

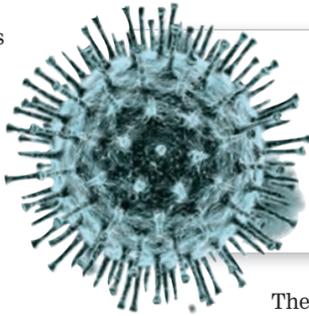
Health officials: Get your flu shot now

As season approaches, vaccinations already available in Sumter

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The start of the new school year for many parents means it's time, again, to get them and their children vaccinated against the flu and for teachers to keep vats of hand sanitizer close by.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention marks off October through May as the typical flu season, the virus can be contracted year-round. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control listed two influenza-associated hospitalizations during the most recent reporting period of Aug. 19-25.



FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC

Palmetto Health's office of Community Health will offer a free flu shot clinic later this fall at the Sumter County Civic Center on West Liberty Street. Consent forms, frequently asked questions and a schedule of events are available at www.palmettohealthchildrens.org/flu.

There were no laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths during that week, and the number of hos-

pitalizations represented a decrease by four.

Caughman Taylor, senior medical director at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital

and chairman of the Pediatrics Department, said complications from the flu can be more severe than only missing five to seven days of school or work. In fact, he said, in a Flourish news release, the flu causes up to 50,000 deaths annually in the United States.

The CDC and DHEC recommend everyone 6 months and older get a flu shot every year. "Up to 85 percent of children

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'To that call we will always answer'



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Community Broadcasters held its second-annual First Responders Appreciation Night on Thursday at University of South Carolina Sumter's Nettles Auditorium. See more photos from the event on A7.

Community Broadcasters holds 2nd-annual first responder appreciation night

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Their arms displayed different colors, but they were at University of South Carolina Sumter's Nettles Auditorium on Thursday for the same reason.

Black and yellow, red and yellow, camouflage green, gray and black, navy and light blue, blue and white. The men and women who work as first responders in Sumter County were honored at the Community Broadcasters' second-annual First Responders Appreciation Night.

Vendors had their services and giveaways at booths available to attendees, including two grand-prize giveaways from the event's co-sponsors, McLaughlin Ford and Hines Furniture. Two lucky first responders walked away with a Yeti cooler or \$600 toward a recliner.

"The community is very receptive," said Joey Duggan, spokesman for Sumter Fire Department.

Duggan said firefighters and other first responders do not get into the business to get rich or to



get awards and honors but that it always feels nice to be surrounded by a supportive community.

Officers of the year awards were handed out after speakers came to the microphone from Shaw Air Force Base and the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

"Thanks for taking care of our first responders so they can take care of us," said Col. Richard Brown, with Shaw.

He said first responders are the sheep dogs, a "different type of breed." The ones who run toward danger to protect others, often strangers.

Maj. Melvin Warren, with the highway patrol's Region 2, described a first responder as a calling. They're the ones who put their lives on the line out of the spotlight.

"We are all called," he said, "and to that call we will always answer."

Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Sumter Fire Department, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Sumter Police Department, Sumter County Emergency Medical Services. Their arms displayed different colors, but they are all one.

Board members are pleased with surplus, say still work to be done

New state law requires district to have at least \$10M in reserves

BY BRUCE MILLS
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After finishing fiscal year 2018 on June 30 with a projected net income — or surplus — of \$7.8 million, Sumter School Board members and district officials say they're pleased with the financial progress the district has made but emphasize there's still work to be done.

That additional work is based on a new state law passed in 2017 by the General Assembly that requires all districts to have one month's worth of expenditures in their general fund as reserves. For Sumter School District, one month's expenditures is at least \$10 million.

Trustee Johnny Hilton and others made their comments last week at the board's August work session after new Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Miller presented the preliminary June 30, 2018, financial report.

That report showing the district's estimated \$7.8 million surplus for fiscal 2018 had already been made public a couple weeks earlier after Miller initially presented it to the board's advisory Finance Committee on Aug. 9. Last week was the first time she formally presented it to the full board.

Miller referenced the state law in her presentation.

"I know when you hear that number — \$7.8 million — some may say, 'Well, great, all our problems are solved now,' but that's not true," Miller said. "There is a state law that mandates your fund balance. It's not something that the finance department has come up or [Interim Superintendent] Dr. Hamm has come up with."

After major financial difficulties and overspending in fiscal 2015 and '16, the district's ending general fund balance was down to \$106,449 on June 30, 2016. In those two years, the district operated with a CFO.

With the help of a financial consultant brought on staff in January 2017, the district ended fiscal 2017 with a net income — or surplus — of \$779,230 to lift its fund balance to \$885,679 as of June 30, 2017.

With the \$7.8 million surplus in fiscal 2018, the district's ending general fund balance as of June 30, 2018, is anticipated to be about \$8.6 million.

Annual expenditures for a district can be somewhat of a "moving target" because the total is so dependent on personnel staffing, Miller said, but recent years' expenditures would require the district to have in the range of \$10 million to \$12 million in its reserves to meet the one-month expense threshold.

Hilton, who is the chairman of the Finance Committee, echoed Miller's sentiments.

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Community health center seeks to expand Sandhills Medical Foundation plans to build 12,150-square-foot facility

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Another Sumter health care provider is seeking to expand its local operations, but this one has hit a snag along the way.

Similar to Sumter Family Health Center, 1278 N. Lafayette Drive, Sandhills Medical Foundation, at 425 N. Salem Ave., is a private, nonprofit, community health center that has outgrown its current local facility.

David Roberts, director of community development with Sandhills, spoke Friday on the foundation's plans to construct a new 12,150-square-foot medical facility here that would more than triple the size of the Salem Avenue center.

Earlier this year with the help of the Sumter City-County Planning Commission, Sandhills picked a site at 260 N. Bultman Drive behind Sumter Mall. In clearing the site this summer, though, the company determined the site was undevelopable, due to its wet nature and water on the land.

Now, Sandhills will stabilize that site with the appropriate requirements from the state Department of Health and Environmental



IMAGE PROVIDED

An artist rendering shows a similar-type facility that Sandhills Medical Foundation is looking to build in Sumter.

Control, according to the planning commission and Roberts.

But, then, Sandhills will be looking to build on another site in town.

"We're already seeking a new location and looking at other possibilities," Roberts said.

Due to higher than average poverty levels and health care needs in Sumter County, Roberts said there

is a definite need for Sandhills to expand locally. The company's plan is to vacate the Salem Avenue facility for the new center.

"We're disappointed, but we definitely want to pursue and follow through on what we want to do," Roberts said.

The new timeline for completion of a new facility is mid-summer next year, he said. The expanded center

will offer more services, more providers, more exam rooms and add a drive-thru pharmacy area.

Like Sumter Family Health Center, Sandhills Medical Foundation is a federally qualified community health center and receives funding to serve the underserved and uninsured populations. Still, it accepts all forms of insurance and all patients, Roberts said.

Roberts said Sandhills hopes to find and build on a site in the city limits.

"That's what we are trying to do and get within the bus routes so people without access to transportation can get to the center," Roberts said.

Sandhills has six other sites in the state — three in Chesterfield County, two in Kershaw County and one in Lancaster County, he said.

Clarendon Chamber recognizes residents

Tickets available for Thursday dinner

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — The Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce has announced the recipients of the organization's most prestigious awards.

Through a partnership with several local businesses, the Chamber has been recognizing and honoring residents of Clarendon County on an annual basis for their outstanding service and dedication to their communities. Individuals are nominated by their peers in three categories, and the selection of the honoree is made by the sponsor of that particular award.

Jamie Mathis, owner of Brunson's Pharmacy in Manning, was chosen as the 2018 Business Person of the Year by Bank of Clarendon and the Chamber.

Gloria Joseph, who retired several years ago from Clarendon Memorial Hospital after working at the health care facility for more than 20

years and past president of the Summerton Rotary, was chosen as the 2018 Citizen of the Year by FTC and the Chamber.

W. Louis Griffith, who retired earlier this year from Bank of Clarendon as its chief financial officer, was named the 2018 Ambassador of the Year, an award that is sponsored annually by George and Carole Summers and the Chamber.

Each recipient will be honored at the Chamber's annual awards dinner which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Matrix Center, 4648 Kingstree Highway in Manning. Comedian Mike Goodwin will be the keynote speaker.

Along with honoring the recipients of this year's awards, the Chamber's retiring board members as well as the incoming board members will be announced and recognized at the event.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased in advance at the Chamber, 19 N. Brooks St. For additional information, contact the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce at (803) 435-4405.



Gloria Joseph, center, the recipient of the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award, received balloons and a gift from FTC's Public Relations Director Chip Chase and Erika Floyd, the Chamber's executive director, when she was announced as this year's award winner.

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W. Louis Griffith, center, who received the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador of the Year award, was surprised with balloons and a gift from Carole and George Summers after he was announced as this year's award recipient.



Jamie Mathis, center, who was named the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year, was presented balloons and a gift from the Bank of Clarendon's Will Buyck and the Chamber's Erika Floyd when he was announced as this year's award recipient.



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The Citadel

CHARLESTON — The Citadel awarded gold stars to the following local cadets and students who achieved a 3.7 grade-point average or higher during the 2018 spring semester. The following area students were awarded gold stars:

- **Sumter** — John Baker, William Kinney, Samuel Nabholz, Addison Osborne and Laura Pringle;
- **Bishopville** — Kody McCutchen;
- **Manning** — Charles Walker; and
- **Rembert** — Trace Guy.

Cadets and students who achieve gold star recognition are also placed on The Citadel's dean's list. The following local cadets and stu-

dents were named to The Citadel's dean's list for their academic achievements during the 2018 spring semester:

- **Sumter** — Michelle Banzon, Kiel Bilton, Colby Harker, Cameron Joyner, Katherine Walker, William Watson, Greyson Young and Robert Young;
- **Summerton** — Drew Edwards; and
- **Shaw AFB** — Devin Singleton.

The dean's list is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade-point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester.

Restaurant news

Following are the scores for the restaurants and other food-serving establishments that were inspected by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control within the past 10 days. A "C" grade is failing, and any business that receives a "C" must be re-inspected within 10 days to make sure the violations have been corrected.

- Canteen/Eaton Electric Cafeteria**, 11 Corporate Circle, Sumter: **A**
- Dunkin Donuts**, 2567 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Lilfred's**, 8425 Camden Highway, Rembert: **A**
- McDonald's @ Walmart #511**, 1283 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Pilgram's Pride**, 2050 Hwy. 15 South, Sumter: **B**
- Sambino's-Shaw**, 1305 Peach Orchard Road, Sumter: **A**
- Shrimper**, 438 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Speedway #2845**, 101 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Sumter Exhibition Center**, 700 W. Liberty St., Sumter: **A**
- Sumter Stop**, 610 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter: **C**
- Taco Bell #31781**, 1112 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Waffle House #1079**, 1350 Broad St., Sumter: **A**

Sumter City Council to consider contract for Manning Avenue project

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Sumter City Council will meet at 1 p.m. today in City Council Chambers, fourth floor of Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., to consider:

- Second and final reading of an ordinance to rezone .30 acres at 702 N. Main St. from residential-6 to neighborhood commercial for the possible development of a hair salon;
- Final reading of an ordinance to amend portions of the city's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to adopt the Wateree Watershed Maps and Flood Insurance Study revisions that will go into effect on Sept. 28. The amendments will also include corrections and clarifications noted in the 2017 South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Community Assistance Visit and the Community Rating System Cycle Visit;

• First reading of an ordinance related to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act;

• First reading of an ordinance to be known as the Burn Ordinance of the city of Sumter;

• A resolution to authorize a contract for the Manning Avenue Sewer Replacement Project. The project will include portions of Manning Avenue from the Manning Avenue Bridge to Andrews Street;

• A resolution to approve the acquisition of temporary construction easements to connect the Town of Mayesville Wastewater Treatment System to the city of Sumter's sewer system; and

• A resolution to declare the intent of the city to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to the incurred by the city.

Council will also view a presentation from the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition.

CCTC president to serve as a moderator at conference

BY BRUCE MILLS

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Central Carolina Technical College President Michael Mikota has been selected as a panel session moderator for an upcoming annual statewide workforce development conference.

Mikota will moderate a session titled Building the Pipeline by Changing Perceptions of High-Demand Jobs on Sept. 13 in Columbia at the state's 2018 Workforce Development Symposium,

according to a release distributed by the college last week.

The conference will be Sept. 12 and 13 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

The panel at the session that Mikota is moderating will include key stakeholders in the workforce development pipeline from the economic development community, K-12 education and private business.

According to the symposium's agenda, the panel will

discuss outdated perceptions and misconceptions by South Carolinians about careers in manufacturing, health care, information technology and other technical-related industries.

Mikota is also a member of the state's Workforce Investment Board, which is in part putting on the conference. Other event partners include the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the state Department of Employment and Workforce and the state Technical College System.

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Cussing in Myrtle Beach can cost you money or jail time

MYRTLE BEACH (AP) — You may want to think twice if you're about to shout a four-letter word at someone while walking down Myrtle Beach's Ocean Boulevard.

Those who get caught publicly using profanity in the City of Myrtle Beach could be taken to jail or issued a citation.

The lewd, obscene and profane language ordinance — a misdemeanor — falls under the city's disorderly conduct offense.

The charge factors in context — using the unlawful language toward another person — and the language being said in public places.

Lt. Bryan Murphy with Myrtle Beach Police Department said a person would violate the ordinance if he or she uses language to "provoke a violent reaction from another person."

"We encourage everyone to avoid violating this ordinance by speaking to others with the same respect and kindness you deserve," Murphy said.

The ordinance plainly states a person should not make, utter or direct any lewd, obscene or profane words toward another person. Those words include "libelous expletive" or "fighting" words.

The city brought in \$22,161 last year from profane language citations, according to information from a Freedom of Information Act request by *The Sun News*. With 289 tickets issued, each averaged about \$77.

City of Myrtle Beach spokesman Mark Kruea said the goal behind ordinances and laws is not the fine.

"It's not the ticket," he said. "It's compliance. The goal is to have folks obey whatever rules, ordinance that any government puts in place."

In reference to the profane language charge, behavior, actions and words "can get out of hand," Kruea said.

"There is an expectation of a certain amount of propriety in a public place," he said.

"People get excited from time to time," Kruea said. "There are limits, I think, to how excited one can be and how much expressive behavior one can share with the public without infringing on somebody else's right."

Capt. John Harrelson with Horry County Police Department said the county does not have a similar ordinance specific to profane language, but officers do utilize the public disorderly conduct or common law breach of peace statutes.

Both of those are state laws, Harrelson said, and, in certain circumstances, can involve lewd language as part of the crime.

Myrtle Beach police stopped a vehicle just after 4 a.m. Aug. 7 after noticing it had a tail light out, according to an incident report.

The suspect allegedly had marijuana — which officers could smell coming from the vehicle — and he was detained, authorities said. After searching the vehicle, police placed the suspect under arrest and told him the vehicle would be towed, a report said.

"He became irate and started using multiple profanities and thrashing his body around," the report reads. "He had to be restrained by two officers."

The suspect was taken to jail and cited for simple possession of marijuana and disorderly conduct/lewd language, the report said.

The lewd language charge is one of many charges that brings the city thousands of dollars each year.

Kruea said fine money goes into the city's general fund, which can be used for departments including water and sewer, recreation and law enforcement.

The city's budget is almost \$200 million this year. Putting into perspective the money the city received from profane language fines last year, the amount is less than the cost of a police officer, Kruea said.

"It's a fairly small fine when you consider the maximum penalty for a misdemeanor is a \$500 fine or 30 days in jail," he said.

Last year, the city made \$19,356 from its racing engines ordinance. Those tickets averaged about \$176. The ordinance states it's illegal for anyone to race the engine of any type of motor vehicle while the vehicle isn't in motion, unless it's necessary for repairing, adjusting or testing the engine.

It's also against city ordinance to sleep or recline on the boardwalk. But it is OK if you're experiencing a medical emergency, participating in a parade or event or sitting on a public chair or bench supplied by the city or private property owner.

Twenty-six fines were issued last year for sleeping or lying down on the boardwalk. Kruea said the city has spent time and effort on the boardwalk, and it's a special public place.

"It is a place where we consciously invite visitors and locals to enjoy themselves," he said. "You want to give folks a guideline about what is acceptable behavior."

Many of the ordinances have been in place for decades, Kruea said.

"You're trying to legislate behavior, which is a tough thing to do," he said. "You're trying to establish what's acceptable and what's not and provide that guidance for the public."

I-20 expansion at Ga.-S.C. line to start in '19

NORTH AUGUSTA (AP) — South Carolina officials say work to expand a stretch of Interstate 20 that crosses the Savannah River into Georgia will start in 2019.

South Carolina Department of Transportation officials told Aiken County lawmakers the project is being developed by their counterparts in Georgia.

The project will widen

the bridges over the Augusta Canal and the Savannah River to three lanes in each direction, and the wider highway will extend to Exit 1 in South Carolina.

Republican South Carolina Rep. Bill Hixon told the *Aiken Standard* that I-20 sees a number of wrecks in the area as the wider interstate in Augusta narrows down to two lanes.

Man on lawnmower fires at, struck by police

CLIO (AP) — South Carolina law officials say there has been an officer-involved shooting in Clio.

Local police were investigating a break-in early Monday when they encountered a man on a riding lawnmower across the street. The man approached officers while on the lawnmower and fired at them.

Two officers from the Clio police department returned fire, striking the man. He

was taken to a local hospital where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating the incident at the request of the Clio police department.

SLED spokesman Thom Berry says that none of the officers involved were harmed, though a Marlboro county deputy's car was struck by a bullet.

Off-duty officer killed trying to break up fight

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. (AP) — Police say a Connecticut police officer has died from injuries he sustained while trying to break up a bar fight in South Carolina.

South Windsor Police say 41-year-old Matthew Mainieri was a 20-year veteran of the department. *The Hartford Courant* reports Main-

ieri was attempting to break up the fight when he sustained a fatal blow to the head.

Mainieri was off duty at the time and died Sunday from his injuries.

County sheriffs in South Carolina charged 21-year-old Kelton Jess Todd in the assault. He was taken to a local jail.

NOAA funds projects to reduce bycatch

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A group of organizations is getting more than \$2 million in grants to use engineering to try to reduce bycatch in fisheries.

Bycatch is the term for when fish and other animals are accidentally caught with gear that was seeking a different species. Bycatch poses problems for rare species of dolphins,

turtles, sharks and other animals.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is awarding more than \$2.3 million to 14 projects as part of its 2018 Bycatch Reduction Engineering Program.

One of the recipients is Duke University, which seeks to reduce sea turtle bycatch in N.C.

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\$30M poured into effort to energize younger voters

BY SCOTT BAUER
The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Democrats know who their voters are. They just have to figure out how to get them to the polls in November — and that's where the puppies come in.

Students returning to the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus this summer were greeted by therapy dogs for petting. Those lured by the chance to ruffle a dog's ears were then asked to register to vote — a "Pups to the Polls" gimmick that was just one of several similar events being staged in 11 battleground states by the liberal group NextGen America.

Young people tend to vote for Democrats, but they also tend stay away during midterm elections. It's a perennial frustration for the party — one they are trying to overcome as they seek to take control of Congress.

NextGen America, formed by billionaire activist Tom Steyer, hopes to be a game changer. Steyer is investing more than \$30 million in what's thought to be the largest voter engagement effort of its kind in U.S. history.

The push to register and get pledges from college students to vote is focusing on states such as Wisconsin, Virginia, California and North Carolina with competitive races for Congress, U.S. Senate and other offices.

NextGen sees young voters such as Kellen Sharp as key to flipping targeted seats from red to blue.

"The outcome of this election definitely affects us," said Sharp, an 18-year-old freshman from Milwaukee

who stopped to register during the dog event the week before classes started. "I'm just excited to have a voice and say something."

A poll this summer by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and MTV found that most Americans ages 15 to 34 think voting in the midterm elections gives their generation some say about how the government is run. The poll found young people eager to vote for someone who shared their political views on issues such as health care and immigration policy. They expressed far less excitement about voting for a candidate described as a lifelong politician.

"If we all vote, we can make a change," said 20-year-old Grace Austin, who stopped to pet the dogs at the Wisconsin event and wound up registering to vote.

Austin and other college students who registered said they feel like their friends are more interested in politics than ever before — boosting hopes of Democrats trying to reverse the trend of declining youth participation in midterm elections.

"We want them to know they need to show up, and when they do, we will win," said NextGen's Wisconsin director George Olufosoye. "We want them to know they have power."

They certainly have the numbers. Since the last midterm election in 2014, 15 million post-millennials — those between the ages of 18 and 21 — have become eligible to vote. But while Generation X, millennials and post-millennials make up the majority of voting-eligible adults nationwide, they



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University of Wisconsin freshman Kellen Sharp, left, gets information about registering to vote Thursday from NextGen America worker Sean Manning in Madison, Wisconsin. Sharp said he's excited to vote. He and others at the Madison event think young people are more energized than ever.

are not expected to cast the most votes in November.

In the 2014 midterm, they cast 21 million fewer votes than voters over age 54, according to an analysis by the Pew Research Center. Turnout among 18- to 24-year-olds hit a 40-year low in 2014, bottoming out at 17.1 percent, according to an analysis by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, or CIRCLE, at Tufts University.

NextGen points to higher voter turnout on the University of Wisconsin campus for a spring state Supreme Court election won by a liberal, and spikes in turnout in other targeted races, to argue that their push to register 122,000 young people to vote is bearing fruit.

"We're trying really hard to have this be much more of an infrastructure, organizational thing than a two-month campaign," NextGen founder Steyer said in an interview. "We're trying to get the broadest possible democracy, the biggest representation."

More media coverage of competitive races, combined with energy from the March for Our Lives movement that seeks stricter gun laws, has empowered young voters and made them "feel like it's time to have their voice heard about what happens to their generation," said Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, director of CIRCLE.

That's what NextGen hopes. It has nearly 800 organizers on 421 college campuses in Wisconsin, Arizona, California, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. In Wisconsin alone, NextGen has 27 full-time workers and 40 student fellows registering voters on 26 campuses.

Republicans recognize the power that motivating young voters could have for Democrats, but they're skeptical that participation will increase much. In Wisconsin, Republicans have been targeting college voters for years.

"Wisconsin Republicans win by connecting with voters directly where they are — and young voters are no different when it comes to that strategy," said Wisconsin Republican Party spokesman Alec Zimmerman.

Wisconsin has two of the nation's competitive and closely watched races. Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin is being challenged by GOP state Sen. Leah Vukmir, while Republican Gov. Scott Walker faces a challenge from Democratic state schools chief Tony Evers. Polls show the races to be a dead heat — just the kind of competitive elections research shows excite younger voters.

"I've never seen anything like this," said NextGen worker and 2016 University of Wisconsin graduate Joe Waldman. "I've never seen the energy, passion and activism there is now."

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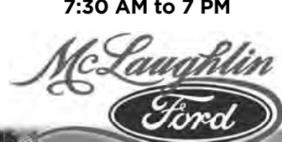
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Most volatile candidate for the midterms: Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heading into the midterm elections, the most volatile candidate this year isn't on the ballot.

But President Donald Trump still loves to take his freewheeling political stylings on the road on behalf of his fellow Republicans, and he's raring to go for the sprint to Nov. 6.

His eagerness to campaign for candidates — and protect his political flank — has led Republican officials and Trump's political team to devise a strategy for managing the president's time. It's designed to keep him in places where he can be helpful.

They're also determined to try to manage his unpredictability so the party's strongest asset in turning out core GOP voters doesn't end up doing damage instead.

There's a constant effort to keep him on best behavior.

This past week, Trump heeded pleas from advisers and Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner, head of the GOP Senate campaign committee, to refrain from picking a favorite in the fractious Arizona primary, waiting until after the results were in to back the winner. Later, at a rally in Indiana for Senate candidate Mike Braun, the president largely stuck



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Supporters of President Donald Trump, wearing Mike Braun for Congress shirts, cheer as he arrives for a campaign rally at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana, on Friday.

to his script, promoting his agenda and criticizing Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind.

"Senate Republicans will not get to where they need to go without the president this fall. That means doing exactly what he's been doing," said Josh Holmes, a longtime adviser to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "The great danger in a midterm is an enthusiasm gap, and there is nobody who can close the enthusiasm gap quite like the president."

Aides think Trump's drawing power is critical to a strong turnout among the most loyal GOP voters, which is helpful in many statewide contests. But his presence could be counterproductive in many House districts where incumbents are struggling to hold onto voters in the center.

But this is a celebrity-turned-president who hardly is a selfless leader of his adoptive party. He launched his own re-election campaign weeks after his swearing-in last year, rather than waiting until after the midterm elections, as did his predecessors. With Democrats increasingly optimistic about retaking the House, Trump is motivated by self-protection. He's keenly aware of the threats and investigations that could come his way if Democrats hold a majority in either the House or Senate.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing, and Trump created an unnecessary political firestorm with his delayed and muted response to the death of Sen. John McCain. Still, aides think he generally has grown more focused and disciplined entering the final push to the fall elections.

At his Indiana rally Thursday night, Trump stuck to familiar themes, talk-

ing about tax cuts and trade tariffs, slamming high-tech companies, railing against the Justice Department and calling MS-13 gang members animals. But he did not mention McCain, avoiding recounting the well-worn tale about the senator's pivotal vote against the president's health care bill.

After a week in which aides pushed Trump to rise above his personal grudges against McCain, the mere fact that Trump kept the senator out of his remarks was notable.

While Trump's White House remains marked by turbulence, insiders said the political shop has managed to impose some discipline. On potential endorsements, for example, political director Bill Stepien and adviser John DeStefano bring Trump detailed binders on candidates' voting records, including their past comments on Trump, where they have broken with the president and other details.

While Stepien and DeStefano have gained influence, they must compete with other power centers. Vice President Mike Pence and the White House office of legislative affairs weigh in at times, and Donald Trump Jr. has proved a powerful influence.

DeVos: No plans to take action on funding to arm teachers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos says she has "no intention of taking any action" regarding any possible use of federal funds to arm teachers or provide them with firearms training.

DeVos' comments came Friday after a top official in her department, asked about arming teachers, said states and local jurisdictions always "had the flexibility" to decide how to use federal education funds.

Frank Brogan, assistant secretary of elementary and secondary education, said arming educators "is a good example of a profoundly personal decision on the part of a school or a school district or even a state." President Donald Trump and DeVos have said schools may benefit from having armed teachers and should have that option.

DeVos said Friday that "Congress did not authorize me or the Department to make those decisions" about arming teachers or training them on the use of firearms.

Her comments were in a letter to Virginia Rep. Bobby Scott, the top Democrat on the House committee overseeing education, and were posted by the department on Twitter.

"I will not take any action

that would expand or restrict the responsibilities and flexibilities granted to state and local education agencies by Congress," DeVos wrote.

Democrats and education groups have argued, however, that the funds are intended for academics, not guns.

DeVos heads a federal commission on school safety that was formed after the deadly Valentine's Day shooting at a Florida high school.

An early draft of the commission's report recommends that states and communities determine "based on the unique circumstances of each school" whether to arm its security personnel and teachers to be able to respond to violence. The draft's section on training school personnel was reviewed by AP.

That approach, the draft says, "can be particularly helpful" in rural districts where the nearest police unit may be far away. Other recommendations included employing school resource officers and ensuring they worked closely with the rest of the school staff.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Brogan cited the "school marshal" program in Texas where school employees can volunteer to carry weapons on cam-

pus after undergoing training. Educators from some remote rural schools also told the panel that they rely on armed school personnel because the police may take too long to arrive. Others, however, argued that arming teachers is dangerous and could make schools feel like prisons.

Brogan said the Every Student Succeeds Act, a bipartisan law that shifts education authority to states, provides about \$1 billion in annual funding for various school needs, including 20 percent specifically set aside for school safety.

"The people at the local level who've been there for years could make the decisions about what services to purchase, what equipment to buy to fulfill the general broad obligations laid out in that law," he said.

It would be up to Congress, not the U.S. Department of Education, to place any restrictions or barriers to use those funds for purposes not currently in the law, a department

spokeswoman said.

The debate arose earlier this month after a small rural school district in Oklahoma and the state of Texas asked the department to clarify what the funds can be used for.

"The position is: You have the language ... the language was written specifically to and always interpreted to mean 'this is your money,'" Brogan said.

Democratic lawmakers and teachers blasted the idea, accusing the Trump administration of acting in the interests of the National Rifle Association, and several congressmen called for legislation that would prohibit the use of those funds for guns.

Senator Patty Murray, the top Democrat on the Senate commission overseeing education, said on Twitter that she was "extremely disappointed that (DeVos) is moving forward with this awful plan to allow federal funds to be used to arm teachers."

"I hope she reconsiders, and we need to keep pressure on

her until she does," Murray added.

Brogan also clarified that the commission will tackle gun control as instructed by the White House. DeVos had told a Senate hearing in June that the panel will not look at guns "per se," causing confusion. Brogan said the commission will consider age restrictions for gun purchases, as well as whether people with mental health problems who are likely to harm themselves and others can possess weapons.

Brogan said the panel will produce a tool kit "that provides recognized best practices, not just the shiny new object on school safety, but what people are already doing that seems to be showing a track record of success that can be put out there in inventory fashion."

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who die each year from the flu are children who did not get the flu vaccine," Taylor said.

While it is not 100 percent effective, he said, it is effective.

Paige Weiland, manager of Palmetto Health Tuomey Lab, said there were no positive flu tests in the hospital lab to date but that the season will "begin soon enough."

A total of 292 people in South Carolina died from the flu last season, which technically runs until October when it starts over.

"Get your flu shot, absolutely. And wash your hands often," Weiland said about the best ways to avoid the flu.

She also said cleaning your cell-phone regularly is one of the best ways to stay healthy.

"Every time you cough into your hand, you're spreading your germs, and then you smear those germs all over your phone — and then you put the phone up to your face. It's gross!" she said.

There have also been no confirmed cases of the flu at the hospital this summer, according to Terri Hannibal, a registered nurse and infection pre-

ventionist at Tuomey.

"(The flu vaccine) is the best way that we can protect ourselves and those around from getting the flu," Hannibal said.

According to the CDC, the "people at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older," Hannibal said. "Also, remember that hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent illness and infections. If you have a cough, cover it with a tissue, or use your

elbow if no tissue is available."

Getting vaccinated against the flu is not the only preventative shot Palmetto Health is backing.

"At Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, we want to protect children and their families in every way possible, including advocating for them to be immunized," said Anna-Kathryn Burch, Palmetto Health Children's Hospital infectious disease pediatrician. "When parents opt out of having their children vaccinated, it can set the stage for disease rates to rise. If it were not for vaccines, we would see many more cases of preventable infectious diseases."



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Sumter's first responders enjoyed a night in their honor hosted by Community Broadcasters on Thursday at Nettles Auditorium. Awards were presented, and attendees enjoyed food and prizes from local donors.

Community Broadcasters honors first responders



SURPLUS

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"Although we have this surplus, we're actually still short of where the state says we're supposed to be," Hilton said. "And a lot of districts have a lot more than the 30-

day expenditure requirement. We're still not out of the woods yet. The fund balance is much better than it was, but we're still not completely where we need to be."

Board members Lucille McQuilla and the Rev. Ralph Canty supported Hilton in his assessment but emphasized they are pleased with

the 2018 surplus.

"When I see \$7.8 million and reflect back on having \$100,000, we've come such a long way that we don't need to minimize that," Canty said, "even though it's important that we stress we aren't where we should be yet. Let's not diminish this giant step that we've taken."

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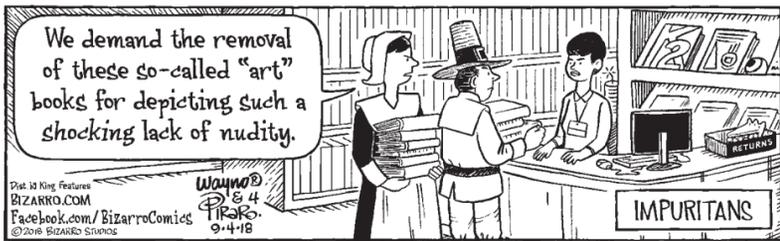
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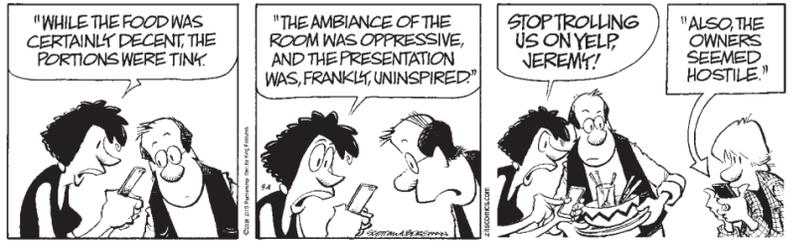
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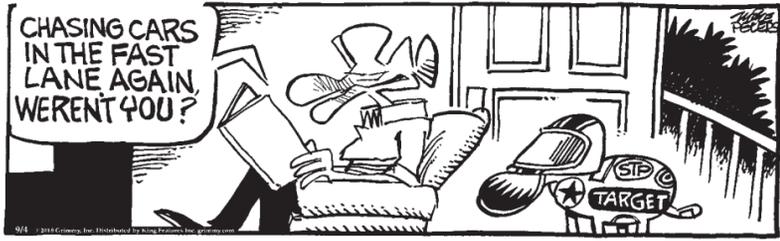
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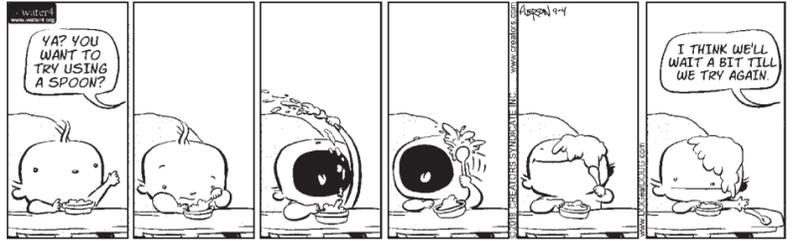
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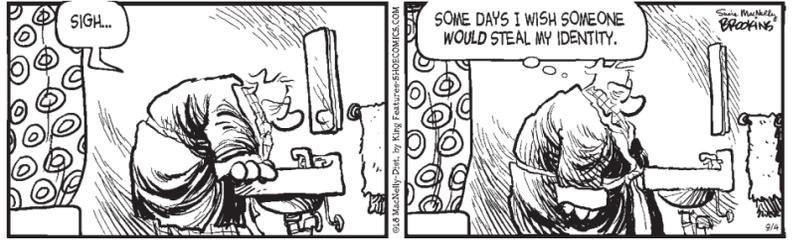
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and have the adventures of a lifetime — unless, of course, she doesn't want to get closer to her husband. That would be a shame.

Rick T. in California

DEAR RICK — Thanks for sharing your experiences. Many other travelers responded, offering guidance to "Headed" in making his dreams of adventure a reality. Read on:

DEAR ABBY — The husband could rent an RV to travel. His wife doesn't want to be cooped up, and an RV would have a living room, TV/DVD, onboard toilet, bedroom and a small kitchen. It would be like she's still at home, only moving. The couple could even arrange other transportation at their destinations.

Tom Z. in Las Vegas

take shorter trips if her objection is the car travel. Or they could fly to a destination, rent a car and see the sights. They could even take a train trip across the country. That wife should be grateful they are both physically able to travel and spend precious time together.

Wish I could in Texas

DEAR ABBY — As a minister, I've advised women like "Headed's" wife. I said, "Eventually one of you will get sick. If it's him, you may spend years caring for him, regretting that you never took the trip. And if you're the one whose health fails, he will put you in a nursing home and take the trip!" Most of them relented, took the trip and enjoyed it. One couple lived another 15 years and told me repeatedly they appreciated my advice.

Rev. Jim in Phoenix

DEAR ABBY — Maybe they could

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- 6 Forearm bone
- 10 Balls and strikes caller
- 13 Off-the-cuff
- 14 What insomniacs count
- 15 Slithery squeezer
- 16 With 58-Across, "sweet" expression about consequences
- 19 Courses for coll. credit
- 20 de cologne
- 21 Defensive trenches
- 22 With 48-Across, "sweet" expression about consequences
- 27 Forest floor growth
- 28 Funnyman Jay
- 29 Supercharged engine, for short
- 32 Bit of gel
- 33 Flock female
- 36 Experiencing some "sweet" consequences
- 41 Gym shirt
- 42 Car nut
- 43 Be of use to
- 44 Kind of butter used in moisturizers
- 46 Half up front?
- 48 See 22-Across
- 54 Photographer Adams
- 55 Yale student
- 56 Soak (up), as sauce
- 58 See 16-Across
- 63 Acapulco aunt
- 64 Enjoys a novel
- 65 Songs for two
- 66 Bargain bin abbr.
- 67 Thanksgiving side dish
- 68 Daisy variety

DOWN

- 1 Poet Angelou
- 2 Take home from an animal shelter
- 3 Partly melted snow
- 4 Idiosyncrasy
- 5 Entrepreneur-helping org.
- 6 "Yeah"
- 7 Pasture
- 8 Ariz. neighbor
- 9 Theoretical primate
- 10 WWII sea attacker
- 11 River delta area
- 12 Break down grammatically
- 14 Sports figures
- 17 Loch with a legend
- 18 Up-and-down toy
- 23 Prefix with dextrous
- 24 Warner Bros. creation
- 25 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
- 26 Jack of "Dragnet"
- 29 Vietnamese New Year
- 30 Abu Dhabi's federation: Abbr.
- 31 GPS suggestion
- 32 Found really groovy
- 33 Antipollution org.
- 34 Nintendo game console since 2006
- 35 Slithery swimmer
- 37 Pure joy
- 38 '50s Red Scare gp.
- 39 Souvlaki meat
- 40 Bad to the bone
- 44 -Ball: midway game
- 45 Two-time Oscar winner
- 46 Luau dances
- 47 Discharge
- 48 Spiny desert bloomers
- 49 "We're live!" studio sign
- 50 Liam's "Schindler's List" role
- 51 Marshy grasses
- 52 Cosmetician
- 53 Like a chimney sweep
- 57 Sit for a picture
- 59 Cultural funding org.
- 60 Beaver's output
- 61 Altar vow
- 62 Prom rental

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COMMENTARY

A cancer on the papacy?

This summer, the sex scandal that has bedeviled the Catholic Church went critical. First came the stunning revelation that Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former Archbishop of Washington and friend to presidents, had for decades been a predator-priest who preyed on seminarians and abused altar boys and whose depravity was widely known and covered up.

Came then the report of a Pennsylvania grand jury that investigated six dioceses and found that some 300 priests had abused 1,000 children over the last 70 years.

The bishop of Pittsburgh, Donald Wuerl, now Cardinal Archbishop of Washington, defrocked some of these corrupt priests but reassigned others to new parishes where new outrages were committed.

Last weekend brought the most stunning accusation.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, Vatican envoy to the United States under Pope

Benedict XVI, charged that Pope Francis had been told of McCarrick's abuses, done nothing to sanction him and that, as "zero tolerance" of sexual abuse is Francis' own policy, the pope should resign.

In his 11-page letter of accusations, Vigano further charged that there is a powerful "homosexual current" among the Vatican prelates closest to the pope.

What did the pope know, and when did he know it?

Not unlike Watergate, the issue here is whether Pope Francis knew what was going on in the Vatican and in his Church and why he was not more resolute in rooting out the moral squalor.

Orthodox, conservative and traditionalist Catholics are the most visible and vocal demanding an accounting. Progressive and liberal Catholics, to whom Pope Francis and Cardinal McCarrick were seen as allies on issues of sexual morality, have been thrown on the defensive.

Now, accusations alone are neither proof nor evidence.

Yet there is an obligation, an imperative, given the gravity of the revelations, that the Vatican address the charges.

When did Pope Francis become aware of McCarrick's conduct, which appears to have been widely known? Did he let his close friendship with McCarrick keep him from doing his papal and pastoral duty?

This destructive scandal has been bleeding for decades. Too long. The Church is running out of time. It needs to act decisively now.

Priests who prey on parochial school children and altar boys are not only sinners, but they are also criminal predators who belong in penitentiary cells, not parish rectories. They ought to be handed over to civil authorities.

While none of us is without sin, sexually active and abusive clergy should be severed from the priesthood. There needs to be a purge at the Vatican, removing or retiring bishops, archbishops and cardinals, the revelation of whose past misconduct would fur-

ther feed this scandal.

For too long, the Catholic faithful have been forced to pay damages and reparations for crimes and sins of predator priests and the hierarchy's collusion and complicity in covering them up.

And it needs to be stated clearly: This is a homosexual scandal.

Almost all of the predators and criminals are male, as are most of the victims: the boys, the teenagers, the young seminarians.

Applicants to the seminary should be vetted the way applicants to the National Security Council are. Those homosexually inclined should be told the priesthood of the Church is not for them, as it is not for women.

Secular society will call this invidious discrimination, but it is based on what Christ taught and how he established his Church.

Inevitably, if the church is to remain true to herself, the clash with secular society, which now holds that homosexuality is

natural and normal and entitled to respect, is going to widen and deepen.

For in traditional Catholic teaching, homosexuality is a psychological and moral disorder, a proclivity toward acts that are intrinsically wrong, and everywhere and always sinful and depraved, and ruinous of character.

The idea of homosexual marriages, recently discovered to be a constitutional right in the USA, remains an absurdity in Catholic doctrine.

If the Church's highest priority is to coexist peacefully with the world, it will modify, soften, cease to preach or repudiate these beliefs and follow the primrose path of so many of our separated Protestant brethren.

But if she does, it will not be the same Church that over centuries accepted martyrdom to remain the faithful custodian of Gospel truths and sacred tradition.

And how has the embrace of modernity and its values advanced the religious faiths whose leaders sought most earnestly to accommodate them?

The Church is going through perhaps its gravest crisis since the Reformation. Since Vatican II, the faithful have been departing, some leaving quietly, others embracing agnosticism or other faiths.

"Who am I to judge?" said the pope when first pressed about the morality of homosexuality.

Undeniably, Francis, and the progressive bishops who urge a new tolerance, a new understanding, a new appreciation of the benign character of homosexuality, have won the plaudits of a secular press that loathed the Church of Pius XII.

Of what value all those wonderful press clippings now, as the chickens come home to roost in Vatican City?

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COMMENTARY

Russia, China causing climate change

BY DICK MORRIS and EILEEN MCGANN

As the left ramps up its blame game accusing President Donald Trump of undermining efforts to mitigate climate change, some core facts are useful to consider:

- The United States is rapidly decreasing its carbon emissions, largely due to market forces, not federal regulation.

- While we are cutting carbon emissions, China and Russia are rapidly taking up the slack by increasing theirs.

Since 1980, the United States has decreased its emissions of greenhouse gases by 65 percent — despite more than tripling our real GDP in the interval.

Since 2000, our carbon emissions have dropped from 20.2 million metric tons to 16.4 million tons today.

By contrast, China's have risen from 2.7 million to 7.8 million over the same period and Russia's are up from 10.6 million to 12.5 million.

It is not the United States whose policies need reversal — it is Russia's and China's.

Since we are, after all, one planet, it is a grave concern that increased emissions from Russia and China since 2000 have risen by nearly twice as much as ours have dropped.

Despite the publicity about Trump's revision of Barack Obama's plans to bankrupt the coal industry, the fact is that market forces have so changed the economics of electricity generation that



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A woman walks past Chinese paramilitary policemen wearing a protection mask on Tiananmen Square in Beijing as the capital of China is blanketed by heavy smog in 2017. China has long faced some of the worst air pollution in the world, blamed on its reliance of coal for energy and factory production, as well as a surplus of older, less-efficient cars on its roads. Inadequate controls on industry and lax enforcement of standards have worsened the pollution problem.

natural gas now generates 32 percent of electric power while coal accounts for only 30 percent (10 years ago, it was more than half).

Renewable sources now account for 20 percent of power generation: hydro is 7 percent; wind is 6 percent; biomass is 2 percent; solar is 1 percent; geothermal is 1 percent.

Neither Obama's power plant regulations nor his climate change prevention plans are responsible for the drop in coal use.

Fracking, which the left opposes, is the reason. Fracking has so lowered the price of natural gas that it is cheaper than coal, dramatically cutting carbon emissions.

Trump has also relaxed

mileage standards for cars, but the conversion to electric, hybrid and, soon, hydrogen cars will continue to drive down carbon output nevertheless.

Even though we have achieved the holy grail of the 1970s and 1980s — ending our dependence on foreign oil — we have also achieved remarkable progress in curtailing our contribution to climate change and will continue to do so under Trump because of market forces, not federal regulation.

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Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice is in need of volunteers. A volunteer application can be found online at www.palmettohealth.org/giving/volunteer-programs/homecare-and-hospicevolunteers. Volunteers are needed for both direct patient care and administrative duties. If you can provide support, respite, companionship, friendship, acts of kindness, file, answer the phone, do data entry, or mailings to families, please consider caring for one patient by giving your time, talents, or gifts of kindness. Call Karen Johnson, Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice volunteer coordinator, at (803) 773-4663.

Make-A-Wish South Carolina is seeking volunteers to help make wishes come true for children across the state. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed. Interest webinars are offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Preregistration is required. Contact Brennan Brown at bbrown@sc.wish.org or (864) 250-0702 extension 112 to register for the webinar or begin the application process.

Hospice Care of Sumter LLC is in need of volunteers in Sumter and surrounding counties. Opportunities available for you to use your time and talents to be of assistance

include reading, musical talents, companionship, light housekeeping, etc. Call (803) 883-5606 or hospicecareofsumter@yahoo.com.

Agape Hospice is in need of volunteers. Whether your passion is baking, knitting, reading, singing, etc., Agape Hospice can find a place for you. Contact Thandi Blanding at (803) 774-1075, (803) 260-3876 or tblanding@agapsenior.com.

Hospice Care of South Carolina is in need of volunteers in Sumter County. Do you have one extra hour a week? Opportunities are available for patient/family companionship, administrative support, meal preparation, light household projects, student education and various other tasks. Contact Whitney Rogers, regional volunteer coordinator, at (843) 409-7991 or whitney.rogers@hospicecare.net.

Amedisys Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include: 1) special projects of baking, sewing, knitting, crafts, carpentry and yard work; 2) administrative/office duties of copying, light filing and answering phones; and 3) patient companionship — develop one-on-one relationships with hospice patients (training provided free of charge). Contact Rhonda Keefe, volunteer coordinator, at (803) 469-3047 or rhonda.keefe@amedisys.com.

Hospice Care of Tri-County is in need of volunteers. Volunteers offer support, companionship and care to the caregiver by running errands, reading to patients, listening and just being there for patients who need companionship. All you need is a willing heart and some time to give to others. No medical background is required. Hospice Care of Tri-County will provide you with the tools you need to become a hospice volunteer. Call Carol Tindal at (803) 905-7720.

ROAD to RECOVERY is in need of volunteers in the Sumter area. The program provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments. Call the American Cancer Society at (803) 750-1693.

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Today, 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building

TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, 4 p.m., town hall

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look past pettiness and you'll find a

way to work alongside others, regardless of your differences. Personal changes will give you a sense of what's possible and the best route to take in order to achieve your goals. Personal improvement is featured.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Show others how serious you are about getting things done. Stop talking and start producing. What you accomplish will speak volumes about the type of person you are and what you are capable of doing. Help children and seniors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Change your mind if necessary. Admitting when you are wrong and turning a negative into a positive will help you gain respect and the confidence of those you love and work alongside. Romance is on the rise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be secretive about the personal changes you want to make. Tidy up loose ends and rethink your strategy regarding how best to use your skills in order to get ahead. Discipline will be required to reach your ultimate goal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on your appearance and the domestic environment you live in. You'll feel better about yourself if you're organized and have a plan in the works that will lead to a better future. Don't let someone from your past disrupt your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Participate and you'll be offered valuable information that will change your life. Listen and take note of what someone has done, and revamp his or her idea to fit your situation. Reconnecting with someone from your past is favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional matters will escalate when dealing with the people you live with or who influence your everyday routine. Choose your battles wisely, and use diplomacy to skirt issues that are sensitive. Look inward and make personal adjustments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): How you earn your living will undergo a shift. Look for any opportunity to use your skills in exciting new ways. Attend a conference, trade show or networking function that will spark ideas and lead to potential partnerships. Embrace change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Speak up on behalf of yourself as well as others. Your strength and courage will put you in a leadership position that will give you the power to make a difference. Stick to the truth and point out those prone to exaggeration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Speak from the heart regarding your plans with a partner or someone you feel can assist you. A moneymaking deal is within reach if you nudge the person vacillating. Set the standard and show your strength.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't participate in someone else's shenanigans. Know when to say no and how to persuade those running amok to smarten up before it's too late to turn back. Make your voice heard, and do what's best for yourself. Romance can alter someone's choices.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make changes at home or to your personal finances. Renovation, buying and selling or investing in something you've wanted for some time is favored. The right decision will stabilize your life and help you build a brighter future.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Times of clouds and sun	Partly cloudy and humid	A t-storm around in the p.m.	Partly sunny and warm	Partly sunny and warm	Warm with clouds and sun
93°	72°	93° / 72°	94° / 71°	93° / 71°	91° / 71°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%
E 6-12 mph	SE 3-6 mph	ENE 4-8 mph	ENE 6-12 mph	E 4-8 mph	E 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

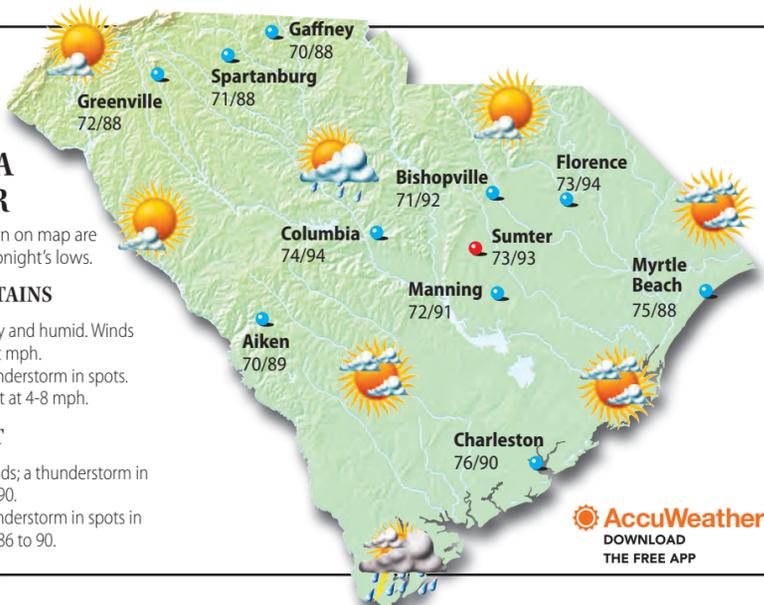
Today: Mostly sunny and humid. Winds east-northeast 4-8 at mph.

Wednesday: A thunderstorm in spots. Winds east-northeast at 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Variable clouds; a thunderstorm in the area. High 86 to 90.

Wednesday: A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. High 86 to 90.



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SUMTER YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	96°
Low	72°
Normal high	87°
Normal low	66°
Record high	99° in 1993
Record low	52° in 1967

Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.27"
Year to date	26.76"
Last year to date	27.65"
Normal year to date	33.66"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.08	-0.04
Marion	76.8	75.43	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	75.28	none
Wateree	100	97.34	+0.09

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	3.13	-0.23
Congaree River	19	3.08	+0.26
Lynches River	14	1.37	-0.05
Saluda River	14	2.30	-0.01
Up. Santee River	80	76.40	-0.12
Wateree River	24	8.98	+0.69

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:57 a.m.	Sunset	7:44 p.m.
Moonrise	1:14 a.m.	Moonsset	3:43 p.m.

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

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	4:06 a.m.	2.8	11:05 a.m.	0.2
	4:47 p.m.	3.4	---	---
Wed.	5:15 a.m.	2.9	12:02 a.m.	0.7
	5:53 p.m.	3.6	12:10 p.m.	0.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/73/pc	89/73/pc
Chicago	90/73/s	86/63/t
Dallas	84/73/t	89/74/t
Detroit	90/72/s	91/69/s
Houston	84/75/t	88/75/pc
Los Angeles	81/65/pc	82/65/pc
New Orleans	85/76/r	86/78/r
New York	92/77/s	87/76/s
Oriando	88/76/t	90/76/pc
Philadelphia	93/76/s	93/75/s
Phoenix	101/81/s	102/80/s
San Francisco	72/56/pc	72/55/pc
Wash., DC	93/77/s	93/76/s

REGIONAL CITIES

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

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saban announces Tagovailoa as Alabama's starting QB

BY JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Nick Saban made official what anybody who watched No. 1 Alabama's opener likely assumed: Tua Tagovailoa is the Crimson Tide's starting quarterback.

The top-ranked Tide's coach didn't wait for the question to be asked Monday before saying Tagovailoa will start Saturday against Arkansas State, but even he acknowledged it



TAGOVAILOA

wasn't much of a secret.

He said two-year starter Jalen Hurts will still play a role.

"I think everybody knows that Tua's going to start this game and we're going to use Jalen's skill-set in the future to

help however we feel that he can benefit the team," Saban said. "I just want to be clear with everyone that I have done this in the past where we

don't say who the starter's going to be for the first game and we give both quarterbacks an opportunity to play in the game, which is exactly what we did in this game. Not a whole lot different than what we've done in the past."

It was just amplified this time because of the circumstances. Hurts has a 26-2 record as a starter and has led the Tide to a pair of national championship games.

Tagovailoa was the hero of the title

game against Georgia in January after entering for the second half, guaranteeing a quarterback battle during the offseason. The sophomore from Hawaii was terrific in his first start in a 51-14 victory over Louisville. He was 12-of-16 passing for 227 yards and two touchdowns while running for a third score.

"We make all of our decisions here based on winning," Saban said.

SEE CRIMSON TIDE, PAGE B3

AUTO RACING

Penske Throwback

Keselowski, teammate Logano finish 1-2 in Southern 500

BY PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

DARLINGTON — Brad Keselowski provided perhaps the biggest throwback at the Southern 500 — giving Team Penske its first victory at Darlington Raceway in 43 years.

"This is probably the biggest win of my career," said Keselowski, the 2012 NASCAR champion.

Keselowski beat leader Kyle Larson out of the pits — "It couldn't have been more than 10 feet," Keselowski said — with 22 laps to go, then pulled away on the restart to sweep the weekend at Darlington.

Keselowski took the Xfinity race Saturday when leaders Ross Chastain and Kevin Harvick wrecked late. This time, Keselowski and his crew took advantage on the final caution to move in front with a fast pit stop.

Keselowski then did the rest as he opened a 1 1/2-second lead down the stretch.

It was Keselowski's first victory of the season — the 25th of his career — and the first time a Team Penske driver has won at Darlington since Bobby Allison in the 1975 Southern 500.

"Got to give a lot of credit to my pit crew," Keselowski said. "Running second that last stop and they nailed it."

They also put Team Penske in victory lane here for first time in decades in a race that has become the sports' Old Timer's Day to celebrate its history. Keselowski drove a Miller Genuine Draft paint scheme that Rusty Wallace used when driving for Penske.

Walt Czarniecki, Team Pen-

ske vice chairman, said he was glad to break the long dry spell at Darlington and give the organization its 498th win across several platforms of racing.

"I've been in touch with Roger (Penske) and he's about excited as can be," Czarniecki said.

Joey Logano, Keselowski's Penske teammate, finished second, and Larson was third.

Logano was grateful to see Team Penske on top. "The one-two is nice," he said. "Racing Larson there, I was think it'd be good to get a one-two. It be really nice (for me) to be the one."

Larson won the first two stages and led 284 of the 367 laps. Yet, he leaves disappointed with his seventh top-three finish of the season. Larson chose to focus on the strong showing

"This is my fifth Cup season and I've run second or third a lot, so I guess you get used to it," Larson said with a chuckle. "The disappointment, I can handle it better than most people."

Kevin Harvick was fourth and Chase Elliott fifth.

The Busch brothers were next — Kurt in sixth, points leader Kyle in seventh — with Erik Jones, Jamie McMurray and pole-sitter Denny Hamlin rounding out the top 10.

WHO'S HOT: Harvick leads the series with seven wins this season and stayed hot at Darlington despite starting 22nd. It was the 21st time in 25 races he's wound up in the top 10.

WHO'S NOT: Jimmie Johnson struggled throughout the

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Brad Keselowski celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the Southern 500 on Sunday at Darlington Raceway. Keselowski's Penske Racing teammate, Joey Logano, finished second.

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL: 5 THINGS WE LEARNED

Freshman QB Lawrence looks good in opener

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When you've got a program that is ranked No. 2 in the country and is predicted by most to play in the College Football Playoff for a fourth straight year going up against a good Football Championship Subdivision team, a 48-7 final like Clemson laid on Furman on Saturday is what one might expect.

There was still plenty to learn about the Tigers on Saturday though despite the easy triumph. The most obvious thing we learned is that an ultra-hyped freshman is not going to be a bust.

1. HE ISN'T WILLY KORN

Of course, the player we're talking about is 5-star true freshman recruit Trevor Lawrence. The prediction by many has been that it's just a matter of time before he takes over for se-



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Clemson freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) had a solid outing in his debut in the Tigers' 48-7 win over Furman on Saturday.

nior Kelly Bryant, who only led the Tigers back to the 4-team playoff for a third straight year after taking over for Deshaun Watson.

While it remains to be seen if Lawrence will live up to the massive

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USC FOOTBALL: 5 THINGS WE LEARNED

South Carolina offense opens at faster pace

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The South Carolina Gamecocks came out of the gate rolling against Coastal Carolina on Saturday and never really looked back in a 49-15 victory at Williams-Brice Stadium. The contest, of course, was a precursor to what is really to come on Saturday when the Gamecocks take on defending Southeastern Conference champion and national runner-up Georgia.

The odds are head coach Will Muschamp and his coaching staff kept things as vanilla as possible against Coastal. However, that doesn't mean that some things could not be gleaned from the contest against the Chanticleers.

1. THE OFFENSE IS FASTER

Or quicker or more crisp, something like that. You get the idea. It just looked much, much, much more effec-



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South Carolina running back Rico Dowdle (5) scores a touchdown against Coastal Carolina on Saturday in Columbia.

tive than it ever did in the two seasons that Kurt Roper was in charge of the Carolina offense.

For the most part, it looked as though there was a rhyme and a reason to the play calling, and there

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NFL 2018 PREVIEW

Jags look to repeat as AFC South champs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — For so very long, the AFC South easily ranked among the NFL's worst divisions.

Not anymore. Both Jacksonville and Tennessee are coming off playoff berths, with the Jaguars a blown lead in the AFC championship game from playing in the Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history. The Jaguars and Titans also have their rosters from those trips back largely intact. Deshaun Watson and J.J. Watt are healthy again in Houston. Even Andrew Luck is throwing passes and ready for the season in Indianapolis.

"It's crazy how nobody wanted to play in the AFC South a couple years ago," Jaguars linebacker Telvin Smith said. "Now it seems like it'll be one of the premier (divisions) in the league."

The Jaguars not only are defending division champs, they are looking for a second straight playoff berth for the first time since 1998-99. The Titans changed coaches after consecutive 9-7 seasons because sweeping Jacksonville last season wasn't enough to win the AFC South, and another postseason would be their first back-to-back berths since 2007-08. If the Texans stay healthy, they are chasing their third division title in four years.

The Colts have a lot of rebuilding ahead, but a healthy Luck is so good that Indianapolis always has a chance.

Here's what to look for out of the AFC South this season:

SURGING JACKSONVILLE

Yes, the Jaguars not only are contenders, they are a popular pick to reach their first Super Bowl. That means dealing with high expectations from the start.

"That's a big jump, but I feel like we're going to put ourselves in the right position to be an immediate contender," defensive tackle Malik Jackson said. "I think with the defensive product that we put out there, the offensive product we put out there, and special teams, if we do anything less than what we did (last) year, it'd be a huge disappointment. I know we're going to be consistent. I can promise you that."

All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey is keeping Jacksonville lively with his comments — positive and disparaging — on NFL quarter-



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Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) is back after a successful rookie season that was cut short by an injury.

backs. But Jaguars coach Doug Marrone has every key starter back, including 10 of 11 on one of the league's stingiest defenses featuring six Pro Bowlers. Blake Bortles' right wrist has been surgically repaired, and he has an offense that led the NFL in rushing last season.

CONFIDENT TITANS

Tennessee has a first-time head coach who won three Super Bowl rings playing linebacker in New England, Mike Vrabel. This franchise also has been busy building the past three years trying to compete not only in the division but the AFC. The Titans gave themselves a big confidence boost by rallying for a wild-card win in Kansas City before a divisional loss in New England. It was an eye opener.

"To be able to experience that was huge," quarterback Marcus Mariota said. "You understand that the postseason, everything kind of intensifies just a little bit more, and to go through that, to experience that in year three was huge. I do believe that it was a good stepping stone for this season, hopefully for future years as well."

The Titans have new coordinator Matt LaFleur teaching Mariota his third offense in four seasons, and they replaced aging DeMarco Murray by signing Dion Lewis to work with Derrick Henry. They also bolstered the defense by signing cornerback Malcolm Butler and drafting linebackers Rashaan Evans and Harold Landry.

HEALTHY TEXANS

This season has to be better for Houston if only because the Texans are healthier. When they finished their first losing season since 2013 at 4-12 last year, 22 Texans were on injured reserve. Losses of Watson, Watt and LB Whitney Mercilus were most costly. So even with the Texans' run at a third straight division title over, coach Bill O'Brien got a new general manager and a contract extension.

Watson was so thrilling while healthy. Yet the second-year quarterback will be tested if an offensive line anchored by center Nick Martin and featuring three new starters can't protect Watson any better than a year ago, when the Texans gave up the second-most sacks in the NFL.

As dominant as Watt was in winning the NFL Defensive Player of the Year award three times in four seasons, he now has to prove his body can survive a full season. Watt played only eight games combined over 2016 and 2017.

COLTS

Finally improving the offensive line has been a big key for general manager Chris Ballard in trying to end a three-year postseason drought. The Colts gave up a league-worst 56 sacks last season, and Luck won't stay healthy for long if they can't protect him better. Ballard drafted guard Quenton Nelson at No. 6 overall, signed two free agents, and has center Ryan Kelly coming back off an injury.

Owner Jim Irsay also fired Chuck Pagano and hired Frank Reich when Josh McDaniels decided to stay in New England. Reich now has watched Luck return to the field; Luck is feeling much more confident in his own throwing shoulder.

"I feel like I can make all the throws I need to make with confidence," Luck said.

Safety Malik Hooker is back from knee surgery that ended his rookie season after just seven games. But not even Luck might be able to cover up the roster issues that Ballard needs more time, draft picks and money to fix.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

Jaguars, Titans, Texans, Colts



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Carolina quarterback Cam Newton (1) and the Panthers hope to get back to winning the NFC South title.

Saints, Falcons, Panthers headline tough NFC South

BY BRETT MARTEL
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Recent history would indicate that the NFC South is among the NFL's strongest divisions.

Three of its four teams — New Orleans, Atlanta and Carolina — made the playoffs last season. The Falcons are only two seasons removed from an overtime loss in the Super Bowl.

Yet, in today's NFL, fortunes have been known to vacillate widely from one year to the next.

"Obviously, there is parity in our league," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "What I mean by that is, teams very quickly can improve themselves in the division. You see that each year."

Payton has urged his players to take the approach that they are "starting from square one and it's an entirely different year."

But it's tough to entirely drown out the expectations surrounding a club that won 11 of its last 14 regular-season games and beat the Panthers in the playoffs before nearly advancing to the NFC title game. Only an unlikely 61-yard touchdown pass play by the Vikings as time expired prevented the Saints from going to Philadelphia.

Much of New Orleans' success stemmed from young players — namely running back Alvin Kamara and cornerback Marshon Lattimore, the 2017 offensive and defensive rookie award winners. Many other key players — Pro Bowl receiver Michael Thomas, right guard Ryan Ramczyk, safeties Vonn

Bell and Marcus Williams, defensive tackles Sheldon Rankins and David Onyemata, cornerback Ken Crawley, and linebacker Alex Anzalone — have been in the NFL two or fewer years.

That gave the Saints the luxury of approaching the past offseason with the mission of refining rather than overhauling.

"We probably feel like we have fewer holes," general manager Mickey Loomis said. "Overall, we've got a young team ... and I'm anxious to see how those guys develop and get better — and I think we feel good about that."

For all of the Saints' promising youth, their most important player still might be their eldest: 39-year-old Drew Brees.

There's little evidence of a drop-off yet. Last season he completed an NFL-record 72 percent of his passes and his eight interceptions were his lowest since throwing seven with the Chargers in 2004.

But he might have to throw more this season than last — at least early on. Pro Bowl running back Mark Ingram is suspended the first four games for use of a banned substance.

The good news for New Orleans is the entire offensive line is intact after strong showings in both the running and passing games in 2017.

"If they're playing well, then you're able to open up the offense in a way that makes us very dangerous," Brees said. "This group is one of the best we've had."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
Noon — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from New York (ESPN).
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 Quarterfinal Matches from New York (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WVFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 5 — Washington at Atlanta (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Angels at Texas (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. — Amateur Golf: World Long Drive Championship from Thackerville, Okla. — Men's Open Division and Masters Championship (GOLF).
10 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 5 — Phoenix at Seattle (ESPNNEWS, NBA TV).
10 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: United States vs. Chile from San Jose, Calif. (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Oakland or San Diego at Arizona (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	60	.559	—
Philadelphia	72	64	.529	4
Washington	68	69	.496	8½
New York	61	75	.449	15
Miami	54	83	.394	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	81	55	.596	—
Milwaukee	77	61	.558	5
St. Louis	76	61	.555	5½
Pittsburgh	66	71	.482	15½
Cincinnati	59	78	.431	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	75	62	.547	—
Colorado	74	62	.544	½
Arizona	74	63	.540	1
San Francisco	68	70	.493	7½
San Diego	54	85	.388	22

TODAY'S GAMES

Cincinnati (Reed 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Musgrove 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Mikolas 13-4) at Washington (Fedde 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Arrieta 9-9) at Miami (Richards 3-7), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 15-7) at Atlanta (Newcomb 11-7), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 4-4) at Milwaukee (Miley 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Rodriguez 6-2) at Colorado (Marquez 11-9), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Lucchesi 7-7) at Arizona (Ray 4-2), 9:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Vargas 5-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 6-5), 10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Atlanta, 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	94	44	.681	—
New York	86	51	.628	7½
Tampa Bay	73	63	.537	20
Toronto	62	74	.456	31
Baltimore	40	97	.292	53½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	77	59	.566	—
Minnesota	63	73	.463	14
Chicago	55	82	.401	22½
Detroit	55	82	.401	22½
Kansas City	45	91	.331	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	84	53	.613	—
Oakland	82	56	.594	2½
Seattle	76	61	.555	8
Los Angeles	66	71	.482	18
Texas	60	77	.438	24

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Detroit 11, N.Y. Yankees 7
Toronto 6, Miami 1
Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 0
Kansas City 9, Baltimore 1
Texas 18, Minnesota 4
Oakland 8, Seattle 2
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 4
Houston 4, L.A. Angels 2

TODAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay (TBD) at Toronto (Gaviglio 3-7), 7:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 8-11) at Cleveland (Clevinger 10-7), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 15-7) at Atlanta (Newcomb 11-7), 7:35 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Heaney 8-8) at Texas (Minor 10-7), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Liriano 3-9) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 10-9), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (TBD) at Houston (Verlander 13-9), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Happ 15-6) at Oakland (TBD), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Cobb 4-15) at Seattle (LeBlanc 8-3), 10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Atlanta, 12:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	1	0	.750	94	74
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	83	98
Miami	1	3	0	.250	88	87
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	55	47

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	1	0	.750	67	50
Indianapolis	3	1	0	.750	88	80
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	76	50
Tennessee	0	4	0	.000	40	90

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	0	0	1.000	127	72
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	120	95
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	103	80
Cleveland	3	1	0	.750	77	46

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	74	54
Denver	2	2	0	.500	101	93
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	91	79
L.A. Chargers	2	2	0	.500	71	95

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	2	0	.500	74	70
Washington	1	3	0	.250	69	98
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	44	82
Dallas	0	4	0	.000	43	86

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	103	47
Carolina	3	1	0	.750	104	96
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	96	96
Atlanta	0	4	0	.000	27	96

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	1	0	.750	86	65
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	109	97
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	121	118
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	77	111

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	1	0	.750	81	56
L.A. Rams	2	2	0	.500	47	96
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	75	83
Seattle	0	4	0	.000	70	94

THURSDAY'S GAMES

New England 17, N.Y. Giants 12
Miami 34, Atlanta 7
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Jets 9
Cleveland 35, Detroit 17
Indianapolis 27, Cincinnati 26
Jacksonville 25, Tampa Bay 10
Baltimore 30, Washington 20
Pittsburgh 39, Carolina 24
Minnesota 13, Tennessee 3
New Orleans 28, L.A. Rams 0
Houston 14, Dallas 6
Buffalo 28, Chicago 27
Kansas City 33, Green Bay 21
L.A. Chargers 23, San Francisco 21
Denver 21, Arizona 10
Oakland 30, Seattle 19

WNBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
Tuesday, Aug. 21
Phoenix 101, Dallas 83
Los Angeles 75, Minnesota 68

SECOND ROUND
Thursday, Aug. 23
Washington 96, Los Angeles 64
Phoenix 96, Connecticut 86

SEMIFINALS (x-if necessary)
Seattle 2, Phoenix 2
Sunday, Aug. 26: Seattle 91, Phoenix 87
Tuesday, Aug. 28: Seattle 91, Phoenix 87, OT
Friday, Aug. 31: Phoenix 86, Seattle 66
Sunday, Sept. 2: Phoenix 86, Seattle 84
Tuesday, Sept. 4: Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Atlanta 2, Washington 2
Sunday, Aug. 26: Washington 87, Atlanta 84
Tuesday, Aug. 28: Atlanta 78, Washington 75
Friday, Aug. 31: Atlanta 81, Washington 76
Sunday, Sept. 2: Washington 97, Atlanta 76
Tuesday, Sept. 4: Washington at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

FINALS (Best-of-5)
Thursday, Sept. 6: TBD, TBA
Sunday, Sept. 9: TBD, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 12: TBD, TBA
x-Friday, Sept. 14: TBD, TBA
x-Sunday, Sept. 16: TBD, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU off and running with win over Miami

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Nick Brossette and Joe Burrow waited a long time for their chance to be impact players. They helped No. 25 LSU make a strong opening statement.

Brossette ran for 125 yards with his first two career touchdowns and grad transfer quarterback Burrow, who appeared in 10 games the past two seasons at Ohio State, won his first college start as the Tigers beat No. 8 Miami 33-17 on Sunday night.

"I knew I needed to be patient and humble, and that my time would come," said Brossette, who had only 96 yards rushing all last season for the Tigers as a third-string junior.

Once the game started, the Hurricanes never really backed the bravo-do they showed in a feisty exchange of words and some shoving between the teams during warmups about 75 minutes before kickoff.

LSU led 27-3 by halftime after Jacob Phillips returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown.

"Regardless of what's out there and what people say, we believe in each other in that room, and we proved it tonight," Tigers coach Ed Orgeron said about the perception that his team was the underdog.

Miami, which has lost four games in a row since a 10-0 start last season, never got to celebrate with that gaudy turnover chain that comes out



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LSU running back Nick Brossette carries the ball inside the 10-yard line before being tackled by Miami defensive back Jaquan Johnson on Sunday in Arlington, Texas.

when the Hurricanes get a takeaway.

"We certainly had some things go well and some things not well," said Miami coach Mark Richt, in his third season at his alma mater. "A lot of self-inflicted wounds, not to take anything away from what LSU did. They beat us soundly."

LSU went ahead to stay in the final minute of the first quarter after Burrow changed a play at the line of scrimmage. Brossette then took an inside handoff and went untouched down the middle of the field for a 50-

yard TD run that snapped a 3-3 tie.

"I saw the goal line," Brossette said. "It opened up, which shocked me. I put my head down and ran."

Burrow finished 11 of 24 for 140 yards, and Orgeron said the quarterback did a great job "just managing the game," remaining cool under pressure and making adjustments when necessary.

"Execute, do what the game plan says," Burrow said "Really all that was on my mind was going out and playing with my brothers and executing at a high level."

Brossette's 1-yard run made it 17-3 on an 11-play drive when LSU twice converted fourth-and-1 — on a 2-yard gain by Brossette near midfield, and when Miami jumped offside.

"We saw it in camp. I thought he was our most physical back," Orgeron said.

Cole Tracy, a kicker last season at Division II Assumption College, made four field goals in his Tigers debut. His 54-yarder, which tied a school record, just skimmed over the crossbar and made it 33-3 late in the third quarter.

When LSU fumbled on its opening drive, receiver Dee Anderson managed to recover after taking a shot to the head and losing the ball briefly at the end of an 11-yard catch for a first down. The Hurricanes instead lost starting cornerback Trajan Bandy when he was ejected for targeting.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

STATE
Thursday
North Greenville 13, Tusculum 3
Saturday
(2) Clemson 48, Furman 7
South Carolina 49, Coastal Carolina 15
Wofford 28, Citadel 21
Florida 53, Charleston Southern 6
Georgia Southern 37, South Carolina State 6
Western Carolina 33, Newberry 26
Gardner-Webb 52, Limestone 17
Florida Tech 33, Benedict 14

ACC
Thursday
Wake Forest 23, Tulane 17
Friday
Syracuse 55, Western Michigan 42
Duke 34, Army 14
Saturday
Georgia Tech 41, Alcorn State 0
North Carolina at California, 4 p.m.
North Carolina State 24, James Madison 13
Boston College 55, Massachusetts 21
Pittsburgh 33, Albany 7
Virginia 42, Richmond 13
Sunday
(25) Miami 33, (8) Miami 17
Monday
(20) Virginia Tech at (19) Florida State (late)

SEC
Friday
Texas A&M 59, Northwestern State 0
Saturday
(1) Alabama 51, Louisville 14
(3) Georgia 45, Austin Peay 0
(9) Auburn 21, (6) Washington 16
(17) West Virginia 40, Tennessee 14
Mississippi State 3, Stephen F. Austin 6
Mississippi 47, Texas Tech 27
Kentucky 35, Central Michigan 20
Missouri 51, Tennessee-Martin 14
Arkansas 55, Eastern Illinois 20
Vanderbilt 35, Middle Tennessee State 7

TOP 25
Thursday
(21) Central Florida 56, Connecticut 17
Friday
(4) Wisconsin 34, Western Kentucky 3
(11) Michigan State 38, Utah State 31
(13) Stanford 31, San Diego State 10
Saturday
(5) Ohio State 77, Oregon State 31
(7) Oklahoma 63, Florida Atlantic 14
(10) Penn State 45, Appalachian State 38
(12) Notre Dame 24, (14) Michigan 17
(15) Southern California 45, UNLV 21
(16) Texas Christian 55, Southern 7
(22) Boise State 56, Troy 20
Maryland 34, (23) Texas 29
(24) Oregon 58, Bowling Green 24

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buildup over his ability, he proved that he is going to be better than the last 5-star QB who was supposed to be dominate for the Tigers. That would be Willy Korn, who never panned out for Clemson.

Lawrence completed 9 of 15 passes for 137 yards and three TDs.

2. WHY BRYANT IS THE STARTER

Bryant connected on 10 of 16 passes for 127 yards and one touchdown. While those are good, but not great numbers, Bryant does possess the ability to run the football and pick up big yardage in quick fashion.

He had a 35-yard scoring run at the start of the third quarter that pushed the lead to 34-0. Bryant finished with 44 yards rushing on five carries.

It remains to be seen how the competition between the two will play out, but Bryant wasn't just a stop-gap fill-in last year.

3. THE OFFENSE IS STILL EXPLOSIVE

Clemson was leading just 13-0 late in the second quarter, leading one to think Furman had a chance to say it was in the ball game. Then, just like that, the game was officially out of hand.

The Tigers got the football

back at their 5-yard line with just over five minutes left in the first half. Lawrence led them on an 11-play, 95-yard drive that only took 2:26 off the clock. Then, less than two minutes, they're on the board again for a 27-0 lead.

4. DOMINANT D-LINE

Even though the Tigers' front four on defense is lauded as a National Football League line, it did not let that hype affect its play on Saturday.

While Furman had some success running the ball, gaining 201 yards, it also lost 84 yards for a net total of 117.

The test should be a stiffer one on Saturday at Texas A&M though.

5. HUEGEL BACK IN FORM

Placekicker Greg Huegel looked to be his old, consistent self against the Paladins. He was 2-for-2 on field goal attempts, including nailing a 49-yarder, that tied a career high.

Huegel was 14-for-19 on field goals as a sophomore during the Tigers' national championship season. However, he tore an anterior cruciate ligament during practice in September of last season.

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didn't seem to be much lingering and standing around by the offense. You seldom got that feeling with Roper calling the plays.

Of course, when you're rolling up 557 yards of total offense to go with 32 first downs things are bound to look good. And it's just one game. It will be interesting to see how the USC offense performs against the Bulldogs.

2. BENTLEY LOOKS IMPROVED

Again, it's just one game, but quarterback Jake Bentley looked more consistent throwing the football in the season opener than he did in any of the 13 contests he played in last season.

After such a promising 7-game start to his career as a true freshman in 2016, Bentley didn't progress as a sophomore and perhaps regressed ever so slightly. There was no rhythm to his game, no consistency to his passing.

He looked in control of the offense on Saturday, completing 22 of 29 passes for 250 yards and four touchdowns.

Again, Bentley and South Carolina will be going up against a totally different animal on Saturday in Georgia. It will be interesting to see how well he maintains his composure when there will be a lot more bullets flying around him.

3. SPREADING THE WEALTH

Of the 25 passes completed by Bentley and backup QB Michael Scarnecchia, 11 different players made catches. That's a very good thing when a team has the talent USC possesses at wide receiver and running back.

Deebo Samuel led the way with seven catches. Though he only accumulated 56 yards in receptions, the fact that he had 10 touches -- one rush for 11 yards and two kickoff returns for 45 yards -- is hopefully a sign that new offensive coordinator Bryan McClendon is intent on getting the ball in his hands. The more a player with his ability handles the ball, the better the chances he can get you some quick points.

The list getting touches will likely trim down this week and the number of catches for receivers such as Bryan Edwards and Shi Smith are likely to go up against Georgia.

4. DIALING UP THE BLITZ

There are a lot of questions concerning the defense heading into the season, but one thing that stood out on Saturday is it was able to get consistent pressure on Chants quarterback Kevin Anderson.

Though Coastal only threw the football 18 times, the Gamecocks came up with three sacks. Helping record those sacks were defensive backs Jaycee Horn and Steven Montac.

5. OFFENSIVE LINE HAS POTENTIAL

There were plenty of holes made available for Carolina running backs throughout the game, mainly Rico Dowdle with 105 yards on 12 carries and former Crestwood High School standout with 82 yards on 11 totes. USC finished with 263 rushing yards as a team.

They had substantial holes to run through and that can be attributed to the offensive line. It had to be nice for Muschamp to see his O line control the line of scrimmage against a foe against which it is expected to do so.

DARLINGTON

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weekend at Darlington Raceway. He suffered some damage during qualifying and had to start from the back of the field for unapproved changes. He was assessed a pass-through penalty for a commitment line violation when trying to enter the pits. Then had to go behind the wall with an oil pump problem that knocked him from the race. Johnson, the seven-time champion, does not have a win this season and, while he's in the playoffs on points at the moment, may have work to do at the final regular season race at Indianapolis next week to reach the postseason. "I don't want to be in this position," Johnson said.

THE BIG ONE: The nastiest wreck of the race was when Clint Bowyer slammed hard into Ryan Newman, who appeared to be slowing down to head into the pits. Bowyer hit hard into the wall twice before coming to a stop in the center of the track. The No. 14 was towed into the garage. Bowyer was evaluated and released from the infield care center. "He just stopped right in the middle of the race track," Bowyer said of Newman.

PLAYOFF PICTURE: Denny Hamlin and Aric Almirola clinched playoff spots after the Southern 500, meaning there are two more spots to fill in next week's regular-season finale at Indianapolis.

WEATHER DELAY: Darlington officials twice had to clear the grandstands because of potential severe weather threatening the area. Drivers were called to return to their cars about 45 minutes later and, following the singing of the National Anthem, were ordered back to safety. In all, the weather delayed the start of the race by about 45 minutes.

SOUTHERN 500 RESULTS

By The Associated Press

Sunday
At Darlington Raceway
Darlington, S.C.
Lap length: 1.366 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (13) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 367 laps, 55 points.
2. (8) Joey Logano, Ford, 367, 50.
3. (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 367, 54.
4. (22) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 367, 39.
5. (11) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 367, 40.
6. (9) Kurt Busch, Ford, 367, 39.
7. (5) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 367, 35.
8. (7) Erik Jones, Toyota, 367, 44.
9. (31) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 367, 30.
10. (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 367, 31.
11. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 367, 34.
12. (25) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 367, 25.
13. (19) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 367, 24.
14. (12) Aric Almirola, Ford, 367, 23.
15. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 367, 22.
16. (18) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 367, 21.
17. (14) Paul Menard, Ford, 366, 20.
18. (23) David Ragan, Ford, 366, 19.
19. (6) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 366, 22.
20. (26) Michael McDowell, Ford, 365, 17.
21. (28) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 365, 16.
22. (24) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 365, 15.
23. (4) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 365, 14.
24. (29) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 364, 13.
25. (15) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 364, 12.
26. (27) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 363, 11.
27. (34) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 360, 10.
28. (33) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 360, 0.
29. (16) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 358, 8.
30. (35) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 357, 0.
31. (32) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 350, 0.
32. (37) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 347, 0.
33. (38) Derricke Cope, Chevrolet, 346, 4.
34. (40) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Toyota, 344, 3.
35. (10) William Byron, Chevrolet, engine, 329, 2.
36. (17) Clint Bowyer, Ford, accident, 309, 1.
37. (36) Timmy Hill, Ford, engine, 268, 0.
38. (30) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, garage, 254, 1.
39. (20) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, garage, 227, 1.
40. (39) Joey Gase, Toyota, accident, 120, 0.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 131.408 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 48 minutes, 54 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 1.224 seconds.
Cautions: 6 for 35 laps.
Lead Changes: 7 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D. Hamlin 1-11; K. Larson 12-129; M. Truex Jr. 130-159; K. Larson 160-258; B. Keselowski 259-260; J. Logano 261-278; K. Larson 279-345; B. Keselowski 346-367.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): K. Larson 3 times for 284 laps; M. Truex Jr. 1 time for 30 laps; B. Keselowski 2 times for 24 laps; J. Logano 1 time for 18 laps; D. Hamlin 1 time for 11 laps.

CRIMSON TIDE

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"Whoever we feel will give us the best opportunity to go out there and win, that's who we're going to play. Obviously, it's how you practice, how you prepare. I said it at the beginning, who wins the team.

"In our opinion, the one player did a little better job of that so he got the opportunity to start and we got the opportunity to play both guys and look and see how they performed and we're going to continue to try to help both players improve and get better."

It had become a touchy subject for Saban after repeated questions about the starter leading up to the game. Saban got testy with an ESPN reporter following a postgame question about the decision.

Saban called sideline reporter Maria Taylor and apologized.

Taylor simply asked: "What answers did you have about your quarterbacks after watching them both play tonight?"

Saban is taking pains to avoid seeming critical of Hurts.

"If I get asked to vilify a player and make another one a crown prince publicly, I might not respond to that, and I need to learn a better way to respond to that," he said. "And I will in the future. And I pray every Sunday that I never get angry. But it was a time and circumstance thing for me. I was a little upset by the way we finished the game, the penalties we had, the mental errors that we had. So it was totally my responsibility and we apologize for it."

Saban said he hasn't made any decision on working to let Hurts take advantage of the NCAA's new rule allowing players who play in four games or fewer to redshirt. Hurts has two years of eligibility left and played significant time in the opener.

Tournament champions



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The Sumter Braves 10U baseball team won the 12-team Demarini End of Summer Global Qualifier held in Lexington on Aug. 25-26. They went undefeated with a 4-0 record, outscoring their opponents 42-12. It was the Braves' third USSSA tournament championship of 2018. Members of the team are, first row, left to right: Drake Price, Larry Johnson, Jack Gordon, Zylan Dennis, Austin Griffin and Connor Carter. Second row: Johnny Lauzon, Peyton Gilley, J.E. Rowe, Tyler Woodward and Scoop Dennis. Third row: Coach Elliott Rowe and coach Daniel Gordon.

AREA ROUNDUP

Wilson Hall volleyball winless in Porter-Gaud Invitational

CHARLESTON — Wilson Hall lost six matches and tied another in the Porter-Gaud Invitational held on Friday and Saturday at the P-G gymnasium.

The Lady Barons lost to Wando, James Island and Oceanside Collegiate all by the scores of 2-0 and fell to First Baptist 2-1 on Saturday.

Abbie Beatson led Wilson Hall with 31 digs, while Madison Sliwonik had 22. Sydney Jarecki had 10 kills and Cameron Duffy had five blocks and seven kills.

On Friday, Wilson Hall lost to both Academic Magnet and Porter-Gaud 2-0 and tied Boiling Springs 1-1.

Sliwonik led Wilson Hall with six kills, while Beatson had 11 digs and Duffy had four aces and five kills.

Wilson Hall is 2-11-1 on the season.

On Wednesday in Kingstree, Wilson Hall beat Williamsburg Academy 3-1. Sliwonik had nine kills and two aces, while Jarecki had eight kills, nine assists and four aces. Duffy had five aces and Lucy Matthews

had five kills.

SUMTER SPLITS

Sumter High School split its matches with Crestwood and Orangeburg-Wilkinson on Thursday at the SHS gymnasium.

The Lady Gamecocks defeated Crestwood 2-0 by the scores of 25-18, 25-17. O-W beat SHS 25-17, 25-10.

Sumter, which is 3-5, plays host to Wilson Hall and Lakewood on Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

VARSITY TENNIS

SUMTER 4

LOWER RICHLAND 2

HOPKINS — Sumter High School picked up its first win of the season with a 4-2 win over Lower Richland on Thursday at the LR gymnasium.

SINGLES

- 1 — Whitney Crawford (S) defeated Staci Garrick 6-0, 6-0.
- 2 — Jordan Shuping (S) defeated D'Aajai Kelley 6-3, 7-5.
- 3 — Burgess Dubose (S) defeated Tyra Floyd 6-3, 6-3.

4 — Windsor Pittman (S) defeated Zaria Moore 6-0, 6-2.

5 — Georgia Jackson (LR) defeated Andrea Clarke 7-6(7-4), 6-1.

DOUBLES

- 1 — Did not play.
- 2 — Michelle Wallace/Elizabeth Brooker (LR) defeated Kadyn Dickerson/Tinh Li 9-7.

WILSON HALL 9

THOMAS SUMTER 0

Wilson Hall defeated Thomas Sumter Academy 9-0 on Thursday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

SINGLES

- 1 — Emily Anne Beasley (WH) defeated Riley DeLavan 6-0, 6-1.
- 2 — Shelby Guldán (WH) defeated Payton Arrants 6-0, 6-0.
- 3 — Lizzy Davis (WH) defeated Mary Lenior Hoge 6-0, 6-0.
- 4 — Carly Alred (WH) defeated Brianna Rudd 6-0, 6-0.
- 5 — Halle Stone (WH) defeated Ellie Hunter 6-0, 6-0.
- 6 — Ingrid Singleton (WH) defeated Madison Britton 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES

- 1 — Beasley/Davis (WH) defeated DeLavan/Arrants 8-1.
- 2 — Guldán/Alred (WH) defeated Hoge/Hallee Rose 8-0.
- 3 — Bella Land/Stone (WH) defeated Hunter/Britton.

From staff reports

PREP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

- Varsity Cross Country**
Wilson Hall at Crestwood, 5 p.m.
- Varsity Swimming**
West Florence, South Florence, Wilson, Latta, Hartsville at Sumter, 6 p.m.
- Varsity Girls Tennis**
Lower Richland at Sumter, 5 p.m.
- East Clarendon at Green Sea-Floyds, 5 p.m.
- Florence Christian at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
- Varsity and JV Girls Tennis**
Heathwood Hall at Wilson Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- Williamsburg at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
- Varsity Volleyball at Crestwood at Lake City, 7 p.m.
- Varsity and JV Volleyball**
Lakewood, Wilson Hall at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
- Lee Central at Lewisville, 5 p.m.
- East Clarendon at Johnsonville, 5:30 p.m.
- Laurence Manning at Williamsburg, 4 p.m.
- Florence Christian at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
- Dorchester at Clarendon Hall, 5 p.m.
- Step of Faith Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Varsity Cross Country**
Manning at Berkeley, 5 p.m.
- Middle School Football**
Alice Drive at Bates, 5 p.m.
- Ebenezer at Chestnut Oaks, 5 p.m.
- Furman at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.
- R.E. Davis at Manning, 5 p.m.
- Varsity Girls Golf**
Hammond at Wilson Hall (at Beech Creek Golf Club), 4 p.m.
- Varsity Girls Tennis**
Sumter at Wilson, 5 p.m.
- Robert E. Lee at Pee Dee, 4 p.m.
- Carolina at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
- Varsity Volleyball**
Crestwood at Wilson, 7 p.m.
- Varsity and JV Volleyball**
Lake City at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.
- Robert E. Lee at Williamsburg, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Varsity Cross Country**
East Clarendon in Home Meet, 5:30 p.m.
- Junior Varsity Football**
Lakewood at Sumter, 6 p.m.
- Crestwood at Manning, 6 p.m.
- Hartsville at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
- Wilson Hall at Porter-Gaud, 7 p.m.
- Heathwood Hall at Laurence Manning, 7 p.m.
- B Team Football**
Creek Bridge at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
- Wilson Hall at Porter-Gaud, 5 p.m.
- Heathwood Hall at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
- Middle School Football**
The King's Academy at Robert E. Lee, 6 p.m.
- Thomas Sumter at Calhoun Academy, 6 p.m.
- Clarendon Hall at Holly Hill, 6:30 p.m.
- Varsity Girls Golf**
Spring Valley at Sumter (at Beech Creek Golf Club), 4:30 p.m.
- Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 4 p.m.
- Varsity Girls Tennis**
Camden at Sumter, 5 p.m.
- East Clarendon at Mullins, 5 p.m.
- Wilson Hall at Dreher, 4 p.m.
- Florence Christian at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
- Junior Varsity Girls Tennis**
All Saints at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
- Varsity Volleyball**
Scott's Branch at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
- Varsity and JV Volleyball**
Sumter at Dutch Fork, 5:30 p.m.
- Wilson at Lakewood, 5:30 p.m.
- Lee Central at North Central, 5 p.m.
- East Clarendon at Kingstree, 5:30 p.m.
- Augusta Christian at Wilson Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- Laurence Manning at Carolina, 4 p.m.
- Clarendon Hall at Holly Hill, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Varsity Football**
Sumter at Lakewood, 7:30 p.m.
- Manning at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
- Carolina Christian at Lee Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Aynor at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
- Scott's Branch at Edisto, 7:30 p.m.
- Porter-Gaud at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Laurence Manning at Heathwood Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Robert E. Lee at The King's Academy, 7:30 p.m.
- Christian Academy at Thomas Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
- Patrick Henry at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Varsity and JV Volleyball**
Sumter Christian at Northside Christian, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Varsity Cross Country**
Sumter, Lakewood in Coaches Classic (at Sandhills Research Center in Columbia), 8:30 a.m.
- Manning in Central Carolina Invitational, TBA
- Thomas Sumter at Spartanburg Christian, TBA
- Varsity Swimming**
Sumter in Upstate Invite (in Rock Hill), 10 a.m.
- Wilson Hall at Spartanburg Day, TBA
- Thomas Sumter in Hilton Head Meet, TBA
- Varsity Volleyball**

OBITUARIES

STEVEN SPANN JR.

PINEWOOD — Steven Spann Jr., 73, husband of Bernice Conyers Spann, died on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.



SPANN

He was born on March 26, 1945, in Camden, a son of the late Steven Spann Sr. and Eva Bell Carter Spann.

Funeral services for Mr.

Spann will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 7650 U.S. 15 in Pinewood.

The Rev. Terry Johnson will preside, the Rev. Willie J. Chandler, pastor, will officiate, and the Rev. Sam Livingston, Minister Mario Carter and Minister Laron Blanding will assist.

Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 1206 St. Marks Road in Pinewood.

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

MARY ANN BURGESS

TURBEVILLE — Mary Ann Gamble Burgess, 77, widow of Thomas Burgess Jr., died on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, at her residence, 2517 Sandhill Road in Turbeville.

She was born on June 17, 1941, a daughter of the late Robert Gamble and



BURGESS

Edna Gamble. Funeral services for Mrs. Burgess will be held at 11 a.m.

on Wednesday at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 1146 Old Manning Road, Turbeville.

Pastor Herman Gibson will officiate, and Pastor Nathaniel Wilson, Deacon Luther Faulk and Deacon Micheal Davis will assist.

Burial will follow in the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Monika and Kervin Whack, 1258 Main St. in Turbeville.

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

MARY VIRGINIA ALEXANDER

LUGOFF — Services for Mary Virginia Alexander, 81, will be private.

Memorials may be made to Kershaw Health Auxiliary, 1165 Highway 1 South, Suite 400, Lugoff, S.C. 29078.

Mrs. Alexander passed away on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018.

Born on Oct. 12, 1936, in Greenwood, she was the daughter of the late Robert T. Hellams and Georgia Devola White Hellams.

Surviving are her two children, John R. "Scooter" McGuirt Jr. (Mary) and Tina M. Kelley; four grandchildren, John R. McGuirt III (Michelle), Virginia Elizabeth McGuirt, Taylor Kelley and Pamela Kelley; and sister, Ann H. Fuller of Clinton.

She was predeceased by her two brothers, Bill Hellams and Roberts Hellams.

Sign the online register at www.powersfuneralhome.net.

SHIRLEY A. TOMLIN

Shirley Ann Green Tomlin,

65, wife of Eugene Tomlin and daughter of the late Moses Green Sr. and Janie Mae Harvin Green, was born on May 12, 1953, in Harlem, New York.

She departed this life on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland.

Family will receive friends at the home from 1 to 7 p.m. daily at 1210 Fallingwater Lane, Sumter.

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

JUANITA FOX

Juanita Fox, 81, widow of Rutley Fox, died on Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital in Sumter.

Born on Feb. 7, 1937, in Sumter County, she was the daughter of Lewis Brown and Catherine Spencer Brown.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4920 McPhail St. in Sumter.

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

WILLIE J. COOK

Willie James Cook, 62, departed this life on Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, at his home in Lee County.

Willie attended the public schools of Lee County and graduated from Ashwood Central High School, Class of 1976.

At an early age he joined New Haven United Methodist Church.

He leaves to cherish his memories three sisters, Virginia (Isaac) Rufus and Rosa C. Mack, both of Dalzell, and Rachel Gibson of Wedgefield; two brothers, Bradford Cook of the home, John Brunson of Queen, New York; one aunt, Jessie Mae Cook of Dalzell;

and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 56 Cook Lane in Dalzell.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St. in Sumter, with the Rev. Raymond Cook Jr. as officiator and eulogist.

The funeral procession will

leave from the home at 10:20 a.m.

Burial will be in the New Haven United Methodist Church Yard Cemetery.

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

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

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LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Live Semi Finals 1" Semi-finalists perform. (N) (Live)		(:01) Making It "Happily Ever Crafter" (Season Finale) The makers create wedding decor. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "Two Steps Back" A team member is hit man's target. (DVS)	Bull "Gag Order" Bull agrees to help Chunk's daughter.	NCIS: New Orleans "The Assassination of Dwayne Pride" A journalist posts a scathing article. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "America's Game"	Jeopardy! "Teachers Tournament: Week 2"	Bachelor in Paradise (N)		Castaways "A Cry for Help" Matt attempts a dangerous swim. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow Host Amanda McNulty and Clemson Extension Agents answer viewers' gardening questions.		Mark Twain Finances force Clemens to lecture. (Part 2 of 2) (DVS)		*** "Ex Libris: The New York Public Library" (2017, Documentary) Premiere. Filmmakers explore the New York Public Library.				
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Actress rides same train.	The Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Seven" Singer-songwriter Demi Lovato. (N) (DVS)	Love Connection "Annalee & Jon" A matchmaker from Washington, D.C. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Vanessa falls asleep on the job.	Last Man Standing "Moon Over Kenya"	The Flash "Fury Rogue" Barry must transport a dangerous meta.	The Outpost "Bones to Pick" Wythers blackmails Gwynn.	The X-Files "Providence" Evil forces pursue Scully and her child. (Part 1 of 2)	The X-Files "Providence" Scully tries to rescue her son. (Part 2 of 2)		The Game Char-donnay redeems herself.	
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130		The First 48 A high-school graduate is gunned down.	The First 48 "The Girl Next Door" A feud threatens a neighborhood.	The First 48 A local criminal is fatally stabbed.	(:01) The First 48 Murder of a young mother and her friend.	(:04) The First 48 "Blood Lust" A killer prowls the streets of Atlanta.	(12:03) The First 48			
AMC	48	180		(5:30) *** "3:10 to Yuma" (2007) Russell Crowe, Christian Bale.	*** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening.	Wild Peru: Andes Battleground: Peru is home to habitual species.	The Bobby Brown Story "Part 1" (Series Premiere) Bobby Brown's career blows up. (N)	The Great Barrier Reef				
ANPL	41	100		The Great Barrier Reef								
BET	61	162		The New Edition Story "Part Three" New Edition reaches heights of success. (Part 3 of 3)								
BRAVO	47	181		Below Deck Mediterranean The crew takes part in a trust exercise.	Below Deck Mediterranean Joao makes a shocking admission.	Below Deck Mediterranean A dinner leaves the guests speechless.	Million Dollar Listing New York A billion-dollar project is in shambles.	Watch What Happens Live				
CNBC	35	84		Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank				
CNN	3	80		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136		(6:50) The Office "Casual Friday"	(:25) The Office "Cafe Disco"	Tosh.0 A leather salesman.	Tosh.0 Tosh starts World War III.	Tosh.0 Daniel talks "Star Wars."	Tosh.0 A beautiful butterfingers.	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office "Grief Counseling"	(12:01) South Park "Insheepion"
DISN	18	200		"Zapped" (2014) Zendaya, Spencer Boldman. A girl uses a smartphone app to magically control boys.	(:45) Raven's Home	Deadliest Catch: On Deck	Deadliest Catch "Episode 4" (N)	(:01) Hard to Kill "Avalanche Rescue"	(:02) Deadliest Catch "Episode 4"	(12:03) Hard to Kill		
DSC	42	103		Deadliest Catch "Blood & Water"								
ESPN	26	35		2018 U.S. Open Tennis Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball Washington Mystics at Atlanta Dream. (N) (Live)	Women's Soccer United States vs Chile. From Avaya Stadium in San Jose, Calif.						
ESPN2	27	39		SportsCenter (N) (Live)								
FOOD	40	109		Chopped	Chopped	Chopped "Whiz Kid Cooks" (N)	Chopped "Think Small!"	Chopped "Snap Pea to It!"				
FOXN	37	90		The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon				
FREE	20	131		(6:10) *** "Ratatouille" (2007) Voices of Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. Animated. A French rat enjoys good food and longs to become a chef.	(8:50) *** "Big Hero 6" (2014, Children's) Voices of Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit. Animated. A robotics prodigy uncovers a dangerous plot.							
FSS	21	47		Braves Live!	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)							
HALL	52	183		(6:00) "Royal Matchmaker" (2018) Bethany Joy Lenz, Will Kemp.	"Anything for Love" (2016, Romance) Erika Christensen, Paul Greene, Antonio Cupo. A man and a woman lie on their online dating profiles.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "Scared Straight"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "The Auction"		
HGTV	39	112		Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Desert Flippers (N)	Desert Flippers	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Desert Flippers
HIST	45	110		Forged in Fire "The Kelewang"	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N)	Forged in Fire "The Qinglong Ji" (N)	(:03) Forged in Fire (DVS)	(:03) Forged in Fire "Akrafena"				
ION	13	18		Criminal Minds "Profiling 202" Rossi gets a call from a serial killer.	Criminal Minds "Collision Course" Fatal car crashes involve pedestrians.	Criminal Minds "Assistance Is Futile" A mother has valuable intel for the BAU.	Criminal Minds "Hell's Kitchen" The BAU investigates an urban vampire.	Private Eyes "Boardwalk Empire" Zoe Chow hires Shade and Angie.	Private Eyes "The Frame Job"			
LIFE	50	145		Married at First Sight "Back to Reality" Growing pains in the relationships.	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight "The experiment is at the halfway point. (N)	(:03) Seven Year Switch Switch therapy comes to an end. (N)	(:03) Seven Year Switch Switch therapy comes to an end.	(12:01) Married at First Sight		
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)	Rachel Maddow			
NICK	16	210		The Loud House	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	64	153		Friends "Pilot"	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master "Not on My Watch" (N)	* "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000) Nicolas Cage.			
SYFY	58	152		(5:13) *** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011)	(:05) *** "Lights Out" (2016, Horror) Teresa Palmer, Gabriel Bateman, Alexander DiPersia. A supernatural entity terrorizes a family at night.	The Purge "What Is America?" For 12-hour period, all crime is legal.	Wrecked "Last Meal" (N)	Drop the Mic	Conan	Wrecked "Last Meal"		
TBS	24	156		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory					
TCM	49	186		(5:45) *** "Weekend at the Waldorf" (1945) Ginger Rogers.	*** "Within Our Gates" (1920, Drama) Evelyn Preer. Silent. A mulatto woman seeks funding for a Southern school.	*** "Imitation of Life" (1934, Drama) Claudette Colbert, Warren William. A white widow and a black maid begin a successful business.	*** "Pinky" (1949, Drama) Jeanne Crain, Ethel Barrymore.					
TLC	43	157		Outdaughters	Outdaughters (N)	Outdaughters "OutValentined" (N)	(:03) Rattled (N)	(:06) Outdaughters "OutValentined"	(12:06) Rattled			
TNT	23	158		(5:30) *** "The Next Three Days" (2010) Russell Crowe. (DVS)	*** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson. Mismatched police partners seek a kidnapped girl. (DVS)	* "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Hiroyuki Sanada. Carter and Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris. (DVS)						
TRUTV	38	129		Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Paid-Torpey	Hack My Life (N)	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	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132		Modern Family "Lifetime Supply"	Modern Family "Egg Drop"	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)		The Purge "What Is America?" For 12-hour period, all crime is legal.	(10:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A student dies at a party.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
WE	68	166		Law & Order "Mother's Day"		Law & Order Gambling operation.	Law & Order "Under God"	Law & Order "Absentia"	Law & Order "Star Crossed"	Law & Order		
WGNA	8	172		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Carter "Pig, Man, Lion" (N)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	

Are you a fan of hyper-violent, gory TV shows?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Two new series arrive, notable for their hyper-violence and gore. A sequel of sorts to "Sons of Anarchy," the FX series "Mayans M.C." (10 p.m., TV-MA) follows the fortunes of a Mexican-American motorcycle club.

While there seems to be dozens of members of the club, the pilot only has time to develop the character of EZ Reyes (J.D. Pardo). A promising Stanford-bound high school student, his life unraveled. After time in prison, he arrives as a kind of gofer intern for the criminal biker gang.

The first episode features plenty of gunfire and vivid dismemberments, but there's still not enough here to interest viewers. Countless scenes consist of the Mayans striking a defiant pose and revving their engines. You keep waiting for somebody, anybody to do or say something interesting.

Curiously, much of the attendant soundtrack features English-language R&B, as opposed to something that might be popular in a Mexican-American setting. Worse, nobody tells a single joke until 20 minutes into the proceedings.

I want to dislike "Mayans" because it's so violent. But it's much easier to skip it because it's so dull.

Based on a popular movie franchise, "The Purge" (10 p.m., USA, TV-MA) does a better job developing characters. But just as soon as you start to care

about anybody, "The Purge" runs into its rather formulaic premise.

Set in a near future with America under a single-party dictatorship, the title refers to a one-night-a-year ritual where everyone can rob, rape, kill and pillage without arrest or consequence.

Somehow this cathartic blood feast is baked into the dictatorship's hold on the people. A giddy media hype the event like a cross between the Super Bowl and the arrival of a blizzard or hurricane.

We follow a parade of interesting characters, an ex-Marine in search of his sister, lost to some kind of religious suicide cult; two ambitious yuppies willing to make a deal with the devil on "Purge night" and a business executive intent on consummating a big international deal during the mayhem. As the clock ticks down to the Purge, we discover more wrinkles in each character.

The worst thing about "The Purge" is the Purge. Witching hour arrives with hyperstylized weirdos in children's Halloween masks and baseball bats. They look like "Warriors" wannabes. It's easy to feel cheated by a payoff so dumb.

- Netflix begins streaming the 2018 Marvel Comics-based adventure movie "Black Panther," one of the more critically acclaimed and highest-grossing films of the year.
- Directed by Frederick Wise-



PATTI PERRET / USA NETWORK
Gabriel Chavarria stars as Miguel in the "What Is America?" premiere episode of "The Purge," airing at 10 p.m. today on USA.

man, "Ex Libris: The New York Public Library" (10 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) documents a major cultural institution as it adjusts to the digital age.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Chunk's daughter needs help on "Bull" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).
- Beltway big shots target Pride on "NCIS: New Orleans" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).
- The top three finalists bring

a unique vision to a wedding celebration on the season finale of "Making It" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-PG), hosted by Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman.

- Matt takes a chance on "Castaways" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- The preseason comes to an end on the finale of "Hard Knocks: Training Camp With the Cleveland Browns" (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

A widow (Claudette Colbert)

and her black maid (Louise Beavers) build a business together in the 1934 melodrama "Imitation of Life" (9:30 p.m., TCM), remade in 1959 with Lana Turner and Sandra Dee.

SERIES NOTES

A team member becomes a target on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Live semifinals begin on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Jamie Foxx hosts "Beat Shazam" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Familiar faces frolic and flirt on "Bachelor in Paradise" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14) * Temperatures drop on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) * Andy Cohen hosts "Love Connection" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * The news is out on "The Outpost" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

John Krasinski and Yvonne Orji are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Chris Cuomo, Jerrod Carmichael, Ruston Kelly, Allison Miller and Pearl Aday visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC).

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2018-CP-43-01296

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Shonta T. Fleming, Plaintiff,

Rose M. Rich, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: Rose M. Rich

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, on the 12th day of July 2018, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm L.L.C., at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for an Order declaring you, the Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the Complaint filed with this Court on July 12, 2018. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

John D. Clark, Esquire
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2018-CP-43-01288

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Sarah L. McCray, Plaintiff,

Marla H. Scott, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: Marla H. Scott

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