dispute.

Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum in London said he thought the paper made a good case for an impact of the climate shifts on Neanderthals, although he thinks other factors were also at work in their disappearance.

Rick Potts of the Smithsonian Institution called the study "a refreshing new look" at the species replacement.

"As has been said before, our species didn't outsmart the Neanderthals," Potts said in an email. "We simply outsurvived them. The new paper offers much to contemplate about how it occurred."

Texan is selling 3D-printed gun plans on website

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The owner of a Texas company that makes untraceable 3D-printed guns said Tuesday that he has begun selling the blueprints through his website to anyone who wants to make one, after a federal court order barred him from posting the plans online.

Cody Wilson said at a news conference that he started selling the plans Tuesday morning and that he had already received nearly 400 orders. He said he'll sell the plans for as little as a penny to anyone in the U.S. who wants them.

"Anyone who wants to get these files is going to get them," Wilson said, noting he can only sell to U.S. customers. "They can name their own price."

Wilson said that blueprints purchased through

his company's website could be downloaded on a thumb drive and shipped to buyers by standard mail, sent by email or sent by some other secure download transfer. Some of his first sales included purchases made with cryptocurrency, he said.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia had sought an injunction to stop a settlement that the State Department reached with Wilson's Austin-based company, Defense Distributed, after the agency removed the 3D gun-making plans from a list of weapons or technical data that are not allowed to be exported. The states argued that online access to the undetectable plastic guns would pose a security risk and could be acquired by felons or terrorists.

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SERVICES

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school students with Clarendon 2 in Manning beginning with the spring semester. Currently, Clarendon 1 doesn't offer some of those high school classes, Champagne said.

She said she doesn't know if the state Department of Education wants more in the district's service consolidation plan due in late September. Champagne said the district will conduct a needs assessment and will likely consider some of the other areas that are listed in the new law.

She said she will present a detailed plan to the district's Board of Trustees before submitting it to the state.

Dennis, with Clarendon 3 in Turbeville, said her district already shares some services, as well, with neighboring districts.

Professional development for teachers is shared with other districts, along with the Clarendon-wide voca-

tional training.

Also, transportation is shared with Williamsburg County School District, Dennis said.

Dennis said Clarendon 3 is also represented in a Pee Dee regional educational consortium with other districts, and more ideas may come from that group soon. They may also be included in her district's final plan submission to state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman.

Both Champagne and Dennis said they don't know exactly the level of consolidated services that Spearman is looking for in the plans.

According to the new legislation, Spearman must either approve or amend districts' plans by early October. District implementation of plans must be completed within 60 days of approval.

The new state law was contained in a state proviso and was passed June 29 by the General Assembly. All 13 districts have less than 1,500 students.

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DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT
Clarendon 1	764
Clarendon 3	1,266
Allendale	1,159
Bamberg 1	1,366
Bamberg 2	655
Barnwell 19	597
Barnwell 29	897
Florence 2	1,144
Florence 4	689
Florence 5	1,227
Greenwood 51	941
Hampton 2	711
McCormick	780

Source: S.C. Department of Education

McGAHN

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might tell prosecutors.

"We do everything straight," he said. "We do everything by the book."

The departure of Trump's top lawyer, which has been expected, will create a vacancy in one of the most critical — and yet least visible — positions within the West Wing. Besides dealing with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, McGahn has had important input on a range of issues from policy to personnel to national security.

He will remain at the White House until after the expected Senate confirmation vote for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, Trump said in a tweet.

McGahn, a top election lawyer who served as general counsel on Trump's campaign, has played a pivotal role in the president's re-making of the federal judi-

ciary with young, conservative judges.

He also helped guide Trump's selection of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and the president's nomination of Kavanaugh and helped oversee a dramatic rollback of Obama-era regulations.

But McGahn's time has also been marked by tumult as he has been the main point of contact inside the White House for Mueller's investigation. He has met with investigators on at least three occasions for many hours at a time and threatened to resign last year if Trump continued to press for Mueller's removal.

Trump's announcement came more than a week after a *New York Times* report that McGahn had been cooperating extensively with Mueller's investigation into Russian election meddling and possible collusion with Trump's Republican campaign.

BROWN

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Junior College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a minor in Business Management from Morris College.

Brown then set out to become a bondsman to help others who may be where he was years ago and opened his own business, JoeBrown Bail Bond, in 2005. Brown is also employed with two other bonding companies.

"I use what I know to help people along the way," Brown said.

When you know both sides of the fence, what better person is there to listen to people, he said.

"We all make mistakes," Brown said. "I'm an example that it's not the end of the world."

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS JOB?

At the time Brown joined the profession in December 1999, he said Sumter ranked high in the nation for frequent crime.

What better business was there to be in, he said.

Though there never seems to be a shortage of business, Brown said the job is not all about the money.

"Believe it or not, you're helping guys who don't know it's not the end of the world," he said.

WHAT EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED TO BECOME A BONDSMAN?

A person needs to pass a test with the South Carolina Department of Insurance to become a certified professional bondsman, runner or surety bondsman.

The individual then does an apprenticeship with a bondsman company before working on his or her own, Brown said.

HOW DO BAIL BOND PAYMENTS WORK?

If a person's bond is set at \$2,100, a bondsman will usually require 10 percent of that amount to make an agreement with the defendant. The bondsman pays the full amount of the bond to the court, and the bondsman takes a cut of the 10 percent.

The defendant either pays the full bond out of pocket, has an indemnitor pay the 10 percent, or the defendant doesn't pay the bond and remains in jail.

A good bondsman will only work with an indemnitor — usually someone close to the defendant who agrees to take responsibility for the defendant's bond — who has a job and owns property because a person who has something to lose will make sure the defendant does what he or she is supposed to do, he said.

Agreeing to be an indemnitor means that person is responsible for the defendant.

The bondsman is responsible for making sure the defendant shows up to court.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE DEFENDANT DOES NOT SHOW UP FOR COURT?

The court gives a bondsman 90 days to catch the defendant after he misses a court date and turn the person over to law enforcement, Brown said.

"There is no trap-house, crackhouse or hole I won't crawl into to come get you," he said.

While some would never think of getting involved in bail bonds, Brown said the job can be exciting.

"It's dangerous to people who didn't live that life," he said. "When you've been on the other side, this is candy."

WHAT IS DIFFICULT ABOUT THE JOB?

The amount of people who keep getting in trouble, Brown said.

"When you know the law, you tend not to break it," he said.

It's like a doctor who doesn't want to keep working on the same patient who doesn't take care of himself, he said.

SCARIEST MOMENT ON THE JOB?

This moment was in 2005 when Brown went to pick up a man, 34, charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor.

The girl was 14, he said. Brown learned the suspect was staying in a mobile home and found the suspect and another man sitting in the living room when he walked inside.

The suspect made comments beforehand about being armed and not wanting to go back to prison, so Brown pulled out his firearm and told the suspect to put his hands on the back of the couch and spread his legs.

But his feet were uneven, and it looked like he was about to charge, he said.

As Brown realized this, a door behind him opened, and he checked to see if someone was about to attack him.

The man who came out of the other room had a hotdog in one hand and a beer in the other, Brown said.

He said in the time it took to turn his head, the suspect had gotten close enough to put his hand on the barrel of the gun.

Brown said he jumped back and the gun discharged, shooting the suspect in the arm.

The suspect tried to run out the back of the house, but another bondsman had come through the back door and stopped him.

The suspect was patched up and transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.



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Joe Brown said he tries to use what he knows to help defendants realize their charges aren't "the end of the world."

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COMMENTARY

We hate you, so we loved McCain

Editor's note: This commentary first appeared in The Morning Call, a publication of The Political Forum.

Just over three years ago, we wrote a piece explaining how the political establishment — the Democrats and the media, in particular — had helped create the conditions that enabled Donald Trump's rise to political prominence. We put it this way:

We think it's important to point out that the difference between the Democratic/media establishment and the boy who cried wolf is that the latter did so because he wanted "to amuse himself," which is to say that he made up the wolf, at least initially. The same cannot be said for our friends in the Democratic party and the mainstream press. They weren't joking about Mitt Romney. They weren't joking about Ronald Reagan — or the Georges Bush, or any of the Republicans they have labeled racist/sexist/homophobic. They meant it. Unlike the little shepherd boy, they actually believed that they saw wolves, EVERY SINGLE TIME.

The liberal establishment takes it as indisputable fact that the contemporary Republican party is built on the "Southern Strategy" first employed by Nixon, but exploited effectively ever since. The Republicans, they sincerely believe, are the majority party in Congress today and are at least nominally competitive in presidential campaigns because they exploit "white rage" in the South and have done so since the passage of the Civil Rights Acts. Moreover, they believe that the Republicans appeal to white racists by using loaded but coded terms like "states' rights," thus managing to acquire and maintain power through racism.

As you might have guessed, we thought of all of this over the last couple of days, after the announcement that John McCain had died.

The political establishment's reaction to McCain's death is supposed to be touching and bipartisan and inspiring.

But from where we sit, the whole thing just stinks. It's insulting to McCain's memory. It's insulting to Republican voters. And it's insulting — precisely as intended — to supporters of the current president. Indeed, the simple fact of the matter is that to many in our political class, everything in the world is now nothing more than a cudgel to attack Donald Trump — even the passing of a longtime Senator and war hero.

Now, to be fair, Trump has earned a little beating where John McCain is concerned. His unpleasantness to McCain — and McCain's

to him — is well documented. But whatever grief Trump might have earned, it can hardly be justified coming from the likes of those delivering it. Ten years ago, McCain was the most evil and vile man God ever made. He was a racist and a sexist and master manipulator. The *New York Times*, which now praises the late Senator effusively, flat out fabricated a story about a "possible" affair between McCain and an attractive blonde woman (lobbyist Vicki Iseman), presumably because it could.

Consider, as well, the case of John Lewis, the civil rights hero and longtime Congressman from North Carolina. On Sunday, Lewis called McCain "a warrior for peace" who will be missed by millions of people around the world. But back in 2008, Lewis compared McCain to George Wallace and accused him of creating a "climate of hate."

The whole thing is absurd, but it might, at least, be tolerable, if it were all done in pursuit of healing and bringing the country together and correcting past mistakes. But that's not what this is all about. Rather, this is about abusing a dead man's memory to attack the current president and to try to embarrass and shame his supporters.

Writing at National Review Online, Jim Geraghty suggests that "You could measure the coverage of McCain by who he was being contrasted with at that moment — against Bush in 2000 he was a hero, against Barack Obama in 2008 he was a villain, and against Trump in 2016 he was a hero again."

There is truth in this, of course, but there is also more to it.

The comparison to Trump is particularly irksome because it is so brazen. The things they say about Trump are exactly the things they said about McCain, only now we're supposed to believe them because they say so.

Look how far you've fallen, they sneer at Republican voters, from a decorated war hero to ... to ... that guy. It's so cheap and so patently transparent that it merely serves to exacerbate the dislike and the distrust that produced Trump in the first place. Three years into the Trump era, and these people have learned nothing.

Trump's behavior toward McCain spoke/speaks for itself — and not in a way that flatters the president. The political class' insistence on overkill serves not only to cheapen the true tributes to McCain, but also to undermine its own credibility to Trump's benefit.

It's astonishing, frankly, how they manage to do this time and again and how terribly they're distorting our political climate in the process.



COMMENTARY

Contrary to media coverage, most Americans aren't that into politics

For many obsessed with politics, the upcoming midterm elections are perceived as a fight between good and evil that will determine the fate of the nation.



Scott Rasmussen

In the narrative framed by true believers and much media coverage, it's a fight between those who are convinced that President Donald Trump can make America great and those who dream of a socialist future.

Fifty-four percent of Americans don't fit into that narrative. Just 27 percent strongly disapprove of the president and believe things would have been better if Hillary Clinton had been elected. On the other side, 19 percent strongly approve of the president and believe things would be worse if Hillary Clinton were living in the White House today. The rest have more mixed views.

This 8-point advantage among committed voters is the reason that Democrats are expected to do well in the midterm elections this November. In the House of Representatives, likely outcomes range from Democrats falling just short of winning control to a big blue wave earning a significant majority.

The final outcome may be determined by a group of voters that neither political team can begin to comprehend. Rather than see the 2016 election as a watershed event that changed the direction of the country, 26 percent of registered voters don't believe life in America

would have been all that different if Clinton had won.

With Election Day just a couple of months away, most of these voters aren't committed to voting for either side.

Like most Americans, these voters overwhelmingly recognize that Steve Jobs and Bill Gates have had a bigger impact on the world than presidents of the United States. Perhaps their ambivalence about who is president simply reflects confidence in the belief that culture and technology lead while politicians lag behind.

Or perhaps it's just a lack of faith in the political process. Only about 11 percent of them trust the federal government to do the right thing most of the time. Seventy-two percent believe that government agencies use their power to influence elections.

Another possibility stems from the fact that 61 percent of these voters are ideologically moderate. They may be turned off by the shrill tones of activists from both teams.

These voters aren't fans of the president's; just 29 percent approve of the job he's doing, and only 19 percent believe he is a good role model. But 45 percent believe he is at least as ethical as most politicians.

Their top concerns revolve around economic issues (32 percent), health care (22 percent), social issues (18 percent) and security issues (10 percent). Whatever their top concern is, however, 53 percent don't have confidence in one major party or the other to address it.

And they're not connecting the concerns to the political process. Seventy-three percent talk about politics with family and friends less than once

a week.

Much of the discord in the political process today stems from the inability of the politically obsessed to understand the majority of Americans who don't fit the dominant political narrative. Often, it seems as if the politically engaged don't even want to understand the rest of the country.

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Note: Data in this column are from 15 separate surveys of 1,000 registered voters. Each was conducted between Aug. 6 and Aug. 24 by HarrisX, a research company that specializes in online surveys and looks at Americans' opinions on technology, society, the economy and public policy.

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LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

BANKS — All area banks and credit unions will be closed on Monday.

GOVERNMENT — The following will be closed on Monday: federal government offices; state government offices; U.S. Postal Service; City of Sumter offices; Sumter County offices; Clarendon County offices; City of Manning offices; Lee County offices; and City of Bishopville offices.

SCHOOLS — The following will be closed on Monday: Sumter School District; Clarendon School Districts 1, 2 and 3; Lee County Public Schools; Robert E. Lee Academy; Thomas Sumter Academy; Wilson Hall; St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School; Laurence Manning Academy; Clarendon Hall; Sumter Christian School; and Central Carolina Technical College.

USC Sumter will not hold classes on Monday.

UTILITIES — Black River Electric Coop. and Farmers Telephone Coop. will be closed on Monday.

OTHER — The following will be closed on Monday: Clemson Extension Service; Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce; and the Harvin Clarendon County Library.

The Sumter County Library will be closed Saturday-Monday.

The Sumter Item will be closed on Monday.

AROUND TOWN

The American Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O. An open blood drive will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St. Schedule your donation appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, by visiting www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Clarendon School District One will conduct free vision, hearing, speech and developmental screenings as part of a child find effort to identify students ages 3-5, who may need special education services and are not enrolled in a public school. Screenings will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon at the Summer-ton Early Childhood Center, 8 South St., Summerton, on the following Tuesdays: Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 2019; Feb. 12, 2019; March 12, 2019; April 9, 2019; and May 14, 2019. Call Robert Collar at (803) 574-2117.

Lake Marion Artisans will hold an artists reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 108 Main St., Summerton, in recognition of the Glorious Gourds exhibit by the Cypress Gourd Patch Organization of Sumter. The exhibit will run Sept. 1-30 and will feature painted, embellished, carved, embossed beautiful creations all made with / from gourds. Many of these items will be for sale. Refreshments will be served during the artists reception.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA) will hold its first Hall of Fame celebration at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Historical Lincoln Center, 22 Council St. The 2018 inductees are: Dr. Leroy Bowman — 1940; Rep. James Clyburn — 1953-1956; Maggie Ellison — 1956; John H. Kilgo — 1947-

1966; Freddie Solomon — 1972; Dr. Junior Earl Vaughn — 1950; and Dr. Agnes Hildebrand-Wilson — 1951-1973. Tickets are \$35 each and are on sale at the Council Street office 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10813 will hold a recognition program at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 610 Manning Ave. One of the citizens being honored is a World War II veteran who served in the 1st Cavalry. Call Al Spencer at (803) 406-0748.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St., for a summer evening of getting to know each other while members chat-n-chew. It's time to reserve your tables for the Dec. 11 gala. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will hold its annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course, 1305 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is \$50 per golfer limited to the first 40 teams. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, souvenirs, cart, green fees and refreshments during play. Team format will be two-person Captain's Choice. There will be first- and second-place prizes for men's and women's teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. Raffle tickets for a La-Z-Boy recliner will be \$2 each or three for \$5. Call Rich Grimsley at (803) 469-6227, Earnest Roland at (803) 840-0935 or Johnny Goodley at (803) 236-0488 or email at vnam6970@yahoo.com.

WEATHER

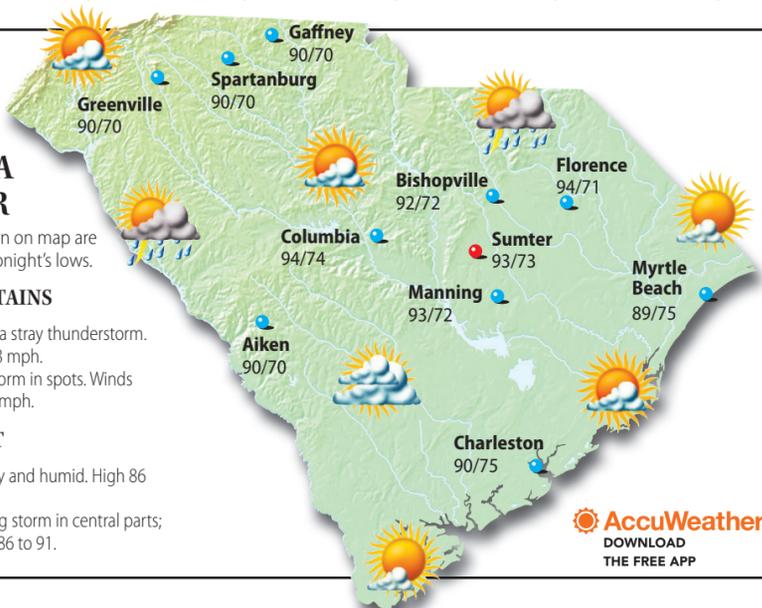
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
93°	73°	92° / 71°	91° / 71°	91° / 71°	91° / 71°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%
SSW 4-8 mph	SSW 3-6 mph	SSE 4-8 mph	E 3-6 mph	E 4-8 mph	E 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Humid with a stray thunderstorm. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.
Friday: A thunderstorm in spots. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly sunny and humid. High 86 to 91.
Friday: Sun. A strong storm in central parts; a storm south. High 86 to 91.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	Precipitation
High 90°	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Low 73°	Month to date 4.85"
Normal high 88°	Normal month to date 4.78"
Normal low 67°	Year to date 26.76"
Record high 99° in 1948	Last year to date 27.57"
Record low 54° in 1986	Normal year to date 33.12"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.21	-0.01
Marion	76.8	75.43	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.25	+0.02
Wateree	100	96.91	none

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	4.41	-0.47
Congaree River	19	3.39	+0.12
Lynches River	14	1.53	-0.04
Saluda River	14	2.71	+0.08
Up. Santee River	80	76.82	+0.14
Wateree River	24	8.97	-2.40

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:54 a.m.	Sunset	7:51 p.m.
Moonrise	10:28 p.m.	Moonset	10:35 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Sep. 2	Sep. 9	Sep. 16	Sep. 24

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:09 p.m.	3.1	6:48 a.m.	0.3
Fri.	12:30 a.m.	3.0	7:29 a.m.	0.3
	12:51 p.m.	3.2	7:54 p.m.	0.7

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	88/72/pc	88/72/pc
Chicago	75/60/pc	82/71/pc
Dallas	97/79/pc	98/78/s
Detroit	76/59/pc	80/67/s
Houston	91/76/t	92/75/t
Los Angeles	86/66/s	87/66/s
New Orleans	88/77/t	86/78/t
New York	90/70/pc	75/67/sh
Orlando	89/73/t	88/74/t
Philadelphia	92/71/pc	78/69/sh
Phoenix	105/82/s	106/84/pc
San Francisco	71/56/pc	71/56/pc
Wash., DC	93/75/t	87/75/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Asheville	84/65/t	82/66/t	Florence	94/71/pc	94/72/pc
Athens	90/67/t	89/67/t	Gainesville	90/72/t	90/72/t
Augusta	92/68/t	93/70/pc	Gastonia	91/71/pc	89/70/t
Beaufort	91/76/s	91/76/t	Goldsboro	93/74/pc	92/73/pc
Cape Hatteras	88/79/s	87/78/pc	Goose Creek	90/74/t	89/74/t
Charleston	90/75/t	89/75/t	Greensboro	91/71/pc	88/70/pc
Charlotte	93/73/pc	91/72/pc	Greenville	90/70/t	88/69/t
Clemson	90/71/t	88/70/pc	Hickory	89/70/t	86/69/pc
Columbia	94/74/pc	93/73/pc	Hilton Head	88/76/s	87/76/t
Darlington	92/72/pc	92/71/pc	Jacksonville, FL	89/74/pc	88/74/t
Elizabeth City	94/75/s	90/74/pc	La Grange	89/71/t	89/72/t
Elizabethtown	92/72/s	91/72/pc	Macon	91/69/t	92/69/pc
Fayetteville	93/73/s	92/73/pc	Marietta	88/70/t	88/71/t
			Marion	87/67/t	85/66/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	89/75/s	88/75/pc
			Myrtle Beach	89/75/s	88/76/pc
			Orangeburg	92/72/c	91/72/pc
			Port Royal	89/75/pc	88/76/t
			Raleigh	94/72/pc	90/70/pc
			Rock Hill	91/71/pc	89/70/pc
			Rockingham	93/71/pc	91/72/pc
			Savannah	91/73/pc	90/74/t
			Spartanburg	90/70/t	88/70/t
			Summerville	90/73/t	89/73/t
			Wilmington	92/74/pc	90/73/pc
			Winston-Salem	90/72/c	88/71/pc

PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Jeff Byer shares a photo he took of the Furman University bell tower. Byer comments, "Furman University is a private, coeducational liberal arts college in Travelers Rest. Founded in 1826 and named for the clergyman Richard Furman, Furman University is the oldest private institution of higher learning in South Carolina. It became a secular university in 1992, while keeping Christo et Doctrinae (For Christ and Learning) as its motto. It's interesting that their lake is also called Swan Lake."

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The last word in astrology
 EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your wit and charm to overcome any controversy you face. Getting along with your peers and friends will make it easier to get the help you need to get things done on time. Energy and enthusiasm are the answer, not anger.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Dig in and take care of your responsibilities. If you aren't sure what to do, ask an expert. Learn as you go and be open to change. Opportunity will come your way if you are easy to get along with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone will not be honest with you. Listen and ask questions; you'll be able to decipher what's fact and what's fiction. Problems with a child, lover or friend should be taken seriously, but also handled with diplomacy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep emotions out of your professional or financial deals. Look at the practical aspect of whatever situation or partnership you face, and make a focused effort to do what's right and best for everyone. Refuse to let anyone meddle in your affairs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A simple, direct approach is favored. If you want to enforce change, make sure it's doable before you share your plans. Overstepping your boundaries will cause a dispute. Diplomacy and charm will help you get your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take better care of your health and emotional states of mind. Address issues quickly to avoid undue stress. Get help if you feel you need to talk to an expert. Make personal changes that will improve your

lifestyle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look for alternative ways to do things. Being ready for opposition or setbacks will help you remain in control. If you need help, ask. Being open with someone you share space, finances or pursuits with will encourage success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Think before you say or do something you regret. Get the facts and filter through them carefully before you indulge in a verbal scrimmage with someone who may be privy to more information than you. Focus inward and on creative endeavors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Share with someone you love to spend time with. The plans you make will give you something to look forward to. Don't let anyone disrupt your plans using emotional manipulation or jealousy to make you feel bad.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Clear the air before you try to start something new. Deal with feelings and situations that could stand in your way as you move forward. Be open to change and be willing to listen, and new opportunities will unfold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more time and effort into personal gains. Invest in yourself and the way you present yourself. If you look and feel good, you will send a positive message that will open doors. A partnership can be revised to better suit your needs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Size up your situation, decide what you want to do and make it happen. Take control instead of waiting to see what someone else is going to do. If you forge ahead and step up your game, others will respond.

USC FOOTBALL



South Carolina running back Ty'Son Williams (27) scores a touchdown on a 35-yard run during the fourth quarter of a 2017 game against Louisiana Tech. Williams and the Gamecocks open their 2018 campaign on Saturday at home against Coastal Carolina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Crestwood standout Williams more comfortable as he prepares for second season with South Carolina

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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COLUMBIA — Even though he played his high school football 30 or so miles from Williams-Brice Stadium and had been to the facility many times while being recruited by the University of South Carolina, former

Crestwood High School standout running back Ty'Son Williams admits it took some getting used to in his sophomore season last year after transferring after one year at the University of North Carolina and sitting out a season as well. All of that is history now though. "Coming back for a

second year (makes things more comfortable)," Williams said on Tuesday during a press conference leading up to Saturday's season opener against Coastal Carolina in Columbia. "Any time you do something a second or third time you're going to get better at it. "It seems like a long time

(since last season), but a short time if that makes any sense," said Williams, who expects to have a large contingent of family, friends and coaches on hand Saturday. "It definitely feels good to learn the stuff I did last year and improve on that stuff."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Two worlds collide for Furman QB

Paladins' captain is engineering student at nearby Clemson

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

GREENVILLE — Quarterback Harris Roberts spends his time in class at Clemson. He spends his practice time on the football field at Furman.

He carries a Clemson ID and parks near the Tigers' football stadium as he completes a joint

program in engineering that began with three years at Furman. He is enrolled at Clemson, has a 3.6 GPA and is on pace to finish his dual-program

degree next May. He's preparing for this weekend when his worlds collide: Roberts and his Furman teammates will play at No. 2 Clemson on Saturday in the season opener for both teams.

"It is weird," Roberts said with a little smile. "It's a little weird." Furman coach Clay Hendrix said there have been a few Furman players who have participated in the program, which is also affiliated with Georgia Tech.

"They just haven't had to play against the other school," the coach said.

Roberts figures to get that chance.

"I didn't really think about it much when I first got there," said Roberts, who is competing to be Furman's starting QB this season. "But after parking behind the stadium and walking to school, I realized this is going to be pretty cool."

Roberts, who is from suburban Atlanta in Cumming, Georgia, looked like most other college students as he parked near Clemson's basketball arena and headed to Fundamentals of Machine Design on Monday morning. He headed back to Furman, which is 30 miles away, for football practice after the 50-minute class.

When asked about Roberts dual status with Furman and Clemson, Tigers coach Dabo Swinney said, "I guess he can't lose."

Roberts was the backup to All-Southern Conference performer P.J. Blazejowski last season and the team's holder on place kicks. Roberts finished the year completing 9 of 13 passes for 110 yards in mop up duty as the Paladins tied for second in the league and reached the FCS playoffs.

Next up for the 22-year-old Roberts and the Paladins: Clemson's daunting front four of potential NFL first-rounders in tackles Christian Wilkins and Dexter Lawrence and ends Clelin Ferrell and Austin Bryant.

"I'm not thinking too much about that yet," he said.

Roberts was a little tight-lipped early on about being a Furman QB with his Clemson classmates. But the more he was asked about his background, the more he shared and the more his home team came out — so much so he's worn Furman gear to class.

Roberts found a receptive audience, even if almost none of them want — or expect — the Paladins to win.

"It's OK, I understand where they're coming from," he said.

Roberts has his Clemson schedule set up for early classes so he can get back to Furman — about a 45-minute drive through South Carolina's hilly Upstate region — for football meetings, workouts and drills.

PREP FOOTBALL

Barons looking to regroup ahead of meeting with defending 2A champion First Baptist

BY DANNY WILLIAMS
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After a disappointing 13-12 loss to Heathwood Hall in overtime last week following a failed 2-point conversion run, the Wilson Hall football team has a big task ahead of it on Friday.

The Barons will look to regroup against defending SCISA 2A champion First Baptist on Friday at Spencer Field beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Although First Baptist, which is a 3A team this year like Wilson Hall is a tall order, especially with a Barons lineman and defensive player out with injuries, there's one thing Jarecki is focused on over everything else.

"Our biggest concern is us," he said. "First Baptist is good, no question, but we have to worry about us."

"We had typical first-game mistakes," Jarecki said. "Our special teams were suspect. We didn't play particularly well on offense, but we played hard on both sides of the ball."

Heathwood Hall blocked the extra-point attempt following the Barons' touchdown in regulation, which led to Jarecki making the decision to go for two points and the win after scoring in overtime.

"We're a work in progress," Jarecki said. "We have to work to get better."

Wilson Hall sophomore quarterback Wise Segars completed three of eight



Wilson Hall running back Graham Van Patten (10) protects the ball as he looks for running room during the Barons' 13-12 overtime loss to Heathwood Hall last Friday at Spencer Field. Wilson Hall will try to bounce back against defending SCISA 2A state champion First Baptist on Friday. MICAH GREEN / THE SUMMER ITEM

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PREP FOOTBALL

Generals try to bounce back against Trinity-Byrnes

BY DANNY WILLIAMS
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Although the Thomas Sumter Academy football team lost to Spartanburg Christian School 21-7 on the road last week, first-year Generals head coach Randy Stogner did have some positive takeaways from the game. He hopes he can use



STOGNER

"I liked the way they fought the whole game," Stogner said of his team's

those to help the team prepare for its home opener against Trinity-Byrnes on Friday at General Field in Dalzell.

play in its season opener. "They never quit. We outscored them 7-0 in the second half."

However, the Generals did have some missed opportunities.

"We had a chance," Stogner said. "We left the ball on the (Spartanburg Christian) 10-yard-line twice."

Senior wingback and

defensive back Mason Warren led the way for the Generals. He finished with 99 yards rushing on 11 carries and had four receptions for 26 yards. He also had seven tackles, four of them solo, two first hits and one quarterback hurry on the defensive side of the ball.

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PRO FOOTBALL

NFL 2018: Steelers poised to retain reign in AFC North

BY DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — As long as Mike Tomlin is standing on the Pittsburgh sideline, watching Ben Roethlisberger pass to Antonio Brown or give the ball to Le'Veon Bell, the Steelers will be favored to win the AFC North.

It makes no difference that Randy Fichtner is the new offensive coordinator, or that Roethlisberger turned 36 in March.

The Steelers are going to score points, and they're going to play their best against division rivals in big games.

Baltimore knows this all too well. Two years ago, Bell rushed for 122 yards and Roethlisberger connected with Brown for a last-minute touchdown in a 31-27 victory that clinched the AFC North title.

Last December, Roethlisberger threw for 506 yards and two TDs, Bell scored twice and the Steelers beat the Ravens 39-38.

Baltimore hopes to turn things around this year, but if the Ravens are to break a run of three straight years without a playoff appearance, it will likely be as a wild card.

There are, by the way, two other teams in the division. Cincinnati and Cleveland deserve mention only because one will likely finish in third place and the other will occupy the cellar.

In Cincinnati, coach Marvin Lewis got a two-year extension despite his NFL-record 0-7



Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin watches warm ups before an Aug. 16 preseason game against the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

mark in the playoffs. After two straight losing seasons, he's getting a 16th chance to finally get it right.

Cleveland is coming off an 0-16 embarrassment and can only hope to be respectable. Since the creation of the current AFC North in 2002, the Browns are the only team never to finish in first place. Some things to know about

the AFC North:

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOILS: Pittsburgh and its "Killer Bs" — Roethlisberger, Brown and Bell — have reached the playoffs four straight years. Yet all those trips to January have turned into just three postseason wins and no trips to the Super Bowl. While the rejuvenated Roethlisberger believes he can

play until he nears 40, this may be his last legitimate shot to win a third championship. Bell is likely in his final year in black-and-gold after being unable to come to terms with the club on a new long-term deal.

Bell is one of the most versatile backs in the league and not easily replaceable. He won't lack for motivation. He believes he's a unique talent and wants the paycheck to prove it.

Pittsburgh's best chance to return to the Super Bowl will rely heavily on having Bell at the top of his game and will certainly take the tradeoff of seeing Bell elsewhere in 2019 if it means hoisting the Lombardi Trophy in February.

FAREWELL TOUR: Ozzie Newsome is the only general manager the Ravens have ever had, running the show in Baltimore since the team arrived from Cleveland before the 1996 season.

Newsome will be stepping aside after this season, to be replaced by current assistant GM Eric DeCosta, who in 2019 will finally get the job he wanted after spurning offers from several other clubs.

The Ravens have won two Super Bowls under Newsome, who in his final season has assembled a team that appears better than last year's model.

Having provided quarterback Joe Flacco with a new receiving group, Newsome addressed

Baltimore's most glaring weakness in 2017.

BENGALS ON THE LINE: Cincinnati's offense finished last in the league in yards last season, the worst showing in franchise history. The focus of their offseason was overhauling the line, which failed to protect Andy Dalton or open holes in the running game.

The Bengals fired line coach Paul Alexander, traded with Buffalo for left tackle Cordy Glenn, signed right tackle Bobby Hart and drafted center Billy Price in the first round from Ohio State. Despite all that, the right side of the line struggled against the Cowboys in the second preseason game, renewing concerns that problems remain.

GOTTA BE BETTER, CAN'T GET WORSE: Cleveland coach Hue Jackson is 1-31 in two seasons with Cleveland, but Browns owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam still believe they hired the right coach in 2016. Time will tell, but the pressure is on Jackson from the get-go to win or there could be more changes in a team that has known mostly upheaval for 20 years.

The Browns drafted quarterback Baker Mayfield with the No. 1 overall pick, but the Heisman Trophy winner will begin the year as a backup to Tyrod Taylor, who helped Buffalo snap a 17-year postseason drought last season.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
5:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Made in Denmark First Round from Aarhus, Denmark (GOLF).
9:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Made in Denmark First Round from Aarhus, Denmark (GOLF).
Noon — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from New York (ESPN).
12:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at Cincinnati (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. — Track and Field: IAAF Diamond League Final from Zurich, Switzerland (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour DAP Championship First Round from Beachwood, Ohio (GOLF).
4 p.m. — Horse Racing: P.J. Johnson Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
6 p.m. — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from New York (ESPN2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from New York (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Football: Central Florida at Connecticut (ESPN).
7 p.m. — PGA Golf: Portland Classic First Round from Portland, Ore. (GOLF).
7 p.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Cleveland at Detroit (NFL NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Carolina at Pittsburgh (WACH 57).
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: Pittsburgh at St. Louis or Chicago Cubs at Atlanta (MLB NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Football: Wake Forest at Tulane (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Football: Northwestern at Purdue (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Football: Missouri State at Oklahoma State (FOX SPORTS 1).
8 p.m. — Women's College Soccer: Pittsburgh at Texas Christian (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8:30 p.m. — College Football: Northwestern State at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).
10 p.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Denver at Arizona (NFL NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona at Los Angeles Dodgers or Colorado at San Diego (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).
4:55 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Italian Grand Prix Practice from Monza, Italy (ESPN2).

8), 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle (LeBlanc 7-3) at Oakland (Montas 5-3), 10:05 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Boston at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Baltimore at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	74	57	.565	—
Philadelphia	70	62	.530	4½
Washington	67	66	.504	8
New York	59	74	.444	16
Miami	53	80	.398	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	78	54	.591	—
St. Louis	74	58	.561	4
Milwaukee	73	60	.549	5½
Pittsburgh	64	68	.485	14
Cincinnati	57	75	.432	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	72	60	.545	—
Colorado	72	60	.545	—
Los Angeles	71	61	.538	1
San Francisco	67	67	.500	6
San Diego	52	83	.385	21½

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 11 innings, susp.
 Washington 5, Philadelphia 4
 Boston 8, Miami 7
 Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 7
 Atlanta 9, Tampa Bay 5
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Texas 4
 St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 2
 Colorado 3, L.A. Angels 2
 San Diego 2, Seattle 1
 San Francisco 1, Arizona 0

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 1st game, 11 innings
 N.Y. Mets 10, Chicago Cubs 3, 2nd game
 San Diego 8, Seattle 3
 Miami at Boston, 6:35 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
 Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Milwaukee (Miley 2-2) at Cincinnati (Reed 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Musgrove 5-7) at St. Louis (Gant 5-5), 7:15 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 4-4) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 10-8), 7:35 p.m.
 Arizona (Ray 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 6-4), 10:10 p.m.
 Colorado (Marquez 11-9) at San Diego (Richard 7-11), 10:10 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
 Colorado at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

MLB LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING — Martinez, Boston, .338; Betts, Boston, .336; Altuve, Houston, .327; Segura, Seattle, .317; Machado, Los Angeles, .315; Trout, Los Angeles, .311; Smith, Tampa Bay, .307; Merrifield, Kansas City, .307; Brantley, Cleveland, .304; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .301.
RUNS — Lindor, Cleveland, 108; Betts, Boston, 105; Martinez, Boston, 98; Benintendi, Boston, 91; Bregman, Houston, 89; Ramirez, Cleveland, 89; Trout, Los Angeles, 87; Stanton, New York, 85; Chapman, Oakland, 83; Rosario, Minnesota, 82.
RBI — Martinez, Boston, 110; Davis, Oakland, 103; Ramirez, Cleveland, 94; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 89; Bregman, Houston, 86; Bogaerts, Boston, 85; Haniger, Seattle, 83; Lowrie, Oakland, 83; Stanton, New York, 82; Cruz, Seattle, 81.
HITS — Martinez, Boston, 162; Segura, Seattle, 159; Merrifield, Kansas City, 156; Lindor, Cleveland, 155; Rosario, Minnesota, 150; Betts, Boston, 148; Castellanos, Detroit, 148; Bregman, Houston, 146; Altuve, Houston, 144; Brantley, Cleveland, 144.
DOUBLES — Bregman, Houston, 43; Lindor, Cleveland, 40; Bogaerts, Boston, 39; Andujar, New York, 37; Betts, Boston, 37; Escobar, Arizona, 37; 5 tied at 36.
TRIPLES — Smith, Tampa Bay, 9; Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Hernandez, Toronto, 7; Benintendi, Boston, 6; Chapman, Oakland, 6; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 6; Moncada, Chicago, 6; Profar, Texas, 6; Span, Seattle, 6; 5 tied at 5.

HOME RUNS — Davis, Oakland, 39; Martinez, Boston, 38; Ramirez, Cleveland, 37; Gallo, Texas, 34; Cruz, Seattle, 32; Stanton, New York, 32; Trout, Los Angeles, 31; Lindor, Cleveland, 29; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 28; Betts, Boston, 27.
STOLEN BASES — Gordon, Seattle, 29; Merrifield, Kansas City, 28; Ramirez, Cleveland, 28; Smith, Tampa Bay, 27; Betts, Boston, 26; Anderson, Chicago, 25; Trout, Los Angeles, 21; Benintendi, Boston, 20; Segura, Seattle, 20; Lindor, Cleveland, 19.
PITCHING — Severino, New York, 17-6; Carrasco, Cleveland, 16-7; Kluber, Cleveland, 16-7; Snell, Tampa Bay, 16-5; Happ, New York, 15-6; Porcello, Boston, 15-7; Price, Boston, 14-6; Morton, Houston, 13-3; Verlander, Houston, 13-8; 6 tied at 12.
ERA — Sale, Boston, 1.97; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.05; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.22; Verlander, Houston, 2.72; Cole, Houston, 2.85; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.91; Morton, Houston, 3.14; Fiers, Oakland, 3.15; Severino, New York, 3.27; Cleveland, Cleveland, 3.30.
STRIKEOUTS — Cole, Houston, 234; Verlander, Houston, 229; Sale, Boston, 219; Bauer, Cleveland, 214; Severino, New York, 189; Morton, Houston, 185; Carrasco, Cleveland, 178; Paxton, Seattle, 176; Kluber, Cleveland, 172; Snell, Tampa Bay, 168.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING — Gennett, Cincinnati, .313; Zobrist, Chicago, .312; Markakis, Atlanta, .311; Freeman, Atlanta, .310; Yelich, Milwaukee, .310; Martinez, St. Louis, .309; Cain, Milwaukee, .306; Arenado, Colorado, .305; Peralta, Arizona, .303; Rendon, Washington, .299.
RUNS — Blackmon, Colorado, 96; Yelich, Milwaukee, 91; Albies, Atlanta, 90; Carpenter, St. Louis, 88; Harper, Washington, 84; Arenado, Colorado, 83; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 82; Baez, Chicago, 81; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 81; 2 tied at 80.
RBI — Baez, Chicago, 97; Suarez, Cincinnati, 93; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 91; Arenado, Colorado, 91; Rizzo, Chicago, 86; Story, Colorado, 85; Harper, Washington, 84; Markakis, Atlanta, 83; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 82; Freeman, Atlanta, 78.
HITS — Markakis, Atlanta, 159; Freeman, Atlanta, 157; Gennett, Cincinnati, 152; Peraza, Cincinnati, 151; Story, Colorado, 146; Albies, Atlanta, 145; Baez, Chicago, 145; Yelich, Milwaukee, 145; 4 tied at 144.
DOUBLES — Markakis, Atlanta, 39; Carpenter, St. Louis, 38; Story, Colorado, 36; Baez, Chicago, 35; Freeman, Atlanta, 35; Albies, Atlanta, 34; Rendon, Washington, 32; Cabrera, Philadelphia, 31; Polanco, Pittsburgh, 30; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 30.
TRIPLES — KMarte, Arizona, 10; Baez, Chicago, 8; Desmond, Colorado, 8; Nimmo, New York, 8; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8; Difo, Washington, 7; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 7; 5 tied at 6.
HOME RUNS — Carpenter, St. Louis, 34; Arenado, Colorado, 31; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 30; Harper, Washington, 30; Muncy, Los Angeles, 30; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 29; Suarez, Cincinnati, 29; Baez, Chicago, 28; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 27; 2 tied at 26.
STOLEN BASES — Turner, Washington, 33; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 29; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 29; Cain, Milwaukee, 24; Inciarte, Atlanta, 24; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Baez, Chicago, 21; Jankowski, San Diego, 21; Story, Colorado, 21; Peraza, Cincinnati, 20.
PITCHING — Scherzer, Washington, 16-6; Nola, Philadelphia, 15-3; Lester, Chicago, 14-5; Chacin, Milwaukee, 13-5; Godley, Arizona, 13-7; Greinke, Arizona, 13-8; Mikolas, St. Louis, 13-3; Freeland, Colorado, 12-7; 3 tied at 11.
ERA — deGrom, New York, 1.68; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.10; Scherzer, Washington, 2.22; Foltynewicz, Atlanta, 2.67; Freeland, Colorado, 2.90; Greinke, Arizona, 2.94; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.94; Corbin, Arizona, 3.15; Arrieta, Philadelphia, 3.37; Williams, Pittsburgh, 3.44.
STRIKEOUTS — Scherzer, Washington, 249; deGrom, New York, 224; Corbin, Arizona, 207; Nola, Philadelphia, 177; Greinke, Arizona, 171; Foltynewicz, Atlanta, 169; Gray, Colorado, 163; Pivetta, Philadelphia, 162; Marquez, Colorado, 160; Godley, Arizona, 157.

PRO TENNIS



Sloane Stephens serves to Anhelina Kalinina during the second round of the U.S. Open on Wednesday in New York.

Venus wins at U.S. Open, could meet Serena in 3rd round

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Venus Williams did her part to set up an earlier-than-usual Grand Slam matchup with sister Serena at the U.S. Open, beating Camilla Giorgi 6-4, 7-5 on Wednesday.

Serena was scheduled to play at night, when a victory would have the Williams sisters meeting in the third round, earlier than they have in a Grand Slam in 20 years.

Defending champion Sloane Stephens and two-time U.S. Open finalist Victoria Azarenka will also meet in the third round after victories on another hot and humid day at the final Grand Slam tournament of the year, where winning wasn't enough.

Winning quickly and getting back indoors was on everyone's mind. "Yeah, I'm very happy about that," Azarenka said after overpowering No. 25 seed Daria Gavrilova of Australia 6-1, 6-2.

Venus Williams was spared some of the most direct sun by playing in the rebuilt Louis Armstrong Stadium, which is well-shaded. But there was only so much protection available on a day when temperatures soared into the mid-90s for the second straight day.

"Maybe the hottest conditions I have ever played (in)," No. 20 seed Borna Coric said after winning his second-round match in straight sets.

An extreme heat rule was to remain in effect until further notice, allowing men to take a 10-minute break between the third and fourth set of singles matches, and women to do so between their second and third sets.

AREA ROUNDUP

SHS girls swim team finishes 2nd

The Sumter High School girls swim team finished second in an 8-team meet on Tuesday at City of Sumter Aquatics Center.

Sumter finished with 63 points while West Florence won with 98.

Sophomore Hayden Kirkhart led the Lady Gamecocks, winning both the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events. She posted automatic qualifying times for the state meet in both events.

Junior Abby Hoshour won the 100 butterfly and was second in the individual medley. She had swimming consideration times for the state meet.

Eighth-grader Samantha Kirkhart was second in the 500 freestyle.

The relay team of Abby Hoshour, Hayden Kirkhart, seventh-grader Emily Kate Hoshour and Samantha Kirkart won the 200 free relay and was second in the 400 free relay. Both times were good for consideration times for the state meet.

WILSON HALL 11TH

NEWBERRY — Wilson Hall finished 11th in the Newberry Invitational on Saturday at the Newberry YMCA.

Mary Claire Graves finished eighth in the 100 freestyle to score Wilson Hall's only point.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

SUMTER SPLITS TRI-MATCH

LEXINGTON — Sumter High School defeated White Knoll 2-1 and lost to Ridge View 2-0 in a tri-match at the White Knoll gymnasium on Tuesday.

The Lady Gamecocks, who are 2-4, beat White Knoll 19-25, 25-19, 25-23. Ridge View won by the scores of 25-17, 25-19.

HEATHWOOD HALL 3
WILSON HALL 1

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall fell to 1-5 with a 3-1 loss to

Heathwood Hall on Tuesday at the HH gymnasium.

Abbie Beatson had nine digs and Lucy Matthews and Sydney Jarecki both had four kills to lead the Barons.

On Thursday in Columbia, Wilson Hall lost to Cardinal Newman 3-0 by the scores of 25-8, 25-13, 25-18. Cameron Duffy had three blocks and Jarecki had two aces.

VARSITY TENNIS

MANNING 4
SUMTER 2

MANNING — Manning High School defeated Sumter 4-2 on Tuesday at Althea Gibson Tennis Complex.

Picking up wins for Sumter were No. 1 singles player Whitney Crawford and No. 2 Jordan Shuping.

Winning for Manning were No. 3 Kamryn Shaffer, No. 4 Lorenza Sanchez, No. 5 Emma Faithmezger and the No. doubles team of Katie Feagin and Katie Anderson.

On Monday in Sumter, SHS lost to Camden 5-1. Crawford picked up the lone win for Sumter, beating Imani Wyatt 6-2, 6-3.

VARSITY GOLF

CAMDEN 203
SUMTER 259

Sumter High School lost to Camden in its opening match of the season on Monday at Beech Creek Golf Club.

Camden shot 203 while Sumter shot a 259. Audrey Shuping led Sumter with a 60 and Sydney Brownlee shot a 65.

JV TENNIS

HAMMOND 8
WILSON HALL 1

Wilson Hall lost to Hammond 8-1 on Tuesday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

No. 3 singles player Caroline McElveen picked up the lone win for the Lady Barons.

BOYS

VARSITY SWIMMING

WILSON HALL FINISHES FIFTH

NEWBERRY — Wilson Hall finished fifth out of 14 teams in the Newberry Invitational on Saturday at the Newberry YMCA.

The Barons finished with 41 points as Hammond won with 101.

Enrick Dickey finished fourth in the 50-meter freestyle and Jack Poag was fourth in the 100 breaststroke to lead Wilson Hall. Sydnee Richardson was fifth in the 100 freestyle.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Steven Scholz, Justin Kang, Dickey and Richardson set a school record with a time of 3 minutes, 58.76 seconds, finishing fifth.

The 200 freestyle team of Scholz, Dickey, Poag and Tyler Mahr also finished fifth.

Sumter finishes 6th
Sumter High finished sixth in a 7-team meet on Tuesday at City of Sumter Aquatics Center.

Sumter finished with 17 points, while St. James won the meet with 79 points.

Sophomore CJ Timmons had the best finish for the Gamecocks. He was third in the 200 freestyle.

JV FOOTBALL

WILSON HALL 21
HEATHWOOD HALL 6

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall opened its season with a 21-6 victory over Heathwood Hall on Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Heathwood field.

Will Croft led the Barons with two interceptions, returning one 70 yards for a touchdown. Hugh McLaurin had 12 tackles, including three for a loss.

Will Singleton led Wilson Hall in rushing with 70 yards and two scores. Alex McLeod added 50 yards.

From staff reports

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY
East Clarendon, Lake Marion, Williamsburg at Manning, 5 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL
Conway at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Sumter at Richland Northeast, 6 p.m.
Manning at Lakewood, 6:30 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Florence Christian, 6 p.m.

B TEAM FOOTBALL
Lexington at Sumter, 6 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL
Dillon Christian at Robert E. Lee, 6 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Trinity-Byrnes, 6 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Patrick Henry, 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS
Sumter at Lower Richland, 5 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.

VARSITY AND JV TENNIS
Heathwood Hall at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Wilson at Lee Central, 6 p.m.

VARSITY AND JV VOLLEYBALL
Crestwood, Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
East Clarendon at Carvers Bay, 5:30 p.m.
Carolina at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Ben Lippen, 4 p.m.

VARSITY, JV AND B TEAM

VOLLEYBALL

Clarendon Hall at Patrick Henry, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

VARSITY FOOTBALL
Sumter at Conway, 7:30 p.m.
Richland Northeast at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood at Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Timmonsville at Lee Central, 7:30 p.m.
Bamberg-Ehrhardt at Scott's Branch, 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Florence Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Dillon Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Trinity-Byrnes at Thomas Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Holly Hill at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Wilson Hall in Porter-Gaud Invitational, TBA

VARSITY AND JV VOLLEYBALL
Calvary Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY
Lakewood, Thomas Sumter in Palmetto State Festival (at Columbia International University in Columbia), 8:30 a.m.
Manning in Green Wave Invitational (at Summerville High), 5 p.m.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Wilson Hall in Porter-Gaud Invitational, TBA

TSA

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Quarterback Jarrett Poole scored the team's only touchdown on a 1-yard sneak in the third quarter.

Senior defensive tackle Landen Rose recorded 11 tackles – one solo – and two first hits, and junior outside linebacker Graham Campbell finished with five tackles, two of them for a loss, and a quarterback hurry.

Overall, Thomas Sumter had 256 yards of total offense, running for 214 yards on 43 carries.

Now the Generals must prepare for a Trinity-Byrnes team that finished as the runner-up to First Baptist in SCISA 2A last season.

The Trojans appear to be pretty stout this season as well. They opened the season with a 26-25 triumph over 3A Ben Lippen. They lost to 3A powerhouse Hammond

49-24 last week. T-B was led by Reggion Bennett with 123 yards on 14 carries and Shamar Byrd added 81 yards on 16 carries.

To boot, Thomas Sumter will be without a running back/linebacker due to a knee injury and will also be missing the services of a defensive end/tight end due to a concussion.

"We're going to watch film and see what they give on offense and defense," Stogner said. "We're going to prepare for them just like we would any other team; not to discredit them, they're a very good team."

"They played two good opponents," Stogner said. "We're just going to do what we do and correct mistakes."

Stogner is excited to be back in Dalzell after traveling to Spartanburg last week.

"I'm looking forward to the home opener," Stogner said. "Our boys have been working hard."

BARONS

FROM PAGE B1

passes for 13 yards and a touchdown, but he also tossed three interceptions.

Sophomore running back Graham Van Patten had the most productive offensive night for Wilson Hall, running for 70 yards on 12 carries. Nathan Harris ran for 28 yards on eight carries, while senior running back Landon Van Patten ran for 16 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown and also caught two passes for 14 yards and a touchdown.

The Barons must now prepare for First Baptist and their standout senior running back, Michael Dukes, who has 246 yards rushing on 20 carries for five touchdowns through two games.

The Hurricanes are 2-0 on the season with victories over two South Carolina High School League teams. They defeated Bishop England 35-7



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall's Doc Walker (18) and Nathan Harris (2) defend against Heathwood Hall quarterback Alex Lewis during the Barons' 13-12 overtime loss to last Friday at Spencer Field. Wilson Hall will try to bounce back against defending SCISA 2A state champion First Baptist on Friday

and Burke 41-0.

"He's special," Jarecki said of Dukes, who has several College Bowl Subdivision offers and is hearing regularly from both Clemson and South Carolina. "Overall, they have tremendous team speed. They

have a lot of threats and they can throw the ball."

Jarecki knows how his team can improve.

"We have to take care of the little things," he said. "We have to gang tackle, sustain drives, and block better."

Williams said he and his offensive teammates have to focused on what they are doing, and if they are, it puts a lot of pressure on opposing defenses.

"You just have to line up quick" he said. "You don't have much time; you get the play and be ready to go. You don't have a lot of time to be playing around."

"You have a lot better chance for bigger plays. It's hard to defend teams that go fast; hard for the defenses to get the calls in and get set."

Coming off a surprising 9-4 season, the focus of many USC fans is on next week's home game against Georgia, the defending Southeastern Conference champion which lost to Alabama in the national title game.

Williams said that is not the case for him and his teammates.

"We're not looking past anybody," he said. "We want to put our best foot forward and win each week, go out and dominate."

USC FROM PAGE B1

Williams hopes things get a lot better this season. The junior had his moments last season, rushing for 471 yards and a touchdown on 95 carries. However, the playing time was very sporadic as he split time with Rico Dowdle, A.J. Turner and Mon Denson.

That will likely be the case this season as well. All four are listed as possibly starting the game against Coastal, and head coach Will Muschamp said each earned a chance to see playing time on Saturday.

Turner led the team in rushing with 531 yards and three TDs on 98 carries, while Dowdle finished with 251 yards on 66 carries in an injury-riddled season. Denson ran for 152 yards on 41 carries.

Williams believes the running backs have developed a good chemistry together.

"I think we know each other a lot better," Williams said. "The more time you spend with somebody the better you

get to know them. I think honestly the coaches have a better feel for us, and we have a better feel for each other."

"(They) can make plays, so we all just have to be ready and make plays when our number's called."

With Bryan McClendon now in charge of the USC offense and being aided by new quarterbacks coach Dan Werner, Carolina is looking to establish a quicker pace with an end result of increased scoring.

Williams said he is excited about getting the opportunity to put the offense on display on Saturday.

"I'm excited to have our fans be able to see it," he said. "We had a great time putting everything together."

I think the biggest adjustment I had to make was getting down with the tempo. We put it in in the spring, in fall camp we got better with it, and we've polished everything up for game time."



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Furman quarterback and Clemson student Harris Roberts (15) works out during a Friday practice at Furman University in Greenville. Roberts' worlds will collide on Saturday when he and his Furman teammates play at Clemson in the season opener for both teams.

QB FROM PAGE B1

"He is a really organized guy," said Hendrix, Furman's second-year coach. "He's always made it work."

Once complete, Roberts will have a bachelor's degree from Furman and a mechanical engineering degree from Clemson. NCAA guidelines allow Roberts to play at the "certifying institution (Furman) in intercollegiate athletics even though at the time of competition the student is enrolled in another institution in a cooperative educational exchange program."

Roberts hasn't met any Clemson football players in his classes or wandered by the Tigers' complex, which includes an indoor practice facility and operations center that features bowling alleys, a nap room and mini golf.

"It all looks spectacular," Roberts said.

Taking classes at Clemson was an adjustment for Roberts, who said his biggest classes at Furman had no more than 30 or 40 students while nearly every class at Clemson has up to 150 people. Furman had 2,731 students total enrollment in 2016, about a tenth of Clemson's total of 23,406 that same year.

He gets jokes from teammates about sneaking into one of Clemson's practices for a little pre-game spying.

"I don't know if we'd want to know any of that anyway, as good as they are," Hendrix said.

Roberts is looking forward to the opportunity to play the national title contenders. He's just as grateful he has had the chance to experience multiple college campuses.

"It's just been interesting to see the difference between the two schools," Roberts said. "It's been fun."

MLB ROUNDUP

Cubs, Mets split doubleheader; Braves snap Rays' streak

CHICAGO — Todd Frazier hit a grand slam and drove in a season-high five runs to lead the New York Mets to a 10-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday and avenge a tough loss earlier in the day.

Frazier gave New York a 4-0 lead in the first inning with his drive against Alec Mills and added an RBI single in a two-run ninth.

Jason Vargas (5-8) won his third straight start. The Mets pounded out 16 hits and avoided a season sweep after dropping the first six games against the NL Central leaders.

The Cubs had won a season-high seven in a row after pulling out a 2-1 victory earlier Wednesday on Ben Zobrist's RBI single with the bases loaded in the 11th. That game was suspended in the top of the 10th because of rain the previous night.

Vargas gave up one run and four hits in 5½ innings, striking out six and walking two. The veteran left-hander has a 1.62 ERA in his past three outings.

Mills (0-1) scattered five hits over five innings in his second major league start and did not allow a run after Frazier's grand slam.

BRAVES 9
RAYS 5

ATLANTA — Tyler Flowers isn't a fan of pinch-hitting. On his memorable day, even that went right. Pinch-runner Adam Duvall scored

the tiebreaking run on a delayed dash from third base and Flowers hit a two-run homer in Atlanta's four-run eighth inning as the Braves beat Tampa Bay 9-5 on Tuesday night to snap the Rays' eight-game winning streak.

Flowers' homer came after he agreed to a contract extension that could keep him in Atlanta through the 2020 season.

"It was a pretty good day," Flowers said. "All in all, it wasn't too bad."

The homer was Atlanta's sixth by pinch-hitters this season, tied for the most in the majors. Asked if he had become more comfortable as a pinch-hitter, Flowers said, "Not a bit, no."

Chaz Roe (1-3) walked Kurt Suzuki to open the eighth. Suzuki advanced to third on Ozzie Albies' third hit, a double to the right-field corner.

ROYALS 9
TIGERS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Adalberto Mondesi hit a two-run homer and finished with four RBIs, Danny Duffy allowed two hits over six innings and the Kansas City Royals routed the Detroit Tigers 9-2 on Wednesday to sweep their two-game series.

Duffy (8-11) gave up both hits and his only run in the first inning, when Mikie Mahtook drove in Jose Iglesias with a two-out single. The left-hander labored through the frame but breezed the rest of the way, striking out six

while working around a trio of walks.

Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer and Brett Phillips had a pair of RBIs as the Royals pounded Tigers starter Michael Fulmer (3-10) in his second outing off the disabled list.

Fulmer, who tossed 4½ shutout innings against the White Sox last week, allowed seven runs on eight hits before he was chased with two outs in the fourth. Fulmer is winless in his last seven starts, losing five of them, since beating the Twins on June 14.

ASTROS 5 |
ATHLETICS 4

HOUSTON — Tyler White homered with one out in the ninth inning to give the Houston Astros a 5-4 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday.

White, who also homered Monday, sent a pitch from Jeurys Familia (4-1) to the seats in left field. The Astros won two of three games in the series to move 2½ games ahead of Oakland atop the AL West.

George Springer and Alex Bregman added two hits apiece and both drove in a run to help the Astros to their seventh win in eight games. Roberto Osuna (2-2) allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth for the win.

The Astros lost the lead in the seventh when Brad Peacock took over for starter Dallas Keuchel and struggled with location. Peacock



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Atlanta pinch hitter Tyler Flowers follows through on a 2-run home run in the eighth inning of the Braves' 9-5 victory over Tampa Bay on Tuesday in Atlanta.

walked Matt Chapman, Jed Lowrie and Kris Davis to load the bases before plunking Stephen Piscotty on the arm to tie it at 4.

Keuchel allowed eight hits and three runs with five strikeouts in six innings.

PADRES 8
MARINERS 3

SAN DIEGO — Hunter Renfroe homered and drove in four runs, Manuel Margot had a homer among his three hits and prized rookie Luis Urias had his first three hits for the San Diego Padres, who beat the Seattle Mariners 8-3 Wednesday for a two-game sweep.

From wire reports

OBITUARIES

DARWIN W. BAIRD

MANNING — Darwin Wilbern "Will" Baird, 94, died on Friday, Aug. 24, 2018, at NHC of Charleston. He was



BAIRD

the husband of Frances Elizabeth Corbett Baird, who passed away from a broken heart three days after his death.

Born on Sept. 13, 1923, in

Turbeville, he was a son of the late Raleigh Lorraine Baird and Ethel Corbett Baird. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Naval Air Force until December 1945. Will had a career in the insurance business that lasted 28 years with Public Savings Life Insurance Co. of Charleston, where he served as vice president of the agency and district manager. After retiring from PSL, he loved playing golf and played until his health prevented. He held many close friends among the golfers. He was a member of Manning United Methodist Church and the Margaret Jones Gamble Sunday school class.

He is survived by a daughter, Debra Sottile (Mike Dixon) of Charleston; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lila Wingard of Turbeville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sons, infant Eddie Allen Baird, Dane Edward Baird and William Donald Baird; a granddaughter, Kristen Leigh Sottile Graf; and four brothers, Clyde Baird, Herman Baird, Mark Baird and Cecil Baird.

A graveside service for Will and Frances will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Turbeville Southern Methodist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Eddie Andrew officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at the residence, 1682 Heritage Drive, Manning.

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

FRANCES C. BAIRD

MANNING — Frances Elizabeth Corbett Baird, 90, widow of Darwin Wilbern Baird, died on Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital in Charleston, of a broken heart.

Born on Feb. 15, 1928, in Florence, she was a daughter

of the late John Dudley Corbett and Frances Iola Jones Corbett Inman. She

retired from Citizens & Southern National Bank in Sumter and then was employed by the Bank of Clarendon, until she permanently retired. She was a member of Manning United Methodist Church and the Margaret Jones Gamble Sunday school class.

She is survived by a daughter, Debra Sottile (Mike Dixon) of Charleston; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three sons, infant Eddie Allen Baird, Dane Edward Baird and William Donald Baird; a granddaughter, Kristen Leigh Sottile Graf; a brother, David Edward Corbett; three sisters, Lula C. Geddings, Ruby C. Pinckney and Helen C. Babb; and a daughter-in-law, Carol Betts Baird.

A graveside service for Frances and Will will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Turbeville Southern Methodist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Eddie Andrew officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at the residence, 1682 Heritage Drive, Manning.

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GEORGE W. WITHERSPOON

MANNING — George Weston Witherspoon, 73, died on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018.

He was a son of the late Weston and Willie Mae Felder Witherspoon.

Funeral services for Mr. Witherspoon will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Providence Christian Church, Manning, with the Rev. Dr. Bennie Colclough, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia.

The family will be receiving friends at the home of his cousins, Janie and Clarence Eversley, 3249 Oak Grove Church Road, Manning.

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

BERNARD L. RAGINS-CHRISTIAN

Bernard L. Ragins-Christian, 43, spouse of Scott Christian, departed this life on Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1974, in Sumter, a son of Gwendolyn Ragins Heyward and the late Jeffery Allen.

The family will receive

friends at the home of his aunt, 34 Dollard Drive.

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

JESSIE SLATER

BISHOPVILLE — Jessie "Jay" Slater, 84, beloved husband of Rosa Pearson Slater, passed on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville.

Born in Lee County, he was a son of the late Edmond Slater and Vermelle Slater Wilson.

The family will receive friends and relatives at the home, 1391 Herndon Road, Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

WILLIE FLEMING JR.

Willie "Bubba" Fleming Jr. was born on Nov. 2, 1941, in Lake City, to the late Willie and Ada English Fleming. He attended the Florence County Public Schools in Lake City.

He started working for Georgia-Pacific, VB Williams and Korn Furniture Co. throughout his early years of life. Willie retired working at the tender age of 65 from Korn Furniture as a bed clamp operator. He distinguished himself as a Christian at the age of 12 and united with Oak Grove AME Church, where he was baptized and remained a member throughout his life.

He met his beautiful wife, Pearlmae Burgess Fleming, in his 20s and to this union, three children were born. Willie was a very loving husband, father, relative and friend. He had a wonderful smile and loved people. Many of his friends called him "Tall."

On Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, Willie was called to eternal rest at Palmetto Health Tuomey, due to an ongoing illness.

Those left to cherish his memories are his loving wife, Pearlmae Fleming; a daughter, May Frances Fleming; two sons, Donnie R. (Felicia) Fleming and Lonnie J. (Jacklin) Fleming; one sister, Ada Mae (James) Epps; two brothers, Leroy Fleming and William (Janie) Fleming; one granddaughter, Deborah E. Fleming; one grandson, Broderick (Jessica) Clinkscales; three great-grandchildren, Braylyn Clinkscales, Marcel Simon and Truth Dunham; sisters-in-law, Elsie Fleming, Janie Lee Fleming, Leloa (Charles) Williams, Lou Angela (Harvey) Woodruff and Annie R. Burgess; brothers-in-law, Joe (Willa Dean) Burgess and Wilbert Burgess; one aunt, Annie Mae Shaw; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother,

Willie and Ada Fleming; paternal grandparents, Jessie and Elizabeth Fleming Jr.; maternal grandparents, John (Minnie) English; and brothers, John Westly Persow, Author Eugene, James, Bennie and Robert Fleming.

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

Mr. Fleming will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Friday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Oak Grove AME Church, 271 Burnt Branch Road, Olanta, SC 29114 with the Rev. Shernard Barnes officiating. Interment will follow at Old McFadden Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. daily at the home, 1510 Illery Road, Sumter.

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.

SAM MINARIK

Sam Minarik, 45, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Flint, Michigan, he was a son of Thomas and Claire Boileau Minarik. Sam was a former truck driver, avid gamer, beloved uncle, brother and son, who was taken too soon.

Surviving are his mother and father; and siblings, Joe Minarik, Steve Minarik, Sherry Rowe, Kathy Smith and Karin Minarik.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



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COMILLA J. MARTIN

Comilla "Paul" Jenkins Martin, 80, departed this life and entered into eternal rest on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

Born on Dec. 26, 1937, in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Johnnie Boone Sr. and Ronea Jenkins. Comilla received her formal education in the public schools of Sumter County. She was a lifelong member of Mt. Olive AME Church, where she held many leadership roles in addition

to her services on the usher board, jubilee choir and Women's Missionary Society (Burrows Unit). She was also a member of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, Lodge 11.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 49 years, Raymond Martin; their three children, Gloria J. Martin of Fairburn, Georgia, Ralph O. Martin (Andrea) of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, and Patricia A. Martin of Dalzell; a granddaughter reared in the home, Shontel Wright (Thomas) of Atlanta; four stepchildren, Diane Smith, Dorthey Mae McCray, Wanda Harrison and Richard Wilson; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; eight sisters, Alene Martin, Ammie Anderson, Julia Nelson of Sumter, Irene Jenkins of Fairview, Illinois, Johnnie Mae Swann of Norfolk, Virginia, Catharine Boone of Darlington, and Alene McCullough and Hattie Mae McCullough, both of Lamar; one special sister, Mary Abram of Alexandria, Virginia; four brothers, Ivie Jenkins of Newark, New Jersey, Edward (Margaret) Jenkins of Brooklyn, New York, Johnnie Boone Jr. of Sumter and Henry (Dorothy) Boone of Camden Wyoming, Delaware; one daughter-in-law; four sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 790 Westbury Mill Road, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Mt. Olive AME Church, 2738 S.C. 441, Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Friendly J. Gadson, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. The funeral procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Garden.

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

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

KHADIJAH A. MUSA

Khadijah A. Musa, 68, died on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist, Columbia.

Born on Sept. 15, 1949, in Suffolk, Virginia, she was a daughter of James Beaman and Francis Nickleson.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 105 S. Sumter St., apartment 307, Sumter. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

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 "You Can't Handle the Toothpaste" Dizzy Dash; Tuba Toothpaste.	Will & Grace Jack rebounds from his breakup.	Superstore The store hosts a town hall meeting.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mama" An Alzheimer's patient alleges rape. (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Michael Che; Colin Hanks; Henry Golding.	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Young Sheldon "A Patch, a Modem, and a Zantac"	Mom Christy's sponsor challenges her.	Big Brother Eviction; head of household competition. (N) (Live)	S.W.A.T. "Source" The team must protect a journalist.	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Dwayne Johnson; Alessia Cara performs.	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Shopping Spree"	Jeopardy! "Teachers Tournament: Week 1"	The Gong Show "Ken Jeong; Chelsea Peretti; Adam Devine" Ken Jeong; Chelsea Peretti; Adam Devine.	Take Two "Stillwater" Sam and Eddie travel to wine country. (N) (DVS)	Take Two "Family Ties" Sam deals with family drama. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Sean "Diddy" Combs; Betty Gilpin.		
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe "England's Bath and York"	Palmetto Scene	The Queen's Garden: Queen's Garden spans 39 acres.	Hamilton's America: The Broadway musical "Hamilton."	Our American Family: The Youngs	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	The This Old House Hour	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Financial Permeability"	NFL Preseason Football Carolina Panthers at Pittsburgh Steelers. From Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. (N) (Live)	The Originals "The Kindness of Strangers" The Mikaelsons must work together.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Self-Made" The death of a budding novelist.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Lonelyville" Strangulation.	The Game Jason tries to win Chardon-nay back.		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Grandparents Day"	Last Man Standing Kristin thinks about her future.	Supernatural "Bring 'em Back Alive" Things don't go well for Lucifer.	The Originals "The Kindness of Strangers" The Mikaelsons must work together.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Self-Made" The death of a budding novelist.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Lonelyville" Strangulation.	The Game Jason tries to win Chardon-nay back.	
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	The First 48 Police investigate two fatal shootings.		The First 48 "Bad Lick & Red Dawn" A generous man is murdered. (N)	The First 48 A teenager's life is cut short. (N)	(:01) Nightwatch Nation Man with a broken ankle; structure fire. (N)		(:05) Nightwatch Nation "Not Today" A drug overdose causes hallucinations.		(:12:03) The First 48	
AMC	48	180	5(40) ** "Uncle Buck" (1989) John Candy, Amy Madigan.		*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.		** "The Great Outdoors" (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd, John Candy. Man and family camp with obnoxious brother-in-law and family.					
ANPL	41	100	Lone Star Law "When Deer Attack"		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed The wardens patrol by land and air. (N)		(:02) Northwest Law (N)		(:02) Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Hunters and Prey"			
BET	61	162	(:06) ** "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield. A matriarch must keep the peace through family strife.		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed The wardens patrol by land and air. (N)		The Grand Hustle The hustlers must create a music video. (N)		The Grand Hustle The hustlers must create a music video.		(:12:05) Martin "He Say, She Say"	
BRAVO	47	181	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement.		Shahs of Sunset MJ rides an emotional roller coaster.		Shahs of Sunset MJ tries to maintain her stability.		Below Deck Mediterranean Joao makes a shocking admission.		** "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985) Chevy Chase.	
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage "Second Chances"		Jay Leno's Garage "Rebels"	
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		Anderson Cooper	
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "The Return"		(:25) The Office "Ben Franklin"		The Office "Phyllis' Wedding"		The Office "Business School"		The Office "Cock-tails"	
DISN	18	200	Stuck in the Middle		Stuck in the Middle		Stuck in the Middle		Stuck in the Middle		Stuck in the Middle	
DSC	42	103	Alaskan Bush People "Never Give Up"		Alaskan Bush People "New Adventures in the Bush" (N)		Alaskan Bush People "New Adventures in the Bush" (N)		Alaskan Bush People "Home Alone"		Alaskan Bush	
ESPN	26	35	College Football Countdown (N) (Live)		College Football Northwestern at Purdue. (N) (Live)		College Football Northwestern at Purdue. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	27	39	2018 U.S. Open Tennis Second Round. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)		2018 U.S. Open Tennis Second Round. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)		2018 U.S. Open Tennis Second Round. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)		Training Days: Rolling With the Tide		Nación ESPN (N)	
FOOD	40	109	The Great Food Truck Race		The Great Food Truck Race		The Great Food Truck Race The final two teams head back to LA.		Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Tucker Carlson	
FREE	20	131	(:30) ** "Space Jam" (1996) Voice of Sven Plate. Live action/animated. Michael Jordan and Looney Tunes.		*** "The LEGO Movie" (2014, Children's) Voices of Chris Pratt, Will Ferrell, Morgan Freeman. Animated. An ordinary LEGO figurine must help stop a tyrant's plan.		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The 700 Club Discover how to get the sleep you need. (Part 4 of 5)	
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.		How I Met Your Mother	
HALL	52	183	(:00) "Chance at Romance" (2013) Erin Krakow, Ryan McPartlin.		"A Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster, Merren McMahon. A successful wedding planner returns to her hometown.		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls "Golden Moments"	
HGTV	39	112	Flip or Flop		Flip or Flop		Flip or Flop (N)		Flip or Flop		House Hunters	
HIST	45	110	Mountain Men "Battle Lines"		Mountain Men (DVS)		Mountain Men Tom returns to the field.		(:03) American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N)		(:05) American Pickers (DVS)	
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation The team probes a young mother's death.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A chase leaves a policeman dead.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A police officer is killed. (DVS)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A body is found in a trash container.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Still Life" A child is reported missing.	
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy "Back Where You Belong" Alex returns to the hospital.		Bring It! The Dolls face off against Black Ice. (N)		Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" Chaos at the Birmingham Dollhouse. (N)		(:03) Bring It! The final potential captains face off. (N)		(:03) Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" Chaos at the Birmingham Dollhouse.	
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)		All In With Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	
NICK	16	210	The Loud House		SpongeBob SquarePants		*** "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015)		Friends		(:35) Friends	
PARMT	64	153	(:06) Friends		(:44) Friends		*** "Creed" (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son.		Remember-Tns		Remember-Tns	
SYFY	58	152	* "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Hiroyuki Sanada. Carter and Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris.		Seinfeld "The Lip Reader"		Seinfeld "The Barber"		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory	
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Bris"		Seinfeld "The Lip Reader"		Seinfeld "The Barber"		The Last O.G. "Tray-ning Day"		Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	
TCM	49	186	5(45) *** "La notte" (1961, Drama) Marcello Mastroianni, Jeanne Moreau.		*** "8 1/2" (1963, Fantasy) Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale, Anouk Aimée. An overworked filmmaker has a tenuous grasp on reality.		*** "A Special Day" (1977, Drama) Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, John Vernon. Rome housewife meets homosexual when Hitler meets Mussolini.		Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?		Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?	
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress		Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason? The life and death of Princess Diana.		Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason? The life and death of Princess Diana.		Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?		Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?	
TRNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans Pride must protect a family friend. (DVS)		** "Safe House" (2012, Action) Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds, Vera Farmiga. A rookie and a renegade operative try to evade assassins. (DVS)		** "Blackhat" (2015, Suspense) Chris Hemsworth, Tang Wei. A furloughed convict and his partners hunt a global cybercrime network. (DVS)		Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?		Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?	
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTical Jokers		ImpRACTical Jokers		ImpRACTical Jokers		ImpRACTical Jokers		ImpRACTical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H		(:36) M*A*S*H		(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An animal-rights activist is murdered.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An Army Ranger is sexually assaulted.		Queen of the South "Diez de Copas" Teresa hunts for a mole. (N)		(:01) Shooter "Family Fire" Bob Lee gets payback for Earl's death. (N)		(:02) The Sinner "Part V" Ambrose zeroes in on a new suspect.	
WE	68	166	Braxton Family Values "Toni-Zilla"		Braxton Family Values		Braxton Family Values (N)		Bossip on WE TV "August 30, 2018"		Braxton Family Values	
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing	

Streaming subscription service offerings continue to grow

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

CBS All Access begins streaming "One Dollar" (TV-MA), a grim crime drama with a narrative hook. Set in a Rust Belt town that the economy forgot, "Dollar" relates the aftermath of a brutal killing by literally following the money. Every time a specific \$1 bill changes hands, the story and point of view shift direction to chronicle the bill's new owner.

Not made available for review, "One Dollar" is certainly different in approach, but hardly the first to employ this storytelling style. Fans of indie films may recall Richard Linklater's ("Boyhood") first feature film, "Slacker," from 1990, where the narrative bounced along from one encounter to the next. In the late 1990s, Showtime ran a series called "Dead Man's Gun," which followed a single weapon as it passed on to a new character in every episode.

CBS All Access is a subscription service, with prices starting at \$6. In addition to CBS broadcast content, it features unique programming, most notably "The Good Wife" spinoff, "The Good Fight," and "Star Trek Discovery." Just how much of its subscriber base consists of "Star Trek" fans has been subject to debate.

In June, All Access began streaming "Strange Angel," a true-life period tale of rocketry, black magic and sex cults in postwar California. Despite its subject matter, "Angel" has received scant "buzz."

If CBS All Access has not become a streaming giant to rival Netflix, Hulu or Amazon Prime, it has fared better than NBC's Seeso, a comedy-specific subscription service that launched in 2016 and folded in 2017.

FX has also gotten into the subscription game. FX+ is yet another option in our "unbundled" world. Subscribers can pay roughly \$6 for a commercial-free binge of FX's rich catalog of series that reach back to "The Shield" and "Nip/Tuck." There's also AMC Premiere for AMC content. And HBO- and Showtime-specific services as well.

It's easy to see how some might enjoy these specific offerings. At the same time, unbun-



PATRICK HARBON / CBS

Philip Ettinger, left, stars as Garrett Drimmer and Tammy Townsend as Mary Bailey in the first episode of the CBS All Access series "One Dollar."

dled purchases can quickly add up to a price that equals or surpasses the cable bill that "cord-cutting" was supposed to avoid.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A second summer season of "The Gong Show" (8 p.m. ABC, TV-PG) concludes.
- Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore and a 1980s soundtrack propel the 1998 comedy "The Wedding Singer" (8 p.m., IFC, TV-14). The only Adam Sandler movie I can stand.
- Second chances for the incarcerated on "The Gifted" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).
- On two helpings of "Take Two" (ABC, TV-PG), whine country (9 p.m.), a needy little brother (10 p.m.).
- Franklin disciplines an employee on "Snowfall" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

A blacklisted journalist (Marcello Mastroianni) and an apathetic housewife (Sophia Loren) take refuge from a fascist celebration of Hitler's visit to Italy in the 1977 Italian drama "A Special Day" (10:30 p.m., TCM). Part of a daylong marathon of movies starring Mastroianni, including "8 1/2" (8 p.m.).

SERIES NOTES

Sheldon takes NASA to task on "Young Sheldon" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Lucifer isn't pleased on "Supernatural" (8 p.m., CW, r,

TV-14) * Christy's sponsor makes demands on "Mom" (8:30 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Grace's dad and Will's mom get along too well on "Will & Grace" (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) * The brothers work together on "The Originals" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * A town hall meeting on "Superstore" (9:30 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) * Jim wonders about helping his ex-con mother on "S.W.A.T." (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * A victim's dementia casts doubt on her claims on "Law & Order: SVU" (10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) is pre-empted * Patton Oswalt and Punch Brothers are on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Dwayne Johnson and Alessia Cara are on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Michael Che, Colin Hanks, Henry Golding, Justin Thomas and Dusty Slay on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Sean "Diddy" Combs, Betty Gilpin, Johnnyswim, Drew Holcomb and the Neighbors are on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC, r) * Spike Lee, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Rhea Seehorn visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * David Spade, Simon Pegg and Now United are on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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'Sister Wives' family makes new home in diverse Arizona city

BY BRADY MCCOMBS AND FELICIA FONSECA
The Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The patriarch of the polygamous family from TV's "Sister Wives" drove around his new hometown in northern Arizona, admiring the mountain views but still thinking about the heap of boxes that needed sorting at the homes he rented for his four wives and 18 children.

"We moved to heaven, but we're in living hell right now," Kody Brown said, laughing, during a recent phone interview with The Associated Press.

Packing up four moving trucks in Las Vegas during triple-digit July heat and taking his family to Flagstaff, a liberal college city in largely conservative Arizona, was no easy task.

But the Browns said they needed a new place to call home — and film their TLC reality show — after realizing they didn't want to grow old in Las Vegas. They said they lived there in "exile" after fleeing Utah in 2011 under the threat of prosecution following the premiere of their groundbreaking show.

Flagstaff residents have a "live and let live" attitude, and the City Council has passed resolutions promoting diversity and inclusion.

That open-mindedness and beauty attracted the Browns after they ruled out returning to Utah, where they feel discrimination persists against plural families.

"Let's just say there's a lot of hippies in Flagstaff, and they're awesome," Brown said.

Being married to more than one person, or bigamy, is illegal across the United States. The law in Mormon-heavy Utah is considered stricter because of a unique provision that bars married people from living with

a second "spiritual spouse."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints abandoned polygamy in 1890 and strictly prohibits it today. The Browns consider themselves fundamentalist Mormons.

In a memo addressing legal questions about the family, Flagstaff police said Brown could not be charged with bigamy because he is legally married to one woman, Robyn Brown. The patriarch says he's "spiritually married" to the other three women.

The Browns bought four lots totaling almost 15 acres a few miles from downtown Flagstaff for \$820,000 in June, according to property records. They said they eventually plan to build a home or homes but are now living in four rentals scattered throughout the community.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER
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Correa as Attorney in Fact to Bank of America, N.A., dated August 15, 2007, recorded August 17, 2007, in the office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Sumter County, in Book 1090, at Page 191; thereafter, said Mortgage was assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment instrument dated March 27, 2018 and recorded March 28, 2018 in Book 1242 at Page 3936.

The description of the premises is as follows: All that certain piece, parcel and/or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot containing 0.32 acre, as shown on that certain plat prepared by Allen-Makela Land Surveyors, Inc. RLS, dated December 11, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 97 at page 1485, and having such metes and bounds as are shown on said plat, this description being in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina. This is the property known as 10 East Charlotte Avenue, Sumter, SC. Represented by Sumter County Parcel No. 228-04-03-016.

Please note that the above description has been modified to correct a minor, immaterial clerical error in the legal description to correct the surveyor reference from Allen-Makela to Allen-Makela Land Surveyors, Inc.

This being the same property conveyed to Sheila Ruffin by deed of Federal National Mortgage Association, dated August 15, 2007 and recorded August 17, 2007 in Book 1090 at Page 189 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

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NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on July 27, 2018.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Warren R. Herndon, Jr., whose address is 218 E. Main Street, Suite 2, Lexington, SC 29072, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Sheila Ruffin a/k/a Sheila Ann Correa Ruffin a/k/a Sheila Ann Ruffin, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on the 14th day of August, 2018.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute.

LIS PENDENS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendants above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Sheila Ruffin by Minnie

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TMS # 1970002003
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Why Labor Day?

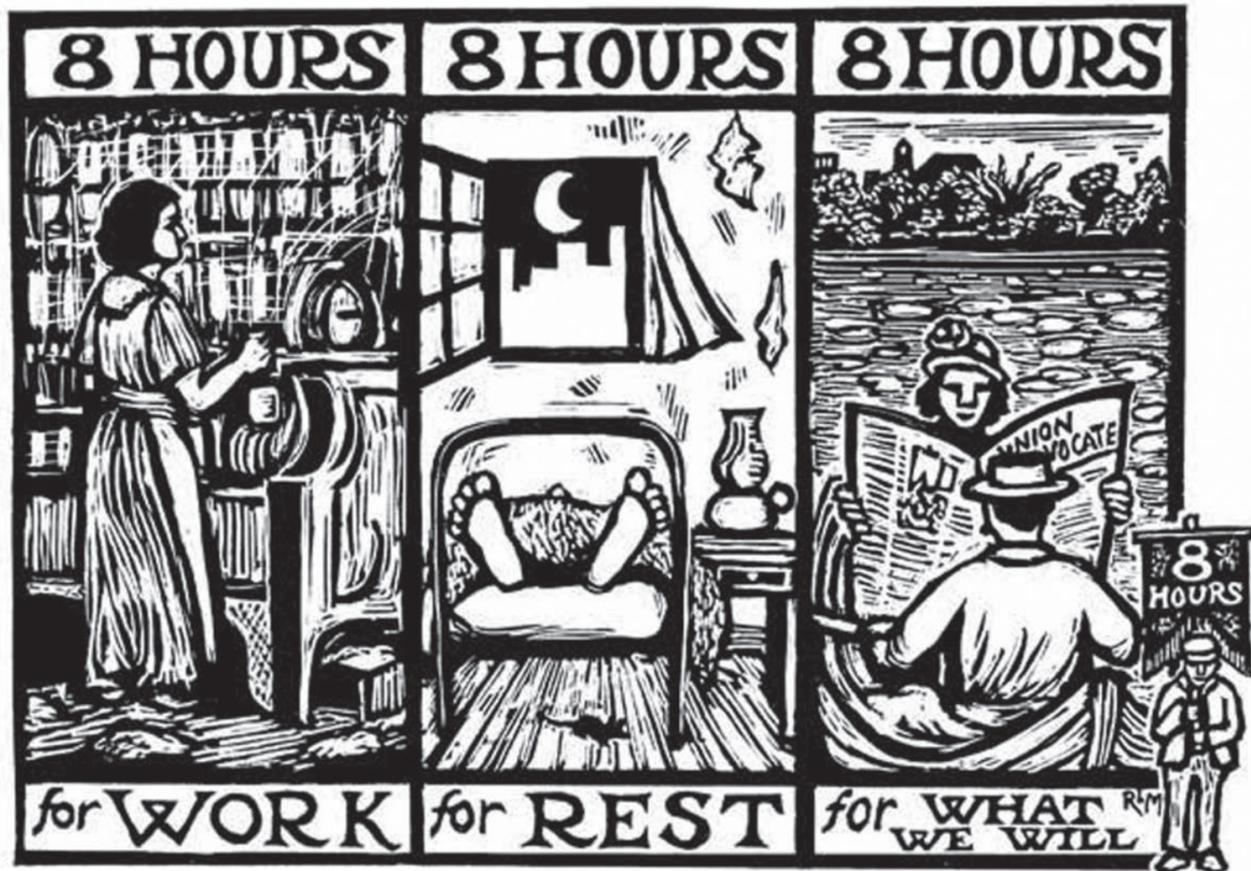
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Labor Day – it's often seen as the unofficial end of summer, a brief respite for students and teachers after a few weeks of school, or perhaps a time to shop big sales at our favorite stores. Traditionally, it supposedly marks the time to put away one's white clothing until spring.

None of these, however, has anything to do with the real reason Labor Day was begun on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. On that date, oppressed laborers – around 10,000 of them – marched down Broadway in protest of unsafe working conditions, inhumanly long hours of work – 12 hours a day, 7 days a week in the 19th century – low pay and even child labor.

The marchers carried signs, perhaps the most remembered one reading “Eight hours for work, eight hours for rest, eight hours for recreation.”

The improvement in working conditions is due almost exclusively to the work of the labor unions of the time. Just three years after the parade, cities around the U.S. were observing the working man's holiday; Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day an official holiday in 1887. By 1894, 31 states had made Labor Day an official day off to honor



The first Labor Day parade, held in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882, saw many placards similar to this one of unknown origin.

working people. It had not been an easy achievement.

Railroad employees who worked for George Pullman saw their wages cut while the rent on their homes – owned by Pullman – was raised and their working conditions continued to be intolerable. Those issues and the firing of union representatives seemed to be the final indignity visited on the workers. Fully 50,000 workers boycotted trains with Pullman cars, completely stalling rail traffic into and out of Chicago – there was no mail delivered to Chicagoans. The effects of the boycott spread around

the country. When the public learned the reasons for the boycott, President Grover Cleveland proclaimed the first Monday in September a national holiday.

Cleveland's motives probably had more to do with the fact it was an election year; his strategy failed, likely because he sent troops to Chicago to break the boycott, a move that resulted in the deaths of several men. Cleveland's Democrats lost heavily in the Congressional elections. The labor movement continued to grow.

There is still an annual Labor Day parade in New York

and a few other places, but generally people seldom stop on the first Monday in September to celebrate the many contributions of working people in the labor movement in the late 19th century. Businesses and government agencies continue to grant Labor Day off for their employees; few of us work seven days a week for 12 hours; and the labor movement still lobbies for better, guaranteed salaries for underpaid workers and defends employees from unfair treatment.

Ironically, many workers, especially those in retail, will work longer on Labor Day.

Law enforcement, firefighters, healthcare workers and many others will continue to serve this Monday.

If they must work, perhaps while we're enjoying barbecues, a last day at the lake or just a relaxing time with a book, in front of the TV or at a movie, it's a good time to pause, even briefly, to reflect on those responsible for our current work situations and conditions. Consider that without those 19th century workers, we could all be at work right now, receiving no benefits but a barely living wage.

Small business makes big impact on safety

ProTech Fire Services has under-the-radar job of installing fire extinguishers

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Homeowners, school students, restaurant employees and data server managers have all seen the red tube of a fire extinguisher hanging on their wall, or the overhead sprinkler head ready to shower into the kitchen, but many also likely do not think of how they got there.

Chris Davis, owner of ProTech Fire Services, a veteran-owned company that installs and services fire detection and suppression equipment, takes his job as seriously as the consequences of what can happen otherwise.

“We have shelves and shelves of books of codes that lay out the laws of how to do this work. And that is just the minimum standard. You can always do better,” said Davis, who purchased the 13-year-old small business last year. “When it comes to life safety, you can't skimp. I'm not saying that because that's the business we're in. I've seen the devastation that a fire, a small house fire, can do to a family or an individual.”

ProTech installs regular fire extinguishers in homes and businesses, but they also provide hood suppression systems that will dump powder into a restaurant kitchen or a data server room to snuff out the fire.

Their clients include as big of names as Duke Energy, Darlington Raceway and even all the facilities throughout the Sumter School District. They place suppression systems in the paint booths at auto body shops to adjust for the explosive nature of aerosol cans.

The job requires employees



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Shannon Hudson checks a fire extinguisher in a classroom at Lemira Elementary School on Wednesday. ProTech Fire Services is contracted with Sumter School District to install and service fire suppression equipment in all its facilities.

to be “very technically savvy and highly qualified,” Davis said. It requires a knowledge of code and an integrity to enforce them.

“(Getting the Sumter School District contract) really comes down to we were just the lowest responsible bidder. But not that we're in there, it's up to us to do the right thing,” he said, “and I tell our folks, and they all believe this, that if you have integrity and you do the right thing – integrity is stopping at the stop sign when no one is around – you inspect and certify these fire extinguishers. If there is a problem, you note it and repair it. Even if no one is around. We do that, and we can sleep at night knowing that we've done the right thing.”

“Because the last thing you want is to overlook something and rubber stamp a certification of a life-saving piece of equipment and it not be available when it's needed, and someone gets hurt and possibly killed.”

Davis said customer service is a “must these days,” and that face-to-face connection is an idea he preaches within his own company.

After getting out of the Air Force in 1996, Davis worked for 16 years for a company that focused on the “alarm side of safety and security.” When he purchased ProTech, he was a one-man job. Since then, he has moved the company from its original location in Florence and become an employer of eight.

“That was a challenge to learn how to manage individuals, get all the players to work well together and play well together. Because we have very strong personalities in this company. They're all extremely talented,” Davis said. “They understand

the seriousness of the life safety industry that we're in. That there's a certain way to do it that you can't vary from that. That people have been hurt or killed by varying from these minimum requirements. Sometimes, you get into a heated discussion with a customer when we try to convey to them that this is a minimum requirement.”

Protecting yourself, after all, is not free.

“The ladies and gentlemen that work for this company are fantastic. We're a family, and we help each other out. I always tell them family comes first. The business will take care of itself. I tell my employees, take care of the clients, and I'll take care of you. That's my job. And I hope that I've done that well.”

A good work environment can be the difference in someone deciding to do the full job instead of getting lazy.

“What we're doing helps to save lives,” Davis said. “So, we have to do it right every time.”



Male nursing offers job security, career mobility

BY IVY MOORE
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From as far back as he can remember, Justin Smith wanted a career in the medical field, possibly as a doctor. Instead, the Sumter native followed a different path to his current career — one that is still considered by many to be non-traditional for males. Smith is a nurse at Palmetto Health Tuomey, where he was born almost 36 years ago.

How non-traditional are male nurses? The most recent U.S. Census Bureau study revealed that 9.6 percent of registered nurses are males; but that is three times as many as in 1970. South Carolina follows close behind, with 7 percent, according to the S.C. Office for Healthcare Workforce.

Following the receipt of a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of South Carolina in 2004, Smith returned to Sumter, where he said he "was met with very few job opportunities." He took an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) course and worked in that field for about three years, mainly providing emergency medical care and transportation.

"Being a basic EMT, my abilities to provide medical care were very limited," Smith said. "Wanting to develop even further as a healthcare professional, I made the decision to enter nursing school and have not looked back since."

Interestingly, he said he got very little flak from friends and family for choosing to pursue the traditionally female career.

"There was a little stereotyping and some internal struggle with being in a female-dominated profession," he admitted, but noted that "a career in nursing offers plenty of choices, such that you can almost adapt the profes-



Palmetto Health Tuomey Nurse Manager Justin Smith consults on a patient record with Registered Nurse Jodian Cain. Smith has been in nursing for about seven years and is thriving in his position at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

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sion to fit your lifestyle."

Smith also acknowledged the "element of job security" in the profession, as well as "career mobility, in that, as nurses, we can serve in a wide variety of venues, such as the hospital setting or even the legal system as a nurse consultant."

Palmetto Health Tuomey is very supportive of Smith's continuing development, he said.

"Since I began my nursing career nearly seven years ago, I have been very fortunate to work alongside a very dedicated leadership team that is constantly looking to promote competent professionals from within the organization," Smith said. "I intend to stay for many years to come."

His path to his current position as nurse manager in nephrology — the

branch of medicine concerned with the kidneys — began with his earning an ADN, or Associate's Degree in Nursing, at Central Carolina Technical College, which gave him "a solid foundation on which to build." The completion of a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Francis Marion University in 2016 led him to FMU's Healthcare Executive Management program; he expects to complete his Master of Business Administration degree, the MBA-HEM, there in December.

Among the challenges of a nursing career, Smith said, is that staff and administration "must constantly adapt and respond to an ever-changing environment. ... That's the biggest challenge, finding enough time to constantly adapt to new technology. As a manager, I am constantly amazed at

how well our team members respond to such change while still working to put our patients first."

Smith said, "You absolutely can earn a good living as a nurse — more than the median income for a family in Sumter. There are also opportunities for overtime," and there are pay benefits for working weekends and nights.

"It's absolutely a hard job," he added. "Being a frontline caregiver in healthcare, we're often expected to be in two places at once. The ability to manage time is crucial."

The primary reason for becoming a nurse, however, Smith said, is "being able to touch the lives of our patients and their families (It is) ... why most of us answer this call to service."

Summer gas pump prices highest since 2011

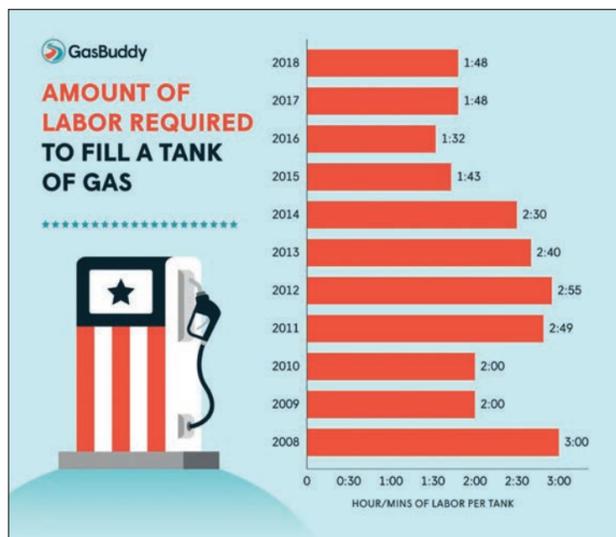
BY KAYLA ROBINS
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As Labor Day often means a long weekend for vacation or visiting family for many Americans, gas prices are at the forefront of many minds as the holiday approaches.

This year, motorists have seen the most expensive summer at the pump since 2014 with an average of \$2.73 per gallon so far, according to GasBuddy, an app that connects drivers to pumps and prices near them.

The average price over Labor Day weekend is expected to be \$2.84 per gallon, a 20-cent increase from the holiday last year.

"It's been consistently a more painful summer at the pump than what we've been accustomed to when compared to the last few summers" said Patrick DeHann, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Without major hurricanes, we should continue to see prices gently decline



in the weeks ahead as demand begins to slow into the autumn, wrapping up the priciest summer at the pump since 2014, but, overall, with a modestly less sting than what we saw earlier in this decade.

"Next year may follow in this year's footsteps with high-

er Labor Day gas prices, so what we're upset about this year could bring nostalgic memories next year. Enjoy it while it lasts."

A new income tax credit that went into effect in January in South Carolina is responsible for a statewide in-

crease of 2 cents in the state's motor fuel user fee each July from 2017 to 2022, which will be a total increase from 16 cents per gallon to 28 cents per gallon. The money raised by the increase will be used for repairs, maintenance and improvements to the state's transportation system.

Taxpayers should be saving their gas receipts to claim the motor fuel income tax credit beginning on their 2019 tax returns to apply them to 2018 taxes.

While gas prices have remained high, motorists have worked hard to fill their tanks. Taking into account the average wages across the nation from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average American needs to perform an hour and 48 minutes of labor to earn enough money to fill a tank of gas.

When gas prices were \$3.58 per gallon in 2014, motorists had to work two and a half hours to fill their tank, and in 2008 when gas prices were \$3.84 per gallon, they had to

work three hours to do so.

On average, motorists have also shelled out more than \$1.11 billion per day on gasoline purchases this season, up from a decade low of \$912 million per day during the summer of 2016. This summer's total fuel bill, while the highest since 2015, will still be the third lowest since 2011.

Though they have been high, there has been little movement in gas prices throughout the summer, with the difference of just 13 cents between the national average's summer (June 1-Sept. 1) low and high. That represents the smallest difference between low and high since 2010, when the low and high were just 11 cents apart. The same period in 2017 saw a difference of 29 cents between the low and high, and the difference was 27 cents in 2016. The most volatile summer — 2005 — saw a difference of 91 cents per gallon — prices dropped as low as \$2.08 before surging to \$2.99 later in the summer due to Hurricane Katrina.

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The number of women in workforce is declining

Study: Single females have driven the turnaround

FROM METRO

At its peak in 1999, the American workforce was dominated by female workers. At that time, 76 percent of women, including those who had children at home, worked outside of the home, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The tides have since shifted, and rates of female employment in the United States now fall well behind many European countries. Economic woes, a short supply of middle-class jobs and minimal family leave may have prompted the changes.

According to a study from researchers at Johns Hopkins University, single women without children have actually driven the turnaround. Technology and international outsourcing have removed many low-skill, well-paying jobs from the workforce. Wages for work in health care services, laundry and social assistance — jobs dominated by women — have remained relatively stagnant for years. Despite this, the cost of living has steadily crept up.

Other households tout the high cost of child care and the relatively small amount of maternity leave allowed in the United States as reasons why they haven't returned to the workforce after having children. The economic

analysis resource The Upshot, powered by *The New York Times*, reports that many American companies give 12 weeks of maternity leave (largely unpaid), while most European countries give a year of paid leave and offer protections for part-time workers who want to return to the workforce. According to data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Australia, Germany and France now outrank the U.S. in prime-age women's labor force participation.

The role women play as caregivers, not only for their own children or spouses, but for aging parents, also may be contributing to females dropping out of the labor force. A chronic-needs family member, such as a parent with dementia, can take away focus from employment. This can quickly result in a loss of a job.

Employers interested in keeping talented women in the workforce can change corporate policies to reflect changes in modern society, including higher divorce rates, college debt and the higher cost of living. Flexibility in schedules, modernized work environments that focus on mobile connectivity from home and lack of negative repercussions for needing family time can help keep talented female employees working.

Practice 5 effective ways to alleviate job-related stress

FROM METRO

Stress affects everyone at some point in their lives and does not discriminate based on gender, nationality, ethnicity, economic status or age. The American Institute of Stress says job-related stress costs businesses millions of dollars each year due to unanticipated absences. In fact, work is the foremost source of stress for many adults.

Although not all stress is bad and stress responses can motivate people to perform more effectively, repeated stress is a problem. The National Institute of Mental Health says routine stress that becomes chronic can suppress immune system functions, disrupt digestion, adversely affect sleep and cause abnormal changes in reproductive systems. People who have chronic stress are often prone to frequent and severe viral infections, like colds and the flu.

Repetitive stress may be the most difficult to recognize because it often becomes a part of daily life. Managing stress and anxiety involves finding techniques that work for each individual. While not every approach works for everyone, the following are five effective means to managing stress.

1. Exercise: The American Psychological Association says research continues to confirm the benefits of exercise in regard to combating stress. Regular exercise has long-term benefits, but even a 20-minute exercise session

during a stressful time can produce an immediate effect that lasts a few hours.

2. Deep breathing: Mindful breathing can be effective and only takes 10 minutes. Men and women battling stress can sit in a comfortable position with their eyes closed and imagine themselves in a relaxing place while slowly breathing in and out.

3. Take a break: Removing oneself from a stressful situation for a little while can be helpful. A brief break of 15 to 20 minutes can provide a sense of calm.

4. Cognitive-behavioral therapy: Harvard Medical School defines cognitive-behavioral therapy, or CBT, as a process of changing unhealthy thinking in order to change emotions. Therapists will identify negative thinking patterns and help patients learn to automatically replace them with healthy or positive thoughts.

5. Support network: Simply having someone to talk to can help tame stress. People should surround themselves with others they trust who are good listeners. These can be friends, family members or professional therapists. Talking oneself through stressful situations can provide relief.

Stress is a growing problem that can adversely affect one's health in various ways. Relieving stress involves identifying the stressor and taking a proactive approach before symptoms of stress worsen.

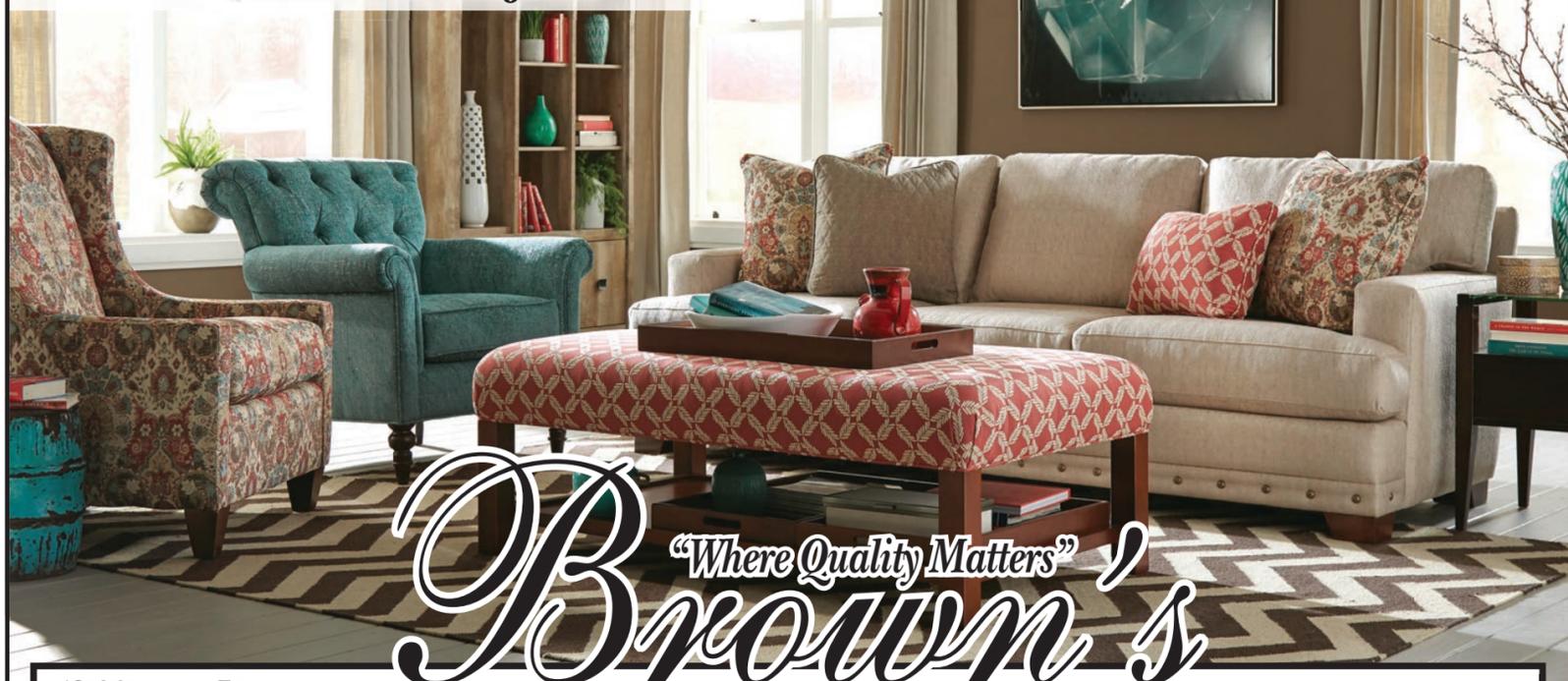
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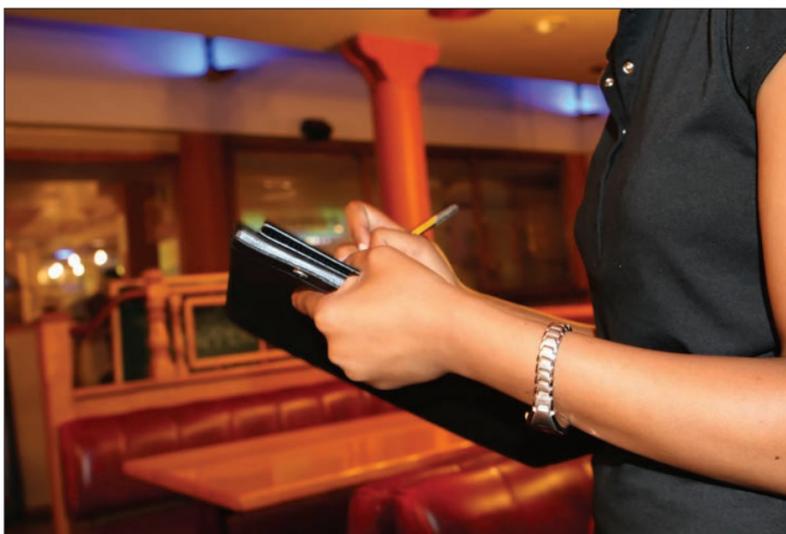
Be more courteous to servers while dining out

FROM METRO

Most people enjoy dining out for various reasons, including the opportunity to try new flavors, interact socially and avoid cooking and cleaning up at home. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the first time in history, between 2015 and 2016 Americans spent more money at bars and restaurants (\$54.857 billion) than they did on groceries (\$52.503 billion). Canadians, too, are dining out more often. A Dalhousie University survey found that nearly 42 percent of Canadians either buy ready-to-eat meals or dine at a restaurant once or twice a week, while another 3 percent admitted to doing so on a daily basis.

Dining out puts customers in direct contact with the people who make restaurants run like clockwork — most notably, food servers. While big tips are a great way for diners to express their gratitude to their servers, there are other ways to show thanks.

1. Make a reservation and arrive on time. When a reservation has been made, make sure all members of the dining party arrive on time. A punctual arrival helps the restaurant run more smoothly, especially if it is a large party. If you will be running late, call the restaurant



and notify them.

2. Let needs be known early on.

If you're rushing to make it to a movie, let the server know that time is of the essence so service can be expedited. If you prefer to lounge, ask to be seated in an out-of-the-way spot.

3. Only signal the server when you're ready to order. Do not call the server over if you need to continue perusing the menu.

4. Be courteous to the server and fellow customers.

It is important for all customers to wait their turn and avoid interrupting waiters when they are taking other customers' orders. In addition, allow servers to mention the specials before ordering.

5. Alert staff to food allergies when ordering so that the kitchen can be notified that a

special order will be coming in.

This enables everyone to be prepared and reduces the risk of someone getting sick.

6. If something is not right with the meal, mention it early so it can be remedied. Do not eat an entire meal before filing a complaint with the server.

7. Recognize that servers have nothing to do with the wait time for a table. Do not take your frustration out on the server if it takes awhile before you're seated.

8. Clean up after yourself and children. If your party makes a big mess or a child gets sick or spills something, make an effort to clean up the table.

9. Consider the bigger picture when deciding what to leave as a tip. Servers have no control over the quality of the food, wait times or even the atmosphere. Take up issues with the management and make sure the tip reflects the job done by the server.

Restaurants require a lot of moving parts working together to make service efficient. Customers can do their part by being courteous and respectful toward the staff.

Once you decide to leave your job, make sure to do it gracefully

FROM METRO

Deciding to leave a job is seldom an easy decision. However, it's a more common decision than many people may know, as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates the average worker holds 10 different jobs before age 40.

People change jobs for a variety of reasons. Some do so because of better opportunities elsewhere, while others simply need a change. Regardless of what's motivating a job change, leaving a place of employment can elicit various emotions, including some that may contribute to negative thoughts about a current employer. But it's always best to leave a job gracefully, which can pay dividends down the

road. The following are seven strategies people can employ as they leave their jobs to ensure those exits go as smoothly as possible.

1. Watch out for social media.

It's best to keep resignation plans to yourself and off of social media. You never know who is reading your posts, and bad-mouthing a soon-to-be-former employer can lead to hurt feelings and poor references. Resist the urge to rant about what's making you unhappy at work or brag about a new position to your social network.

2. Play by the rules. Your employer may have a plan in place for how the company prefers resignations to be handled. The standard two to

three weeks' notice is a guideline. Visit with human resources if you need more information, such as whether or not a resignation letter or other documentation is required.

3. Speak with your manager first.

It's respectful for your immediate manager or supervisor to learn of your departure first. This gives him or her ample time to put a plan in place to fill your position. The more notice you can give, the more goodwill you're building on your way out the door. Schedule a meeting for this purpose; do not make it an informal chat by the water cooler. Resist the urge to quit via email or text. Resigning requires face-to-

face communication. Present a concise letter of resignation as well. Don't call out colleagues or air your grievances in the letter.

4. Announce your departure.

Work collectively with your manager and other higher-ups to decide how to best handle the announcement to other employees.

5. Train your replacement and prepare final assignments.

Volunteer to train or assist with getting your replacement set up. If you have any outstanding projects or documents, be sure to tie up any loose ends before leaving. Leave behind instructions or a guidebook if you think it will help your re-

placement perform their duties more effectively.

6. Keep the momentum.

It can be tempting to phone it in as you near departure day, but this is inadvisable. Do your job to the best of your ability up until you say your goodbyes.

7. Pack on your own time.

Cause as little disruption as possible by packing belongings before or after office hours. Respect the working environment, recognizing that your coworkers still need to get their jobs done.

Quitting a job can be full of mixed emotions. Just be sure to time it correctly, and leave in as positive a way as possible to maintain a strong professional network.

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