

Payday with no pay hits 800K workers

Government shutdown over border wall continues

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OGDEN, Utah — Payday will come today without any checks for about 800,000 federal employees affected by the government shutdown, forcing workers to scale back spending, cancel trips, apply for unemployment benefits and take out loans to stay afloat.

President Donald Trump and con-

gressional Democrats remain at an impasse over his demand for \$5.7 billion for a wall on the southern border. Critics say Trump overstates the security risks and that the administration is at least partly to blame for the humanitarian situation.

Trump visited the U.S.-Mexico border Thursday to highlight the dangers posed by drug trafficking, human smuggling and illegal im-



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Groups opposed to border walls along the Texas-Mexico border, and groups in support, gather outside the McAllen International Airport as they wait for the arrival of President Donald Trump who visited the southern border Thursday in McAllen, Texas.

migration as he argued for more border wall funding.

Trump announced he was nixing his trip to Davos, Switzerland, later this month. He blamed Democrats' "intransigence" on border security,

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More congressmen to donate their pay during shutdown

Norman, Scott among S.C. delegation

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As federal employees prepare themselves for their first missed paychecks today after lawmakers failed to reach an agreement to end a partial government shutdown on its 20th day, a growing list of congressmen have decided to join them in a show of unity and turn down their own paychecks.

As of Thursday, at least 64 members of Congress had said they will refuse their paychecks during the shutdown, according to a CNN analysis. Officially, by the U.S. Constitution, all congressmen must get paid, so many have said they will instead be denoting their paychecks to various causes.

Among congressional members from the

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25 years of serving those in need in Sumter



Sumter United Ministries reflects on how it has grown with community

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Though Sumter United Ministries' location and services have changed during the last couple decades, the mission and foundation remain the same after 25 years.

"I'm amazed at how it's grown," said Katy Greenawalt, the ministry's first executive director, who served for 13 years. "The ministry has grown and has become much bigger than I ever expected."

United Ministries of Sumter opened its doors in January 1994 with less than \$2,000, she said, and about 30 people showed up for the first volunteer training session.

Though the start was slow, Greenawalt found confidence knowing God would provide the people and resources needed to make the ministry successful.

The volunteers, money and facility showed up, she said.

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2 men in custody after heroin death of salesman

Traffic stop leads to arrest

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Two Sumter men are facing drug charges after an investigation indicated they reportedly provided heroin to a traveling salesman who was found dead of an overdose in August of last year.

The victim, 37-year-old Louis Ross of North Myrtle Beach, was working in

Sumter and staying at a local motel before he was reported missing by his employer and associates on Aug. 10, 2018, said Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for Sumter Police Department.

Two days after he was reported missing, she said, officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle Ross was last seen driving, only another man was behind the wheel.



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Information gathered during that stop provided officers with areas where Ross might be found, she said.

The search led officers to a wooded area off Dicks Street where Ross' body was found the day after the traffic stop, she said.

An autopsy determined Ross died of a drug overdose, McGirt said.

She said the man driving the vehicle, Joseph Rakeem Buck, 26, of 115 Lakev-

iew Drive in Sumter, was taken into custody on Aug. 13, 2018, and charged with grand larceny for vehicle theft.

As the investigation continued, officers determined Buck and co-defendant Edward Frederick Williams, 28, of 66 Milton St., provided heroin to Ross prior to his death.

Buck and Williams, who was arrested this week, are each charged with distribution of heroin and conspiracy to distribute heroin.

Both men are being held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

New pest found in Darlington; some states quarantine S.C. sweet potatoes

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DARLINGTON — A new pest detected in two farm fields in Darlington County has resulted in a quarantine of South Carolina sweet potatoes by Louisiana and Mississippi.

Guava root-knot nematode was detected in the Darlington County fields during a routine survey by Clemson University's Department of Plant Industry in September 2017 and confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in January 2018.

Louisiana has prohibited the import of fresh market sweet potatoes and sweet potato seeds and slips from S.C. The state also is blocking the entrance of soil from S.C. In addition, all S.C. commercial planting and harvesting equipment entering Louisiana must be accompanied by a DPI-issued certificate of inspection. All S.C. nursery stock entering the state must have a soil sample and certificate from DPI indicating the sample is free of the nematode.

Mississippi has applied the same restrictions, but specific to Darlington County rather than statewide.

Steven Long, DPI assistant director for plant protection and organic certification, said farmers of the fields where the nematode was found are cooperating and restricting crop and equipment movement where it could present a risk for



IMAGE COURTESY OF LSU AG CENTER

Seen are bumps, knots and cracking of a sweet potato storage root from the guava root-knot nematode.

pest spread.

"For all practical purposes, the quarantine affects all soil, all nursery stock and any equipment that's ever been in South Carolina soil. So, while it is a quarantine based on sweet potatoes, these states are also trying to protect cotton and soybeans," Long said.

Because the nematode's range in the Southeast is currently unknown, Long said DPI will conduct a statewide two-part survey to determine how widespread it is in S.C. A market-based survey will test sweet potatoes on store shelves, and a field-based survey will test more than 10 percent of all S.C. fields where sweet potatoes have been grown since 2016. DPI will issue its findings shortly after the survey is completed.

Because the quarantine could expand to other states, Clemson DPI has created a webpage to keep growers up to date with the latest information. It's also possible, pending survey results, that S.C. will enact its own quarantine later this year.

Quarantine updates will be posted to <http://clemson.edu/regulatory/grkn>.

Residents' complaints end in heroin trafficking arrest

Police still seeking information on South Salem Street shooting

BY RHONDA BARRICK
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A 51-year-old Sumter man faces heroin-related charges after months of investigation according to Tonyia M. McGirt, public relations officer for Sumter Police Department.

The investigation was in response to residents' complaints and an ongoing effort to end crimes resulting from drug activity and neighborhood rivalries, according to a news release from the department.

Tyrone Josey, of 9 Creed St., was taken into custody when officers served a warrant and searched the residence on Wednesday. Found were more than 15 grams of heroin, 300 grams of marijuana and nearly \$2,000 in cash. Josey was charged with trafficking heroin; possession with intent to distribute marijuana, second offense; and possession with intent to distribute marijuana within a half mile of a

school or park. He also is charged with three counts of distribution of heroin, second offense, and three counts of distribution of heroin within a half mile of a school or park.

Josey is being held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

According to the release, local law enforcement agencies have been focusing the past few months in southern and western portions of Sumter city and county after multiple calls about shootings, one of which resulted in a death.

Marcus Brown, 54, was sitting in a vehicle on South Salem Street on Oct. 30 when he was fatally wounded. Brown, who was not the intended victim, was not involved in the illegal activity that led to his death.

An up to \$5,000 reward remains available for information that could lead to an arrest in that case.

Residents are strongly encouraged to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.

Anyone with information is asked to call the department at (803) 436-2700. Tips can also be given anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC (1-888-274-6372).

Quote of the week

"We don't hate each other. It's just that we have a different mindset, we have a different view. It's like getting on I-20 in the car, and one wants to go to Columbia, and one wants to go toward the beach. How do you have a meeting of the minds?"

U.S. REP. RALPH NORMAN, R-S.C.

When asked Monday in Sumter by Lakewood High School students if Republicans and Democrats in Congress really hate each other.



Fort Jackson commander invites all to tour the post

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT JACKSON — Fort Jackson commander Brig. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr. invites the people of South Carolina to an up-close tour of Fort Jackson, basic training and its soldiers on Thursday, Jan. 24.

"I want to keep the close ties we have with Columbia, the Midlands and, for me, South Carolina. I want everyone to know what is in their backyard — that gem that is called Fort Jackson," Beagle said in a news release.

Fort Jackson will host an eight-hour "Come Meet Your Army" tour to give attendees an opportunity to see and experience how soldiers train every day and promote Basic Combat Training awareness. During the tour, visitors will watch a graduation ceremony, visit reception, observe trainees negotiate the Army obstacle course, learn to shoot a rifle on a simulator system, eat lunch with soldiers and get answers to questions

about Army basic training, Fort Jackson and the Army in general.

The tour is open to people ages 13 or older, but youth 13-16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Guests should be prepared for indoor and outdoor activities that may include squatting, kneeling, lying on the floor and walking on uneven terrain. Long pants and closed-toe, comfortable shoes are recommended. Space is limited, and reservations are required by Jan. 21.

The tour begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Lunch cost is \$5.60 per person, and the facility only accepts cash.

Plan to arrive at Gate 4 no later than 7:45 a.m., and bring a valid ID for access to Fort Jackson. Plan to have cold weather clothing available because some of the day will be spent outside. To register or find more information, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xEcX3>, or call Fort Jackson Community Relations at (803) 751-1474.

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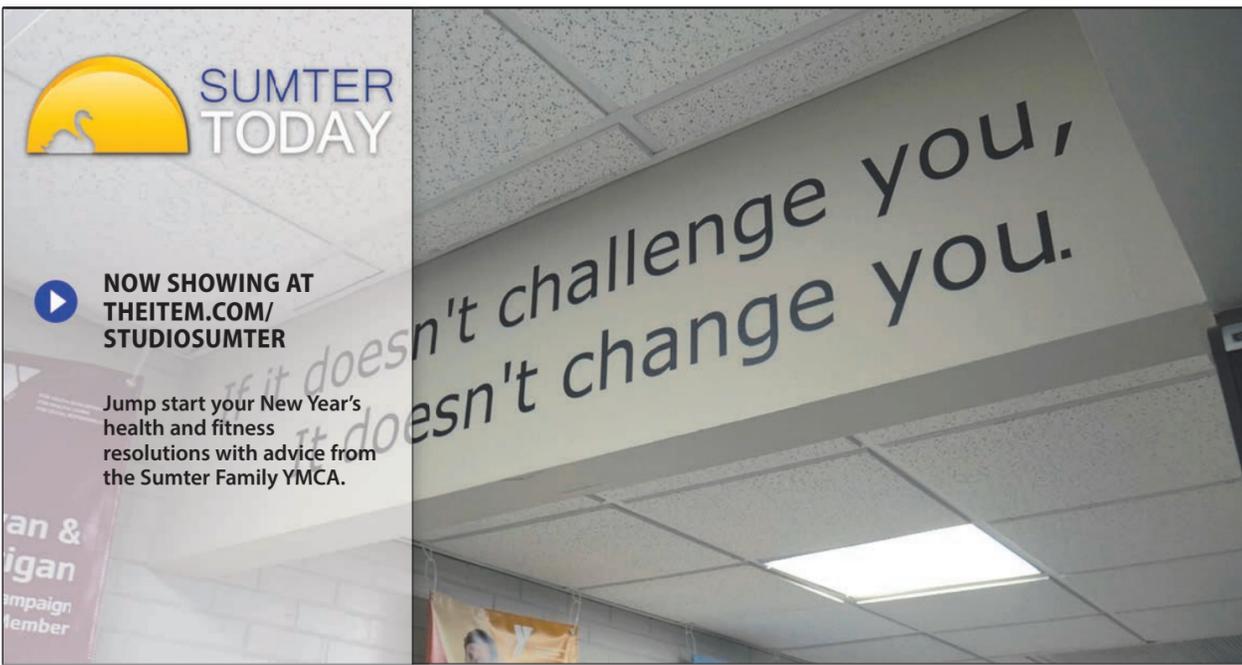
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Make the right resolution — not too broad or vague

By the second week of February, 80 percent of individuals with New Year's resolutions will have given up. Research shows that failure occurs most often because of goals that are too big and too vague, such as losing weight. A



Missy Corrigan

perceived lack of progress leads to a feeling of not having achieved enough and still having so far to go, ultimately resulting in defeat. But experts say it is possible to reach your goals and finally see your resolution through. Just make the right resolution.

Having a broad goal such as losing weight is good, but it would be even more effective to have a goal each day of doing something positive to get to

that goal. Whether it is walking around the neighborhood after dinner or eating a self-prepared lunch instead of eating takeout, these small goals will add up to impact the overall goal of losing weight.

Mary Walsh, 57, said that year after year, for 15 years she had the same goal of losing weight. After four weeks of restricting foods, she would lose a few pounds at the most and then lose the desire to continue. After gaining those, and some additional pounds, she never felt she had what it took to succeed. But in 2018, with the help of a health coach, she changed her goals to focus on daily habits that were easy to change.

"For me, eating meals was important and something I felt I could do," Mary said. "Previously, instead of eating breakfast, I would drink coffee and eat a handful of pretzels. Many times I would skip lunch to get more work

done, and I would get a candy bar out of the vending machine. By the time I got off work, I would be absolutely exhausted and starving. The nearest fast food restaurant was always there for my ride home. I would finish my meal before I even got home and would still be hungry, so I would make more food."

With her 2018 resolution to take the time to eat, Mary was eating regular healthy meals. She shared, "Six weeks of taking the time to eat real food helped me lose more weight than all the 15 years combined of trying it my way. My habits had to change, and I was serious and ready! I was once a daily weigher, but now I see that the weight is not going to come off overnight, so I weigh every four weeks. It has freed me and given me a more positive relationship with myself."

Before you decide to give up on your goals, reassess your goals and change

that big goal into small daily goals that you know you can achieve. Plan for setbacks, and remain flexible. Ask yourself these questions: Are you motivated? Do you have the ability to do it? What steps will you take? Do you have the time? Is it realistic and achievable? Is it meaningful to you, or is it something you are doing because everyone else is? Is it something you can maintain for the long term?

Experts say the most frustrating aspect of wanting to achieve a goal is having unrealistic expectations as to what it will actually take and how long it will take. If you continue to fail, look at your behavior and try to find out where the breakdown is and find a better alternative.

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Experimental app might spot drug overdoses in time to help

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
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WASHINGTON — Too often people die of an opioid overdose because no one's around to notice they're in trouble. Now scientists are creating a smartphone app that beams sound waves to measure breathing — and summon help if it stops.

The app is still experimental. But in a novel test, the "Second Chance" app detected early signs of overdose in the critical minutes after people injected heroin or other illegal drugs, researchers reported Wednesday.

One question is whether most drug users would pull out their phone and switch on an app before shooting up. The University of Washington research team contends it could offer a much-needed tool for people who haven't yet found addiction treatment.

"They're not trying to kill themselves — they're addicted to these drugs. They have an incentive to be safe," said Shyamnath Gollakota, an engineering and computer science associate professor whose lab turns regular cellphones into temporary sonar devices.

But an emergency room physician who regularly cares for overdose patients wonders

how many people really would try such a device.

"This is an innovative way to attack the problem," said Dr. Zachary Dezman of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, who wasn't involved in the research.

Still, "I don't know if many folks who use substances are going to have the forethought to prepare," he added.

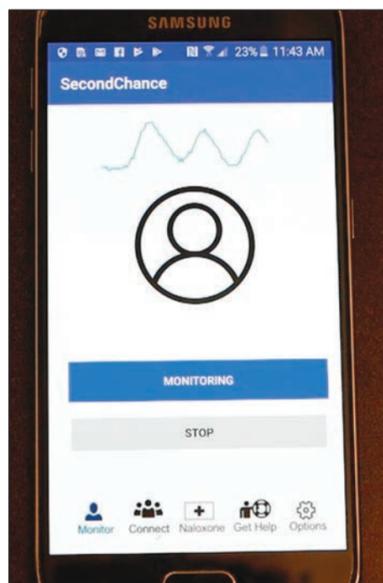
More than 47,000 people in the U.S. died of opioid overdoses in 2017. The drugs suppress breathing, but a medicine called naloxone often can save victims — if it reaches them in time. Usually, that means someone has to witness the collapse. Dr. Jacob Sunshine, a University of Washington anesthesiologist, notes that people have died with a relative in the next room unaware they were in trouble.

The research team settled on cellphones as potential overdose monitors because just about everyone owns one. They designed an app that measures how someone's chest rises and falls to see if the person is slipping into the slow, shallow breaths of an overdose or stop breathing completely.

How? The software converts the phone's built-in speaker and microphone to send out inaudible sound waves and record how they bounce back. Analyzing the signals shows specific breathing patterns.

It won't work inside a pocket, and people would have to stay within 3 feet. The researchers are in the process of making the app capable of dialing for help if a possible overdose is detected.

They put the experimental gadget to the test at North



The smartphone app that uses sound waves to measure breathing is demonstrated recently. In first-step testing reported Wednesday, the device detected early breathing problems in some people who'd just injected illegal drugs.

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America's first supervised injection site in Vancouver, British Columbia, where people are allowed to bring in illegal drugs and inject themselves under medical supervision in case of overdose. Study participants agreed to have doctoral student Rajalakshmi Nandakumar place the app-running cellphone nearby

during their regularly monitored visit.

The software correctly identified breathing problems that could signal an overdose — seven or fewer breaths a minute, or pauses in breathing — 90 percent of the time, the researchers found. Two of the 94 study participants had to be resuscitated.

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Once upon a time, there was a church...

Once upon a time there was a group of folks in the country who wanted to have a place to worship God. The nearest church to them was miles away and across the river. Just about everyone in their area farmed. Sunday did not mean chores went away; they were just fewer in number. Cows still needed to be milked, wood stoves heated up and livestock fed. These farm families would then have just an hour or two to hitch up their horses to a buggy and make it to a gathering place for worship.



Clay Smith

One neighbor talked to another neighbor, and they decided to not just talk; they set a date to meet. In a couple of weeks, they would gather at a clearing in the woods and start a church. A cousin of one of the farmers was a preacher; they invited him to bring the first sermon.

Anticipation and joy were thick in the air on the first Sunday meeting. Several of the teenagers had never been to a worship service. The adults had trouble remembering the last time they worshipped together. Of course, there were no hymnals. The preacher stood on a stump and thundered forth for an hour — there was a lot of Bible

to cover to make up for lost time.

After the worship, baskets were uncovered to reveal cold fried chicken and biscuits. Neighbor shared with neighbor. One family brought a jug of molasses which was liberally poured over bird and biscuit.

Around two in the afternoon, the children were told to go play in the woods. The adults voted on a name for the embryonic church. An offering was received. The man who owned the woods agreed to donate that plot to the new gathering. The men agreed to gather the next Saturday and raise a brush arbor — a stack of thick limbs leaned up against poles to provide a little shelter. In two weeks, they would come back and have services again. They hollered for the children to come out of the woods, sang more songs and heard another sermon. Then, they set out for home before darkness closed in, getting back in time to feed up and milk.

Two weeks later, they gathered under the brush arbor. More people came out this time. The pattern was established — singing, preaching, eating, business, singing, preaching and a journey home. New folks came every meeting.

After a few years and storms, the brush arbor gave way to a frame building, which was too small on the day they finished it. Rooms were added onto the back. The preacher moved on; another one was found. A mission offering was collected: \$12.37. That was big money in those days. They sent the offering to Nashville.

It took 50 years and a dozen preach-

ers for the church to decide to have services every week instead of every other week. By then, there were holes in the floor of the old frame building that let the winter drafts chill everyone's feet. Some people were not even coming in horse and buggy anymore; they rattled up to church in Model T Fords.

The church nearly split over whether to build a new brick building. Some of the old-timers were so attached to the memories in the old building, they couldn't bear the thought of leaving it. Others were anxious to have warmer feet. The vote to build carried, and the new brick church was built. The old frame church was moved away to become someone's hay barn.

By now the church had a Sunday School and a choir. There were committees and deacons, but everyone knew that three families really ran the church. Some people were fine with that; others resented that they weren't in control. Squabbles would break out in church business meetings over silly issues, like the color of the carpet that should be purchased. The real issues were avoided.

Preachers came and went. Now, instead of the kids growing up and farming down the road, they went off to the university and got a job in town or in the city. No one noticed that the congregation was growing grayer and moving slower. Two of the patriarchs died within a month of each other. All of a sudden, the church had trouble paying its bills. "All we seem to have any more are funerals," was the remark of those who had grown up in the church. "I remember when we had so many young'uns we couldn't fit them in the nursery," was the wistful

reply. The church seemed to be living more and more in the past. No one farmed anymore. Most folks had five acres, a garden and a Social Security check that arrived every month.

One pastor left after only 24 months. The three remaining deacons realized they could no longer pay a full-time minister. They found a retired pastor who preached, visited in the hospital and didn't do much else except check his direct-deposit stub. When he died, the church was down to 12 people in a building designed for 300.

The church held a meeting. The average age of those present was 78. They talked, they cried, and they voted to close. They put their building up for sale and dispersed to different churches in town.

What happened? Was it the natural lifecycle of a church? Or did they forget their church started because people had a hope, a faith that God would do something? Did they gradually shift their focus to their comfort instead of their mission? Did they stop trying to do something bold and instead do something safe?

The building was bought by a multi-ethnic Pentecostal church meeting in the old closed country store. They prayed, they sacrificed and they gave. The day that small group of people gathered in the old brick building, their hearts were filled with hope, with faith that God was going to do something, something more than they could ask or think.

Are we living as people of memory? Or are we living as people of hope?

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

CHURCH NEWS

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

* Sunday, Jan. 20 — Women's Missionary Society family and friends day at 10 a.m.

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

* Friday, Jan. 18 — Prayer and deliverance worship service at 7 p.m.

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

* Saturday — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Author and pastor Dr. Peter Wyns, founder and di-

rector of Christian's for Messiah Ministries, will speak. This will be a morning of worship and special music. Admission is free. A love offering will be received. Knitting Hearts is a community-wide, multicultural women's ministry. Visit knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com.

Mount Sinai AME Church, 5895 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Lynchburg, announces:

* Sunday — Gospel fest at 3 p.m. featuring the Singing Cousins and the Mt. Sinai male choir.

* Sunday, Jan. 20 — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration during 10 a.m. worship.

* Sunday, Jan. 27 — Lay organization's annual program during 10 a.m. worship.

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

* Sunday — Pastor appreciation Sunday will be held at 10:45 a.m.

Providence Baptist Church, 2445 Old Manning Road, announces:

* Friday, Jan. 18 — Ablaze service with Neal Welch at 7 p.m.

* Monday, Jan. 21 — Widow's luncheon at 11 a.m.

* Friday-Sunday, Jan. 25-27 — Men's conference in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 20. Call Tommy Evans at (803) 983-2088.

St. James AME Church, 180 W. Fulton Manning Road, Pine-wood, announces:

* Sunday, Jan. 20 — Church anniversary celebration at 3 p.m. The Rev. Sherman McBeth, of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Eastover, will speak.

St. James United Methodist Church, 720 Broad St., announces:

* Sunday, Jan. 20 — The 10th anniversary of the male chorus will be celebrated at 4 p.m.

* Monday, Jan. 21 — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at 2 p.m. Theme: "Remember His Legacy: Connecting Our Past to Our Present and Future". Lone Dwyer, Sumter City Council member,

will speak.

Triumph Ministries, 3632 Broad St. Ext., announces:

* Thursday-Friday, Jan. 17-18 — Prophetic OUTPOUR 2k19 Sudden Manifestation: Isaiah 48:3 will be held at 7 nightly. Apostle Frankie Perry, of North Carolina, will speak on Thursday night. Prophetess Kelly Crews, of Florida, will speak on Friday night.

Walker's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, 99 Walter Ave., announces:

* Saturday — Gospel singing at 6 p.m. featuring Unity Quartet, Burning Bridges and Pastor Nat and Carleen Brown. A love offering will be received.

Vatican launches track team of Swiss Guards, nuns

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican launched an official track team Thursday with the aim of competing in international competitions as part of an agreement signed with the Italian Olympic Committee.

About 60 Holy See runners — Swiss Guards, priests, nuns, pharmacists and even a 62-year-old professor who works in the Vatican's Apostolic Library — are the first accredited members of Vatican Athletics. It's the latest iteration of the Holy See's long-standing promotion of sport as an instrument of dialogue, peace and solidarity.

Because of the agreement with CONI, the team is now a part of the Italian track association and is looking to join the International Association of Athletics Federations. It is hoping to compete in international competitions, including the Games of the Small States of Europe — open to states with fewer than 1 million people — and the Mediterranean Games.

"The dream that we have often had is to see the Holy See flag among the delegations at the opening of the Olympic Games," said Monsignor Melchor Jose Sanchez de Toca y Alameda, team president and the head of the Vatican's sports department in the culture ministry.

But he said that was neither a short-term nor medium-term goal and that for now the Vatican was looking to participate in competitions that had cultural or symbolic value.

"We might even podium,"



Athletes of the Athletic Vatican sports team run for the media in front of St. Peter's basilica on Thursday. About 60 Holy See employees are the first accredited members of Vatican Athletics.

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he noted.

Vatican pharmacist-runner Michela Ciprietti told a Vatican press conference the aim of the team isn't exclusively competitive, but rather to "promote culture and running and launch the message of solidarity and the fight against racism and violence of all types."

Team members wearing matching navy warm-up suits bearing the Holy See's crossed keys seal attended the launch. Also on hand were two honorary members of the team, migrants who don't work for the Vatican but are training and competing with the team, as well as a handful of disabled ath-

letes. The Vatican aims to sign similar agreements with the Italian Paralympic committee.

CONI president Giovanni Malago welcomed the birth of the Vatican team, even though he acknowledged that it might one day deprive Italy of a medal.

"Just don't get too big," he told Vatican officials at the launch, recalling how an athlete from another tiny country — Majlinda Kelmendi — won Kosovo's first Olympic medal when she defeated Italian rival Odette Giuffrida in the final of the women's 52-kilogram judo event at the Rio de Janeiro Games.

In recent years, the Vatican has fielded unofficial soccer teams and a cricket team that has helped forge relations with the Anglican church through annual tours in Britain. The track team, however, is the first one to have a legal status in Vatican City and to be an official part of the Italian sporting umbrella, able to compete in nationally and internationally sanctioned events and take advantage of the Italian national coaching, scientific and medical resources.

While St. John Paul II was known for his athleticism — he was an avid skier — Pope Francis is more of a fan, a

longtime supporter of his beloved San Lorenzo soccer team in Argentina.

Vatican Athletics' first official outing is the Jan. 20 "La Corsa di Miguel" (Miguel's Race), a 10-kilometer race in Rome honoring Miguel Sanchez, an Argentine distance runner who was one of the thousands of young people who "disappeared" during the country's Dirty War.

The choice is significant: Francis, the former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was a young Jesuit superior in Argentina during the military dictatorship's crack-down on alleged leftist dissidents.

In Yemen war, rebels increasingly use drones

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — In Yemen, the high-pitched whine of drones has been a part of life for more than 15 years, ever since the first U.S. drone strike here targeting al-Qaida in 2002. On Thursday, an attack on a military base where America once ran its drone program showed that the U.S. is no longer the only force deploying them.

The attack by Yemen's Shiite Houthi rebels that killed at least six people shows how the Arab world's poorest country has become one of the world's top battlefields for drones. Both the rebels and the Saudi-led coalition fighting them, as well as the U.S., continue to use them for surveillance and attacks.

But while the U.S. uses American-made drones and the coalition has turned to Chinese suppliers, the manufacturer of the Houthis' drones in both the air and the sea has been a contentious question.

A 2018 report by a United Nations panel of experts on Yemen looked particularly at the Houthis' Qatef-1 drone. "Although Houthi-aligned media announced that the

Sana'a-based ministry of defence manufactured the (drone), in reality they are assembled from components supplied by an outside source and shipped into Yemen," the report said. The Qatef, or Striker, "is virtually identical in design, dimensions and capability to that of the Ababil-T, manufactured by the Iran Aircraft Manufacturing Industries."

The Ababil-T can deliver up to a 100-pound warhead up to 95 miles away.

The Qatef-2K, which the Houthis said they used in Thursday's attack, similarly resembles the Iranian designs.

A research group called Conflict Armament Research, with the permission of the United Arab Emirates' elite Presidential Guard, also examined seized drones used by the Houthis and their allies to crash into Patriot missile batteries in Saudi Arabia.

The research group similarly said those drones share "near-identical design and construction characteristics" of Iranian drones.

Coalition forces last year also showed journalists a Houthi



A photographer takes pictures of what officials describe as an Iranian Qatef drone captured on the battlefield in Yemen, during a news conference in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on June 19, 2018. Officials involved in the Saudi-led campaign against Shiite rebels in Yemen known as Houthis showed journalists on Tuesday material captured on the battlefield that they alleged show Iran's hand in arming the rebels.

"drone boat" filled with explosives that failed to detonate.

The officials also shared black-and-white images they said came from the "drone boat." They said the pictures and associated data from the boat's computer showed Iranians building components for its guidance system in eastern

Tehran, with a hat in the background of one picture bearing the symbol of Iran's hard-line paramilitary Revolutionary Guard.

They said those involved in building the components probably thought it would be destroyed in the blast, so they didn't wipe the computer's

hard drive. For its part, Iran repeatedly has denied supplying the Houthis with drone or ballistic missile technology. However, Iran would have an interest in seeing Saudi Arabia, its archrival in the region, tied down in a bloody, protracted conflict with no clear end in sight.

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Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:15 am
Sunday Youth Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

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Wednesday
Bible Study 11:30 am - 6:30 pm
Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm

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S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am

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Dr. Ron Taylor Pastor
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Father Rufino Madridojos, Jr.
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Daily Bible Reading

Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 2:13-23	Luke 4:1-15	Luke 4:16-30	Luke 4:31-44	Luke 5:1-16	Luke 5:17-32
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Medieval woman's hidden art career revealed by blue teeth

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 1,000 years ago, a woman in Germany died and was buried in an unmarked grave in a church cemetery. No record of her life survived, and no historian had reason to wonder who she was. But when modern scientists examined her dug-up remains, they discovered something peculiar — brilliant blue flecks in the tartar on her teeth.

And that has cast new light on the role of women and art in medieval Europe.

The blue particles, it turns out, were lapis lazuli, a semi-precious stone that was highly prized at the time for its vivid color and was ground up and used as a pigment.

From that, scientists concluded the woman was an artist involved in creating illuminated manuscripts — a task usually associated with monks.

The discovery is considered the most direct evidence yet of a particular woman taking part in the making of high-quality illuminated manuscripts, the lavishly illustrated religious and secular texts of the Middle Ages. And it corroborates other findings that suggest female artisans were not as rare as previously thought.

"It's kind of a bombshell for my field — it's so rare to find material evidence of women's artistic and literary work in the Middle Ages," said Alison Beach, a professor of medieval history at Ohio State University. "Because things are much better documented for men, it's encouraged people to imagine a male world. This helps us correct that bias. This tooth opens a window on what activities women also were engaged in."

Though her name remains unknown, the woman buried in the German churchyard was probably a highly skilled artist and scribe.

Ultramarine, as the pow-



dered form of lapis lazuli is known, was the finest and most expensive pigment in medieval Europe, more valuable even than gold. The stone came from a single source: the mines of Afghanistan. Because of the cost of carrying it to Europe, ultramarine was reserved for the most important and well-funded artistic projects.

"If she was using lapis lazuli, she was probably very, very good," said Beach, co-author of a report published Wednesday in the journal *Science Advances*. "She must have been artistically skilled and experienced."

The researchers pored over old painting manuals to form a hypothesis as to how the woman got blue flecks in her teeth: She periodically licked the tip of her brush to bring it to a fine point for detailed work.

"If you picture someone in the Middle Ages making a fine illuminated manuscript, you probably picture a monk — a man," Beach said. That's in part because monasteries kept better records than female religious organizations did, and because men were more likely to sign their works, she said.

In recent years, scholars have identified indirect documentary evidence that women participated in making the expensive, handcrafted books that religious communities used before the invention of

the printing press. For instance, a 12th-century German letter commissioned a liturgical book to be produced by "sister N."

CHRISTINA WARINNER / MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR THE SCIENCE OF HUMAN HISTORY VIA AP

Seen is a piece of lapis lazuli. During the European Middle Ages, Afghanistan was the only known source of the rare blue stone which at the time was ground up and used as a pigment. Modern-day scientists who examined the 1,000 year-old remains of a middle-aged woman in Germany discovered the semi-precious stone in the tartar on her teeth. From that, they concluded the woman was an artist involved in creating illuminated manuscripts, such as the one at right, a task usually associated with monks.

The scientists arrived at the latest discovery by accident. A building renovation in 1989 uncovered the woman's tomb, along with those of other women who were apparently part of a female religious community attached to the church. Radiocarbon dating of the skeleton revealed the 45- to 60-year-old woman died between 997 and 1162.

In 2011, a team of scientists decided to use the fairly new technique of analyzing hardened deposits on the teeth — tartar — to gather information on long-ago diets. Microscopic traces of ancient wheat starch, for example, can be found in tartar.

"Tartar is really amazing," said co-author Christina Warinner, an anthropologist who studies ancient microbiomes at the Max Planck Institute in Germany. "It's like a little time capsule from your life."

But Anita Radini, an archaeologist at the University of York in Britain, saw something under the microscope she wasn't expecting: "It



See is a leaf from a Beatus Manuscript: Christ in Majesty with Angels and the Angel of God Directs Saint John to Write the Book of Revelation, circa 1180.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART VIA AP

looked like nothing I had seen before — bright blue particles, almost like robins' eggs."

The researchers ruled out other bluish pigments common in the Middle Ages, which mostly were made with mixtures of copper, cobalt or iron. None of those metals were present. They used what is known as micro-Raman spectroscopy to identify the particles.

"I was completely surprised it was lapis lazuli," Warinner said. "It's very rare and very expensive." She added: "There is no lapis lazuli in the burial environment. The only way it could have gotten into her teeth is because she was deliberately using it in some way."

Alexis Hagadorn, who is head of conservation at Columbia University Libraries and was not involved in the study, called the find "very exciting."

"While there are some archival records that identify individual medieval scribes, most of the producers of medieval books remain stubbornly anonymous," she said. "This study is unprecedented in using archaeological evidence from human remains to suggest a direct connection between an individual and the work of the scribes who created the most sumptuously decorated books."

Medieval women's artistic and literary work "has been open to challenges and questions, since we rarely have signed images or identifiable 'named' female artists," said Fiona Griffiths, a historian of the medieval period at Stanford University, who was not involved in the study. "Here we have evidence of a female scribe/artist," not from a secondhand source, "but from residues in her mouth."

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Harvest Community School moved back into its recently renovated facility after the Christmas holiday break. Headmaster Angie Bruner said the school's staff and its students were excited to see the additions and changes to the school.

Harvest Community School moves back into renovated facility and could expand

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

SUMMERTON — Harvest Community School's enrollment has grown by more than 250 percent since the Christian-based school opened its doors in 2013.

"Our desire is to glorify God by training up children to delight in the Lord Jesus Christ, to develop virtuous habits and to discover joy in learning by the power of the Holy Spirit" is the school's mission statement.

"God's plans for us were so much higher than we ever expected," said Angie Bruner, headmaster of Harvest Community School. "We've grown beyond the scope of our expectations in this small amount of time. If we keep growing at this rate, we'll need to add another location."



According to Bruner, when HCS opened its doors in the fall of 2013, the school had 18 students enrolled. On the first day of school in 2018, 65 students walked in the doors.

The growth of the young school meant the school had to expand its doors, and a recent expansion and renovation was completed during the recent holidays with the addition of two common rooms, two new classrooms, a teachers' workroom and a storage room.

Bruner said that the new design incorporated a way to turn the workroom into another classroom should the enrollment continue to increase.

HCS features grades K through 12 with a 1-to-10 teacher-student ratio for kindergarten through elementary school and a ratio of 1 to 15 students

per teacher for the middle and high school classes.

"Our teacher-to-student ratio allows for a very personalized education," Bruner added. "The low student-to-teacher ratio allows students to get to know their teachers better while it also allows the teachers to get to know the needs of their students."

Bruner said that the staff allows the students to work at their own pace.

"Our parents are seeking something different for their children," Bruner said. "That's why we provide an individualized education plan."

Bruner said the HCS is a Christian school where the staff and its students "live by Biblical principles every day."

"Our expectations are high," she added. "We want our students to be well rounded. We want them to interact well with

adults and each other. We're a Christian school that lives out a Christian lifestyle every day."

Since its inception, HCS has built its curriculum around the Charlotte Mason method of learning which is based on three elements: atmosphere, discipline and life.

"Education is a life. That life is sustained on ideas... God has made us so that we get them chiefly as we convey them to one another, whether by word of mouth, written page, Scripture word, musical symphony; but we must sustain a child's inner life with ideas as we sustain his body with food," is a quote from Charlotte Mason.

Bruner said that Charlotte Mason's revolutionary methods of learning have led to a shift from utilitarian education to the education of a child



based on living ideas.

Bruner said when the school first started that teaching strictly from textbooks was a thing of the past.

"Textbooks are gone in favor of books that tell stories, and instruction will focus on teaching each child as a person and not just as a vessel for receiving information," Bruner said in 2013.

That is still the case in 2018. "We do a lot of work outside the classroom," Bruner said. "We go on field trips and nature walks. We learn about our environment in the environment when possible."

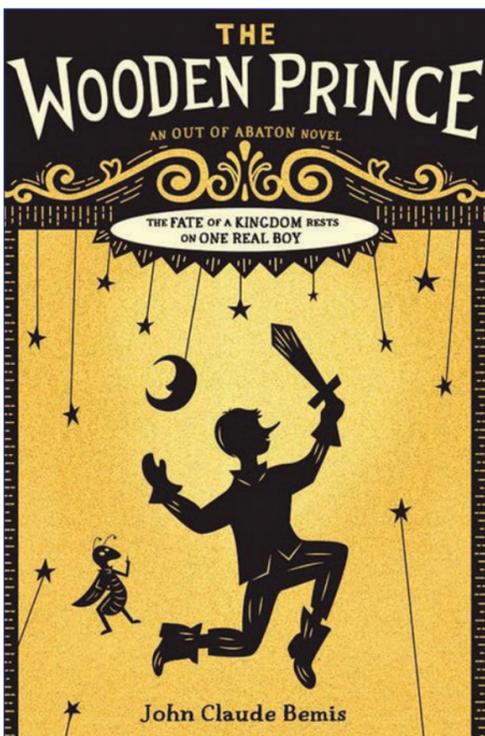
Bruner said HCS teaches students to

give back to their communities through community service.

"They are learning to serve others," she added. "We have one group that visits a local nursing home every week. We have a Blessing Box that our students maintain by keeping it supplied. They monitor it and keep extra food on hand for when the box is running low."

HCS is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3, private school that is accredited by the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools. The school has students from a tri-county area, including Clarendon, Sumter and Orangeburg counties.

The author of *The Wooden Prince* will be at Weldon Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 29. The event is sponsored by Manning Elementary School and Harvin Clarendon County Library.



Library welcomes author Bemis

Meet him at Weldon Auditorium on Jan. 29

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — The author of *The Wooden Prince* and *The Nine Pound Hammer*, John Claude Bemis, will read from his books and share special tips to help writers and readers of all ages at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St.

The event is sponsored by Manning Elementary School in partnership with Harvin Clarendon County Library. "We are excited to partner with Manning Elementary School on this project," library director Charlotte Johnson said. "We are excit-

ed for him to come to Manning and for the children to have an opportunity to meet him and learn about how he writes."

Johnson said Bemis' visit will offer the children a chance to ask a published author how he formulates story ideas and how they can become better writers.

Bemis is famous for his fantasy adventure novels that are popular with both boys and girls. His new series from Disney-Hyperion Books is "an exciting, action-packed retelling of the Pinocchio story that begins with *The Wooden Prince* and continues with his brand new book *Lord of Monsters*."

Bemis' novel *The Nine Pound Hammer* won the North Carolina Juvenile Lit-

erature Award. It is also a New York Public Library Best Book 2009, and it is frequently on the North Carolina Battle of the Books list.



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SUMMERTON — Historic Liberty Hill AME Church, 2310 Liberty Hill Road, will host the MLK Memorial Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 19. Donations for the breakfast will be \$5.

American Bass Anglers Tournament coming up

SUMMERTON — The American Bass Anglers Tournament will be held on Jan. 26 at John C. Land Landing. For more information, call the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce at (803) 435-4405.

Clarendon Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

MANNING — The Manning Lions Club will hold its Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. on Feb. 2 at Manning Restaurant. For more information, call (803) 472-0054.

Electronic e-waste recycling event

MANNING — The next Electronic E-Waste Recycling event and “Shred-with-Us” will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Clarendon County Administration Building’s parking lot. For more information, call (803) 433-4004.

Get all the fresh pancakes you can eat at the Manning Lions Club’s Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 2.



Pets of the week

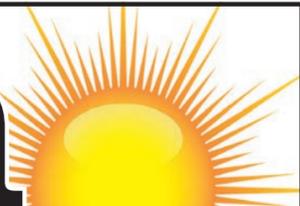


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Maisy is a 7-month-old tan-and-white female hound mix. Maisy is a very sweet, lovable girl. She weighs about 40 pounds, is current on all of her age-appropriate vaccinations and has been spayed. Maisy still has the energy of a puppy and loves to play. She is a total sweetheart and is very friendly. If you are interested in this adorable girl, you can get preapproved to adopt by submitting your adoption application online at www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com.

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v.

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Palmetto State, U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C., and the office of U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., have told *The Sumter Item* that they will donate their paychecks if federal employees don't end up getting back pay.

Norman said Monday in a visit to Sumter that he will be directing his paycheck to a fund for border wall construction along the U.S.-Mexico border, which is the central issue behind the shutdown.

President Donald Trump has insisted on including \$5.6 billion in spending from American taxes for the wall,

which House Democrats have staunchly rejected. As a result of the stalemate, a lapse in federal funding for nine of the 15 Cabinet-level departments in the government began on Dec. 22, including Agriculture, Homeland Security, State, Transportation, Interior and Justice, according to The Associated Press.

Some 420,000 federal employees whose work is declared essential are working without pay, including the FBI, TSA and other federal law enforcement officers. Some staff at the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security are also working without a paycheck.

About 380,000 other federal employees, including nearly everyone at NASA and most

at the IRS, have been told to stay home from work without pay.

As the shutdown enters its 21st day, it will become the longest such lapse in federal funding in U.S. history by Saturday.

According to his chief of staff, Mark Piland, Norman has now decided to also fund some charities and other items in the Fifth District in addition to the border wall.

"We're still going through a few different options, and none of it has been decided exactly at this point," Piland said Thursday. "First, we want to see how long the shutdown is going to be and see what that exact total pay is from the day it started to the day it ended. And then he will

make a decision on exactly where it goes and all that."

Scott's press secretary, Ken Farnaso, said Wednesday that Scott will donate that percentage of his salary from the shutdown to his church.

Both Norman and Scott receive an annual salary of \$174,000.

A similar proportion of congressmen from both parties have said they will reject their paychecks, according to CNN.

In a related matter, several members of Congress, including Norman, have also pushed legislation that would penalize members for allowing a shutdown to occur.

Norman introduced a constitutional amendment just before the government shut-

down began on Dec. 22 that would ban them from being paid.

With the first day of the new congressional session on Jan. 3, Norman had to reintroduce it then, Piland said. It had 11 co-sponsors and, if passed, would become the 28th Amendment to the Constitution.

Democrats have also proposed a bill, under the leadership of U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore., that would dock members' pay in the next congressional session after a government shutdown, Piland said. It was also introduced on Jan. 3.

"Both pieces of legislation are just two different approaches," Piland said, "but both are worth looking at."

SUM

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The ministry has come a long way, she said, continually adding new programs and meeting the needs of the community.

SUM opened its free clinic and pharmacy in 2014, and the education assistance ministry aimed to assist single mothers complete a post-secondary education started in 2017.

Since the beginning, the ministry's main goal has been to provide assistance and educate those in need so they can help themselves in the future.

One of Greenawalt's most memorable clients was a young woman who needed help managing her budget and leading a better lifestyle.

She was in her 20s and had six or seven children, Greenawalt said. Her mother was in jail, and she did not know her father.

The young woman was totally lost and didn't know what to do, she said.

Greenawalt said the saddest moment during the client interview was when she reached to hug the woman's son who was about 3 years old, but the child did not know how to hug.

The mother didn't know how to show physical affection toward her children, Greenawalt said, which means her children never learned.

After months of working with the woman, encouraging her and teaching her how to make a budget, she was able to take care of herself.

"She finally got strong enough to make it on her own," she said.

At times, Greenawalt felt overwhelmed because the needs in the community were so great.

She said she was also touched to work with the elderly, most of whom lived on limited income mainly provided through Social Security.

"My heart always broke for the elderly," she said.

And some of the elderly live in conditions that others could not imagine, she said.

"We will continue to have the poor among us, unfortunately," Greenawalt said, "and the needs will always be there."

Though the work is never-ending, knowing someone's life has been changed because of the ministry gives Greenawalt satisfaction.

She told a story of being thanked by a former client years ago while visiting the post office.

Greenawalt said she could not remember the man's name, but he thanked her for the referrals and prayers that were given to him when he went to the ministry for help.

"I thought, 'God, we are on the right track,'" she said.

As her health began to worsen, Greenawalt started wondering when she should leave the ministry.

After days of praying, she knew the organization would be in good hands after talking with Mark Champagne, the current executive director, who had an interest in leading the ministry.

"God told me Mark had the right heart," she said.

Greenawalt remembers the last moments in her old office and leaving the keys on the desk at 3 a.m. before her husband picked her up to take her home.

"I cried and cried when I left," she said.

But she left the ministry knowing Champagne and the other staff members would continue to take care of the people in need.

"I knew things were in good hands," she said.

Over the years, SUM's services, client list and volunteers have increased in an effort to keep up with the community.

"I am so impressed with the community and the way the people get connected," Champagne said.

That connection, and those who make up the ministry, he said, goes across socioeconomic lines and race.

Success for the ministry can be seen in the number of roofs that have been repaired, the number of residential wheelchair

ramps that have been built and the number of families that have a warm house to sleep in at night, just to name a few of the ways the organization has touched the community.

This will always be Sumter's greatest strength, Champagne said about the community's dedication to helping others.

When asked about the future of SUM, he said he doesn't know what the future holds but that the ministry will be ready for whatever comes.

For certain, Champagne knows the ministry will focus on one of its newest projects to move its emergency shelter from West Oakland Avenue to Artillery Drive, where the main office is located, and build tiny houses on the same lot.

"We really just look to see what God lays before us," he said.

SUM will celebrate its 25-year milestone with an event to honor everyone who has worked with, donated to and volunteered for the organization on Saturday.

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volunteers with more than
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More than \$84,400
in other in-kind donations

SHUTDOWN

FROM PAGE A1

perhaps signaling to Democrats that he's preparing for a longer shutdown.

Trump said Thursday he might declare the border situation a national emergency, which could free up funding from military projects.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham said Thursday it's time for Trump to invoke those powers to build the border wall with Mexico.

The South Carolina senator said Thursday his efforts to broker an immigration compromise that could help end the partial government shutdown are "stuck."

Graham said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's refusal to negotiate the wall "virtually ends" Congress' ability to pass a bill to fund it. Now, he said, "it is time for President Trump to use emergency powers to fund the construction" of a border wall or barrier.

The border wall with Mexico was Trump's signature campaign issue. He said Mexico would pay for the wall, but Mexico has refused.

The Democratic-controlled House passed two more bills Thursday to fund government agencies as a part of a strategy to end the partial government shutdown. One bill would fund the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development departments, while the other would provide money for

the Agriculture Department.

The transportation-housing bill was approved, 244-180. Twelve Republicans voted with Democrats to approve the bill. The agriculture bill was approved 243-183, with 10 Republicans in support.

The House voted Wednesday on bills to reopen the Treasury Department and IRS.

Democrats said the bills approved Thursday would ensure that families will not lose food stamp benefits and that those living in federally supported housing are not evicted.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said he won't bring up the Democratic bills in the Republican-controlled Senate.

IRS employee Krystle Kirkpatrick and her family, including her two children, ages 6 and 12, aren't eating out, buying brand-name foods or getting drinks at the gas station. Her husband is working overtime in his job as a machinist to try to make up for her lost paycheck.

Her mortgage company informed her it won't let her skip a payment, and she still has to pay daycare even though her children aren't going or she will lose their spot to another family on the waiting list. She has applied for unemployment but doesn't know when the benefits will begin arriving.

"It's a very scary feeling to know that your payday is coming and nothing is coming," the Ogden woman said. "I don't think the administration and the houses of Congress understand the repercussions of not having a paycheck."

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Au pairs win \$65.5 million in Denver lawsuit

DENVER (AP) — Young people from around the world who provided low-cost child care for American families will share in a proposed \$65.5 million settlement of a lawsuit brought by a dozen former au pairs against the companies that bring the workers to the United States.

Nearly 100,000 au pairs, mostly women, who worked in American homes over the last decade will be entitled to payment under the proposed settlement filed in Denver federal court Wednesday, a month before the case brought by a dozen former au pairs from Colombia, Australia, Germany, South Africa and Mexico was set to go to trial.

They claimed the companies authorized to bring au pairs to the United States colluded to keep their wages low, ignoring overtime and state minimum wage laws and treating the federal minimum wage for au pairs as a maximum amount they can earn. In some cases, the lawsuit said, families pushed the limits of their duties, requiring au pairs to do things like feed backyard chickens, help families move and do gardening, and not allowing them to eat with the family.

"This settlement, the hard-fought victory of our clients who fought for years on behalf of about 100,000 fellow au pairs, will be perhaps the largest settlement ever on behalf of minimum wage workers and will finally give au pairs the opportunity to seek higher wages and better working conditions," said David Seligman, director of Denver-based Towards Justice, which filed the lawsuit in 2014. It was later litigated by New York-based Boies Schiller Flexner.

Lawyers now need to track down people who came to the United States to work as au pairs on J-1 visas between Jan. 1, 2009, and Oct. 28, 2018, and have set up a website to help spread the word about the deal.

While sometimes confused with nannies, au pairs have much less experience and earn a lot less.

The program, overseen by the U.S. State Department, was launched as a cultural exchange program in 1986 as demand for child care grew. At first there were only 3,000 participants as part of a pilot, but last year there were more than 20,000. The program occupies a gray area between work and an international relations effort, and critics say that makes it ripe for abuse.

The sponsors said they were just following regulations from the State Department — which last adjusted au pair pay to \$195.75 for a 45-hour work week in 2009 after the federal minimum wage rose to \$7.25. Their hourly wage has actually been \$4.25 though: Families were told to deduct 40 percent of their pay to cover the room and board they're required to provide the au pairs, a practice challenged by the lawsuit.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Attorneys, from left, David Seligman, Nina DiSalvo and Alexander Hood of Denver's Towards Justice are shown outside the organization's office east of downtown Denver. In a deal filed Wednesday in federal court in Denver, the companies that brought workers from around the globe to provide low-cost child care for American families have offered \$65.5 million to settle a class-action lawsuit with nearly 100,000 au pairs.

The sponsors contended it's not a work program, pointing out that au pairs have cultural exchange J-1 visas, not work visas. They have touted au pairs as a cheaper, flexible option for child care since they are paid the same amount regardless how many children they care for, unlike at child care centers where parents pay a fee for each child, sometimes after spending time on a wait list. In court filings, they argued requiring families to pay more in states with higher minimum wages would destroy the program by making au pairs unaffordable, hurting its foreign policy goals.

According to a 2016 report on U.S. child care by the Washington-based think tank New America, the average cost of full-time child care in a day-care center for children up to 4 years old is \$9,589 a year for each child, more than the average cost of in-state college tuition. The average cost of full-time care at home with a nanny was \$28,353 — 53 percent of the median U.S. household income and nearly three times the annual pay for an au pair.

The practice of having au pairs — French for "on par with" — developed in postwar Europe, where young people lived with families in other countries to learn a language in exchange for helping with childcare and some housework. In Europe, au pairs generally are limited to working 30 hours a week.

Sarah Azuela said the ad she saw her final year of college in Mexico promised coming to the United States to work as an au pair would be the best year of her life, full of travel, meeting new people and becoming part of an American family.

But she says what grew into a two-year stay turned out to be the worst time of her life, with her feeling more like a slave subject to the whims of her host families than a member of the household.

At her last placement — working for a single mother in Virginia — Azuela said that in addition to helping care for three children, she cooked all the meals, cleaned the house, planted flowers and packed up the family's belongings and helped move them twice, first to an interim apartment and then to their new permanent home.

Nevertheless, Azuela was grateful her host mother gave her time to study for a business certificate at a university, which led her to extend her stay, and for not yelling or threatening to hit her as a previous host had done.

"I don't wish anyone to experience anything like this," Azuela, who is from Hermosillo, Mexico, but now lives in Wisconsin, said about why she joined in the lawsuit.

The settlement comes amid a movement to protect the rights of domestic workers, who were originally excluded from federal labor protections. Eight states have passed domestic worker bills of rights, and Sen. Kamala Harris and Rep. Pramilla Jayapal recently said they plan to introduce a bill to create a national version in Congress.

Meanwhile, a related case challenging whether Massachusetts had the right to protect au pairs in its domestic workers' bill of rights since they are regulated by the federal government is pending in federal appeals court. The State Department said in a court filing in September that

Act — the federal minimum wage law — as it's been interpreted by the U.S. Labor Department. The judge in the Denver case, Christine Arguello, ruled that the federal law did not block au pairs from seeking back pay under higher state minimum wages.

Attorneys in the Denver case claimed the opponents of the Massachusetts law were attempting a "collateral attack" on the Denver lawsuit with the help of the State Department to undermine their case and urged the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals in October to uphold the Massachusetts law. They pointed to emails from State Department officials from 2015 and 2014 that gave vague guidance about the need for sponsors to follow "applicable" state laws, though none of them directly say au pairs should be paid higher state minimum wage laws.

Speaking ahead of the settlement, Alieza Durana, a senior policy analyst at New America who co-wrote the child care report, said she did not think the Denver case would have a big impact on the child care landscape in the United States since a relatively small number of families rely on au pairs and because so much of the child care market is unregulated — both in terms of pay and quality.

However, she said it could hurt families who use au pairs because they need care at odd hours or because they live far from day care centers.

"I don't think it will affect the availability of child care writ large," she said.

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Police say 27-year-old Ashley Keister, of Nanticoke, used a large cigarette butt receptacle to smash glass doors into the West Wyoming police building around 12:45 a.m. Monday. Once inside, she started rummaging through filing cabinets.

West Wyoming Police Chief Curtis Nocera says Keister had been under investigation for harassing an officer who arrested her last year. He says she sent sexually harassing messages on social media and would call 911 just to talk to him.

The break-in was caught on surveillance cameras.

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COMMENTARY

Culture of arrogance and secrecy at DHEC

The board of directors of the state's largest and perhaps most vital regulatory agency, the Department of Health and Environmental Control announced it had selected a fellow board member to be the agency's new director.

The selection of board member Richard "Rick" Toomey came on the heels of a search lasting 13 months in which the search firm, Find Great People, was unable to identify a candidate satisfactory to the board.

Notwithstanding that failed search, and the insider hiring of Toomey, the search firm will be paid 20 percent of Toomey's \$178,126 salary for its work.



Jay Bender

A review of DHEC meeting agendas and minutes reveals that the decision to hire Toomey was conducted in violation of South Carolina law and disregarded entirely the public interest in

commenting on the candidates under consideration in advance of the hiring decision.

State law required DHEC to provide copies of all materials collected during the search regarding persons in the group of applicants from which the selection was made. A request was made by *The State* newspaper for such documents in early October. DHEC denied the request for records without stating a reason for the denial and has yet to make the material collected regarding the individuals under final consideration available to the public. In both instances, DHEC is violating a law the General Assembly determined to be "vital in a democratic society."

A review of board meeting agendas and minutes during the period the board was winnowing the field of candidates indicates that no agenda item stated that the board was considering applicants for the position, and no minute entry revealed a public vote to narrow the field of candidates — both steps required by law.

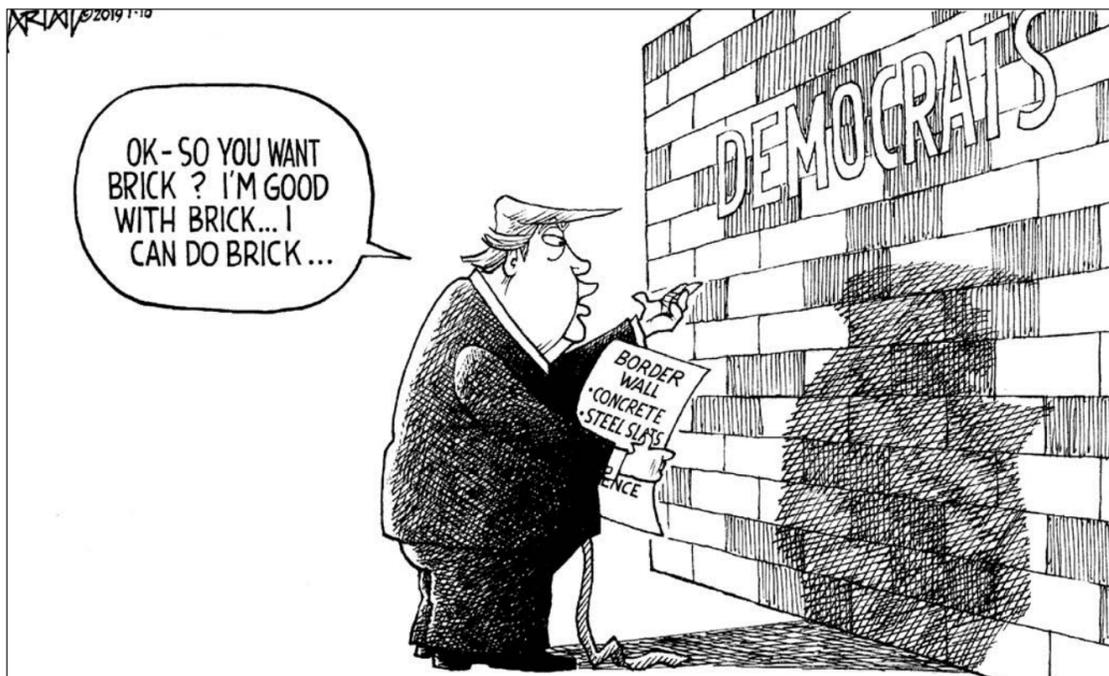
In fact, the board minutes reveal a pattern of inadequate statements of the purposes of meetings closed to the public. The minutes reflect board meetings closed to the public to discuss "personnel" matters notwithstanding that word does not appear in the applicable law, and Attorneys General have advised public officials for more than 30 years that an executive session described as being for a "personnel matter" is in violation of the law.

From its agendas and minutes, it appears that DHEC has institutionalized its disregard for the law. Consistent with this culture of a disregard for the law and the citizens of South Carolina, Mark Elam, chairman of the board, responding to criticism of the illegal process followed by DHEC said the public would have an opportunity to examine Toomey's qualifications for the position during the state Senate confirmation process. Any rational process utilized to identify the director of the state's largest regulatory agency would disclose the names and qualifications of the candidates under final consideration far enough in advance of the decision to enable citizens to communicate with board members in support of or opposition to candidates.

Chairman Elam's remarks, in the context of the unlawful process followed by DHEC, smacks of an elitism characteristic of South Carolina governance from colonial days. The people in charge, from plantation owners to mill owners to public officials, have said, "Trust us. We'll make the right decision and let you know what the decision is." Elam said once the confirmation process is complete, "everyone will be quite happy and satisfied with our selection."

The obvious question, what if we're not happy and satisfied with the selection of an insider when we haven't had a chance to know the qualifications of the other applicants? In a democracy, citizens should have a meaningful opportunity to participate in the decision-making process prior to the decision being made. To conduct public business otherwise is arrogant, elitist and in this instance, illegal.

Jay Bender is a retired University of South Carolina professor and media lawyer who represents the S.C. Press Association and its newspapers.



EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT
Jan. 8

There will have to be compromise to end shutdown

A government shutdown. A border wall. Political impasse. America is the loser as the important issues of illegal immigration are being framed more and more as Democrats vs. Donald Trump.

The president is standing firm on the money he wants to build a border barrier between the United States and Mexico. Democrats call the barrier a wall to counter Trump's longstanding call for a "wall," even though he has said securing the border — with a steel barrier or fencing — is the bottom line.

New House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says there will be no money appropriated for a barrier. "A wall is an immorality. It's not who we are as a nation," she said this past week.

Does that mean entirely open borders and tearing down walls that are already in existence? It appears that if either or both would be negative for Trump, those would be the positions.

Let's not forget an old proverb: "Good fences make good neighbors." It is so prevalent a position in different cultures that its origin is difficult to pinpoint.

The president is right about stopping illegal immigration. The laws of the nation support him. A border barrier is just one tool.

The argument by Democrats about technology are disingenuous. They know an improved barrier is a sound approach to complement other methods of control. They just won't do anything Trump wants, with too many busy talking impeachment instead.

The nation is asking, "Which is more important: hatred of Trump or passing legislation that can be made into law?"

In the end, there will have to be compromise. Shutting down government functions can only go on so long as Trump and Democrats hold fast to their respective positions with the country caught in the middle.

The compromise should be Democrats and Republicans working together to fund the money to proceed with a border wall and using other dollars for various other methods of stopping illegal immigration. But there must be progress on barriers.

Then if Congress really wants to achieve something rather than partisan gridlock, it should get down to business on real immigration law reform that deals with key issues that illegals bring to guest workers — and get firmly behind enforcing the law.

As Trump has correctly stated:

A country without borders is not a country.

THE POST AND COURIER
Jan. 8

Clemson has an intense desire to win, confidence

Clemson left no doubts Monday about who has the nation's best college football team.

The Tigers' emphatic 44-16 beat-down of mighty Alabama is their second national championship in three years. Both victories were earned against the Crimson Tide, the program every school has aspired to emulate over the past decade.

Unlike the previous title game, Clemson didn't have to squeak by at the last heart-stopping second. The Tigers were dominant in all phases of the contest, beginning with an interception returned for a touchdown in the opening minutes. Alabama players and coach Nick Saban were left grasping for answers at every turn as they were swallowed by a sea of orange executing a masterful game plan.

While earning the program's third title overall — its first came in 1982 — Clemson and coach Dabo Swinney showed that they have moved past trying to prove they belong in the conversation with Alabama. Mr. Swinney has built arguably the top program in the country, and it might not be toppled from that perch anytime soon.

The Tigers have terrific skills on both offense and defense, including a talented freshman quarterback with the poise of a veteran, an excellent coaching staff, top-notch recruiting and a rabid fan base. Some schools are lucky enough to have two or three of those qualities; assembling all of them puts Clemson at the pinnacle of the college football landscape.

The championship game began with heralded Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa throwing an interception that Clemson's A.J. Terrell returned for a touchdown. A few frantic minutes later the Crimson Tide looked to tie it up at 14-14, but their kicker missed the extra-point attempt. While kicking has been Alabama's one odd weakness, the botched kick turned out to be an ominous sign.

Clemson roared to a 31-16 half-time lead behind three touchdowns from Travis Etienne, one of the best running backs in the country. Fabulous freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence connected with Justyn Ross — an Alabama native who spurned the Crimson Tide's recruiting advances — for a 74-yard score midway through the third quarter. It was all over.

Part of Mr. Swinney's success is the unique family atmosphere and culture he has established at Clemson, something that is attractive to players and their families. That is one of the reasons Mr. Ross chose Clemson over Ala-

bama.

The Tigers also have an intense desire to win — and the confidence that they will prevail, regardless of the opponent.

Given the elite level of talent, recruiting and coaching at both Clemson and Alabama, there is a good chance that these same two teams could end up in another title game in January 2020.

Only next year, it may well be Alabama trying to prove it is Clemson's equal.

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Jan. 8

Lawmakers need to move quickly on opioid deaths

"You can't arrest your way out of this problem. You can give somebody medicine to treat addiction all day long, but if they don't have that reassurance with them through that recovery process, you see them back in the emergency room."

Those words were spoken by state Rep. Russell Fry, R-Horry, during a discussion about South Carolina's growing opioid crisis, with a number of lawmakers promising that funding mental health care is high on their agenda.

And with overdose death rates escalating to the point they exceed the homicide death rate, we have to hope lawmakers move quickly on this one. It's not a Republican issue. It's not a Democrat issue. Nor can this merely be labeled a choice issue, in which the victims are dismissed as having done this to themselves. Sure, some opioid death victims sadly made a choice to try the prescription pain medicine, not unlike the way people experiment with alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. But a good many also got hooked on opioids because they were taking them to combat pain issues associated with surgeries and any other number of health situations. In fact, they were taking the medicine legally, as prescribed by their doctors.

Make no mistake. This is not an outright condemnation of doctors. The majority are no doubt trying to make the best health care decisions they can for their patients while others certainly have been known to dispense prescriptions like candy, knowing they are likely doing a disservice to the patient and operating in direct conflict with their Hippocratic oath.

But the loss of human lives as a result of opioid addiction is just far too high to ignore. It will not, as Fry noted, go away on its own, and it is absolutely essential that our state put renewed focus on prevention and mental health — all while holding manufacturers accountable, for they know now, if they did not before, the stronghold their products can and do have on people. Often until death do they part.

AROUND TOWN

The One Sumter Community group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 Fulton St. This will be an informational meeting with the new Sumter School District Trustee Board Chairperson the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Canty, who will discuss his vision, hopes and aspirations for the school board and the expectations for the school district. Call Joshua Dupree at (803) 795-3600.

The Sumter County Museum will present a luncheon and book signing with author Marie Benedict at noon on Monday, Jan. 14. Tickets are \$35 for museum members or \$40 for non-members and can be purchased online at www.sumtercountymuseum.org or by calling (803) 775-0908. Attendees will receive lunch and a signed copy of Ms. Benedict's book "The Only Woman in the Room: A Novel." Benedict is also the author of "The Other Einstein" and "Carnegie's Maid."

Lake Marion VFW Post 11078, Summerton, will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 1 Duke St., Summerton (behind First Citizens Bank). All VFW members are encouraged to attend. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Call Carl A. Farley at (803) 460-8910.

An Alice Drive Middle School Art Exhibit Reception will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Central Carolina Technical College Gallery of Art and Expression (The Gallery Upstairs), CCTC Main Campus, Building M500. This free event is held to celebrate ADMS students and show-

case their artistic creations.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, at the headquarters building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All area veterans are invited.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 26 Council St. For more information, call the alumni office at (803) 775-0444 Mondays or Wednesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Sumter Branch NAACP's Martin Luther King program will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St. The Rev. Nelson B. Rivers III will speak.

The next Dream Team event will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Call (803) 774-7776.

A free pardon, expungement and employment workshop will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, at MH Newton Family Life Center, 415 Manning Ave. Mechelle Potts, of the Third Judicial Circuit Expungement Office, and Sharon Holland, of S.C. Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, will speak.

"Echoes from Sumter's Past" will be presented from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Sumter County Museum, Williams-Brice House, Ross McKenzie Hall, 122 N. Washington St. Dressed in period costumes, Diana Roof and Becka Smilowska, of Dearly Departed, will share fascinating tales of history, mystery and even murder of some of Sumter's past residents who are buried in the older cemeteries in the area.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take more interest in your personal finances and health. Taking better care of both will relieve stress and help you protect against unexpected situations. Take control of your life and your future. Romance will improve an important relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An open mind will lead to valuable information. Listen to what others have to say; it will help you make a personal decision. An emotional issue should be kept secret until you figure out how best to proceed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partnerships will be strained if you or the other person is excessive or overreacts. Stay focused on activities and events that will help you dispel energy you might otherwise turn into anger. Joint ventures are not in your best interest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can get ahead if you handle work relationships and your responsibilities professionally. Your insight into what will and won't work will put you in the running for a position you want or help you gain respect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make plans to do something with friends or your lover. A new look or an activity that will encourage you to get fit and look fabulous will lift your spirits. Romance is on the rise, and a promise can be made.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Handle your cash with care. Getting out and participating in events that interest you is favored. A reunion is likely to bring back feelings that you've been ignoring for some

time. Let go of the past and move forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Choose your words wisely. Someone will not agree with the way you handle your responsibilities. Physical activity will help to calm your nerves and any tension you are feeling toward someone who is being critical. Make love, not war.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be offered good advice. Take a unique path, but do so for the right reason. A shift in the way you feel about someone will lead to a lifestyle change. Personal growth and physical fitness should be your targets.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Home improvements can be started, but first set a budget. Hosting an event or making special plans with someone you love will change the dynamics of your relationship. An emotional situation must be dealt with openly and honestly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of matters personally. If you expect a friend or relative to step in, you'll be disappointed. Refuse to let anger take over when a friend or relative changes his or her mind. Do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put in a full day if it will help you achieve your goal. There is plenty to gain by making choices that are geared toward success. Make special plans to enjoy what you have achieved with someone you love. Romance is favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to what and who you know. Working alongside like-minded people will help you avoid anyone trying to tempt or manipulate you to get involved in things that are excessive or not good for you.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	A little rain late in the p.m.	Periods of rain	Remaining cloudy	Times of clouds and sun
49°	29°	50° / 39°	52° / 38°	50° / 35°	55° / 33°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 5%
NE 3-6 mph	E 3-6 mph	ENE 6-12 mph	NNE 6-12 mph	NNE 4-8 mph	NNW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

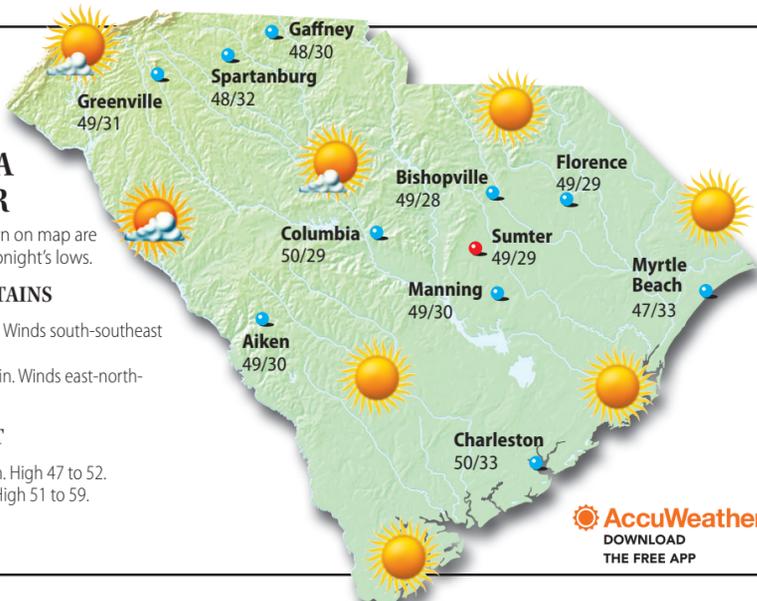
Today: Partly sunny. Winds south-southeast 3-6 mph.

Saturday: A little rain. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Plenty of sun. High 47 to 52.

Saturday: Cloudy. High 51 to 59.



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LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	Precipitation
High 47°	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Low 31°	Month to date 0.61"
Normal high 54°	Normal month to date 1.30"
Normal low 32°	Year to date 0.61"
Record high 78° in 1949	Last year to date 0.43"
Record low 8° in 1970	Normal year to date 1.30"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	351.34	+0.20
Marion	76.8	76.46	+0.09
Moultrie	75.5	75.19	+0.05
Wateree	100	100.33	-0.42

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	11.35	-0.11
Congaree River	19	6.50	-0.21
Lynches River	14	11.66	-0.60
Saluda River	14	7.72	-4.32
Up. Santee River	80	82.46	-0.19
Wateree River	24	20.10	-1.70

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 7:28 a.m. Sunset 5:32 p.m.
Moonrise 10:55 a.m. Moonset 10:41 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 27	Feb. 4

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:18 p.m.	2.7	6:33 a.m.	0.4
Sat.	12:31 a.m.	2.5	7:18 a.m.	0.6
	12:58 p.m.	2.6	7:56 p.m.	0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	52/36/pc	45/39/r
Chicago	36/28/c	35/28/sn
Dallas	51/48/r	53/37/c
Detroit	30/23/pc	33/22/sn
Houston	66/57/c	68/40/sh
Los Angeles	66/52/c	61/49/r
New Orleans	62/55/pc	71/49/t
New York	31/20/s	32/25/pc
Orlando	70/54/pc	77/60/pc
Philadelphia	34/21/s	33/26/pc
Phoenix	68/46/pc	68/47/c
San Francisco	59/50/r	59/49/pc
Wash., DC	41/28/s	37/30/sn

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	46/28/pc	38/31/r	Florence	49/29/s	50/39/c
Athens	50/33/pc	44/36/r	Gainesville	65/45/s	72/55/c
Augusta	53/30/s	52/41/c	Gastonia	49/29/pc	44/31/r
Beaufort	52/35/s	58/50/c	Goldsboro	46/25/s	44/36/c
Cape Hatteras	43/35/pc	51/45/c	Goose Creek	50/33/s	56/49/c
Charleston	50/33/s	56/48/c	Greensboro	45/27/pc	39/31/sn
Charlotte	48/30/pc	43/33/r	Greenville	49/31/pc	43/34/r
Clemson	49/34/pc	43/35/r	Hickory	46/29/pc	39/31/r
Columbia	50/29/s	50/38/r	Hilton Head	51/40/s	57/53/c
Darlington	48/28/s	48/39/r	Jacksonville, FL	60/45/s	69/56/c
Elizabeth City	42/28/s	46/37/c	La Grange	55/39/pc	47/43/r
Elizabethtown	47/28/s	48/40/c	Macon	55/34/s	52/47/c
Fayetteville	47/26/s	47/37/c	Marietta	51/35/pc	45/37/r
Marion	47/27/pc	39/31/r	Mt. Pleasant	50/38/s	56/51/c
Myrtle Beach	47/33/s	52/44/c	Orangeburg	49/32/s	51/44/r
Port Royal	51/39/s	57/52/c	Raleigh	45/25/s	41/32/c
Rock Hill	48/28/s	45/34/r	Rockingham	48/26/s	46/36/r
Savannah	54/36/s	60/53/c	Spartanburg	48/32/pc	43/31/r
Summerville	50/31/s	55/48/c	Wilmington	47/29/s	49/42/c
Winston-Salem	45/28/pc	38/31/sn			

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JUMBLE

TWICE METAL GARLIC CRISIS
The couple who had their sofa re-covered with a very expensive fabric were — MATERIALISTIC

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



Edith, above, is a housebroken 4-month-old calico-and-white female American short hair. She is active, playful, very sweet and friendly. Edith is great with other cats and children and loves to play with cat toys.

Shiloh, right, a 1-year-old shepherd / collie mix, is super sweet and friendly. She lives for love and attention. Shiloh is an active girl who loves to run and play. The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit the website at www.sumter-spcpa.com.



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

PREP FOOTBALL

The Sumter Item's 2018 all-star teams

Saints' Mitchum, Reitenour head All-Independent team

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Twenty-five players have been selected to the 2018 *The Sumter Item* All-Independent Football Team.

The team is selected based on nominations from the head coaches of the five South Carolina Independent School Association schools in Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties that play football. The team is selected by *The Sumter Item* sports department.

The team is made up of seven players from Laurence Manning Academy, five each from Wilson Hall and Robert E. Lee Academy and four apiece from Thomas Sumter Academy and Clarendon Hall.

The team will be honored at the Sumter Touchdown Club banquet on Thursday, Jan. 18, at Central Carolina Technical College Health Sciences Center located on South Main Street beginning at 6:30 p.m. Former Wofford College football head coach Mike Ayers will be the guest speaker.

Clarendon Hall's Tyrese Mitchum is the Independent Player of the Year. Mitchum's head coach, Anthony Reitenour, is the Independent Coach of the Year. The Saints went 9-2 on the season and lost in the semifinals of the 8-man state playoffs.

Mitchum was the leader of the



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Clarendon Hall running back Tyrese Mitchum fights for yardage during the Saints' 62-10 victory over St. John's Christian in their SCISA 8-man first-round playoff game in Summerton in November. Mitchum is The Sumter Item Independent Player of the Year.



REITENOUR

Clarendon Hall offense from his tailback position. He rushed for 1,497 yards and 23 touchdowns on just 106 carries. He averaged 14.1 yards per carry.

Joining him in the backfield is

Robert E. Lee Academy quarterback Jet Smith and Laurence Manning Academy running back Brewer Brunson.

Smith helped REL to an 8-4 season and a trip to the 2A semifinals. He

completed 109 of 205 passes for 1,434 yards and 19 touchdowns against just six interceptions. He ran for 598 yards and eight scores of 116 carries.

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Gamecock RB Henry leads All-Area team

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The team is made up of 11 players from Sumter High School, four from Crestwood, three apiece from Lakewood and Manning, and two each from Lee Central and Scott's Branch.

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Street beginning at 6:30 p.m. Former Wofford College football head coach Mike Ayers will be the guest speaker.

Sumter running back Jonathan Henry is the Area Player of the Year. Henry's head coach, Mark Barnes, is the Area Coach of the Year. Henry rushed for 1,341 yards and 19 touchdowns on 227 carries for the Gamecocks, who went 10-1 on the season and went 9-0 in the regular season. Henry averaged 117 yards rushing per game and 5.7 yards per carry. He also caught 8 passes for 117 yards and two more touchdowns.

Henry is joined in the backfield by Lakewood quarterback Malik Richardson and Crestwood running back Darnontae Furman.

Richardson, a Touchstone



BARNES

Energy Bowl North-South All-Star selection who signed with Western Carolina, led the 3-6 Gators in both rushing and passing. He ran for 964 yards and eight scores on 177 carries, while completing 69 of 137 passes for 938 yards and five scores. Furman rushed for 1,200 yards and 12 touchdowns for the Knights, who went 2-8 and reached the 4A state playoffs.

The wide receivers are Joshua Simon of Crestwood, Tony Dinkins-McCall of Sumter and Aaron Smith of Manning.

Simon, a North-South All-Star selection and a Western Kentucky signee, played both quarterback and wide receiver for the Knights. He had 1,200 all-purpose yards and was responsible for 13 touchdowns. Dinkins-McCall had 51 catches for 679 yards and

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TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter running back Jonathan Henry (26) has been selected as The Sumter Item Area Player of the Year.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Can Clemson put an end to Tide's run as preseason No. 1?

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

Clemson beat Alabama for the national championship, but can the Tigers keep the Crimson Tide from reaching another less significant milestone?

Alabama has been preseason No. 1 in the AP poll the last three seasons, matching a record held by Oklahoma, which started No. 1 each season from 1985-87. Another preseason No. 1 in 2019 would make Alabama the first team to ever start four consecutive seasons top-ranked since the preseason poll started in 1950.

Clemson has never been preseason No. 1, but maybe next season.

At the very least expect a second straight season of the Tide and Tigers holding the top two spots to start the season in some order as both

teams return star quarterbacks and a bevy of weapons.

The final 2018 rankings were revealed a few hours after Clemson beat Alabama 44-16 Monday night in the College Football Playoff championship game. The final Heat Check of the season looks at how the teams in the final rankings might start next season.

NO. 1 CLEMSON (15-0)

2019 opener: vs. Georgia Tech.

Gone: DT Christian Wilkins; DE Clelin Ferrell; OT Mitch Hyatt.

Back: QB Trevor Lawrence; RB Travis Etienne; DE Xavier Thomas.

Heat check: The Tigers have some rebuilding to do on the lines. They'll probably start at No. 2.

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MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Clemson running back Travis Etienne (9) will return in 2019 to try to help the Tigers' to a fifth straight appearance in the College Football Playoff and to defend their national title. However, the Tigers may start out at No. 2 in the preseason poll behind Alabama despite handing the Crimson Tide one of their worst losses in a generation.

AREA ROUNDUP

Osteen keys big 4th quarter as Barons B team tops OP 37-32

ORANGEBURG — John Osteen scored all 13 of his points in the fourth quarter to help Wilson Hall's B boys basketball team rally from an 11-point deficit for a 37-32 win over Orangeburg Prep on Wednesday at the OP gymnasium.

Dyland Richardson led the

Barons, who improved to 6-3 on the season, with 18 points. Clark Kinney grabbed seven rebounds.

GIRLS B TEAM BASKETBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 25 HEATHWOOD HALL 13

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy defeated Heathwood Hall 25-13 on Wednesday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Porter Davis led the Lady Swampcats with six points. Jordan Baker, Hailey Truett and Ansley Jordan each scored four points.

WILSON HALL 30 ORANGEBURG PREP 20

ORANGEBURG — Wilson Hall improved to 6-0 with a 30-20 victory over Orangeburg Prep on Wednesday at the OP gymnasium.

Ashley Reid Baker led the Lady Barons with eight points. Aubrey Payne added

eight and Marybeth Van Paten had six.

On Monday in Columbia, Wilson Hall defeated Cardinal Newman 42-15. Van Paten led the way with 20 points and Lucy Buxton had eight.

From staff reports

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ASB Classic Doubles Final Match from Auckland, New Zealand (TENNIS).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — College Hockey: Miami (Ohio) at Western Michigan (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Wright State at Northern Kentucky (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Siena at Marist (ESPNU).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Indiana at Maryland (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — PGA Golf: Sony Open Second Round from Honolulu (GOLF).
7 p.m. — College Hockey: Minnesota at Notre Dame (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Missouri at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana at New York (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Buffalo at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8:30 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Louisiana State at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — High School Basketball: Crestview vs. Choctawhatchee from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (STADIUM).
8:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Matches, ASB Classic Matches, Sydney International Matches and Hobart International Matches (TENNIS).
9 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Utah at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
9 p.m. — High School Basketball: Rancho Christian (Calif.) vs. Memphis East (Tenn.) (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Purdue at Wisconsin (FOX SPORTS 1).
9:30 p.m. — Professional Swimming: TYR Pro Series Day 2 from Knoxville, Tenn. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Utah (ESPN).
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Portland (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
3 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Sydney International Final Match from Sydney (TENNIS).

SATURDAY

7:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. West Ham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Liverpool vs. Brighton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Basketball: Miami (Ohio) at Buffalo (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Basketball: Virginia at Clemson (WKTC 63, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
Noon — College Basketball: Louisville at North Carolina (ESPN).
Noon — College Basketball: Kansas State at Iowa State (ESPN2).
Noon — College Basketball: Oklahoma State at West Virginia (ESPNU).
Noon — College Basketball: Providence at Georgetown (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — College Basketball: Boston College at Notre Dame (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Watford vs. Crystal Palace (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Mississippi at Mississippi State (WLTX 19).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Missouri at South Carolina (SEC NETWORK, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia Commonwealth at Davidson (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Duke at Florida State (ESPN).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Illinois State at Loyola (Chicago) (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: South Florida at Temple (ESPNU).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Seton Hall at Marquette (FOX SPORTS 1).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas Christian at Oklahoma (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Wake Forest at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Army at Loyola (Md.) (STADIUM).
3:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas A&M at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: New Mexico at Colorado State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Kansas at Baylor (ESPN).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Georgia at Auburn (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Baylor at Texas Christian (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
4 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Texas Tech at Baylor (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
4:30 p.m. — NFL Football: American Football Conference Playoffs Divisional Game — Indianapolis at Kansas City (WIS 10, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: DePaul at St. John's (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Tennessee at Florida (ESPN).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Georgia Tech at Syracuse (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Tulsa at Southern Methodist (ESPNU).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: St. Louis at La Salle (NBC

SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Louisiana State at Arkansas (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — PGA Golf: Sony Open Third Round from Honolulu (GOLF).
8 p.m. — NFL Football: National Football Conference Playoffs Divisional Game — Dallas at Los Angeles Rams (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Wichita State at Houston (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Connecticut at Cincinnati (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Nevada at Fresno State (ESPNU).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Oklahoma City (NBA TV).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Vanderbilt at Kentucky (SEC NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Santa Clara at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Gonzaga at San Francisco (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Washington at Colorado (ESPNU).
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Sacramento (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
 Varsity Basketball
 Crestwood at Lower Richland, 6 p.m.
 Lakewood at A.C. Flora, 6 p.m.
 Latta at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
 Varsity and JV Basketball
 Manning at Waccamaw, 4 p.m.
 Lee Central at Buford (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
 Scott's Branch at Cross, 4:30 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m.
 Florence Christian at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
 The King's Academy at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at Carolina, 4 p.m.
 Holly Hill at Clarendon Hall, 4 p.m.
 Junior Varsity Basketball
 Sumter Christian at Maranatha Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.
B Team Basketball
 Wilson Hall at Timmerman, 4:30 p.m.
 Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter in Dreher Invitational, TBA

SATURDAY

Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter in Dreher Invitational, TBA

PREP BASKETBALL

SCBCA TOP 10 POLLS
 As of Jan. 8

BOYS

- 5A
 1. Dorman
 2. Berkeley
 3. Nation Ford
 4. Blythewood
 5. Lexington
 6. River Bluff
 7. Fort Mill
 8. Spartanburg
 9. Northwestern
 10. Conway/Westside
 4A
 1. Westwood
 2. Ridge View
 3. Darlington
 4. Orangeburg-Wilkinson
 5. Greenville
 6. North Augusta
 7. Travelers Rest
 8. Wren
 9. Lakewood
 10. Hartsville
 3A
 1. Keenan
 2. Edisto
 3. Manning
 4. Ridgeland-Hardeeville
 5. Newberry
 6. Southside
 7. Georgetown
 8. Loris
 9. Bishop England
 10. Wade Hampton (H)
 2A
 1. Gray Collegiate
 2. North Charleston
 3. Lee Central
 4. Mullins
 5. Oceanside Collegiate
 6. Burke
 7. Saluda
 8. Silver Bluff
 9. Andrew Jackson
 10. Whale Branch
 1A
 1. Great Falls
 2. High Point Academy
 3. Denmark-Olar
 4. Hemingway
 5. North
 6. Hunter-Kinard-Tyler
 7. Dixie
 8. Wagener-Salley
 9. Whitmire
 10. Timmonsville

GIRLS

- 5A
 1. Goose Creek
 2. Spring Valley
 3. Fort Dorchester
 4. Sumter
 5. Dorman
 6. Woodmont
 7. West Ashley
 8. Lexington
 9. Westside
 10. TL Hanna
 4A
 1. North Augusta
 2. South Pointe
 3. Westwood
 4. Wilson
 5. Myrtle Beach
 6. Lower Richland
 7. Greenville
 8. Darlington
 9. Orangeburg-Wilkinson
 10. Blue Ridge
 3A
 1. Bishop England
 2. Clinton
 3. Woodruff
 4. Camden
 5. Marion
 6. Manning
 7. Swansea
 8. Emerald
 9. Union County
 10. Dillon
 2A
 1. Christ Church
 2. Andrew Jackson
 3. Brasher Middle College Charter
 4. Buford
 5. Gray Collegiate
 6. Saluda
 7. Landrum
 8. Timberland
 9. Latta
 10. Barnwell
 1A
 1. Scott's Branch
 2. High Point Academy
 3. McCormick
 4. Green Sea-Floyds
 5. Timmonsville
 6. Military Magnet
 7. Blackville-Hilda
 8. Wagener-Sally
 9. Estill
 10. North

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	27	12	.692	—
Oklahoma City	25	15	.625	2½
Portland	25	17	.595	3½
Utah	21	21	.500	7½
Minnesota	20	21	.488	8

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	27	14	.659	—
L.A. Clippers	24	16	.600	2½
L.A. Lakers	23	19	.548	4½
Sacramento	20	21	.488	7
Phoenix	10	33	.233	18

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Boston 135, Indiana 108
 Washington 123, Philadelphia 106
 Brooklyn 116, Atlanta 100
 Memphis 96, San Antonio 86
 Milwaukee 116, Houston 109
 New Orleans 140, Cleveland 124
 Dallas 104, Phoenix 94
 Utah 106, Orlando 93
 Portland 124, Chicago 112
 L.A. Lakers 113, Detroit 100

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Miami, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10 p.m.
 Chicago at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Miami, 5 p.m.
 Boston at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Charlotte at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Chicago at Utah, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at New York, 1 p.m.
 Toronto at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.
 Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m.
 Golden State at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY

EAST
 American U. 71, Navy 63
 Army 86, Boston U. 82
 Bucknell 84, Colgate 81
 Cornell 86, Towson 74
 Dayton 72, George Washington 66
 Duquesne 66, Fordham 61
 Hartford 66, UMBC 64, OT
 Lafayette 85, Loyola (Md.) 70
 Lehigh 99, Holy Cross 94, OT
 New Hampshire 68, Mass.-Lowell 64
 Pittsburgh 89, Louisville 86, OT
 Rutgers 64, Ohio St. 61
 Seton Hall 76, Butler 75
 St. Bonaventure 73, Saint Joseph's 47
 Stony Brook 59, Binghamton 46
 Syracuse 61, Clemson 53
 Temple 73, Houston 69
 Vermont 73, Maine 49
 Virginia 83, Boston College 56
 SOUTH
 Abilene Christian 73, McNeese St. 72
 Davidson 61, George Mason 56
 Florida St. 68, Miami 62
 Georgia 82, Vanderbilt 63
 Jacksonville 90, Kennesaw St. 70
 Liberty 71, Stetson 53
 Lipscomb 81, North Florida 66
 Mississippi 82, Auburn 67
 Nicholls 78, Stephen F. Austin 73
 Rhode Island 78, Richmond 67
 South Florida 66, Tulane 48
 Texas A&M-CC 62, Northwestern St. 61
 VCU 69, La Salle 63
 Virginia Tech 52, Georgia Tech 49
 MIDWEST
 Iowa 73, Northwestern 63
 Kansas 77, TCU 68
 Kansas St. 71, West Virginia 69
 Marquette 106, Creighton 104, OT
 Saint Louis 65, UMass 62
 Xavier 81, Georgetown 75
 SOUTHWEST
 Florida 57, Arkansas 51
 New Orleans 78, Lamar 71, OT
 Sam Houston St. 78, Cent. Arkansas 69
 FAR WEST
 Arizona 75, Stanford 70
 Arizona St. 80, California 66
 CS Northridge 84, UC Riverside 83
 Fresno St. 78, Utah St. 77
 Nevada 92, San Jose St. 53
 UC Santa Barbara 65, Cal Poly 56

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eight touchdowns. He averaged 13.3 yards per catch and 62 yards per game, and he had 13 kickoff returns for 360 yards — a 27.7 average — and a touchdown. Smith had 37 catches for 570 yards and four scores for the Monarchs, who went 7-4 and reached the 3A state playoffs.

The offensive line is made up of Sumter's Zion Nelson, Tayvian Gass and John Adams, Crestwood's Zyricq Rufus and Manning's Jamir Stukes.

Nelson, a Shrine Bowl selection who signed with Miami, graded out at 84 percent with 33 knockdown blocks. Gass also played in the Shrine Bowl and signed with Wofford. He graded out at 77 percent with 59 knockdowns. Adams graded out at 77 percent with 27 knockdown blocks. Rufus had an 85 percent grade with 20 knockdowns. Stukes played left tackle and was the Monarchs' top lineman, according to Manning head coach Keith West.

Sean Swaringer of Scott's Branch is the all-purpose player. Swaringer rushed for 1,230 yards on 172 carries and caught six passes for 88 yards, for the Eagles, who went 3-7 and played in the first round of the 1A state playoffs. He had nine TDs receiving and rushing. He completed 11 passes for 289 yards and five touchdowns. As a linebacker on defense, Swaringer had 51 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, two quarterback sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Sumter's Dyson Roberts is the placekicker. Roberts connected on four of seven field goal attempts, with two of them over 40 yards with a long of 44. He had 30 touchdowns on 72 kickoffs, and averaged 34 yards a punt on 30 punts.

The defensive line is made up of Eric Watts of Sumter, Dymerius Atkinson of Lee Central and Jamal Anderson of Lakewood.

Watts, a North-South selection who signed with Con-

necticut, had 38 tackles, 15 ½ tackles for loss, 8 ½ sacks and two forced fumbles. Atkinson led Lee Central, which went 2-8, with 11 tackles for loss and eight sacks while recording 45 tackles. He forced a fumble and recovered one as well. Anderson had 57 tackles, six TFLs, five sacks and one fumble recovery.

The linebackers are Keilah Dupree of Manning, Crestwood's Jamar Holliday and Donte' Coleman and Antonio Roach of Sumter.

Dupree had 85 tackles, 12 TFLs and three sacks, while Holliday had 60 tackles, four sacks, 12 TFLs and one interception. Coleman led Sumter in tackles with 95 to go with 12 ½ TFLs, 1 ½ sacks and two forced fumbles. Roach had 73 tackles, 16 ½ TFLs, five sacks and returned a fumble for a touchdown. He also blocked a punt.

The defensive backs are O'Donnell Fortune and Melvin Lundy of Sumter. JaVontae' Jones of Lakewood and Kendrick Lesesne of Scott's Branch.

Fortune led Sumter with five interceptions to go with

2018 ALL-AREA TEAM

OFFENSE
 QB — Malik Richardson Lakewood
 RB — Jonathan Henry Sumter
 RB — Damontae Furman Crestwood
 WR — Joshua Simon Crestwood
 WR — Tony Dinkins-McCall Sumter
 WR — Aaron Smith Manning
 OL — Zion Nelson Sumter
 OL — Tayvian Gass Sumter
 OL — Zyricq Rufus Crestwood
 OL — Jamir Stukes Manning
 OL — John Adams Sumter
 AP — Dyson Roberts Sumter
 AP — Sean Swaringer Scott's Branch

DEFENSE
 DL — Eric Watts Sumter
 DL — Dymerius Atkinson Lee Central
 DL — Jamal Anderson Lakewood
 LB — Antonio Roach Sumter
 LB — Keilah Dupree Manning
 LB — Donte' Coleman Sumter
 LB — Jamar Holliday Crestwood
 DB — O'Donnell Fortune Sumter
 DB — JaVontae' Jones Lakewood
 DB — Kendrick Lesesne Scott's Branch
 DB — Melvin Lundy Sumter
 P — Ja'Quaze Myers Lee Central

HONORABLE MENTION
 Andre Amaker, Sumter; Christopher Barfield, Crestwood; Kylek Baxter, Lakewood; Ed Benjamin, Lee Central; Stanley Boatright, Lakewood;

Kirkland Boone, Sumter; A'Monte Brown, Scott's Branch; Rashad Brown, Lee Central; Mannie Cain, Lee Central; Tyjhai Calvin, East Clarendon; Kevin Carson, Lakewood; Tylee Craft, Sumter; Travius Epps, Lakewood; Deontae Farmer-Washington, Sumter; Anthony Gibbs, Manning; Je'Shawn Green, Scott's Branch; DeAblon Halley, Lee Central; Ontra' Harvin, Sumter; Quentin Hodge, Lakewood; Omar Holland, Lakewood; Derrick Joye, Lee Central; Mike Keith, Crestwood; Kurt Lewis, Sumter; Chris Livingston, Manning; Parris Lowery, Crestwood; Amari Martin, Lakewood; Terrance McClain, Crestwood; Daquan McElveen, East Clarendon; Ashton Mixon, East Clarendon; Treyshawn Moore, Scott's Branch; Christian Oliver, Scott's Branch; Jack Owens, Manning; Shaun Parker, Sumter; Naquan Peoples, Lee Central; Juwan Perdue, Lakewood; Derrick Prince, Crestwood; Lane Robinson, East Clarendon; Trey Robinson, Lee Central; DaVeon Thomas, Lee Central; Jackson Thorne, Crestwood; Marquise Webb, East Clarendon; Zayveon Wells, Lakewood; Montrell White, Crestwood; Darias Williams, Manning; James Wright, Lakewood.

48 tackles, 3 ½ TFLs and one fumble recovery. Lundy had 35 tackles, two TFLs and two interceptions. He also returned 15 punts for 294 yards, a 19.6 average. Jones had 54 tackles and two INTs, while Lesesne had 50 tackles, five TFLs, two sacks, one interception, five passes bro-

ken up, three caused fumbles and one fumble recovery. Offensively, Lesesne rushed for 396 yards and four TDs on 69 carries. He caught two passes for 43 yards.
 The punter is Ja'Quaze Myers of Lee Central. He averaged 40.8 yards on 58 punts.

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Brunson, who helped LMA to a 6-5 record and the first round of the 3A state playoffs while playing multiple positions, rushed for 1,012 yards and 12 scores on 128 carries. As a free safety, Brunson had 40 tackles and four interceptions.

The wide receivers are Jordan Hodge of REL, Kylic Horton of Clarendon Hall and Wyatt Rowland of LMA.

Hodge had 34 receptions for 506 yards, a 14.9 per-catch average, and six touchdowns. Horton had 22 catches for 374 yards, a 26.0 average, and scored 16 touchdowns.

Rowland split time between wide receiver and running back. He had 20 catches for 361 yards – an 18.0 average – and three TDs. He rushed for 833 yards and eight touchdowns on just 63 carries, meaning he had a 13.3 average.

The offensive line includes Jay Godwin and JD Burroughs of LMA, Grey Holler of Wilson Hall, and Preston Houser and Jarret Butzer of Thomas Sumter Academy.

Godwin split his time on the line between guard and center. He graded out at 80 percent and had 22 knockdown blocks. Burroughs played tackle and graded out at 78 percent with 28 knockdown blocks.

Holler started at tackle for the Barons, who went 3-7 and lost in the first

round of the 3A state playoffs. He graded out at a team high 83 percent. He started at defensive tackle as well and had 43 tackles with six tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks.

Houser graded out at 87 percent with three knockdowns for the Generals, who went 2-9 and lost in the first round of the 1A state playoffs. On defense, Houser had 50 tackles, including 12 solo stops, and two TFLs. Butzer graded out at 68 percent with six knockdown blocks on the O line. Defensively, he had 42 tackles, including 12 solos, five TFLs, three sacks and 14 QB hurries.

The all-purpose play is TSA's Mason Warren. Warren played a number of positions for the Generals. He mainly played running back, rushing for 888 yards and seven touchdowns 112 carries, a 7.9 average. He caught 10 passes for 179 yards and two more scores. Warren returned 17 kickoffs for 541 yards for a 31.8 average, taking two back for touchdowns. He returned one punt for a score and also threw a TD pass, making him responsible for 13 touchdowns.

On defense, Warren had 60 tackles, 31 of them solo, four TFLs, one interception and two passes broken up.

Wilson Hall's Mills Herlong is the placekicker. Herlong was 4-for-5 on field goal attempts and 19 of 21 on extra point attempts. As a punter, he averaged 36.4 yards on 40 punts. He also played defensive back, coming up with three INTs and 35 tackles.

The defensive line is made up of LMA's Brad Goodson, Wilson Hall's Nathan Harris and TSA's Graham Campbell.

Goodson had 78 tackles with 24 of them for a loss. He also had 12 sacks and forced four fumbles. Harris had 43 tackles and three TFLs, while starting at running back and rushing for 606 yards and four scores. Campbell had 61 tackles, including 21 solo stops, 14 TFLs, two sacks and 12 hurries. As an offensive lineman, he graded out at 73 percent with nine knockdown blocks.

The linebackers are Mitchell Matthews of Wilson Hall, Wells Robinson and DaQavion Miller of Clarendon Hall, Grayson Gamble of LMA and Hunter McGee of REL.

Matthews led Wilson Hall with 92 tackles, while coming up with eight TFLs and five sacks along with returning an interception for a score. Robinson led the Saints with 105 tackles to go along with two INTs, one fumble recovery and one defensive touchdown. Miller had 61 tackles, 14 sacks and a fumble recovery. Gamble had 80 tackles with 14 of them for loss to go with nine sacks and two forced fumbles. McGee had 86 tackles and two INTs.

The defensive backfield is made up of Patterson Saverance and Christian Olson of REL, Jake Jordan of LMA and Landon VanPatten of Wilson Hall.

Saverance finished the season with

2018 ALL-INDEPENDENT TEAM

OFFENSE
 QB – Jet Smith Robert E. Lee
 RB – Tyrese Mitchum Clarendon Hall
 RB – Brewer Brunson Laurence Manning
 WR – Jordan Hodge Robert E. Lee
 WR – Kylic Horton Clarendon Hall
 WR – Wyatt Rowland Laurence Manning
 OL – Jay Godwin Laurence Manning
 OL – Grey Holler Wilson Hall
 OL – Preston Houser Thomas Sumter
 OL – Jarret Butzer Thomas Sumter
 OL – JD Burroughs Laurence Manning
 AP – Mason Warren Thomas Sumter
 PK – Mills Herlong Wilson Hall

DEFENSE
 DL – Brad Goodson Laurence Manning
 DL – Nathan Harris Wilson Hall
 DL – Graham Campbell Thomas Sumter
 LB – Mitchell Matthews Wilson Hall
 LB – Wells Robinson Clarendon Hall
 LB – Grayson Gamble Laurence Manning
 LB – Hunter McGee Robert E. Lee
 LB – DaQavion Miller Clarendon Hall
 DB – Patterson Saverance Robert E. Lee
 DB – Jake Jordan Laurence Manning
 DB – Christian Olson Robert E. Lee
 DB – Landon VanPatten Wilson Hall

HONORABLE MENTION
 Ayden Allen, Thomas Sumter; Bobby Ashba, Clarendon Hall; Garrett Killins Jr., Laurence Manning; Henry Black, Laurence Manning; Justus Boone, Laurence Manning; Even Boyd, Clarendon Hall; Burgess Jordan, Laurence Manning; Jackson Lee, Laurence Manning; Britton Morris, Laurence Manning; Jarrett Poole, Thomas Sumter; Kodi Reaves, Laurence Manning; Landen Rose, Thomas Sumter; Chandler Scott, Wilson Hall.

nine interceptions and 42 tackles, while Olson had 91 tackles, including five for loss. Jordan had 61 tackles, four TFLs and three interceptions. VanPatten had 37 tackles with two picks on defense. He rushed for 336 yards and three scores and caught 12 passes for 285 yards and three TDs on offense.

TIGERS

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NO. 2 ALABAMA (14-1)

2019 opener: vs. Duke in Atlanta.
 Gone: DT Quinnen Williams-x; OT Jonah Williams-x; S-Deionte Thompson.
 Back: QB Tua Tagovailoa; WR Jerry Jeudy; LB Dylan Moses.
 Heat check: The beat goes on in Tuscaloosa.

NO. 3 OHIO STATE (13-1)

2019 opener: vs. Florida Atlantic.
 Gone: QB Dwayne Haskins; DT Dre'Mont Jones; WR Parris Campbell.
 Back: RB J.K. Dobbins; DE Chase Young; S Jordan Fuller.
 Heat check: Hello, QB Justin Fields, transferring from Georgia. The post-Urban Meyer era should start in the top five.

NO. 4 OKLAHOMA (12-2)

2019 opener: vs. Houston.
 Gone: QB Kyler Murray; QB Marquise Brown; OT Cody Ford.
 Back: WR CeeDee Lamb; RB Trey Sermon; C Creed Humphrey.
 Heat check: Big losses on offense. The Sooners are likely to be ranked behind Texas among Big 12 teams.

NO. 5 NOTRE DAME (12-1)

2019 opener: at Louisville.
 Gone: CB Julian Love; LB Te'von Coney; DL Jerry Tillery.
 Back: QB Ian Book; DE Julian Okwara; DE Khalid Kareem.
 Heat check: No reason the Irish shouldn't start in the top 10, though the lopsided loss to Clemson might give voters some pause.

NO. 6 LSU (10-3)

2019 opener: vs. Georgia Southern.
 Gone: CB Greedy Williams; LB Devin White-x; RB Nick Brossette.
 Back: S Grant Delpit; CB Kelvin Jo-

seph; QB Joe Burrow.
 Heat check: The Tigers are a top-10 team, but still need more consistent play out of quarterback.

NO. 7 (TIE) FLORIDA (10-3)

2019 opener: vs. Miami in Orlando, Florida.
 Gone: DE Jachai Polite; S Chauncey Gardner-Johnson; RB Jordan Scarlett.
 Back: QB Feleipe Franks; S Brad Stewart; CB C.J. Henderson.
 Heat check: Gators looked ahead of schedule in year one under Dan Mullen and could start next season borderline top-10.

NO. 7 (TIE) GEORGIA (11-3)

2019 opener: at Vanderbilt.
 Gone: CB Deandre Baker; DE Jonathan Ledbetter; LB D'Andre Walker.
 Back: QB Jake Fromm; RB D'Andre Swift; S Richard LeCounte.
 Heat check: The Bulldogs should be loaded again to make another run at Alabama in the SEC, starting in the

top five.

NO. 9 TEXAS (9-4)

2019 opener: vs. Louisiana Tech.
 Gone: DE Charles Omenihu, LB Gary Johnson; RB Tre Watson.
 Back: QB Sam Ehlinger; S B.J. Foster; WR Collin Johnson.

Heat check: The Longhorns could start next season in the top 10 and actually deserve it.

NO. 10 WASHINGTON STATE (11-2)

2019 opener: vs. New Mexico State.
 Gone: QB Gardner Minshew II; RB James Williams; OT Andre Dillard.
 Back: S Skyler Thomas; Davontavean Martin; RB Max Borghi.
 Heat check: The Cougars will have to prove it with a new quarterback, but there is a lot coming back that could get them ranked in the high teens.

NO. 11 UCF (12-1)

2019 opener: vs. Florida A&M.
 Gone: WR Dredrick Snelson; LB Pat

Jasinski; DE Titus Davis.
 Back: RB Greg McRae; WR Gabriel Davis; RB Adrian Killins Jr.
 Heat check: The health of QB McKenzie Milton (leg) will determine where the Knights will be ranked in the preseason.

NO. 12 KENTUCKY (10-3)

2019 opener: vs. Toledo.
 Gone: OLB Josh Allen; RB Benny Snell; OG Bunchy Stallings.
 Back: QB Terry Wilson; WR Lynn Bowden; OLB Jamar Watson.
 Heat check: The Wildcats were building to this season and are likely to fall back next. They might sneak into the bottom of the preseason rankings.

MORE TO THE STORY

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OBITUARIES

DOLLY A. LESANE

Dolly A. Lesane, affectionately known as "Ann," 61, was born on April 12, 1957, to the late Elizabeth "Carrie Lee" Mickens and Jessie Joe of Lee County. She departed this life on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019.

Ann was a graduate of Ashwood Central High School. She was well known throughout the community as a talkative, loving and good-hearted person who could always make you smile. Ann touched many people with her memorable jokes.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, David Lesane of Sumter; her precious children, David (Tamika) Lesane of Bishopville, Frederick Lesane of Philadelphia and Teresa (Lakean) Joe of Mayesville; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nine brothers, James, Lonell and David Mickens, James (Pauline) Pearson, Ray Pearson, Sammie Pearson, Lonnie (Stephanie) Stuckey, Henry

Pearson and Paul Bracey; 10 sisters, Shirley Simon, Mary Johnson, Georgia Martin, Essie (Thomas) Baker, Etta Mickens, Patricia (Willie) Johnson, Angela (Richard) Century, Edna Scott, Lucille Baker and Daruis Bracey; one great-aunt, Viola Wilson; a special sister-in-law, Alberta Ruffin; a goddaughter, Grace Isaac; five sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baxter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her stepfather, James Mickens; siblings, Gloria Johnson, Leroy Pearson, Herbert Pearson, Helen Pearson, Lucius Johnson and Henry Martin; two aunts; three uncles; and a mother-in-law.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. at Mechanicsville United Methodist Church, 184 Lake Ashwood Road, Sumter, SC 29153 with

the Rev. Annie H. Sistrunk, pastor, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the home of her daughter, 129 Bell Road, Mayesville, SC 29104.

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

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

DARREN A. KNIGHT SR.

Darren Anthony Knight Sr., age 53, died on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, at his home in Sumter, surrounded by his family.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Maria; children, Daren Knight Jr. of Lamar, McKenzie Knight of Sumter and Tiffany Barrett DuBose of Sumter; three grandchildren, Peyton Whitaker, Christopher Knight and Grayden DuBose; one sister, Maria Knight Davis and her husband, Mike, of Clinton; one brother, Frank Knight and his wife, Lisa, of Sumter; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at 2210 Lloyd Drive, Sumter, SC 29154.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the home, 2210 Lloyd Drive,

Sumter, SC 29154.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to Agape Hospice for the wonderful care they provided.

Memorials can be made to the ALS Foundation or to the Agape Foundation.

Obituary courtesy of Bullock Funeral Home, 1190 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150.



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HELEN MAE COOKE

Helen Mae Cooke, of Sumter, age 94, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, at Teays Valley Center in Hurricane, West Virginia, following a stroke while visiting West Virginia.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1924, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, she was a daughter of Byrne and Pearl Long. She grew up during the Depression in Richwood, West Virginia, where she met her husband, Phillip Cooke, while he worked nearby in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Marrying prior to his departure for U.S. Army service in World War II, they remained married for 50 years, until his death in 1993. They made homes in Dunbar, Charleston and St. Albans, West Virginia, and eventually Sumter and Port St. Lucie, Florida, in retirement. Helen never met a stranger. Her laugh was boisterous. She loved fishing, quilting, canning, candy making, flirting, deer hunting and eating ramps.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her husband's 12 siblings and their spouses; her four siblings and their spouses; and three sons, Wayne (Larisa) Cook, Gary Cooke and John Cooke.

She is survived by her son, Jim (Dianne) Cooke of Woodville, Alabama; daughters, Pam (Corky Currie) Cooke of Hurricane and Michelle (John) Nichols of Columbia; along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Helen was buried at Grandview Memorial Park in Dunbar, West Virginia, in a family plot.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Blessed Assurance Outreach Ministries, 104 S. Sumter St., Sumter, SC 29150.

WILLIAM DOW HARRINGTON

MANNING — William Dow Harrington, 87, husband of Maudie Gene Richburg Harrington, died on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, at his residence.

Born on July 24, 1931, in Manning, he was a son of the late Loranzo Dow Harrington and Smytheann Robinson Harrington. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Manning, where he taught Sunday school and served on the deacon board. He was the chairman of the permanent board of trustees for Brewington Church; served on the Clarendon County Soil and Water Conservation District, where he was past chairman; and was active in the Farm Bureau organization on the local and state levels. He was a former FFA counselor; was a recipient of the Young Farmer of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award from Farm Bureau. He was most proud of being a founding member of the Christian Academy and served on its board of trustees for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years; a son, William Dow Harrington Jr. of Manning; a daughter, Evelyn Ann Harrington Mathis of Columbia; three grandchildren, Ashley Gene Harrington Arce (E.J.), Amanda Leigh Mathis and William Blackwood Mathis; three great-grandchildren, Gabriel Shea Thompson, Eric Jorah Arce and Judah Alexander Arce; and a sister, Sarah Bell Dick (Truett) of Summerton.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Eugene Harrington.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at First Baptist Church of Manning with the Rev. Phillip Reynolds officiating. Burial will follow at Brewington Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Teen Challenge, P.O. Box 1437, Georgetown, SC 29442 or Brewington Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Patti McElveen, 895 Pleasant Grove Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

The family would like to thank Lynne and Regency

Hospice for all of their loving care and attention.

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

NORA LEE R. WRIGHT

Nora Lee Richardson Wright, 79, wife of Herbert Wright, entered into perpetual rest on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, in Richmond, Virginia.

She was born on Jan. 4, 1940, a daughter of the late Rev. Joseph and Maybelle

Holmes Richardson and Carrie Addison Richardson (step-mother). Nora Lee was joined in holy matrimony to Herbert Wright on Nov. 1, 1958, upon graduating from Lincoln High School Class of 1958. This union continued on until her death. Nora Lee was a faithful member of Mechanicsville United Methodist Church, where she joined at an early age, trained in biblical knowledge and was baptized. Upon relocating from Sumter to New York City, she joined Brownsville Community Baptist Church, where she served faithfully before migrating to Virginia. While in Virginia, she joined First Union Baptist Church and remained faithful until her passing. She retired from NYNEX (Bell Phone Co.) in 1996 as an executive assistant.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 60 years, Herbert Wright of the home; two sons, Alfred (Barbara) of Upper Dublin, Pennsylvania, and Curtis (Suzanne) of Wake Forest, North Carolina; six loving grandchildren, Eric (Sandra) Wright, Nathan, Bria, Nile, Candace and Masai; one great-grandson, Jayden; one brother, Joseph "Bubba" Richardson of Sumter; two sisters, Dorothy "Dot" of Baltimore and Tena Richardson of Sumter; nieces, Pam Bullock-Crowell and Olivia Richardson; nephews, Brian and Rodney Richardson and David Richardson Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

In addition to her parents, Nora Lee was preceded in death by a brother, David; two sisters, Maggie and Earline "Mookey" Richardson; and her father and mother-in-law, Nathan and Eva Wright.

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

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

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150 with the Rev. Earthlee Reed officiating and the Rev. Joshua Dupree Jr. eulogist. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

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

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

ROSA MAE PACK SMITH

Mother Rosa Mae Pack Smith was born on April 11, 1942, in Sumter. She departed this earthly life quietly, peacefully and suddenly on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, surrounded by her daughters at Palmetto Heart Hospital in Columbia.

Mother Smith was a daughter of the late Moses and Lucille Singleton Pack. She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. Mother Smith was married to the late Hercules Smith Sr. and to this union they were blessed with four loving and devoted children. She was a lifelong, dedicated member of Enon Missionary Baptist Church, where she served faithfully on the senior ushers, women's missionary and the Petals and Pearls Ministries. She was also a devoted member and participant in Sunday church school.

Her memories will be cherished and lived on through three daughters, Diannia Smith (Johnnie) Grinnell,

Anita Smith and Dr. Vanessa Smith-Canty, all of Sumter; five grandchildren, Sgt. 1st Class Tajuana (Anthony) Davis of Fort Washington, Maryland, Johnnie (Angela) Grinnell and Brittany Smith, both of Sumter, Brittany Moses of Columbia and Ivory D. Canty Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina; seven great-grandchildren, Shemar Frazier, Jashawn Grinnell, Peyton Grinnell, Haven Alston, Breyon Moses, Jahleah Eutsey and Ava Davis; one sister, Bernice (Isaiah) Anderson of Baltimore; one brother, Russell (Viola) Pack of Sumter; two sisters-in-law, Sally Sumpter and Bernice Brunson, both of Sumter; three brothers-in-law, Leroy (Margurite) of Sumter, John Henry (Bessie) Smith Jr. and Kizer Dukes of Brooklyn, New York; four aunts, Cora Lee Pack, Delilah Singleton and Elouise Scott, all of Sumter, and Shirley Brown of Connecticut; one uncle, Clement Couch of Wilmington, Delaware; nieces and nephews, Irene (Terrance) Lewis, Lisa Pack, Dwayne Jones, Russell McPherson, Steven White and Brian Singleton; three special cousins, George Smith, Jackie Hampton and the Rev. Eleanor Walker; and two wonderful best friends, Pastor Connie Walker and Kathy Wilson.

Mother Smith was preceded in death by a son, Hercules Smith Jr.; and granddaughter, Toshia Ann Grinnell.

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

Mother Smith will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday at Enon Missionary Baptist Church, 2990 Pinewood Road, Sumter, SC 29154 with Pastor Julie Ann Hayes, eulogist, and Minister Stanley E. Hayes Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Cain Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 4745 Moses Lane, Sumter, SC 29154.

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TOMICKA Y. ELEY-MADDOX

Tomicka Y. Eley-Maddox was born on Feb. 26, 1972, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to Georgie Eley and the late Joseph Eley Jr. She was also the granddaughter of the late Janie B. Ford Singleton.

On Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, in Sumter, God dispatched an angel from heaven to transport his daughter from her earthly charge to her heavenly home.

Tomicka was a funny, vibrant and amazing soul that no one could forget if they'd ever met her. She received her academics foundation from Hillside Elementary and High School in Hillside, New Jersey. She also attended Rutgers College for two years. Her love of helping and caring for others led to working in home healthcare. In 2005, she moved to Columbia and also stayed in West Columbia, until 2016. In October 2016, she moved to Sumter to care for her mother and continue her love of healthcare.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her mother, Georgie Eley; her grandfather, William Singleton; a brother, Joseph Eley III; three children, Malaysia Maddox, Charles "CeeJay" Maddox Jr. and NaFiz Sims; five grandchildren, Ka'Mari, Khalil, Amir, DJ and Ava; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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

Mrs. Eley-Maddox will be placed in the church at noon on Sunday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Dr. Otis Butler Jr. officiating.

The family will receive friends at the home, 110 Laurel St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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of arrangements.

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JAMES LAWSON SR.

PINEWOOD — James Lawson Sr., 85, died on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019.

He was a son of the late Tom and Helen Mitchell Lawson.

Wake services will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. today at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

Funeral services for Mr. Lawson will be held at noon on Saturday at Liberty Hill AME Church, Summerton, with the Rev. Robert L. China Jr., pastor, officiating, and the Rev. Lawrence Myers Sr., Bishop Powell Hampton and the Rev. Theola Parker assisting. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 1377 Orange Drive, Pinewood.

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

JENNIFER LYNN M. PILLSBURY

Jennifer Lynn Mood Pillsbury, age 52, widow of Jon Pillsbury, died on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Jennifer was born in Sumter, a daughter of Robert Ashleigh

Mood (Lynn) and Arnicia Miller Snethen. Jennifer loved Clemson with a passion. She coached baseball for the Parks and Recreation Department. She attended every game her boys played, until her health failed. She considered the other baseball players as her extended family. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to her parents are her children, Ashleigh Blair Alligood, Robert Thomas "Tommy" Pillsbury and Travis Jennings Pillsbury of the home; one sister, Leigh Benenhaley and her husband, Sonny; and a special nephew to her, Cole Benenhaley.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Sammy Thompson officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Cole Benenhaley, Robert Benenhaley, Trent Frye, David Frey, Tucker Chapman, Ross Connor, Johnathon Barkley and Austin Barkley.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at Bullock Funeral Home and other times at the home of her mother.

Memorials may be made to Lakewood High School, c/o Jennifer Pillsbury Baseball Program, Attention: Bookkeeping, 350 Old Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**DAVID H. WRIGHT JR.**

David H. Wright Jr., 42, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019.

He was born on Oct. 14, 1976, in Morristown, New Jersey, a son of Joseph E. and Carol A. (Wright) Kuback and the late David H. Wright Sr. He was originally from East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and had been a residential landscaper in Manning for the last 15 years. David lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures: spending time with friends and family, watching his favorite sports teams and using his outdoor grill. He had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way.

Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Florence National Cemetery, Florence.

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

Wright; his brothers, Shawn Kuback, Jonathan Wright and Timothy Wright; nieces, Amanda Wright and Kayla Nussbaum; nephew, Brandon Kuback; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Celebration of Life service will be scheduled for April in Pennsylvania.

RANDY LEE SCRIVEN

Randy Lee Scriven, 58, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019.

Born on Aug. 20, 1960, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Joseph and Geraldine Scriven.

Funeral services for Randy Lee Scriven will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral Home with Brother James Robertson giving words of comfort. Burial will follow immediately afterward at Bradford Cemetery.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. today in the chapel of Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral Home.

The family will also receive relatives and friends at his home, 27 Hospital Circle.

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

SHAROL ANN N. PATRICK

Sharol Ann Nash Patrick, age 74, beloved wife of 56 years to John Thomas Patrick, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**DANNY EUGENE EPLING**

DALZELL — Danny Eugene Epling, age 63, beloved husband of 35 years to Nancy Regina Wyant Epling, died on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**BETTY DWYER**

Betty Dwyer, 83, departed this life on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, at Palmetto Health Richard in Columbia.

She was born on March 15, 1935, in Bishopville, a daughter of the late Dock and Sarah Williams Clavon.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 6 p.m. daily at the home, 214 Brown St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

CORA LEE PACK

Cora Lee Pack, 100, widow of Luley Pack, departed this life on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

She was born on May 1, 1918, in Sumter County, a daughter of the late Lewis and Carrie Wilder Singleton.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 7 p.m. daily at the home, 2620 Yank Haven Drive, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

ROBERT CARL WELLS

Robert Carl Wells, husband of Deloris Luckey Wells, entered eternal rest on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, at Regency Hospital, Florence.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the residence, 52 Blacksmith Lane, Elliott.

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

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Lee Central High School Auditorium, 1800 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, with Overseer Deborah Thomas officiating and the Rev. Lee Johnson eulogist.

Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Florence National Cemetery, Florence.

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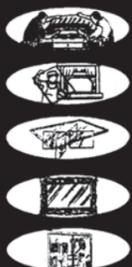
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IN BRIEF

Pennsylvania school district delays move to arm teachers

School board members in Pennsylvania have voted to postpone a policy allowing teachers to carry guns in school. In a 2-1 vote Tuesday evening, the Tamaqua school board's Security Committee says it will suspend the implementation of the policy pending a court hearing on its validity.

Teachers and parents have filed lawsuits against the policy.

Judge sees no reason to delay Los Angeles teachers strike

A Los Angeles judge found no reason to delay an expected teachers strike against the nation's second-largest school district.

Superior Court Judge Mary Strobel ruled Thursday on the issue of whether United Teachers Los Angeles had given legally proper notice of a strike to the Los Angeles Unified School District. After the ruling, the district said it's willing to negotiate "around the clock" to avoid a walkout. The union initially set the strike to begin Thursday but delayed it until Monday while awaiting the court ruling.

Norovirus outbreak sickens 277 on Oasis of the Seas cruise ship

Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas is returning to a Florida port a day early and giving passengers full refunds of their fare after 277 guests and crew members were hit with an outbreak of Norovirus as it sailed to Jamaica.

Cruise line spokesman Owen Torres said the ship will return Saturday to Port Canaveral. It sailed from there Sunday on a seven-day Caribbean cruise. Torres said returning a day early gives the cruise line "more time to completely clean and sanitize the ship" before it sails again.

Man sentenced to 10 years for cyberattack on Boston hospital

A man was sentenced to more than 10 years in prison for attacking the computer network of a hospital in Boston to protest the treatment of a teenager at the center of a high-profile custody battle. U.S. District Judge Nathaniel Gorton sentenced Martin Gottesfeld on Thursday after rebuking the man's actions and lack of remorse in the attack on Boston Children's Hospital and a residential treatment facility. Gorton called Gottesfeld's crimes "contemptible, invidious and loathsome."

Congo's questionable election result spurs no major protests

Congo appeared ready to achieve its first peaceful transfer of power after the surprise victory Thursday of opposition candidate Felix Tshisekedi, despite signs that a rival opposition leader won in a landslide.

There were no major protests in the capital and limited violence elsewhere. Tshisekedi's win would end President Joseph Kabila's turbulent rule.

From staff and wire reports

No deal as Trump plays to his base

Shutdown unpopular with most, but Republicans back him

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Republican Texas Sens. John Cornyn, left, and Ted Cruz join President Donald Trump at the border Thursday. EVAN VUCCI/AP



Susan Page
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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — You might assume a government shutdown that is about to set an unwelcome record and is being battled over funding for a border wall most Americans oppose, just might leave President Donald Trump itching to make a deal.

You would be wrong.

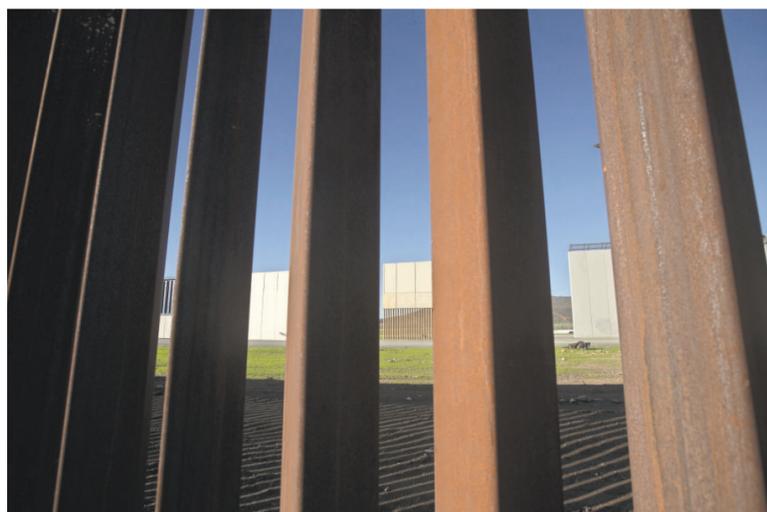
In a combative exchange with reporters Thursday as he left the White House for a day trip to Texas, wearing a campaign "Make America Great Again" hat, Trump denounced as dishonorable the Democratic leaders who would have to negotiate any agreement. He accused his opponents of not caring about violent crime and national security. And while he said the word "compromise," he gave no indication that he was actu-

ally willing to give an inch on his demand for funding the wall.

Trump attributes his spectacular rise in politics to the shrewdness of his gut, the power of his bluster, and his command of a devoted core of supporters. Even though those are the instincts that have led him into an impasse with no clear exit, they are still the priorities he extols.

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Pentagon prepares wall options



Prototype wall samples along the U.S. border with Tijuana, Mexico.

SANDY HUFFAKER/GETTY IMAGES

Design work can proceed if emergency declared

Tom Vanden Brook
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is preparing options to build barriers on the southern border in the event that President Donald Trump declares a national emergency there, the latest indication such a move is gaining traction within the administration.

"The Department of Defense is reviewing available authorities and funding mechanisms to identify options to enable border barrier construction," said Navy Capt. Bill Speaks, a Pentagon spokesman. "As there has not been such

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Postal Service puts its stamp on rate hikes

Kristin Lam
USA TODAY

The U.S. Postal Service will leave 50-cent forever stamps behind on Jan. 27, increasing their price by 5 cents.

While 2019 post office price changes vary by mailing service, the fees rolling out the last Sunday of the month will increase prices by 2.5 percent.

The most notable changes:

■ **First-class mail letter (1 oz.) will go up to 55 cents:** The nickel increase is the largest percentage rise since 1991, when postage rose from 25 to 29 cents.

■ **Additional letter ounce costs will**

decrease: Each additional ounce will drop from 21 cents to 15. A 2-ounce letter, a wedding invitation's typical weight, will cost 70 cents instead of 71.

■ **Priority Mail prices will jump by 5.9 percent on average:** A small box that previously cost \$7.20 will rise to \$7.90, while a medium box will jump from \$13.65 to \$14.35.

■ **Priority Mail Express fees will increase 3.9 percent:** Those looking to ship an envelope ASAP can expect to pay \$25.50 instead of \$24.70.

Postcards will remain 35 cents.

The Postal Service lost \$3.9 billion in 2018, attributing the losses to drops in

mail volume and the costs of pensions and health care. It marked the 12th year in a row the agency reported a loss despite growth in package shipping.

Taxes do not fund the agency. The USPS runs on the sale of its products and services.

"We will take all appropriate actions within our control to ensure that we can continue to fulfill our primary mission to provide prompt, reliable and efficient service to American businesses and consumers in all communities in our country," Postmaster General and CEO Megan J. Brennan said in a statement.

Contributing: The Associated Press

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He bragged not about progress toward resolving the standoff but about the unity of Republicans behind him in standing firm, although a few GOP senators have expressed concern about the extended shutdown. It is poised to become the longest in history on Saturday. “They all want to see something happen, but there are extremely united, and I don’t think I have ever seen unity like this in the Republican Party,” he declared. “It’s really a beautiful thing to see.”

That said, the costs and complications of the partial government shutdown continue to increase, with security lines getting longer at some airports, trash piling up at national parks and 800,000 federal workers about to miss a paycheck Friday. A Politico/



Crowds gather Thursday outside the Washington headquarters of the AFL-CIO to protest the furlough of government workers. HANNAH GABER/USA TODAY

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Morning Consult poll released this week showed Trump bearing the brunt of the blame: About half of the Americans held the president responsible; a third blamed congressional Democrats.

Among Republicans surveyed, the blame went to Democrats by almost 5-1. Trump’s rating within his party actually ticked up a few percentage points higher than before the shutdown, with 84 percent expressing approval of the job he’s doing as president.

Since his inauguration, Trump has made more efforts to hold the support of those who voted for him than he has to expand his appeal to those who didn’t. That helps explain his unyielding stance now in a standoff that would have prompted most of his predecessors to seek a settlement and move on.

“By all objective standards, it’s all downside for him – except for one,” Mo Elleithee, a veteran Democratic strategist and executive director of Georgetown University’s Institute of Politics and Public Service, said in an interview. “That’s his base. His base is loving it. They’re eating it up, and it’s increasingly clear that’s all he cares about. Anything else is irrelevant.”

Thursday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi tweaked congressional Republicans for that unity, for refusing to break with

Trump on this or just about anything else. “Did you take an oath to the Constitution or to Donald Trump?” she asked. Then she warned Trump that he could put his partisan solidarity at risk if he delivers on his threat to declare a state of emergency as a way of bypassing Congress for wall funds.

“I think the president will have problems on his own side of the aisle for exploiting the situation in a way that enhances his power,” she said, a reference to concerns expressed by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and other Republicans that future Democratic presidents would also feel empowered by use emergency declarations to pursue policy goals. “I think he’s going to have to answer to his own party on usurping that much power.”

On Day 20, the end of the shutdown seemed to be getting further away. Pelosi didn’t signal any willingness to relent in the Democrats’ refusal to approve funding for a wall. In a tweet, Trump blamed “Democrats intransigence” as he announced he was canceling a trip to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, because of the shutdown, a sign he thinks it may well not be settled by then.

His departure was set for Jan. 21 — when the shutdown would hit Day 31.

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a declaration made, it would be inappropriate to comment further on those efforts.”

The confirmation of the preparations comes after Trump on Thursday gave his most explicit warning yet that he was considering a declaration of a national emergency as a way of freeing up funds for a border wall if talks with Democrats fail to yield a deal on his signature issue.

Trump’s declaration of an emergency at the southern border would allow the Army Corps of Engineers to design barriers and allow contracts to build them. Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, who commands the corps, accompanied Trump on his trip Thursday to tour the border in Texas, according to the White House.

Trump on Thursday suggested the declaration could happen at any time. Talks to end the partial shutdown of the federal government between Trump and Democratic leaders fell apart Wednesday over border security.

“If this doesn’t work out, probably I will do it – I would almost say definitely,” Trump said. “We have plenty of funds if there’s a national emergency.”

Vice President Mike Pence told reporters on Capitol Hill Thursday afternoon that Trump is determined to build a wall on the border: “The president believes he has an absolute right to declare a national emergency. The president is going to get this done one way or the other.”

Those funds would come from the Pentagon’s budget for construction projects approved by Congress but not yet spent.

Democrats have vowed to challenge the declaration in court.

“If congressional Republicans go along with this so-called emergency, future presidents will undoubtedly try and make similar end runs around Congress’ constitutional authority,” Sen. Jack Reed, the top Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, said Thursday night. “So I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will take the long view and do what is best for our nation, not just one administration.”

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Kim Jong Un wants another Trump summit

Thomas Maresca
Special to USA TODAY

SEOUL – North Korean leader Kim Jong Un pledged to pursue a second summit with President Donald Trump “to achieve results that will be welcomed by the international community,” Chinese state media reported Thursday.

Kim reiterated his commitment to denuclearization, according to the report by Xinhua News Agency, which followed his meeting this week with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

“The DPRK will continue sticking to the stance of denuclearization and resolving the Korean Peninsula issue through dialogue and consultation,” Xinhua quoted Kim as saying. (The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is the official name of North Korea.)

Momentum is building toward another meeting between Trump and Kim. Last weekend, Trump said negotiations had begun over a location for their summit, and the result would be announced “in the not-too-distant future.”

Thursday, South Korean President Moon Jae-in predicted that a second North Korean-U.S. summit would “take place soon.”

He made the remark during a major policy address for the upcoming year. He said Kim would visit Seoul and the meetings would be “turning points that will firmly solidify peace on the Korean Peninsula.”

Kim’s trip to Beijing this week may be another signal that a summit may come soon. The North Korean leader visited China before and after his first summit with Trump last June in Singapore.

China remains North Korea’s closest ally and most important trading partner. It accounts for 90 percent of North Korean exports since 2000, according to a report from the Korea Development Institute.

Xi said China hopes North Korea and the U.S. will “meet each other halfway,” according to the Xinhua report.

“Political settlement of the (Korean)



Last year’s summit between Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump resulted in promises but few specifics. EVAN VUCCI/AP

Peninsula issue faces a rare historic opportunity,” Xi said during Kim’s two-day visit to Beijing.

The North Korean dictator’s 36th birthday was celebrated at a banquet with the Chinese president Tuesday, according to Xinhua. Kim visited a pharmaceutical plant that produces Chinese traditional medicine before he returned to North Korea by private train Wednesday.

South Korean newspapers reported this week that the communist nation of Vietnam is being considered as a site to host the next Trump-Kim summit.

The Munhwa Ilbo reported that officials from the United States and North Korea met in Hanoi to discuss scheduling the meeting, and the Korea Herald reported that Vietnam wants to host the summit in the coastal city of Danang.

A second Trump-Kim summit would seek to push forward a diplomatic process that has stalled out since their meeting in June in Singapore.

That meeting produced a declaration that North Korea would work toward a “complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula,” but details on timing and the meaning of the agreement remain vague.

Pyeongyang looks for relief from punishing international sanctions while Washington holds out for complete denuclearization first, sticking to its “maximum pressure” strategy on the economic and diplomatic fronts.

Trump reiterated this weekend that sanctions would remain “in full force” until North Korea provided “very positive proof” of results.

American teen accused of fighting for ISIS in Syria

John Bacon
USA TODAY

An American teen was among eight Islamic State militants captured in Syria by U.S.-backed Kurds during a military operation this week, the Kurdish People’s Defense Units (YPG) said.

Soulay Noah Su, also known as Abu Souleiman al-Amriki, was nabbed by a special operations team near Hajin, Syria, a city of about 40,000 where the militia has been driving out cells of the Islamic State, also known as ISIS. The U.S. State Department said it was aware of the reports but had no comment.

“We know that the terrorists are planning attacks to slow down the progress of our forces by attacking civilians as a last resort,” the YPG said in a statement.

The other seven people captured were from Russia, Ukraine, Germany, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and two from Uzbekistan.

YPG forces are holding three Americans among hundreds of Islamic State fighters the militia captured in sweeps through eastern Syria. Islamic State forces have been battered in recent months, and President Donald Trump stirred controversy when he announced the United States would pull out of the region.

The timeline for withdrawal has grown murky as GOP congressional leaders and national security officials urge a longer-term commitment to Kurdish fighters in the area. Turkey pledged to press military operations against the Kurds, whom the Turks view as terrorists. The Kurds have been solid U.S. partners in the fight against the Islamic State.

Thursday, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu stressed Turkey’s determination to carry out military operations against the YPG, saying his nation’s “anti-terror commitment” is not dependent on U.S. decisions.

NEWS

'Let me work,' protesters say during march

Payday comes Friday, but paycheck doesn't

John Bacon and Marina Pitofsky
USA TODAY

Federal workers and their supporters rallied for their jobs near the White House on Thursday as the partial government shutdown rolled through its third week with no end in sight.

Almost half of the 800,000 civilian federal employees are not working, and even those who are won't be paid until the stalemate is settled. For most, the furlough becomes real Friday when they miss their first payday.

Hundreds of protesters marched near the White House on a sunny but cold and windy day with signs saying, "Let me work for the people," "We want to work" and "Trump: End the shutdown."

Mahasin Mohamed, a security officer for the Smithsonian Institution for seven years, brought a sign that said, "Trump pay my bills or give back our jobs." Lila Johnson, a contracted custodian for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 21 years, said her daughter has helped her out financially.

"It's a struggle," Johnson said. "It's time for them to open the government back up, so people like me ... can go back to work."

IRS employee Horatio Fenton came from Philadelphia to attend the D.C. rally.

"I don't know where the next paycheck is coming from," Fenton said. "I have a mortgage. I have regular, everyday expenses, so I'm very concerned right now."

Federal employees across the nation are feeling the pain. In tiny Arcata, California, single mom Leisyka Lee said she has worked for the Bureau of Land Management for 17 years.

"I live paycheck to paycheck," she said. "I earn a living wage when I work. I love my job, and I just want to get back to work."

In Madison, Wisconsin, Carl Houtman has spent the past 21 years working for the Forest Service. The chemical engineer said he is the primary wage earner for his family of four, including two in college.

"Guess what happens this time of year: tuition bills," he said, "property tax, Christmas credit cards. This is absolutely the worst time of year to miss a paycheck."

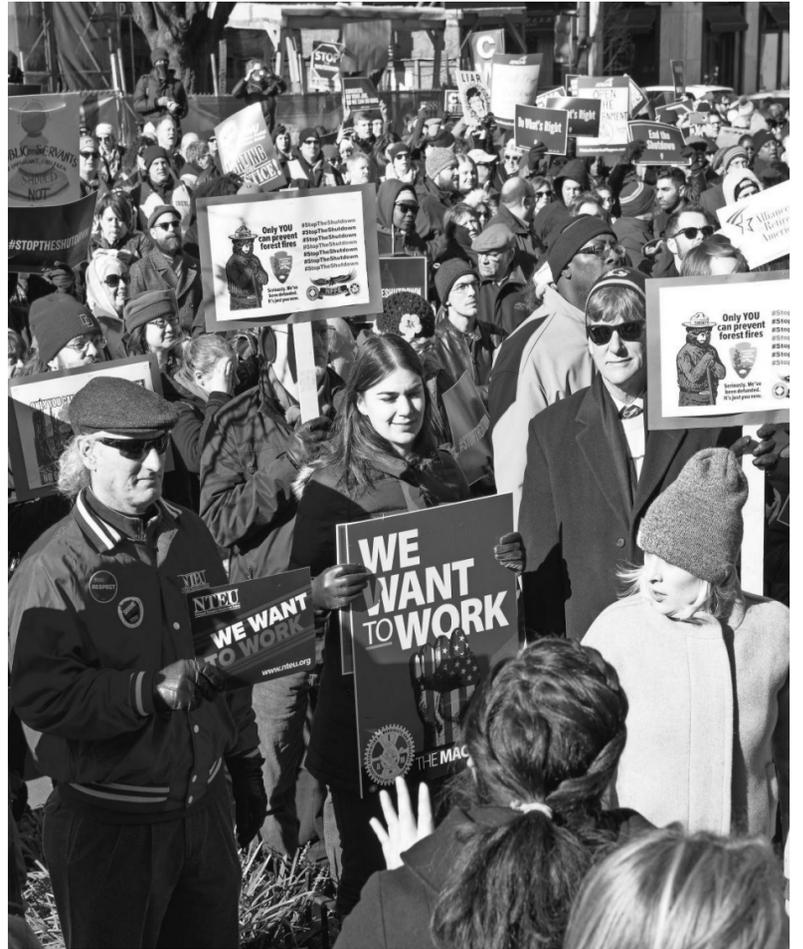
President Donald Trump said he would be willing to keep the shutdown going for a year or more if Democrats don't yield to his demands for \$5.7 billion toward funding a border wall. Talks broke down Wednesday, and it was unclear when they would restart.

Trump claimed that "most of the people not getting paid are Democrats." He said federal workers support his plans for the wall and his decision to force the shutdown.

"The president has a cavalier attitude because he has no idea what it's like to rely on a regular paycheck," said Steve Lenkart, spokesman for the National Federation of Federal Employees.

Houtman said Trump has a dismissive attitude toward federal workers that dampens their hopes for a quick settlement.

"The whole drumbeat in the conservative media about how federal employees don't really do anything, that we are



Federal workers and supporters protest the federal government shutdown in Washington on Thursday. HANNAH GABER/USA TODAY

not important, it adds to the stress," Houtman said.

Some workers started GoFundMe campaigns, but the Office of Government Ethics warned that standard rules apply. Such donations would probably be considered gifts, and rules for accepting gifts are stringent.

The U.S. Coast Guard posted a tip sheet with a list of suggestions such as holding garage sales, baby-sitting or tutoring to make ends meet. One last option: declaring bankruptcy. The tip sheet was later removed from the agency's website.

The federation, which represents more than 100,000 federal workers, co-

sponsored Thursday's rally. Federal employees marched in other cities as well. In Edison, New Jersey, Edward Guster marched in a crowd of about 300. The EPA scientist noted that workers have not patronized shops and eateries.

"Those local businesses must be feeling that," he said.

Guster said his inability to inspect gas station leaks could lead to contaminated groundwater. Lee, a former firefighter who does education outreach for the Bureau of Land Management, said vegetation fuel reduction work usually performed this time of year across the West is on hold, which could loom large when fire season rolls around.

As Trump visits border, Texans wonder: Where's the crisis?

Rick Jervis
USA TODAY

MCALLEN, Texas – People and businesses across this border city reflected the national debate raging over President Donald Trump's border wall during his visit Thursday.

Protesters favoring the wall and those opposed to new barriers took to the streets as some residents insisted there was no crisis.

Across the street from U.S. Customs and Border Protection's McAllen Station, demonstrators lined the sidewalk.

Anti-Trump protesters inflated a Trump-baby blimp, while the president's supporters chanted, "Build that Wall!"

Eddie Zamora waved a large blue "TRUMP" flag as the Trump-baby blimp floated behind him. He said he supported a wall to secure his community. "I guarantee everybody out here locks their doors at night," he said.

At the Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley Humanitarian Respite Center, which helps immigrants released from federal custody, children rummaged through bins of donated toys, and volunteers handed out oranges. Sister Norma Pimentel, who runs the center, said about 100 migrants were there, down from a daily average of 300 to 500 in December – high for December but lower than previous years.

Pimentel said she doesn't see the criminal migrants Trump warned about in his Oval Office speech Tuesday night and is confident Border Patrol agents and other law enforcement officials keep those criminals from entering the country. The migrants she sees on a daily basis are mostly families fleeing violence in their own countries and seeking a better life in the USA, she said.

Pimentel said she hopes Trump gets a fuller picture of the border situation from his visit. "I'm hopeful he'll better understand the whole reality," she said.

She smiled and added, "He's always welcomed here."

Trump has claimed a security and humanitarian crisis to try to justify his demand for \$5.7 billion to extend the border wall, and the debate has driven



In McAllen, Texas, the Cine El Rey's marquee announces that the border city is ranked as one of the safest in the country. RICK JERVIS/USA TODAY

"I'm hopeful (Trump will) better understand the whole reality. ... He's always welcomed here."

Sister Norma Pimentel, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley

Washington to a partial government shutdown that has dragged on for three weeks. The president walked out of a White House meeting with congressional Democrats Wednesday.

He tweeted Thursday that he gets "great support" for his border wall stance, though opinion polls show otherwise: A Reuters/Ipsos poll found that 35 percent of U.S. adults support a spending bill that includes funding for the wall, and 25 percent support the shutdown.

Trump landed in McAllen Thursday afternoon. He plans to visit portions of the Rio Grande and is scheduled to receive briefings at each stop from Border

Patrol agents.

McAllen is one of the largest cities along the U.S.-Mexican border, where 140,000 people live directly across the Rio Grande from the Mexican city of Reynosa, where 670,000 people live. Thousands cross the border each day.

Tony Torres, 50, said a lot of people in McAllen support Trump and his policies but are afraid to speak out in the heavily Latino and Democratic city.

"We need border security," Torres said, holding a "Latinos for Trump" sign. "We have a lot of illegals coming over the border, a lot of drugs coming over. And it needs to stop."

A few yards away on the same street corner, protesters waved signs denouncing the wall and Trump.

"How dare he come to our valley, when he doesn't like our people?" said Blanca Silva, 68, a retired teacher.

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Pelosi: Trump prefers 'soap opera' over serious talks

Michael Collins, John Fritze and David Jackson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – House Speaker Nancy Pelosi accused President Donald Trump on Thursday of preferring a "soap opera" instead of serious discussions about a border wall funding and ending a partial government shutdown.

"I don't even know if the president wants the wall," she said. "I think he just wants the debate on the wall."

The California Democrat told reporters that she believes a Wednesday negotiating session between the White House and congressional leaders that ended abruptly with Trump walking out of the room was nothing more than "a set-up."

"Not only was the president un-presidential in his behavior – I think the meeting was set up so he could walk out," she said.

Democrats are willing to negotiate to end the shutdown, but "we don't want to be a backdrop for the president to stomp the table and get up and walk out," she said. "I think he thought we would stay there when he left. He got up, and we got up."

With the government shutdown – now the second longest in U.S. history – in its 20th day, Trump headed to Texas on Thursday in an effort to promote his long-promised wall and again threatened to declare a national emergency if Democrats don't agree to his demand for more wall funding.

"If this doesn't work out, probably I will do it – I would almost say definitely," Trump said. "We have plenty of funds if there's a national emergency."

Pelosi also said the Democrats will wait and see if Trump does in fact declare a national emergency, though she added that some Republicans would likely object to that move.

"I think he's going to have to answer to his own party on usurping that much power," she said.

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AMC	48	180	(6:00) **** "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together.	*** "Scarface" (1983, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer, Steven Bauer. A Cuban immigrant fights to the top of Miami's drug trade.									
ANPL	41	100	The Vet Life "Fly, Miss Thang, Fly"	The Vet Life "Miracle Puppies"	Hanging With the Hendersons		The Vet Life "Emergency Engine Cat"		The Vet Life "Little Dog, Big Problem"		Hendersons		
BET	61	162	blackish "THE Word"	blackish "R-E-S-P-E-C-T"	blackish "Dr. Hell No"	blackish "The Prank King"	*** "Waiting to Exhale" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Whitney Houston, Angela Bassett, Lela Rochon. Four Phoenix women bond while pursuing romance.		Carl Weber's The Family Business				
BRAVO	47	181	(:12) Married to Medicine Quad makes a shocking accusation.	(:15) Married to Medicine "Reunion Hour" himself. (Part 2 of 3)	Two * Damon defends		(:18) * "Little Fockers" (2010, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. The whole clan arrives for the Focker twins' birthday.		(:24) * "Little Fockers" (2010) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller.				
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank A new dating app.	Deal or No Deal "Flying High"	Deal or No Deal "I'm Dancin' Here"		Shark Tank (DVS)		Shark Tank		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) South Park	(:25) South Park	South Park "South Park Is Gay"	South Park "TSST!"	South Park	South Park "AWE-SOM-O"	** "Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain" (2013, Comedy) Kevin Hart.		James Davis: Live From the Town		Chappelle's Show
DISN	18	200	*** "Moana" (2016, Children's) Voices of a once-mighty demigod and a teen sail across the ocean.	Dwayne Johnson. Premiere. Animated. A		(8:50) Big City Greens (N)		(:20) Raven's Home		(:40) Coop & Cami Ask the World	(:05) Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush Tony hits rock bottom.	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush "Sucker Punch" Rick's wash plant has an issue. (N)		Moonshiners "Backwoods Justice"		Gold Rush			
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (N)		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz. From Vivint Smart Home Arena in Salt Lake City.							
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Wright State at Northern Kentucky. (N) (Live)	High School Basketball		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)					
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night With Shannon Tucker Carlson			
FREE	20	131	(5:00) ** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011)	* "Gods of Egypt" (2016, Fantasy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. Premiere. A mortal forms an alliance with the god Horus to save Egypt.									
FSS	21	47	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Philadelphia 76ers. From Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. (N)	Hawks Postgame		Hawks 4th Quarter		Raceline (N)		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Philadelphia 76ers.			
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Royal Matchmaker" (2018) Bethany Joy Lenz. Will Kemp.	"Love on the Sidelines" (2016, Romance) Emily Kinney, John Reardon, Hayley Sales. Sparks fly between an injured quarterback and his assistant.		"Once Upon a Prince" (2018, Romance-Comedy) Megan Park, Jonathan Keltz, Kayla Wallace. A young woman's beau is secretly a king.		The Golden Girls					
HGTV	39	112	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Dream Home
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "The God Particle"	Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Aliens in Space" Evidence of extraterrestrial contact. (N)									
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Investigating a series of deaths.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Seeking help with an investigation.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation The "Dick & Jane" killer resurfaces.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Nate Haskell kidnaps Langston's ex-wife.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Langston faces off with a serial killer.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
LIFE	50	145	Surviving R. Kelly The singer weds a choreographer.	Surviving R. Kelly "Sex Tape Scandal" An underground sex tape emerges.		Surviving R. Kelly "The People vs. R. Kelly" R. Kelly goes to trial in Chicago.		(:03) Surviving R. Kelly Accusations of keeping girls imprisoned.		(:03) Surviving R. Kelly Women's groups target the singer.		(:12:05) Surviving R. Kelly	
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		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	16	210	Lip Sync Battle	Double Dare (N)		Cousins for Life		SpongeBob		The Office		The Office	
PARMT	64	153	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) ** "Blade: Trinity" (2004, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson, Jessica Biel. Blade and a pair of vampire slayers battle Dracula.	*** "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo. The Avengers reassemble to		Futurama "The Prisoner of Benda"							
TBS	24	156	Bob's Burgers "Two for Tina"	Bob's Burgers "It Snakes a Village"		** "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill. Amy Adams. Batman embarks on a personal vendetta against Superman. (DVS)		** "Step Up 2 the Streets" (2008, Drama) Briana Evigan, Robert Hoffman, Will Kemp. (DVS)					
TCM	49	186	(5:30) **** "8 1/2" (1963, Fantasy) Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale.	*** "Young Mr. Lincoln" (1939, Historical Drama) Henry Fonda, Alice Brady, Marjorie Weaver. Lawyer Abraham Lincoln shines in court.									
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	90 Day Fiancé The couples meet in a dramatic showdown. (N)									
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Man With the Bone" A 300-year-old finger bone.	*** "Boyz n the Hood" (1991, Drama) Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr. Three boys become men in a tough L.A. neighborhood.									
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	Modern Family "Integrity"	Modern Family "Patriot Games"	Modern Family "Crying Out Loud"	Modern Family "American Skyper"	Modern Family "Blindsided" (DVS)	Modern Family "Daddy Issues" (DVS)	Modern Family "Summer Lovin'" (9 p.m., ABC) * "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC).	Modern Family "Summer Lovin'" (9 p.m., ABC) * "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC).	Modern Family "Summer Lovin'" (9 p.m., ABC) * "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC).	Modern Family "Summer Lovin'" (9 p.m., ABC) * "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC).	Modern Family "The Closet Case" (DVS)
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds "The Angel Maker"	Love After Lockup		Love After Lockup (N)		Extreme Love "Adventures; Innovation"		Love After Lockup		Marriage-Stars	
WGNA	8	172	** "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn.	** "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn.		Married ... With							

'Friends From College' returns with very few laughs

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The distinctions between British and American television continue to blur. British TV had been a staple of PBS fare for more than a generation, dating back to the dawn of "Masterpiece Theatre" and the importation of "Monty Python's Flying Circus."

Streaming has accelerated the cross-pollination. As viewers anticipate the third season of "The Crown" on Netflix, few wonder if it's a British show or an American production. Is HBO's "Game of Thrones" American? Much of its cast is from the United Kingdom and it's produced all over the world.

Few actors better represent the blending of American and British sensibilities than Gillian Anderson. Still best known as Agent Dana Scully from "The X-Files," she has lived in London for more than a decade and has appeared frequently on the London stage and in BBC TV productions of "Bleak House" and "Great Expectations," both seen here on PBS, as well as the Belfast-set Netflix detective drama "The Fall."

Now she appears in "Sex Education," streaming today on Netflix. She's Jean, a brutally frank sex therapist whose son, Otis (Asa Butterfield), is mortified by his mother's line of work, her habit of bringing new (younger) lovers to the house and her overall dry, clinical approach to a world of sensuality he has yet to explore.

Set in the 1970s, "Sex" is filled with nudity and bleak, deadpan romps that defy the very notion of joy. It's a grim, British take on rude male adolescent American comedies like "Porky's" and

"American Pie."

Clearly cultural cross-pollination run amok.

Another joyless "comedy" from Netflix, "Friends From College," enters its second season. Keegan-Michael Key, Cobie Smulders and Fred Savage are part of a large ensemble cast of characters, all Harvard grads in their 30s, who can't seem to stay out of each other's lives or bedrooms. "Friends" is hardly the first comedy to explore this territory. At best it's a great example of how "clever" writing can be anything but funny and smart characters everything but likable.

"Friends" unfolds in half-hour dollops, but awkward scenes tend to rattle on for too long, making episodes seem endless.

Amazon Prime imports the six-part thriller "Informant." After a seriously contrived frame-up, a charming rogue, Raza (Nabhaan Rizwan), is given few choices other than becoming a snitch for a police officer, Gabe (Paddy Considine). Set in the world of anti-terrorism, "Informant" was pretty much overshadowed in the U.K. by the huge popularity of "Bodyguard," seen here on Netflix.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Weller mulls a drastic move on "Blindspot" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- The new foreign exchange student has few words for Mike on "Last Man Standing" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG).
- Lesley Ann Warren guest-stars on "The Cool Kids" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Aimless youth scheme to steal rare books in the 2018

heist drama "American Animals" (8 p.m., Cinemax).

- Red's case proves distracting on "The Blacklist" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Desserts prove an obstacle on "Hell's Kitchen" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Rebecca wants to forget her ex-boyfriends on "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- "Great Performances" presents "The Cleveland Orchestra Centennial Celebration" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings), featuring a program of Mozart, Strauss and Ravel.
- Frank requests a mulligan on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- "Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain" (10 p.m., Comedy Central, TV-MA) documents a 2012 stand-up performance.

CULT CHOICE

A movie director (Marcello Mastroianni) ponders his love life and his next picture in the 1963 fantasy "8 1/2" (5:30 p.m., TCM), directed by Federico Fellini, co-starring Claudia Cardinale and Anouk Aimee.

SERIES NOTES

A soccer mom's felonious secret on "MacGyver" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Evan's girlfriend irks Jessica on "Fresh



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Cobie Smulders, left, stars as Lisa Turner and Keegan-Michael Key as Ethan Turner in season two of "Friends From College," now streaming on Netflix.

Off the Boat" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * On two episodes of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (CW, r, TV-14), Brad Sherwood (8 p.m.), Jeff Davis (8:30 p.m.) * J.J. defies Maya on "Speechless" (8:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Grace's accident seems suspicious on "Hawaii Five-0" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * A two-hour "20/20" (9 p.m., ABC) * "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC).

LATE NIGHT

Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson appears on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35

p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Michael B. Jordan, Cobie Smulders and Sean Finnerty on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) is a repeat * John Cena, Rachel Brosnahan, Brian Posehn and Richard Danielson visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Ellen DeGeneres and Patrick Wilson appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	(4:30) NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Kansas City Chiefs. (N) (Live)	America's Got Talent "The Champions One" Champions from around the world compete.	Saturday Night Live "Will Ferrell; Chris Stapleton" From Jan. 27, 2018: Will Ferrell. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live				
WLTX	19	9	9	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	To Be Announced	NCIS: Los Angeles "Cac Tu Nhan" Hetty is being tortured by her captors. (DVS)	48 Hours	48 Hours	News 19 at 11pm (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Sister City: Part Two" Investigating a Russian sleeper agent. (DVS)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Winter Hideaway"	Jeopardy!	The Good Doctor "36 Hours" A married couple must make a choice.	The Good Doctor "Quarantine" The staff races to contain an infection. (Part 1 of 2)	A Million Little Things "christmas wishlist" The gang celebrates Christmas.	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	Wipeout "The Wrecking Family" Contestants run the obstacle course.		
WRJA	27	11	14	Secrets of the Tower of London: Secret rooms in the Tower of London.	Father Brown "The Labyrinth of the Minotaur" Father Brown has to look after a girl.	The Doctor Blake Mysteries "A Good Drop" Blake looks into the death of a farmer.	The Forsyte Saga Irene leaves Soames for good.	Austin City Limits "Residente" Rapper Residente performs. (N)	Bluegrass Underground "Lettuce"			
WACH	57	6	6	The Simpsons (DVS)	NFL on FOX Pre-game (N) (Live)	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Los Angeles Rams. Todd Gurley and the Rams battle against Ezekiel Elliott and the Cowboys in the NFC divisional round. (N) (Live)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	The James Brown Show (N)	Hell's Kitchen Lack of communication causes chaos.			
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Breaking Curfew"	Last Man Standing Mike hires a soccer coach for Eve.	Saving Hope "Remains of the Day" Charlie must explain his actions. (DVS)	Leverage "The Double Blind Job" The team tries to take down a CEO.	The Listener "Crossed" Toby doubts his abilities.	Dateline	Dateline		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 01.04.19"	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 182" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 01.12.19" (N) (Live)	Live PD "Live PD -- 01.12.19" (N) (Live)						
AMC	48	180	(5:30) *** "Planet of the Apes" (2001) Mark Wahlberg, Tim Roth.	(:01) Amanda to the Rescue "Picks of the Litter" "Second Chance Seniors" (N)	(:01) Amanda to the Rescue "Picks of the Litter" "Second Chance Seniors" (N)	(:01) Hanging With the Hendersons	(:01) Amanda to the Rescue	Amanda-Litter				
ANPL	41	100	Amanda to the Rescue	(:01) Amanda to the Rescue: Picks of the Litter "Second Chance Seniors" (N)	(:01) Amanda to the Rescue: Picks of the Litter "Second Chance Seniors" (N)	(:01) Hanging With the Hendersons	(:01) Amanda to the Rescue	Amanda-Litter				
BET	61	162	(5:57) *** "Think Like a Man" (2012, Romance-Comedy) Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara. Men use an advice book to turn the tables on their gals.	(:06) *** "Get Hard" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart, Craig T. Nelson. A prison-bound millionaire asks a black man for advice.	(:14) *** "Elf" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.	(:22) *** "Elf" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart.						
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CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "AdvantaClean"	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss "Family Dollar"	Undercover Boss Lynne Zappone.	Undercover Boss				
CNN	3	80	The Van Jones Show (N)	*** "RBG" (2018, Documentary) Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Gloria Steinem.	The Eighties	The Nineties "Isn't It Ironic?"	The Seventies					
COM	57	136	(5:50) * "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder.	* "That's My Boy" (2012, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg, Leighton Meester. A young man's estranged father tries to reconnect with him.	* "Jack and Jill" (2011, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes, Al Pacino. A man dreads a visit from his passive-aggressive twin.							
DISN	18	200	*** "Wreck-It Ralph" (2012) Voices of John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman. Animated. An arcade-game "bad guy" wants to be a hero.	Coop & Cami Ask the World	(:40) Raven's Home	(:05) Raven's Home	Raven's Home (Part 3 of 3)	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle		
DSC	42	103	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Un.		
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball	UFC Main Event (N)	UFC Main Event (N)	UFC Main Event (N)	UFC Main Event (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	NFL PrimeTime (N)			
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball	College Basketball Connecticut at Cincinnati. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Gonzaga at San Francisco. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Gonzaga at San Francisco. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Gonzaga at San Francisco. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive		
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report with Jon Scott (N)	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)	The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)	Watters' World	Justice Judge				
FREE	20	131	(6:05) * "The Waterboy" (1998) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates.	(:10) *** "Just Go With It" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman. A man's careless lie spins out of control.	(10:50) *** "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982) Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh. Premiere.							
FSS	21	47	3 Wide Life	Raceline	College Basketball TCU at Oklahoma.	Women's College Basketball Baylor at TCU.	Boxing					
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "One Winter Weekend" (2018) Taylor Cole, Jack Turner.	"One Winter Proposal" (2019, Romance) Jack Turner, Taylor Cole, Rukiya Bernard. Premiere. A foursome returns to the ski lodge where they first met.	"Winter's Dream" (2018, Romance) Dean Cain, Kristy Swanson, Aren Buchholz. Former ski champion re-enters the competitive world.	"A Country Wedding" (2015)						
HGTV	39	112	Dream Home	Dream Home	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	House Hunters Renovation (N)	Log Cabin Living	Log Cabin Living	Love It or List It		
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "The Star Children"	Ancient Aliens "Alien Resurrections"	(:02) Ancient Aliens	(:05) Ancient Aliens "The Replicants"	(:05) Ancient Aliens "Alien Messages"	Ancient Aliens				
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Witenesses of a rape don't call for help.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Two convicted murderers escape.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An online pedophile ring is targeted.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Barba drops charges against an actor.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A case leads to shocking charges.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Killer Under the Bed" (2018) Kristy Swanson, Brec Bassinger.	"My Mother's Split Personalities" (2019, Drama) Lindsay Hartley, Kayla Wallace. Premiere. Julie learns her mother is under the control of a crook.	(:05) "The Wrong Friend" (2018, Suspense) Li Eubanks, Jared Scott, Vivica A. Fox. Premiere. Although Chris seems charming, he has a darker side.	"My Mother's Split Personalities"						
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews	All In With Chris Hayes	The Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams	The Beat With				
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger (N)	Cousins for Life	Knight Squad (N)	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends	Friends
PARMT	64	153	Expendables 2	*** "The Expendables 3" (2014) Sylvester Stallone. Barney Ross brings in new blood to fight an old associate.	*** "Creed" (2015) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone.							
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) *** "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth. The Avengers reassemble to battle a technological villain. (DVS)	*** "Thor: The Dark World" (2013) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman. Premiere. Thor must save the Nine Realms from an ancient enemy. (DVS)	(:13) Futurama "Benderama"	(:42) Futurama "Law & Oracle"	(12:12) Futurama "Law & Oracle"					
TBS	24	156	"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	** "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016) Ben Affleck. (DVS)		
TCM	49	186	(5:45) *** "A River Runs Through It" (1992) Craig Sheffer.	*** "The Fly" (1958, Horror) Al Hedison. Patricia Owens, Vincent Price. Scientist's gizmo swaps his head with fly's.	*** "Return of the Fly" (1959, Science Fiction) Vincent Price, Brett Halsey, John Sutton. A young man continues his late father's risky experiments.	** "Lured" (1947) Lucille Ball						
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes to the Dress (N)	Four Weddings ... And a Hurricane" Four friends put their bond to the test. (N)	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes to the Dress					
TNT	23	158	(5:00) *** "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" (2014) (DVS)	*** "Captain America: Civil War" (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson. Captain America clashes with Iron Man. (DVS)	*** "The Incredible Hulk" (2008, Action) Edward Norton. Bruce Banner faces an enemy known as The Abomination.							
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers
TV LAND	55	161	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "Shiva" The team unites to find answers. (DVS)	NCIS "Detour" Jimmy and Ducky go missing. (DVS)	NCIS "Status Update" A dead thief turns up. (DVS)	NCIS "Skeleton Crew" Investigating a sailor's kidnapping. (DVS)	Miz & Mrs (DVS)	Miz & Mrs "Miz Takes the Cake"	Miz & Mrs "Certified Superdad"			
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds "The Gathering"	Criminal Minds "Restoration"	Criminal Minds "Pay It Forward"	Criminal Minds "Alchemy"	Criminal Minds "Nanny Dearest"	Criminal Minds				
WGNA	8	172	Blue Bloods "Backstabbers"	Blue Bloods "Rush to Judgment"	Blue Bloods "The Bullitt Mustang"	Blue Bloods "Unsung Heroes"	Blue Bloods "Hold Outs"	Bones				

'True Detective' returns with elements from first season

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The anthology series **"True Detective"** (9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday, HBO, TV-MA) returns for a third season. Creator Nic Pizzolatto also serves as co-writer on every episode. The first season of "True" was a revelation, profoundly literary, blending elements of pulp fiction and deeper, darker themes that had this critic comparing it to Dostoyevsky. The second season was so forgettable that cheeky promoters for FX's "Fargo," another novelistic series from a single writer, promised that their show would not suffer a "sophomore slump."

Much like the first season, this "Detective" plays with our sense of time, linear storytelling and memory. Detectives Wayne Hays (Mahershala Ali, "Moonlight") and Roland West (Stephen Dorff, "Somewhere") investigate the disappearance of two children from a broken home in a hardscrabble corner of the Ozarks. The story ricochets around the decades, from 1980, when the children go missing, to 1990, when new evidence prompts a fresh investigation, to the present day, when a documentary filmmaker probes unanswered questions involving the case.

Not to give too much away, but the case brings Wayne close to a local schoolteacher, Amelia Reardon (Carmen Ejogo), with close ties to the missing children. By 1990, they are married and have children of their own, and Amelia has become somewhat celebrated for the book she has written about the case. By present day, she has departed, and so have some of Wayne's memory and mental faculties.

Like the best of the first season, this "Detective" asks us to think about the different natures of reporting, remembering and recollecting facts and memories from the recent and distant past. Not unlike the first two seasons of "Fargo," this series also explores the unspoken impact of war on veterans.

Wayne's prowess as a sleuth is based at least in part on his experience as a tracker during the Vietnam



Mahershala Ali, left, stars as Wayne Hays and Stephen Dorff as Roland West in season three of "True Detective," premiering at 9 p.m. Sunday on HBO.

War, a soldier sent out on his own to hunt down and kill enemy forces, often alone for days and weeks at a time. The havoc that such experiences have played on Wayne's conscious and subconscious life is among the more harrowing aspects of this series.

Clearly part of the prestige television revolution of the post-"Sopranos" era (now in its 20th year), "True Detective" also reflects some of the shortcomings of the long form. Not every story is worthy of eight hours of your time.

Exploring a bygone, vanished epoch that is only 25 years in our past, the six-part miniseries **"Valley of the Boom"** (9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday, National Geographic, TV-14) profiles some of the visionaries behind the development of the internet.

Blending scripted elements and documentary-style talking-head observations from some of its surviving subjects, "Boom" looks back at Marc Andreessen (John Karna), one of the coders behind the Netscape browser; Stephan Paternot (Dakota Shapiro) and Todd Krizelman (Oliver Cooper), whose TheGlobe.com chat room presaged social media giants like

Facebook; and Michael Fenne (Steve Zahn), a stranger-than-fiction character who dreamed of a world where folks streamed video on the web.

The combination of retrospective interviews with scripted drama acknowledges that while the audience knows (or may have forgotten) how this story ends, it was still very much history in the making.

Speaking of history, CNN launches the four-part documentary series **"American Style"** (9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday).

It takes a decade-by-decade look at how changing fashions and the evolving design of cars, homes, appliances and furniture reflected American society. It begins in the 1940s and explores how war and rationing impacted what people wore and how subsequent prosperity and confidence affected fashion.

More than most survey histories, "Style" is grounded in scholarship by a chorus of experts, designers and industry insiders, including Tim Gunn, Donna Karan, Andre Leon Talley, Christie Brinkley, Isaac Mizrahi, Vanessa Williams, Diane von Furstenberg and others.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- The Los Angeles Rams host the Dallas Cowboys in the **NFC Divisional Round playoff** (8 p.m., Fox).
- On two helpings of **"The Good Doctor"** (ABC, r, TV-14), a grim choice (8 p.m.), airborne contagion (9 p.m.).
- After her father's sudden death, a daughter returns home to **"My Mother's Split Personalities"** (8 p.m., Lifetime).
- Delilah struggles with her big news on **"A Million Little Things"** (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14).

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on **"60 Minutes"** (7 p.m., CBS): An interview with Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.); an architect who turned his blindness into a professional advantage; China's bet on artificial intelligence.
- Daniel Radcliffe stars in the 2001 adaptation of **"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"** (7 p.m., NBC).
- Taye Diggs hosts the **24th Annual Critics Choice Awards** (7 p.m., CW).
- Lisa imagines life in a more cultured family on **"The Simpsons"** (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG), featuring the voices of Broadway star Patti LuPone

- and NPR host Terry Gross.
- Fashion proprietors envision a charitable payoff on **"Shark Tank"** (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- **"Victoria"** on **"Masterpiece"** (9 p.m., PBS, check local listings) enters its third season, followed by a documentary look at **"Victoria & Albert: The Wedding"** (10 p.m., PBS, check local listings).
- Ray wraps up loose ends with his father on the season finale of **"Ray Donovan"** (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).
- Delicate negotiations on **"Madam Secretary"** (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- John and Debra's relationship takes a surprising turn on the season finale of the eight-part adaptation of the podcast **"Dirty John"** (10 p.m., Bravo, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

A wayward experiment turns a scientist into **"The Fly"** (8 p.m. Saturday, TCM), a 1958 shocker starring David Hedison, Patricia Owens and Vincent Price. "Help me!"

SATURDAY SERIES

Hetty withstands torture on **"NCIS: Los Angeles"** (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Dwayne Johnson presents **"The Titan Games"** (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Champions perform on **"America's Got Talent"** (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Two hours of **"48 Hours"** (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., CBS).

SUNDAY SERIES

Kids' culinary mishaps on **"America's Funniest Home Videos"** (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Too many requests on **"God Friended Me"** (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Matchmaking on **"Bob's Burgers"** (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Weapons of mass destruction on **"NCIS: Los Angeles"** (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Peter becomes the new White House press secretary on **"Family Guy"** (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Rel returns to Cleveland on the season finale of **"Rel"** (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Automated travel on **"Shark Tank"** (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * **"Dateline"** (10 p.m., NBC).

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Introvert experiences slow start fitting in on new job



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I started a new job a month ago. It's a well-paying job at a great company. My problem is I'm an insecure introvert. Making friends has always been hard for me.

At this new job, my desk is away from everyone else, and no one has ever asked me to lunch.

I'm sure if I reached out proactively and asked to tag along, I wouldn't be rejected. But the thought of having to ask semi-strangers to include me and having to make small talk during lunch makes me

anxious. I'm also afraid people will label me as part of certain subgroups within the department. I don't want to be in any clique. What should I do?
Insecure in California

DEAR INSECURE — Not everyone makes small talk easily, so don't fault yourself for finding it awkward. Ask your co-workers what places they recommend for lunch and tag along when the opportunity arises. I don't think you need to "do" much more than slowly get to know them as you interact over work-related matters.

A positive way to get attention would be to bring some pastries and a fresh fruit salad to share one day during the morning break. It's a friendly gesture I'm sure would be appreciated.

DEAR ABBY — I have a relative who has, over the years, gotten many colorful tattoos on his arms, back and chest. I make no value judgments about this, but I am curious about what in today's culture motivates people to get tattoos, and why many people can't seem to get enough of them.
Curious in North Carolina

DEAR CURIOUS — People get inked for a variety of reasons. Among them: because they are currently in fashion, they think they are pretty, to mark milestones in their life, someone they admire has one or more, or because their friends are doing it. And I suspect that some individuals turn their bodies into canvasses because the practice is somehow addictive.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

CIWET

TAMLE

CAGIRL

SIRICS



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AWFUL DRINK BESTOW EXPOSE
Answer: After teaching the scouts how to build a campfire, the troop leader — WAS STOKED

SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	7	4	9	3	1	5	6	8
6	3	9	5	2	8	1	4	7
5	1	8	6	4	7	2	9	3
4	9	7	8	6	2	3	1	5
8	6	1	4	5	3	7	2	9
3	5	2	1	7	9	4	8	6
9	4	3	2	8	5	6	7	1
1	2	5	7	9	6	8	3	4
7	8	6	3	1	4	9	5	2

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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			6	1	4	5		8
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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Jeffrey Wechsler 1/11/19

ACROSS

- 1 Old gas station freebie
- 4 One holding all the cards?
- 10 "run!"
- 15 Texter's cautioning letters
- 16 Take to the skies
- 17 "The Phantom of the Opera" setting
- 18 Indigent ones hiding among bales?
- 21 Like much ordinary history
- 22 Japanese volcano
- 23 Long walk
- 24 Author Jong
- 25 Ascended
- 28 Stark in "Game of Thrones"
- 29 Holders of poor-taste gifts?
- 31 Must
- 33 Presidential nickname
- 34 Type of pitcher
- 35 Result of smashing a piñata during a hurricane?
- 41 Food industry headgear
- 42 Barrel contents
- 43 cuisine
- 44 Script for an absurdist play?
- 51 PHL stat
- 52 Calls
- 54 Lavender asset
- 55 Gillette brand
- 57 Like Dorothy Parker's humor
- 58 Pollen site
- 59 Concept for creating difficult crossword puzzles?
- 63 Gaucho's tool
- 64 Gift to an audience
- 65 "Road to ___": Hope/Crosby film
- 66 Wee, jocularly
- 67 Ancient eponymous advisor
- 68 Ernie with irons
- 12 Prepares for, as a profession
- 13 Cited on the road
- 14 Required from
- 19 Harbor sight
- 20 The Gershwin's "Embraceable"
- 25 Arid Asian region
- 26 Pair in a field
- 27 "Is it ever hot today!"
- 30 Hudson and James
- 32 3-Down pugilist
- 34 Count (on)
- 35 Foyer convenience
- 36 Winter birth, perhaps
- 37 Commonly hexagonal hardware
- 38 Not superficial
- 39 Purse relative
- 40 Pop radio fodder
- 41 London's Old Vic, for one
- 44 Corporate source of the Elmer's Glue logo
- 45 Random individual
- 46 Agitation metaphor
- 47 Wrath, in a hymn
- 48 "When!"
- 49 "Bam!" chef
- 50 Some HDTVs
- 53 1-Acr. marking
- 56 Book after John
- 58 Minute Maid Park player, to fans
- 60 Jewelry giant
- 61 Lavs
- 62 "Just kidding!"

Previous Puzzle Solved

O	R	D	E	R	S	B	M	W	P	O	G	O
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				T	A	X	B	R	E	A	K	
				O	N	E	O	N	E	O	B	T
				M	A	R	X	S	A	D	S	