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Baten asks to raise taxes for schools

Proposal, request to ask delegation for district's fiscal autonomy voted down 6-1

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A Sumter County councilman is pushing for change in the council's involvement with Sumter School District fiscal affairs, including a request to retroactively raise taxes to help the district build its fund balance.

Gene Baten, who represents District 7, first proposed in a public meeting



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requested but did not receive over the last two years.

Tuesday that Sumter County Council grant the school district "look-back millage" for the past two years — meaning the council would retroactively hike taxes in Sumter County to pay the district the millage increase it requested but did not receive over the last two years.

"Do we want to deny them these funds that they are entitled to by law?" Baten said in an impassioned speech at the meeting. "We could potentially play a role in [the district] not meeting their fiscal goal."

The look-back millage proposal was passed over with little discussion from the other council members Tuesday. In both 2017 and 2018, Sumter County Council denied requests from Sumter

School District to increase the millage rate, which would not have affected residential homeowners, but mainly businesses. Council said the total of the two requested increases is \$2.7 million.

Baten also proposed that the council send a letter to the Sumter County Legislative Delegation requesting fiscal autonomy for Sumter School District.

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'Reading cures everything'

Entire Ebenezer Middle reads same book at same time, helps children in need

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In an age of texting, social media and computer-based learning, one rural middle school in Sumter County is finding out how impactful writing one letter to a stranger was for a friendship that crossed continents.

The entire student and staff population at Ebenezer Middle School has this week been reading the same book at the same time in its new One Book One School program. "I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives" is a dual memoir that tells the true story of two teenagers, one an all-American girl, the other a boy in Zimbabwe, who became first pen pals, then best friends.

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Kiondra Cooper follows along with the book "I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives" as Laura Burleson reads in her sixth-grade social studies class Wednesday.

Inset photo: A class at Ebenezer Middle School reads their book on Wednesday.

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Public concerned with reopening Mayewood

4 of 5 speakers at Monday's meeting against board's vote

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The general public seems to be concerned with the potential reopening of Mayewood Middle School, given the sudden change in direction by the school board and cost considerations in the process.

Four of five Sumter residents who spoke at Monday night's board meeting in public participation questioned the Sumter School District Board of Trustees on its 6-3 vote last month to rescind the closure of Mayewood from 11 months ago.

The middle school's enrollment last year was down to 141 students following at least a 15-year trend of decline, and the school was closed by the board — consisting of five different trustees before the November midterm election — as a way to save money due to low enrollment. At the time, the district was emerging from a financial crisis from overspending its fiscal 2016 budget by \$6.2 million.

This year, Mayewood students have moved into R.E. Davis Elementary School,

which is less than two miles away. The school is now operating as R.E. Davis College Preparatory Academy, a K-8 school with a magnet curriculum.

Lavonda Johnson and Shaeika Cooper asked the board what motivated them to reopen Mayewood given the district's financial difficulties the past few years and if the district could afford the action and still reach one month's operating expenditures in its general fund balance by next

year as required under a new state law.

Dwayne Budden said he wants to know how the board plans to bring on additional bus drivers for another campus when the district is already short on bus drivers.

"Are we going to bring in extra bus drivers, and how are we going to pay for that when we are not fully staffed at this time?" Budden asked.

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House approves its version of \$9B budget

COLUMBIA (AP) — The South Carolina House passed its version of the state's \$9 billion budget on Wednesday, approving raises for teachers and nearly all state employees after fierce debate in which Democrats complained Republicans weren't considering their changes.

Legislators approved the spending plan 100-2 around 11 a.m. Wednesday, about nine hours after giving the plan key approval in a 14-hour debate that started Tuesday and continued into the wee hours of the morning.

A combination of increasing tax revenues as the state grows and other money from one-time places gave lawmakers an additional \$1 billion to spend next fiscal year.

The budget, which now heads to the Senate, includes \$159 million to raise teacher salaries by 4 percent, \$41 million to provide state workers earning less than \$100,000 with a 2 percent pay raise and \$40 million for new voting machines.

It also would pay each South Carolina income taxpayer a \$50 rebate connected symbolically to the \$61 million income tax windfall the state will get

from the person who won \$878 million in last October's Mega Millions drawing.

There is \$85 million set aside for a new fund for the Commerce Department to help bring business to poor, rural areas with struggling schools where the money can go toward water and sewer or buildings and \$61 million for repairs and maintenance on state buildings that have been put off or delayed.

The House did little to change the plan crafted by budget writers. Instead, much of the debate was over Democratic amendments that Republican leadership told its members to avoid supporting, according to Republican Rep. Jonathon Hill of Townville. He said the instructions were given in a party meeting.

Majority Leader Gary Simrill said Hill's comments mischaracterized their meeting and missed the point, which was specific to a \$61 million income tax windfall the state expects from the \$878 million lump sum that will be paid to the winner of last year's Mega Millions lottery.

"This one-time windfall has not been

certified and, as of yet, the funds have not been received," said Simrill, a Republican from Rock Hill. "We expected amendments from our Democrat colleagues about how to spend this money. It's unwise to allocate money until it has been certified."

A Democratic proposal to use \$23 million to give state workers paid less than \$50,000 an additional 2 percent raise failed on a 76-37 vote.

"If we want to put our money where our mouth is, we would pass this amendment knowing that this will not break the bank," said Democratic Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter of Orangeburg. "Finally, let's decide that 2019 is the year that we will do more for our state employees than to just give them lip service."

Two other Democratic budget amendments to reduce class sizes in schools were rejected. Rep. Russell Ott of St. Matthews asked the House to restore state-mandated student-to-teacher ratios, which were suspended a decade ago during budget cuts in the Great Recession, while Rep. Wendy Brawley of Hopkins offered another amendment requiring one teacher for every 15 stu-

dents in kindergarten to third-grade classrooms in rural schools. Brawley said smaller class sizes are especially helpful in rural districts with large populations of black students.

"We know reduction in class size really does work," Brawley said.

The House also spent several hours on abortion as Republicans introduced a proposal, passed 84-31, that would prevent state money to go toward Planned Parenthood to pay for abortions, citing Gov. Henry McMaster's similar executive order last year. Federal law already prohibits federal Medicaid money from being used to pay for abortions with exceptions for cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is in danger.

Democratic Rep. Justin Bamberg questioned the wisdom of placing a proposal in the state's budget that is already part of an ongoing federal lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood against the state of South Carolina based on McMaster's actions.

"What sense does it make to even bother touching this issue if it's a subject of an ongoing federal lawsuit," Bamberg said.

Kenny Cetera brings Chicago Experience to Sumter Opera House tonight



Kenny Cetera's Chicago Experience will take the stage of the Sumter Opera House at 7 tonight. Tickets are \$25-30. Kenny Cetera is the brother of lead singer of Chicago, Peter Cetera.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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If you don't have plans for tonight, look no further than the Sumter Opera House.

Kenny Cetera, brother of Chicago lead singer Peter Cetera, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. with his Chicago Experience show.

According to a news release, Chicago skyrocketed to fame in the '70s with hits such as "If You Leave Me Now," which was written by Peter Cetera.

In 1983, the group recruited Kenny to sing background vocals in the studio on its Chicago 17 record, the group's greatest-selling album to date at 6X platinum.

Kenny joined his brother on four songs: the No. 1 hit, "You're The Inspiration," "Stay The Night," "Along Comes A Woman" and "Prima Donna." He also toured with the band for a number of years.

The band is credited with creating a new sound by combining the horns previously made famous by rhythm-and-blues artists with a rock sound.

Sumter Opera House Cultural Manager Seth Reimer said in the release, "This is a show that fans of all ages can enjoy. This is not a tribute band, this is a Cetera-led Chicago band that knows how to bring that unforgettable experience."

Tickets for tonight's concert are \$25-30. The Sumter Opera House is located at 21 N. Main St. Ample free parking is available within blocks. For more information, visit www.SumterOperaHouse.com or call (803) 436-2616.

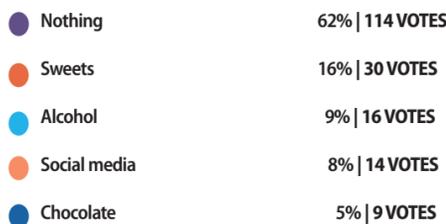
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Next week's question: Do you wait to wear white until after Memorial Day?

Yes

No

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I don't think about that rule

Vote on our poll of the week, and look for what our readers answered for this and other polls at www.TheItem.com, our Facebook and Instagram pages and in *The Sumter Item*.

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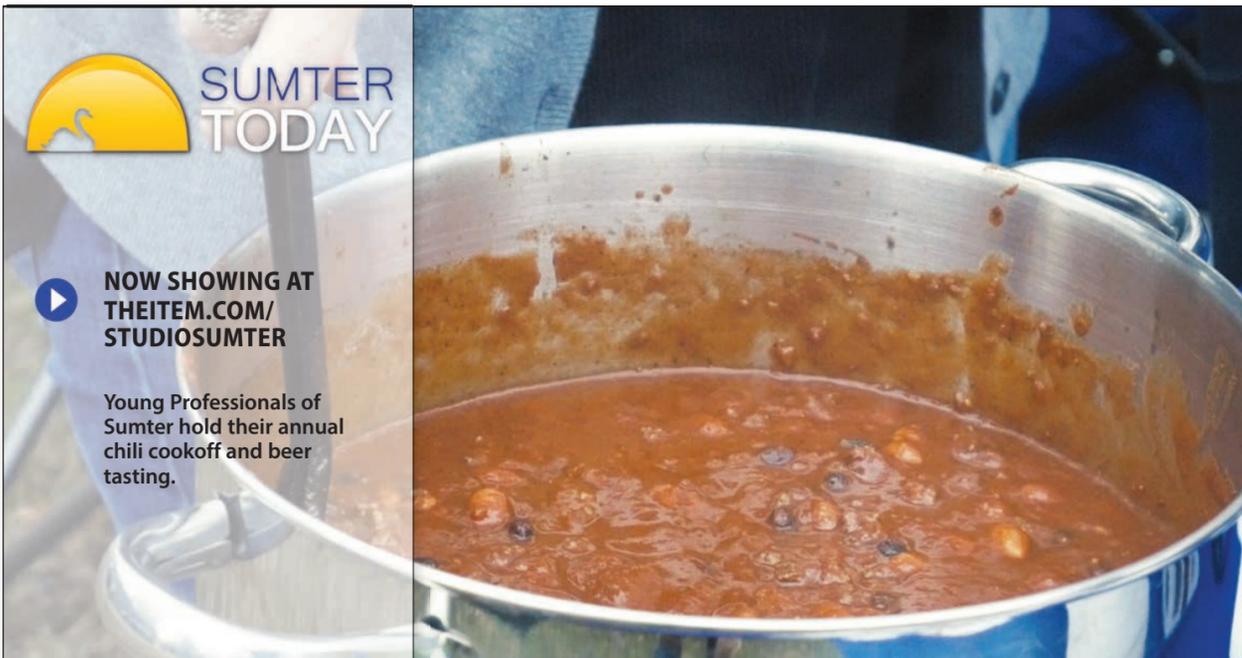
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CEO steps down as dozens ensnared in college admissions scam

Some parents spent \$6.5M to guarantee children's entrance; coaches, administrators bribed

BOSTON (AP) — Fallout from a sweeping college admissions scandal swiftly spread Wednesday, with actress Lori Loughlin surrendering ahead of a Los Angeles court hearing and a Silicon Valley hedge fund replacing its leader.



LOUGHLIN

Loughlin and fellow actress Felicity Huffman headline the list of some 50 people charged in documents unveiled in Boston that describe a scheme to cheat the admissions process at eight sought-after schools. The parents bribed college coaches and other insiders to get their children into selective schools, authorities said.

Loughlin turned herself in to the FBI on Wednesday morning and is scheduled for a court appearance in the afternoon, spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

Prosecutors allege Loughlin and her husband, fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, paid \$500,000 to have their two daughters labeled as recruits to the University of Southern California crew team, even though neither is a rower. Giannulli was released Tuesday after posting a \$1 million bond.

The scandal also ensnared movers and shakers in the corporate world.



Actress Felicity Huffman, seen at the SAG Awards with her husband, William H. Macy, is among those arrested in a college admissions bribery scandal.

The Palo Alto, California, hedge fund Hercules Capital announced Wednesday it was replacing its leader, Manuel Henriquez, who was arrested in New York City on Tuesday and released on \$500,000 bail. Shares of the hedge fund plunged 9 percent.

Henriquez will still hold a seat on the

board and serve as an adviser, Hercules said.

Mark Riddell — an administrator for Bradenton, Florida's IMG Academy, which was founded by renowned tennis coach Nick Bollettieri and bills itself as the world's largest sports academy — was suspended from his job late Tuesday after he was accused of taking college admissions tests as part of the scheme.

Riddell didn't return several phone calls seeking comment.

At the center of the scheme was admissions consultant William "Rick" Singer, founder of the Edge College & Career Network of Newport Beach, California, authorities said. Singer pleaded guilty Tuesday, and his lawyer, Donald Heller, said his client intends to cooperate fully with prosecutors and is "remorseful and contrite and wants to move on with his life."

Prosecutors said that parents paid Singer big money from 2011 up until just last month to bribe coaches and administrators to falsely make their children look like star athletes to boost their chances of getting accepted. The consultant also hired ringers to take college entrance exams for students and paid off insiders at testing centers to correct students' answers.

Some parents spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, as much as \$6.5 million, to guarantee their children's admission, officials said.

"These parents are a catalog of wealth and privilege," U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling said at a news confer-

ence in Boston, where the indictments in the scandal were handed up.

At least nine athletic coaches and 33 parents were charged. Dozens, including Huffman, the Emmy-winning star of ABC's "Desperate Housewives," were arrested by midday Tuesday.

Huffman posted a \$250,000 bond after an appearance in federal court in Los Angeles. Her husband, actor William H. Macy, has not been charged, though an FBI agent stated in an affidavit that he was in the room when Huffman first heard the pitch from a scam insider.

Loughlin became famous as the wholesome Aunt Becky in the 1980s and '90s sitcom "Full House." She has lately become the queen of the Hallmark Channel with her holiday movies and the series "When Calls the Heart."

The coaches worked at schools such as Yale, Stanford, Georgetown, Wake Forest, the University of Texas, the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Stanford's sailing coach John Vandemoer pleaded guilty Tuesday in Boston. A former Yale soccer coach had pleaded guilty before the documents went public and helped build the case against others.

Several defendants, including Huffman, were charged with conspiracy to commit fraud, punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

"For every student admitted through fraud, an honest and genuinely talented student was rejected," Lelling said.

12 Sumter High School students receive Golden Apple awards

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce celebrated 12 outstanding Sumter High School students on March 7 with the presentation of the Golden Apple Awards. Each student was recognized for having integrity and strong moral character and was presented with a certificate that contained a proclamation from the City and County of Sumter signed by Mayor Joseph T. McElveen Jr. and Sumter County Council Chairman James T. McCain. Each student had a short description read aloud detailing their character and why they were chosen to receive the Golden Apple Award. Those who received awards were: Ahkeem Williams, Samuel Parsons, Laura Ruth Ackerman, Mariangel Mendoza, Hailey Gosnell, Kay Bunch, D'aja Harris-Gibbs, Jordan Vandevander, Adam McKnight, Quentin Evans, Ryan Dani and Sahra Almosadder.



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Chili chefs battle for title at annual Young Professionals cookoff

The Young Professionals of Sumter hosted the 2019 Chili Cookoff and Beer Tasting on Friday at Sumter County Museum. Members of the public were able to sign up to enter their chili in the contest, and guests sampled the chili and craft beer. Live music was provided by the band Bad Water. First-place winner was Sean G. TintMan. According to its Facebook page, "Young Professionals of Sumter is a civic organization for working young adults between the ages of 21 to 45 in the Sumter community providing networking and social opportunities, to expand community understanding and involvement, and to broaden professional horizons." Visit the group at its website, www.YPSumter.org.



Patrons at the Young Professionals of Sumter Chili Cookoff and Beer Tasting wait to receive chili.

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A guest is served at the SAFE Federal Credit Union booth at the event.

RIGHT: Patrons get their tickets and enjoy the various chilis at the cookoff on Friday night.



LEFT: The band Bad Water performs at the YPS Chili Cook Off and Beer Tasting at the Sumter County Museum.

BELOW: A guest decides what chili to try at the event.



U.N.: Environment is deadly, worsening mess, but not hopeless

WASHINGTON (AP) — Earth is sick with multiple and worsening environmental ills killing millions of people yearly, a new U.N. report says.

Climate change, a global major extinction of animals and plants, a human population soaring toward 10 billion, degraded land, polluted air, and plastics, pesticides and hormone-changing chemicals in the water are making the planet an increasing unhealthy place for people, says the scientific report issued once every few years.

But it may not be too late. "There is every reason to be hopeful," report co-editors Joyeeta Gupta and Paul Ekins told The Associated Press in an email. "There is still time but the window is closing fast."

The sixth Global Environment Outlook, released Wednesday at a U.N. conference in Nairobi, Kenya, painted a dire picture of a planet where environmental problems interact with each other to make things even more dangerous for people. It uses the word "risk" 561 times in a 740-page report.

The report concludes "unsustainable human activities globally have degraded the Earth's ecosystems, endangering the ecological foundations of society."

But the same document says changes in the way the world eats, buys things, gets its energy and handles its waste could help fix the problems.

The report is "a dramatic warning and a high-level road map for what must be done to prevent widespread disruption

and even irreversible destruction of planetary life-support systems," said University of Michigan environment dean Jonathan Overpeck, who wasn't part of the report.

Several other scientists also praised the report, which draws on existing science, data and maps.

"This report clearly shows the connections between the environment and human health and well-being," said Stuart Pimm, a Duke University ecologist.

Gupta and Ekins, environmental scientists in Amsterdam and London, said air pollution annually kills 7 million people worldwide and costs society about \$5 trillion. Water pollution, with associated diseases, kills another 1.4 million.

The scientists said the most important and pressing problems facing humankind are global warming and loss of biodiversity because they are permanent and affect so many people in so many different ways.

CLIMATE CHANGE

"Time is running out to prevent the irreversible and dangerous impacts of climate change," the report says, noting that unless something changes, global temperatures will exceed the threshold of warming — another 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit above current temperatures — that international agreements call dangerous.

The report details climate change impacts on human health, air, water, land and biodiversity. Almost all coast-

al cities and small island nations are increasingly vulnerable to flooding from rising seas and extreme weather.

BIODIVERSITY

"A major species extinction event, compromising planetary integrity and Earth's capacity to meet human needs, is unfolding," the report says, listing threats to ecosystems, fisheries and other major systems. It notes conservationists are divided on whether Earth is in a sixth mass extinction.

AIR POLLUTION

Not only are millions of people dying each year, but unhealthy air especially hurts "the elderly, very young, ill and poor," the report says.

WATER POLLUTION

While 1.5 billion people now get clean drinking water they lacked in 2000, water quality in many regions has worsened, the report says.

Plastics and other litter have invaded every ocean at all depths, the report says.

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

People getting sick from diseases caused by antimicrobial resistant bacteria in water supplies could become a major cause of death worldwide by 2050, unless something can be done about it, the report says.

LAND DEGRADATION

Land is getting less fertile and useful. The report says degradation "hot spots," where it's difficult to grow crops, now cover 29 percent

of all land areas. The rate of deforestation has slowed but continues.

"The report provides a roadmap to move beyond 'doom and gloom' and rally together to face the challenges and take the future in our hands," said former U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief

Jane Lubchenco, who wasn't part of the report. "This is an all-hands-on-deck moment."

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Wanted: More pastures for West's wild horses

BY MEAD GRUVER

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — If you ever wished to gaze at a stomping, snorting, neighing panorama of Western heritage from your living-room window, now could be your chance.

A classic image of the American West — wild horses stampeding across the landscape — not only has endured through the years but has multiplied past the point of range damage.

Through May 3, the U.S. government is seeking more private pastures for an overpopulation of wild horses.

Many consider rounding up wild horses to live out their lives on private pastures a reasonable approach to a tricky problem. Wild horses, after all, not only have romantic value, they are protected by federal law.

Just keep in mind a few of the dozens of requirements for getting paid by the government to provide wild horses a home.

"It's not like you can do this in your backyard, or even a 5-acre plot," said Debbie Collins, outreach specialist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program in Norman, Oklahoma.

You need a lot of fenced-in land, enough to sustain anywhere from 200 to 5,000 healthy horses. Exactly how much land depends on pasture quality as determined by the government, but you can safely assume several hundred if not thousands of acres.

The pastured horses typically are left on their own with little human intervention. Still, they require continuous water and basic shelter from the elements, such as trees or a canyon; supplemental forage; and corrals for loading and unloading from trailers.

Participants in the private-pasture system must live in 14 Western and Midwestern states, from eastern Washington to the Texas Panhandle. Over two-thirds of the 37 existing off-range pastures are in Oklahoma and Kansas.

And: These horses aren't pets. They've had little exposure to people. Many are more than 5 years old and therefore not ideal for training and individual adoption or sale, other op-



A wild horse rears up among others near Salt Lake City. The U.S. government is seeking new pastures for thousands of wild horses that have overpopulated Western ranges.

AP FILE PHOTO

tions available through the BLM.

Still, there's no shortage of interest in the off-range pasture program. People call all the time asking for details, Collins said.

"My only advice would be to go into it with your eyes wide open," said Dwayne Oldham, a former Wyoming state veterinarian who has taken in

wild horses on his family's Double D cattle ranch outside Lander, Wyoming, since 2015.

Working with the government can be demanding, but providing for the more than 130 horses on the Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary on the ranch isn't too difficult, Oldham said.

The sanctuary is a little different from most private wild-horse pastures: It's open to the public. Tourists headed to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks increasingly stop there.

About 50 miles to the south, cattle

ranchers, wild horse advocates and the BLM have been embroiled in decades of lawsuits over wild horses in an area of mostly unfenced, interspersed public and private lands called the Checkerboard. The booming wild horse population there competes with cattle for forage and water in the high desert, the ranchers claim.

The BLM abides by the 1971 Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, which protects wild horses and burros on BLM land in 10 Western states, attorneys for the government say.

"We want to be part of the solution and not just the adversary," Oldham said.

A group often involved in wild-horse litigation, the American Wild Horse Campaign, says darting mares with contraceptives is the best answer to overpopulation but is underused. Roundups only encourage compensatory breeding and overpopulation, said Grace Kuhn with the group.

However, the group doesn't oppose off-range pastures as an alternative to keeping wild horses in corrals for long periods.

"We do advocate that if the government is going to be removing wild horses from the range, long-term is

more cost-effective than short-term holding," Kuhn said.

More than 55,000 more horses and burros live wild in the West than the roughly 27,000 the BLM says can thrive in harmony with the landscape.

Adoptions and sales through the Wild Horse and Burro Program have recovered to more than 3,400 a year after hitting a low of about 1,800 in 2014.

But while the number of off-range pastures has boomed from just a couple in the 1990s, the number of horses on them hovers very close to their current carrying capacity of about 36,500.

The number of pastured wild horses is determined mainly through roundups and adoptions. Stallions are gelded and kept at different off-range pastures than mares, preventing reproduction aside from the occasional pregnant mare rounded up from the wild.

How many new off-range pastures are established through the latest bid solicitation, the first of its kind since 2016, will depend on costs and how many existing ones get renewed, Collins said.

"It's just a happier, healthier environment for a horse to be able to be out in a pasture," she said.

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Companies decry 'valve turners' who shut down pipelines

BY BLAKE NICHOLSON

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — As Enbridge prepared to move climate-damaging tar sands crude through a 40-year-old pipeline in eastern Canada in 2015, environmentalists and indigenous peoples including Vanessa Gray thought about what happened in Michigan just five years earlier: Another of the company's lines had burst, sending oil into a river in one of the largest spills in U.S. history.

With that in mind, Gray and others decided they needed to do more than just speak out. In December 2015, three activists from Montreal entered Enbridge property near the Quebec-Ontario border and turned an above-ground emergency pipeline shut-off valve. About two weeks later, Gray and two others did the same at a different site, drawing even more attention because authorities levied charges that could have landed them in prison for life.

They ended up with no jail time and accomplished their goal of raising awareness.

"I hope it inspires others," Gray, 26, a member of an Ojibwe tribe, said in a recent interview.

It already has, by activists in the U.S. who think fossil fuels are precipitating a global warming crisis. Just last month four activists targeted an Enbridge oil pipeline in northern Minnesota. But pipeline companies say so-called valve turners are dangerous — to themselves and the public — and many energy industry officials and advocates say they should be treated as domestic terrorists. Several states are considering increasing fines and prison terms for such incidents and holding associated organizations legally accountable as well.

"It's reminiscent of a number of years ago when environmental groups were spiking trees to interfere with the timber industry," said Alan Olson, executive director of the Montana Petroleum Association. "When environmental groups go out to cause physical harm or to harm infrastructure, in my mind that is domestic terrorism."

To Michael Foster, it's a wake-up call to a world quickly approaching "a life-or-death moment."

"We must stop the flow of fossil fuels as a society," said the mental health counselor from Seattle who spent six months in jail for turning a pipeline shut-off valve in North Dakota in October 2016. "You can argue about the best, or better, ways to do it, but we haven't done it yet, and we've run out of time."

Foster was part of a loose-knit group of 11 climate change activists who dubbed themselves Climate Direct Action and simultaneously turned shut-off valves on five pipelines in North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Washington state that carry Canadian tar sands crude into the U.S.

"We were committed to non-violence. We were committed to safety and making sure no communities were impacted or damage occurred. We weren't interested in damaging equipment," Foster said. "That's where we took the cue from Canada."

In response to that action, federal regulators issued a bulletin warning that tampering with pipeline valves can result in "death, injury and economic and environmental harm." None of the valve-turning incidents has led to an injury or a spill, but critics say the protest tactic is at the very least hypocritical.

"What eco-extremists fail to recognize is that their own reckless actions risk seriously harming the same environment that they claim to be trying to protect," said Craig Stevens, spokesman for Grow America's Infrastructure Now, a pro-pipeline coalition.

Enbridge spokesman Jesse Semko said tampering with pipelines is no different than targeting railways or power lines, and the company "will support the prosecution of those individuals to the fullest extent of the law."

But some think the law doesn't go far enough. The valve-turning protests all have been prosecuted under state laws, and the punishments have varied. No protester other than Foster has spent more than two days in jail.

A group of bipartisan lawmakers, led by Colorado Republican Rep. Ken Buck, asked the U.S. Justice Department in October 2017 whether

protesters could be prosecuted under federal domestic terrorism laws. The response in February 2018 from Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd, provided by Buck's office, didn't give much clarity. Boyd said pipeline protest incidents "may or may not qualify as 'domestic terrorism,'" and he wouldn't comment on whether any federal investigations were happening. The department didn't respond to an Associated Press request for comment.

Some states aren't waiting for federal action. The American Legislative Exchange Council has created a model bill that carries stiff penalties for protest incidents targeting "critical infrastructure" such as pipelines. It's inspired by a 2017 Oklahoma law that carries penalties of up to 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Louisiana last year passed a law similar to the model, and the legislatures in North

Dakota, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Mississippi and Indiana are considering similar bills this year, according to Grant Kidwell, the council's energy policy expert. A proposal in the Wyoming Legislature failed to pass.

The oil and gas industry also is acting. The Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance in October 2017 launched an online database to catalog what it calls attacks on pipelines, including valve-turning.

"I hope it doesn't spread," Alliance President and CEO Toby Mack said. "I think it's pretty obvious that it's just kind of a stupid way of making a point."

Activists think the stupidity lies in ignoring a climate change crisis.

"The state of the movement for climate justice in the United States is in need of more boldness," said Jay O'Hara, co-founder of the Climate Disobedience Center.

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BATEN FROM PAGE A1

Fiscal autonomy would allow the school board to raise the millage rate on its own moving forward as long as their increase falls within the amount allowed by Act 388, removing Sumter County Council from the decision. Baten brought the issue up last May when the county's annual budget and the millage rate request were on the table.

Currently, many districts in South Carolina are not fiscally independent, while select districts including Greenville County Schools and Charleston County Schools have full fiscal autonomy in their districts.

"We are the [15th] largest county population-wise in the state," Baten said. "Yet, we don't want to get along with the big boys, meaning that [Sumter School District] has fiscal autonomy and doesn't have to come before a smaller board."

Baten's proposed letter to Sumter County Legislative Delegation was voted down 6-1.

Baten's suggestions come after the declaration of a fiscal emergency in Sumter School District in February by State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman after the district overspent in 2016 and deviated this year from the financial recovery plan that was put in place to remedy the overspending.

In 2017, statewide legislation was passed that requires all public school districts to have, at minimum, one month's operating costs in their general fund. The district's \$6.2 million in overspending in fiscal 2016 left just more than \$106,000 in its general fund.

At the time it was last calculated, one month of operating costs for Sumter School District is roughly \$12 million, a threshold that must be reached by June 30, 2020.

Building back its general fund has been a two-year process for the district to date, and the district submitted a financial recovery plan in May 2018 and voted in April 2018 to close Mayewood Middle School and F.J. De-

Laine Elementary School to cut costs by selecting those low-enrollment schools for consolidation into other nearby schools, both of which are 3 miles or less away.

In February, the school board, with a majority of its members newly elected, voted 6-3 to re-open Mayewood, moving in a different direction from the submitted recovery plan and pushing Spearman to declare a fiscal emergency in the district.

Baten said his proposals could help Sumter School District obtain some of the funds it needs.

"We have not been able to provide services," he said, "that citizens who come before us need."

READING FROM PAGE A1

Students took turns reading a page or two in Laura Burleson's sixth-grade social studies class on Wednesday, getting to a part where Martin Ganda was in the airport for the first time, about to head to the United States, and decided to splurge on an \$8 hamburger.

"Had he ever heard of a hamburger?" Burleson asks her class.

"No," they respond, eager and attentive.

"Because \$8 is a lot of money for them," one boy said.

"I'm interested to see what he thinks of it," Burleson said, continuing to read.

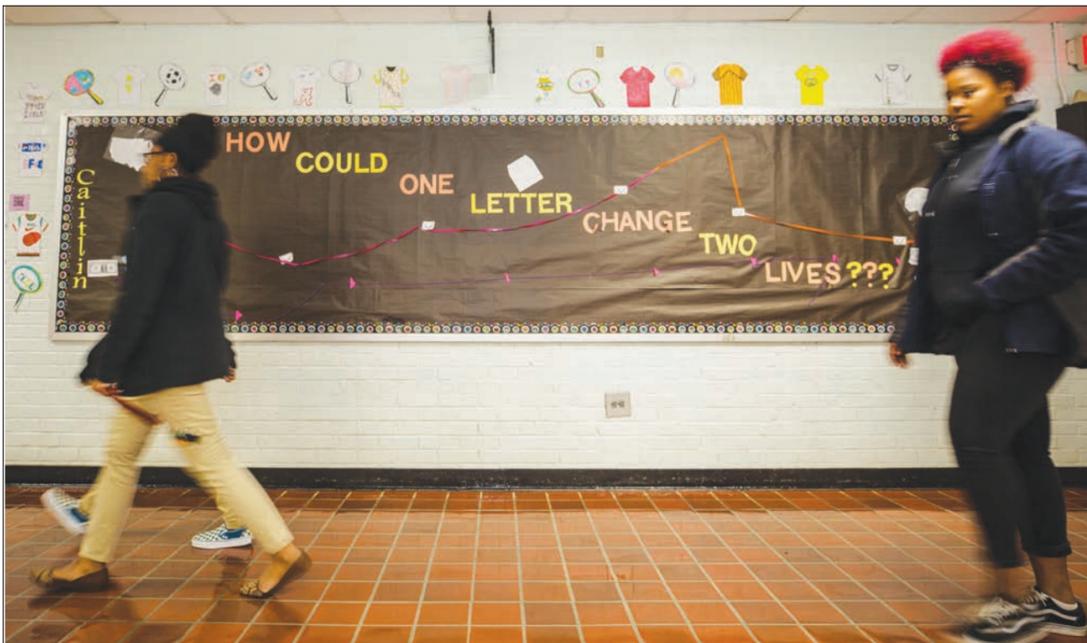
Principal Marlene DeWitt discovered the book at South Carolina Association of School Administrators conference over the summer.

She fell in love with the story but needed to figure out how to fund the reading project. She didn't want teachers simply reading out loud to students. She wanted more engagement, knowing how important reading is. Before becoming principal 17 years ago, DeWitt taught math but also included reading in her curriculum.

"If they can't read, they can't do other subjects, either," she said. "Reading is the cure to everything."

She found out she could fund a book for every student, every teacher, every staff member through a Making Middle School Work grant through a focus on improving low reading scores in the state.

Each day this week for 30 minutes, teachers read the book to students, leading ana-



Sharon Cheek, curriculum coordinator for Ebenezer Middle School, made this board before the reading program was revealed so students and teachers would get excited and then engaged with the activities throughout the week.

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lytical discussions either during the reading or after with a provided set of questions for teachers who are not used to leading an English class.

In the book, it started as an assignment for Caitlin Alifirenka. She had to write to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Of the 50 students in Martin's class, only 10 got letters. He was at the top of the class, so he got the first one.

Their letter exchanges spanned six years and involved the girl's family helping the boy's with money for much-needed food, clothing and schooling.

Audrey Keys, a career specialist at Ebenezer, read to a class of sixth- and seventh-graders. She had a storytelling voice, the kind that rises and falls in the appropriate places, changes tones during dialogue, pauses for effect.

The students in her computer lab classroom all sat in

front of computer screens, black from lack of use, faces instead scanning ink and paper. Concrete classroom walls were covered in internet safety rules and keyboard shortcut lists as about 400 people throughout the building learned about letters sent through the postal service.

Sharon Cheek, the school's curriculum coordinator, arranged activities each day related to the day's pages. When Caitlin learned Martin's family all had to share the same clothing, she sent him T-shirts. Cheek had the middle-schoolers draw what kind of T-shirt they would send.

They also were tasked with making a paper chain link with a random act of kindness they have done, heard about or would like to do. All the art projects have been displayed in the school's hallways.

Principal DeWitt said the program also allows students

to hear what correct reading sounds like. An adult reading out loud with the proper pronunciations, timing.

"The boys surprised me the most. They seem more excited," she said.

The book has allowed teachers to have conversations usually reserved for adults with the students about poverty and the value of education.

DeWitt said with 73 to 75 percent of Ebenezer's students living in low-income families, they were able to differentiate what poverty means in their lives and what it was for Martin. They get a free breakfast and lunch at school while other children are often malnourished to the point where they can't concentrate on learning.

A highlight of the program was a fundraising challenge. Cheek found a video that showed children in Tanzania who were malnourished.

Through a nonprofit called Heifer International, each classroom competed to raise the most money to fund a year's worth of milk for children. With \$72 buying milk for one child for a year, they combined to fund about 10 children.

After class switched and Wednesday's reading was over, Burleson came up to DeWitt and Cheek with the "milk money."

"They are so excited," she said. "They raised enough for two kids."

With 360-370 students enrolled at Ebenezer, 35-40 teachers and staff and children in Tanzania all having a connection to Martin and Caitlin, their story really has changed more than their two lives.

"We've had several kids say, 'What's our next book?'" Principal DeWitt said. "We're going to continue it."

MAYEWOOD FROM PAGE A1

Realtor, asked how the board could have come to its decision logically after it heard a detailed presentation from district administration on costs associated with reopening Mayewood.

District administration estimated one-time costs for reopening the school in the range of \$963,000 to \$1.2 million and recurring operating costs each year after that between \$361,000 and \$471,000.

The district's alternative school program, Brewington Academy, still operates on the Mayewood campus, and administration has had issues finding another suitable facility for the program as was its original plan with the closure process.

Linginfelter also noted the trustees voting to reopen Mayewood never offered suggestions for how to make the K-8 R.E. Davis school succeed.

"Never once did anyone ask how you could save money by keeping everyone at R.E. Davis and actually moving Brewington Academy as it was supposed to have taken place," Linginfelter said. "We didn't look at any of those solutions."

Local community activist Brenda Williams was the only public speaker who spoke in favor of continuing to move forward with reopening Mayewood. She said she admired the board's tenacity to appeal State Superinten-

dent of Education Molly Spearman's fiscal emergency declaration in the district after its decision to reopen Mayewood.

The school board is appealing the declaration to the state Board of Education with a hearing to be scheduled for later this month.

Williams said she thinks the state department and state board have no business in local affairs.

The board's goal in its appeal response will be to present a financial plan that includes reopening Mayewood while also achieving one month's operating expenditures in the fund balance by next year, according to Chairman the Rev. Ralph Canty.

Canty said the new plan will involve budget cuts to include personnel.

Also at Monday's meeting, the board took no action after a discussion on reopening F.J. DeLaine Elementary in Wedgefield. F.J. DeLaine also

closed last year with Mayewood, and its students this year attend Cherryvale Elementary School, which is three miles away.

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COMMENTARY

How middle America is to be dispossessed

In all but one of the last seven presidential elections, Republicans lost the popular vote. George W. Bush and Donald Trump won only by capturing narrow majorities in the Electoral College.

Hence the grand strategy of the left: to enlarge and alter the U.S. electorate so as to put victory as far out of reach for national Republicans as it is today for California Republicans and to convert the GOP into America's permanent minority party.

In the Golden State, Democrats control the governors' chair, every elective state office, both U.S. Senate seats, 46 of 53 U.S. House seats and three-fourths of each house of the state legislature in Sacramento.

How does the left expect to permanently dispossess Middle America?

Let us count the ways.

In 2018, over 60 percent of Floridians voted to expand the electorate by restoring voting rights to 1.5 million ex-cons, all of Florida's felons except those convicted of sex crimes and murder.

Florida gave Bush his razor-thin victory over Al Gore. Should Trump lose Florida in 2020, he is a one-term president. If the GOP loses Florida indefinitely, the presidency is probably out of reach indefinitely.

Florida's Amendment 4 is thus a great leap forward in the direction in which the republic is being taken. Gov. Terry McAuliffe of the swing state of Virginia restored voting rights to 156,000 felons by executive order in 2016, calling it his "proudest achievement."

In California and Oregon, moves are afoot to reduce the voting age to 17 or 16. Understandable, as high schoolers are more enthusiastic about socialism.

Last week, a bold attempt was made by House Democrats to lower the U.S. voting age to 16. It failed — this time.

Some House Democrats apparently feel that with "Medicare-for-all" and the Green New Deal of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez on the table, they have enough progressive legislation to satisfy the socialist base.

Thanks to Gov. Jerry Brown, every adult citizen in California who gets or renews a driver's license, gets a state ID card or fills out a change of address form with the Department of Motor Vehicles is automatically registered to vote. Purpose: expand voter rolls to include those who have shown no interest in politics, so they can be located on Election Day and bused to the polls.

Ari Berman of Mother Jones writes that Nancy Pelosi's 700-page For the People Act that did pass the House contains "a slew of measures designed to expand voting rights, which ... include nationwide automatic voter registration, Election Day registration, two weeks of early voting in every state ... restoration of voting rights for ex-felons, and declaring Election Day a federal holiday."

House Republicans offered

an amendment to the bill with language that said, "allowing illegal immigrants the right to vote devalues the franchise and diminishes the voting power of United States citizens."

All but six Democrats voted against the GOP proposal.

The Democratic Party does not want to close the door to voting on migrants who broke our laws to get here and do not belong here, as these illegals would likely vote for pro-amnesty Democrats.

If the new U.S. electorate of, say, 2024, includes tens of millions of new voters — 16- and 17-year-olds; illegal migrants; ex-cons; new legal immigrants from Asia, Africa and Latin America who vote 70 to 90 percent Democratic, the political future of America has already been determined.

California, here we come.

As a Democratic insurance policy, Memphis Congressman Steve Cohen has introduced a constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College.

Some Republicans support statehood for Puerto Rico, which would add six electoral votes that would go Democratic in presidential elections about as often as Washington, D.C.'s three have, which is always.

Ben Franklin told the lady in Philadelphia, "We have a republic, if you can keep it." Our elites today, however, ceaselessly celebrate "our democracy."

Yet John Adams was not optimistic about such a political system: "Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There never was a Democracy yet, that did not commit suicide."

Thomas Jefferson, a lifelong believer in a "natural aristocracy" among men, was contemptuous: "A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where 51 percent of the people may take away the rights of the other 49."

Madison wrote in Federalist 10, "democracies ... have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths."

If one day not far off, as seems probable, tax consumers achieve a permanent hegemony over the nation's taxpayers and begin to impose an equality of result that freedom rarely delivers, the question of who should choose the nation's rulers will be tabled anew.

We do not select NFL coaches or corporate executives or college professors or generals or admirals by plebiscite. What is the empirical evidence that this is the best way to choose a president or commander in chief?

Peoples are wondering that the world over, as our democracy does not appear to be an especially attractive stock.

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

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COMMENTARY

Has the Catholic Church committed the worst crime in American history?

PHILADELPHIA — "Horseplay," a term used to denote child rape, is, says Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, part of a sinister glossary of euphemisms by which the Catholic Church's bureaucracy obfuscates in documents the church's "pattern of abuse" and conspiracy of silence "that goes all the way to the Vatican." "Benevolent bishops" are those who allow predatory priests, shuffled

from other dioceses, to continue as priests.



George Will

— the excellent 2015 movie "Spotlight" recounts *The Boston Globe's* victory over the stonewalling Catholic hierarchy in 2001-02. But the still-reverberating detonation occurred last August in a Pittsburgh grand jury's report on the sexual abuse by approximately 300 priests of at least 1,000 victims in six Pennsylvania dioceses.

Seven months later, the nationwide stonewalling and cover-up continue by the church that, Shapiro says, has resisted discovery "every step of the way." And "bishops are still involved." The church fought his office's jurisdiction and fought the release of the report with its sickening details of, for example, giggling priests photographing and fondling boys, and "whips, violence and sadism."

Shapiro says that his being Jewish has not adversely affected public perceptions of his office's scrutiny of the church. This might be because of credible reports about a boy being raped and then forced into a confessional to confess his sin. Or a boy having his mouth washed out with

holy water after oral sex.

The church's crime wave is global. A French cardinal is convicted of concealing decades of sexual abuse by a priest in his jurisdiction; *The Washington Post* reports how clerical pedophiles "preyed on the most isolated and submissive children" at an institute for the deaf in Argentina. Scrutiny of Latin America, from which today's pope came, will be interesting.

In America, the acid drizzle of stomach-turning revelations might become a deluge now that 45 states' attorneys general have contacted Shapiro about possible investigations in their states. It is highly unlikely that the abuses and conspiracies of silence about them are confined to Pennsylvania. Asked if this might be, cumulatively, the worst crime in American history, Shapiro says: perhaps, considering the power of the guilty institution, the scale and prolonged nature of the crime and the "sophisticated criminal cover-up." He speaks of charging the guilty — when possible; many predatory priests have died, and statutes of limitations shield others — "the way you would typically charge the mob."

An issue that used to bedevil Western nations — negotiating the border between the powers of civil authorities and the church's prerogatives of self-governance — has been settled in favor of the former. So, when other states' attorneys general consult with him, Shapiro says "do not trust the church" about voluntarily surrendering archives. The U.S. Justice Department has put dioceses on notice about preserving records concerning such things as the shuffling of predatory priests to benevolent bishops.

In November, a much-anticipated meeting of American bishops in Baltimore concerning sexual abuse was neutered by the Vatican, and the pope's February meeting on the subject produced nothing reassuring. In Amer-

ica, the unfolding story — Shapiro says this is "only the third or fourth inning" — will involve legislating. Pennsylvania might open "a civil window" for suing the church, a measure fiercely resisted by the insurance industry that has sold liability policies to dioceses.

"The Faith is Europe, and Europe is the Faith," said the Catholic writer Hilaire Belloc in 1920, a statement wisely construed by Georgetown University professor emeritus James V. Schall, S.J.: "Europe is where Old Testament and Roman traditions melded. ... Catholic origins united [Europe] under common assumptions about what life, liberty, God, man and cosmos were about." It is therefore momentous that the church is in perhaps the worst self-inflicted and self-prolonged crisis since the Reformation.

Many common locutions — e.g., "Catholic Italy" and "Catholic Ireland" — no longer denote anything real. In the United States, the most religious modern nation, Catholics are leaving their religious affiliation at a higher rate than any other Christian sect. In December, Illinois' attorney general said the church in that state concealed the names of all but 185 of the 690 priests accused of sexual abuses. The former archbishop in the nation's capital, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, came to Washington from Pittsburgh. The church's leaders, says Shapiro, "have shown over decades, centuries really, a focus on protecting the power of their institution."

In a homily last September, the pope discerned something Satanic in the sexual-abuse scandal. He meant, however, that "the Great Accuser," aka Satan, was attacking the pope's bishops.

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A Friends of the NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. today at the American Legion, 31 Artillery Drive. Event will feature a meal by Don Odom, games, and silent and live auctions. Proceeds will fund and support youth shooting sports and gun safety programs. Tickets are advance purchase only and are \$45 per single or \$80 per couple. Call Jim Strong at (843) 319-4438, Debbie Brown at (803) 340-0025 or Susan Scouten at (803) 406-2084. Tickets can also be purchased at Strong Arms, 5641 Broad St.

The Sumter County Museum will present "When the Rainbow Breaks," a Holocaust lecture with Dr. Henry Knight, at 6:30 p.m. today at Temple Sinai Jewish History Center. Contact Annie Rivers at (803) 775-0908 or email information@sumtercountymuseum.org.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 15, at the headquarters building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All area veterans are invited.

The YWCA of the Upper Lowlands Inc. will honor former TWIN (Tribute to Women in Business and Industry) honorees from 1981 through 2009 at a "High Heels in High Places" afternoon tea from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, at UBI Training Center (formerly the Imperial Res-

taurant), 451 Broad St. If you were a TWIN honoree or know a former honoree, contact Debra Wilson at (803) 840-3973 or email at ydwilson@ywcasumter.org with a contact number and/or email or mailing address.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 26 Council St.

Lake Marion VFW Post 11078, Summerton, will meet on Tuesday, March 19, at 1 Duke St., Summerton (behind First Citizens Bank). Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend as are all prospective members. Call Carl A. Farley at (803) 460-8910.

The Walnut Hill Community Club will meet 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, at Reid Chapel AME Church, Dibert Street.

Sumter County AARP will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, at the Sumter Senior Services Center, 119 S. Sumter St. All persons age 55 or older are invited to join. Doris Gleason, of the state AARP office, will speak. Call Johnny Jones at (803) 773-9681.

National Single Parent Day Celebration will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, at Angel's Mexican Restaurant, 246 S. Pike West. First recognized in 1984, National Single Parent Day honors the sacrifices and hard work of single parents. Register by calling (803) 250-6713.

A Sumter DSS retiree luncheon will be held at noon on Friday, March 22. Call Maggie Wilson at (803) 883-4924 or Bertha Alston at (803) 983-8167 to confirm attendance.

The annual Kite Flying Contest and Bike Safety Course, sponsored by the Sumter County Recreation Department and SAFE Kids Sumter County, will be held on Saturday, March 23, at Patriot Park's Soccer Complex-Field 6, 380 General Drive. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the contest beginning at 11 a.m. Kite contests include: most colorful kite, most unusual kite, kite with the longest tail, kite with the shortest tail, smallest kite, largest kite, oldest participant, youngest participant, best in show and best homemade kite. Call (803) 436-2248 for information.

The Sumter Branch NAACP's Women in the NAACP Program will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3249 U.S. 15 South. Dr. Ella F. Busby will speak.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy and mild	A shower and t-storm around	Cooler with sunshine	Clouds and sun	Mostly sunny
77°	60°	80° / 50°	64° / 40°	62° / 37°	62° / 38°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 5%
S 7-14 mph	S 7-14 mph	SSW 10-20 mph	N 6-12 mph	NE 6-12 mph	ENE 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

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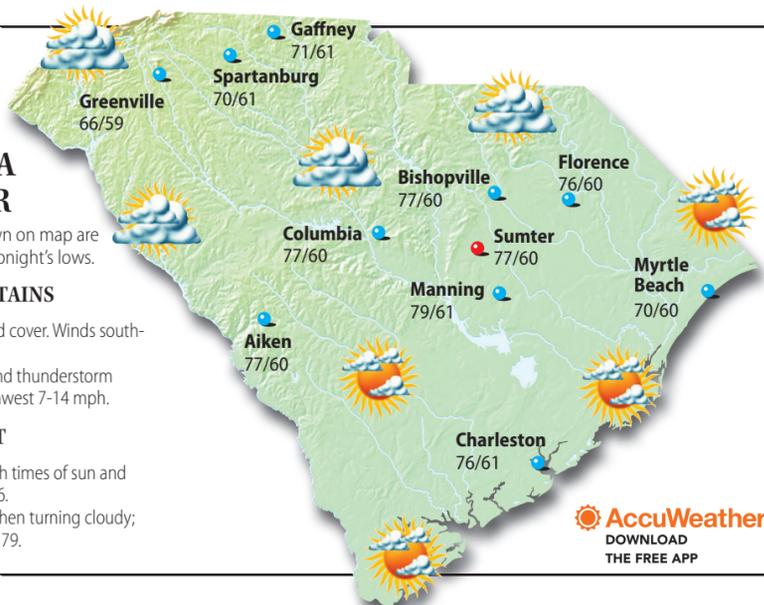
Today: A thick cloud cover. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.

Friday: A shower and thunderstorm around. Winds southwest 7-14 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Pleasant with times of sun and clouds. High 70 to 76.

Friday: Some sun, then turning cloudy; pleasant. High 71 to 79.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
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Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	0.00"	2.89"	1.71"	6.83"	4.46"	9.13"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.74	+0.13
Marion	76.8	76.56	+0.11
Moultrie	75.5	75.20	none
Wateree	100	98.21	-0.77

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	10.39	-0.19
Congaree River	19	6.37	-0.13
Lynchies River	14	11.39	-0.83
Saluda River	14	7.35	-0.05
Up. Santee River	80	80.88	-0.05
Wateree River	24	18.74	none

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:34 a.m.	Sunset	7:29 p.m.
Moonrise	12:42 p.m.	Moonset	2:16 a.m.

Phase	First	Full	Last	New
	Mar. 14	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 5

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	2:55 a.m.	3.0	10:17 a.m.	0.5
	3:30 p.m.	2.5	10:28 p.m.	0.1
Fri.	4:04 a.m.	3.0	11:26 a.m.	0.4
	4:41 p.m.	2.5	11:37 p.m.	0.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	73/63/c	64/40/t
Chicago	67/36/t	38/28/c
Dallas	64/38/s	55/35/p
Detroit	63/42/t	45/29/c
Houston	75/46/p	63/46/c
Los Angeles	70/51/s	74/50/s
New Orleans	80/60/t	62/51/s
New York	55/49/p	64/45/sh
Orlando	85/62/p	87/65/p
Philadelphia	63/54/p	68/44/sh
Phoenix	63/47/s	73/56/p
San Francisco	60/43/s	64/48/p
Wash., DC	70/61/p	73/46/sh

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	62/57/t	64/36/t	Florence	76/60/p	82/53/t
Athens	71/62/c	67/42/t	Gainesville	86/63/p	87/64/p
Augusta	79/60/c	80/50/t	Gastonia	72/62/c	72/44/t
Beaufort	76/61/p	79/56/t	Goldsboro	74/59/p	79/50/t
Cape Hatteras	65/57/p	71/56/c	Goose Creek	76/62/p	78/55/p
Charleston	76/61/p	78/56/p	Greensboro	69/60/c	68/42/t
Charlotte	71/62/c	73/45/t	Greenville	66/59/c	68/40/t
Clemson	68/62/c	67/43/t	Hickory	65/60/c	66/39/t
Columbia	77/60/c	80/50/t	Hilton Head	73/62/p	74/56/p
Darlington	75/61/c	79/51/t	Jacksonville, FL	80/60/p	84/60/p
Elizabeth City	69/58/p	75/51/c	La Grange	75/64/c	68/43/t
Elizabethtown	76/60/p	79/53/p	Macon	78/61/c	75/45/t
Fayetteville	74/61/c	80/49/t	Marietta	69/62/c	63/39/t
			Marion	64/58/t	67/38/t
			Mt. Pleasant	74/62/p	75/56/p
			Myrtle Beach	70/60/p	74/58/p
			Orangeburg	78/60/p	79/52/t
			Port Royal	74/62/p	75/56/p
			Raleigh	72/60/c	75/47/t
			Rock Hill	73/61/c	74/45/c
			Rockingham	76/60/c	78/49/t
			Savannah	79/61/p	82/54/p
			Spartanburg	70/61/c	69/43/t
			Summerville	76/61/p	78/54/p
			Wilmington	72/60/p	77/57/p
			Winston-Salem	69/60/c	67/42/t

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION
Today, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stick to what and who you know. Being

too open or friendly will give someone the opportunity to meddle in your affairs. Keep your life simple and doable. Only promise what you know is possible; it will lead to new beginnings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Go over every detail. To be sure is to be safe. If you play your cards right, you stand to make a substantial gain. Don't let someone coerce you into giving too much or getting into an argument that is fruitless.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An emotional matter will escalate quickly if deception and poor judgment take over. Be precise, and offer only what you know is factual. You'll be called out if you deviate from the truth or offer the wrong impression.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you want change, be prepared to do the work yourself. An idea you have will be worth fleshing out and can even lead to saving money or a financial gain. Don't trust someone else to take care of your responsibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen to what's being said. Don't argue with the boss or someone in a higher position. Gather your thoughts and get the facts before you decide to make changes. Time is on your side, so slow down and observe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to let emotions interfere with your productivity or progress. Concentrate on what you want to accomplish, and set goals that you can handle on your own if necessary. Travel, communication and educational pursuits are in

your best interest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your personal needs first. Listen to your heart, and make adjustments that will put you at ease. Demanding people should be kept at a distance until you have time to figure out how best to say no.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Interacting with people who are heading in a similar direction will lead to personal growth and greater enthusiasm. Success is within reach, but taking better care of your health and well-being should be your priorities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get the facts before you make an assumption and overreact. Truth matters, and treating others the way you want to be treated will help you bypass getting into trouble with someone. Judge and you will be judged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make positive changes to the way you live. How you present what you want to do will make a difference to the response you receive. Don't put your money or your health at risk to prove a point.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A steady pace forward is good enough. If you overdo it, you will invite injury or ill health. Know when to stop and when to ask for help. Don't be fooled by someone using emotional tactics. Choose love over discord.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful what you share. Look out for your best interests, and draw a line between what's doable and what's foolish. You don't have to impress anyone; just do your best and stick to what you know.

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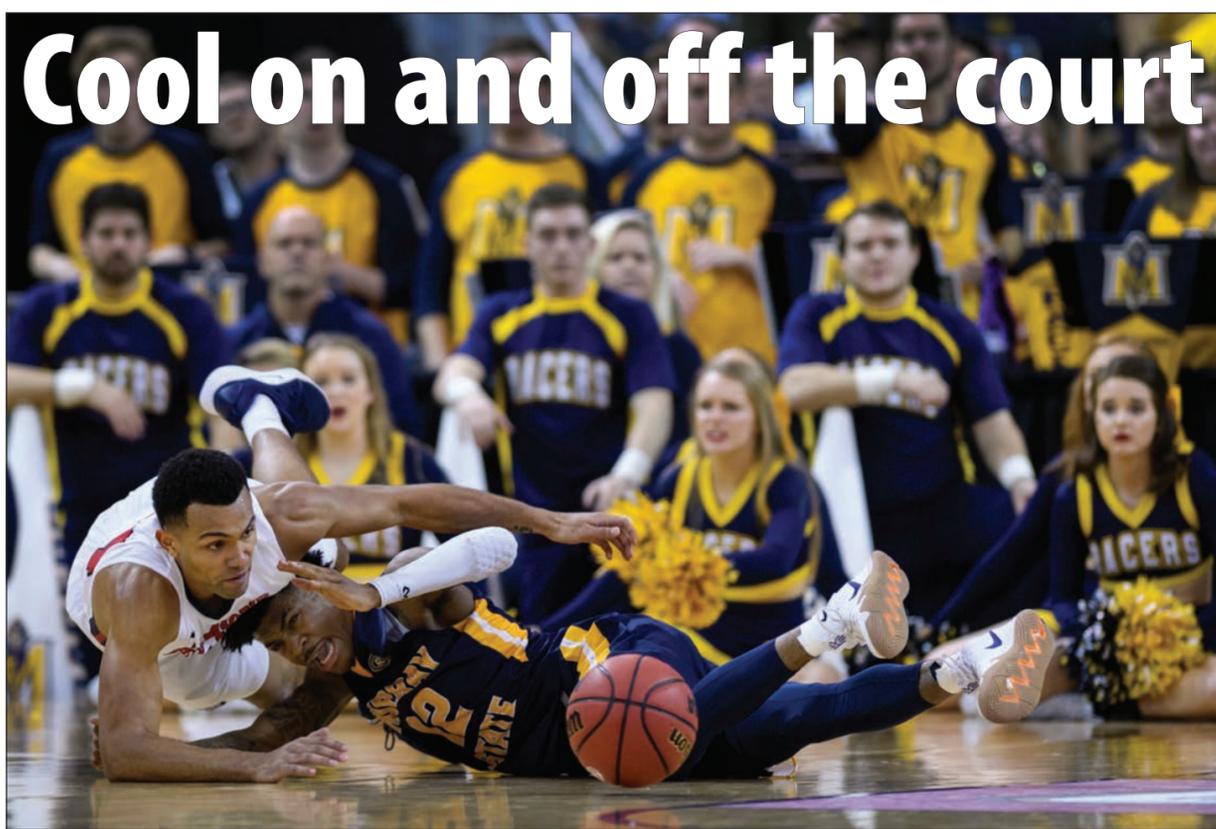
PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



George Sladic comments on his photo submission, "Local Sumter artist Nurai Tucker presents one of her recently finished art pieces to Rick Faddis, also of Sumter. Ms. Tucker, a mother of three, took up painting two years ago as a hobby."

HAVE YOU TAKEN PICTURES OF INTERESTING, EXCITING, BEAUTIFUL OR HISTORICAL PLACES? Would you like to share those images with your fellow *Sumter Item* readers? E-mail your hi-resolution jpegs to sandra@theitem.com, or mail to Sandra Holbert c/o *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29150. Include clearly printed or typed name of photographer and photo details. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your photo. Amateur photographers only please. Photos of poor reproduction quality may not publish. With the exception of pictures that are of a timely nature, submitted photos will publish in the order in which they are received.

JA WATCH



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Belmont's Michael Benkert (24) and Murray State's Ja Morant (12) fight for a loose ball during the second half of the Racers' victory in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship game on Saturday in Evansville, Indiana.

Ja Morant's Crestwood teammates talk about the Murray State standout

Murray State's Ja Morant has exploded on the college basketball scene. So what do some of the people who know him best think of Morant's rise to stardom? *The Sumter Item's* Danny Kelly posed some questions to four of his teammates at Crestwood High School.

RAKEM MISSINGILL, CLASS OF 2017, SMALL FORWARD

What was it like playing with Ja?
"It was incredible, actually. He would overcome the competition coming his way. It was unbelievable how he would pull out some of the things

he did."

Did you think Ja would be this good?
"Of course! We played in middle school; he's always been the Ja you see today. What he wants, he's gonna go get it. He hasn't been under the radar with us. We knew he had that type of potential in him."

What do you like most about his skillset?
"His handles, oh my goodness! You take (Phoenix Suns shooting guard) Jamal Crawford and (Boston Celtics point guard) Kyrie Irving and mix them all together and you have Ja."

DAKOTA JENNINGS, CLASS OF 2017, POWER FORWARD

What was it like playing with Ja?
"It was fun. He got his teammates involved. He played with good pace and was able to get everybody involved. He was cool on and off the court."

Did you think he'd be this good?
"I knew he would be good in (NCAA) Division I, but I didn't think he would be a top-5 (NBA draft) pick. (But) I thought he had potential to make the league."

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CLEMSON MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tigers fall to Pack 59-58 in ACC tourney

BY AARON BEARD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE — For the second time, North Carolina State waited until the last possible moment to beat Clemson.

Markell Johnson hit two free throws with 2.6 seconds left and the Wolfpack came from 18 down in the first half to beat the Tigers 59-58 in Wednesday's second round of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

The eighth-seeded Wolfpack (22-10), down 16 at the break, ended up with the second-biggest comeback from a halftime deficit in tournament history.

"We talked about halftime: it wasn't about Xs and Os," Wolfpack coach Kevin Keatts said. "It was about how much heart and desire and effort you would put into it. And I told them, I said: 'If

you played extremely hard, we'll come out with a win.' And these guys were special."

The Tigers had a final chance after Johnson's free throws, but Marcquise Reed's heave from a few steps inside of halfcourt wasn't close to end it.

At least the Tigers had a chance this time. The Wolfpack beat the Tigers on Braxton Beverly's 3-pointer at the horn a little more than six weeks ago, then survived to win another tight one Wednesday that both teams needed to help their NCAA Tournament hopes as bubble teams.

Johnson's big offensive day was the only thing working for the Wolfpack. No other players scored in double figures, while Johnson's two huge 3s that pushed N.C.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

N.C. State's Markell Johnson, right, shoots over Clemson's Clyde Trapp, left, in the final seconds of the Wolfpack's 59-58 victory in a second-round game in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament in Charlotte on Wednesday. Trapp was called for a foul on the play

PREP BASEBALL

Swampcats move to 3-0 with 11-0 blanking of Wilson Hall

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

Laurence Manning Academy head baseball coach Barry Hatfield has had a highly successful run in his tenure with the Swampcat program, and all early indications point to another deep SCISA 3A playoff run in 2019.

The latest evidence of that came on Tuesday as LMA ran its record to 3-0 with an 11-0 run-rule win over rival Wilson Hall on the Barons' home field in the Region II opener for both schools.

The Swampcats took charge from the start, posting three runs in each of the first three innings before adding two in the top of the fifth to set up the early finish. LMA had production up and down the lineup, with the top five batters accounting for 11 of the Swampcats' 13 hits, 10

runs, nine runs batted in, two walks, two stolen bases and one hit by pitch.

"We lost a lot of kids last year, but we've prepared these kids to step into these different roles," Hatfield said of his team's early-season success. "We lost, I think, six starters last year, but as the years have gone by since middle school we've prepared them to step into these roles. I'm real proud of the way that they've done so far. Offensively, we've swung the bat in these first three games as good as we've swung it any year, so if we can just continue that (we should be good). We still have some things we've got to work on defensively, and we've still got to develop some pitching depth, but I'm real proud of what they've done so far."

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PREP FOOTBALL

LAURENCE MANNING
academy



Briggs stepping down at LMA; Lamar's Austin Floyd takes over

BY DANNY KELLY
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Times are changing for the Laurence Manning Academy football program.

Robbie Briggs announced at the end of January he would be stepping down at the end of this academic year. LMA has hired Lamar High School offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Austin Floyd to replace him.

"I will be stepping down as the head football coach at Laurence Manning Academy at the end of this current school year and shift my attention

fully to our family business (an insurance company), my three children, and doing things with my family during the fall that I have not been able to do for the



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past 23 years," Briggs said in an e-mail. "I feel like we have made a lot of progress in the program over the last six seasons and look forward to its continued success. Without the overwhelming support of the board, parents, and school administration we would not have been able to accomplish the things that we did the last six years."

Briggs recorded a 50-24 record while at LMA, had five semifinal appearances and two state final appearances. Before coaching at LMA, Briggs was the head coach at Manning High, his alma mater. He posted a 103-45 record at Manning, giving him an overall record of 153-69.

LMA athletic director Ben Herod and headmaster Tripp Boykin had nothing but praise for Briggs and what he's done for LMA.

"He's a first-class guy," Herod said. "You're not gonna find a whole lot of people better than him. In my six years as his AD, I had a great experience and enjoyed being around him."

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SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Laurence Manning right-handed pitcher Andrew Boyd, who has already signed on to play college baseball at Radford University in Virginia, got the victory in the Swampcats' 11-0 win over archrival Wilson Hall on Tuesday at the Wilson Hall diamond.

BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

Gamecocks fall 5-4 to Lugoff-Elgin

LUGOFF — Sumter High School's varsity baseball team lost its Region IV-5A opener to Lugoff-Elgin on Monday, falling 5-4 at the L-E field.

The Gamecocks, who are 2-3 overall, managed eight hits. Trey Yates and Seth Posey had two apiece. Sebastian DuCom had a double, while Jackson Hoshour had a hit and a run batted in.

Yates and Zion Brown each scored a run, and Posey had the other RBI.

Posey took the loss on the mound. He worked 3 1/3 innings and was charged with three unearned runs. He allowed four hits and three walks while striking out one.

BISHOP ENGLAND 12 MANNING 1

MANNING — Manning High School lost to Bishop England 12-1 on Tuesday at Monarch Field.

The Bishops broke the game open with a 5-run third inning that made it 7-0.

It was the Region VII-3A opener for the Monarchs. They are 3-1 overall.

LMA SWEEPS PINEWOOD PREP

Laurence Manning Academy swept a pair of baseball games from Pinewood Prep over the weekend, winning 9-5 on Friday in Manning and 11-1 on Saturday in Summerville.

In Friday's contest, LMA had 13 hits with Burgess Jordan, Andrew Boyd, Aaron Carlton and Britton Morris collecting two apiece. Morris had a home run.

LMA scored six runs in the third inning with Carlton, Morris, Boyd, Chase Lee and Seth Stamps each driving in runs.

Buddy Gales started on the mound for the Swampcats, allowing three hits and one run over three innings.

In Saturday's game, Carlton drove in five runs on three hits, including a homer. Brewer Brunson also had three hits for Laurence Manning, which had 12 in the game.

JT Stanley had two hits, and he also pitched up the win. He allowed two hits

and one run over five innings, striking out five.

VARSITY TENNIS

LUGOFF-ELGIN 6 SUMTER 0

LUGOFF — Sumter High School lost its Region IV-5A opener on Tuesday, falling to Lugoff-Elgin at the L-E courts.

SINGLES

1 — Spenser Hilton (LE) defeated Tyler Smith-hart 6-0, 6-1.
2 — Alex Hinton (LE) defeated Drew Newman 6-0, 6-1.
3 — Holden Roberts (LE) defeated Frampton McCloskie 6-1, 6-1.
4 — Cody Morrison (LE) defeated Logan Stanley 6-2, 6-2.
5 — Andrew Boone (LE) defeated Paul Gotshall 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES

1 — Did not play
2 — Xavier Hunt/Giordan Whittsett (LE) defeated Jordan Baker/Daniel Gilman 6-1, 6-4.

VARSITY SOCCER

LUGOFF-ELGIN 5 SUMTER 4

LUGOFF — Sumter High School lost to Lugoff-Elgin on penalty kicks, falling 5-4 on Tuesday at the L-E field.

The Gamecocks, who fell to 5-4 overall in their Region IV-5A opener, were tied 4-4 at the end of regulation. Christian Hines had two goals for SHS, while Finn McGregor and Dyson Roberts had a goal apiece.

Jehu McCray had three assists and Justin Rabon had nine saves in goal.

Scoring on PKs for Sumter were Ja'von Boyd-Perry, Hines, Roberts and Luis Meza-Rueda.

JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER

LUGOFF-ELGIN 1 SUMTER 0

LUGOFF — Sumter High School lost to Lugoff-Elgin 2-1 on Tuesday at the L-E field.

The Gamecocks fell to 2-2-1.

From staff reports

GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

Moore's hat trick helps Sumter to 6-5 win

Sumter High School's varsity girls soccer team defeated Lugoff-Elgin 6-5 on penalty kicks on Tuesday in its Region IV-5A opener at the SHS field.

The game was tied 4-4 at the end of regulation and each team scored a goal in overtime. The Lady Gamecocks won on penalty kicks 4-1.

Penelope Moore scored three goals to lead Sumter. Sophia Haughton and Katie Keffer had a goal apiece, and Jasiah Pack had two assists.

Moore, Pack, Haughton and Katie Mossell were all successful on their PKs. SHS goalie Taylor Gradwell had one save on PKs.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

WILSON HALL 10 CAROLINA 9

LAKE CITY — Wilson Hall defeated Carolina Academy 10-9 on Monday at Palmetto Park Sport-Plex.

Mary Claire Lee led the Lady Barons offensively, going 3-for-3 with two doubles and three runs batted in. Sydney Jarecki also had three hits with a double and a run scored.

Ellie Stone had two hits and a run, Andi Grae Wingate had two hits, two runs and an RBI, and Dani Hanley had a hit, an RBI and two runs.

Kailee Poston got the win in the circle, and centerfielder Carly Allred threw out the tying run at home plate to end the game.

A.C. FLORA 8 LAKEWOOD 7

COLUMBIA — Lakewood High School lost to A.C. Flora 8-7 in nine innings on Tuesday at the ACF field.

Autumn Gibbons pitched all nine innings for the Lady Gators, who

fell to 1-1 in Region IV-4A.

Cakhi Fowler had two hits and three RBI to lead LHS offensively. Keeley Hulse had two hits and Darby Watford had a double.

LUGOFF-ELGIN 10 SUMTER 0

LUGOFF — Sumter High School lost to Lugoff-Elgin 10-0 on Tuesday in its Region IV-5A opener at the L-E field.

Gabby Kirkman and Josie Self each had a hit for the Lady Gamecocks. Regan Troublefield took the loss.

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

LAKEWOOD 14 A.C. FLORA 0

COLUMBIA — Lakewood High School defeated A.C. Flora 14-0 on Tuesday at the ACF field.

Riley Ruighaver reached base three times, scored three times and drove in three runs for the Lady Gators. Bailey Moss was 2-for-3 with two runs, Bayleigh Ruighaver was 2-for-2 with a walk and two runs.

Jillian Lynch led the pitching effort, striking out two and allowing one hit in two innings.

LUGOFF-ELGIN 2 SUMTER 0

LUGOFF — Sumter High School's Peyton Morris pitched a 4-hitter, but it still wasn't enough as the Lady Gamecocks lost to Lugoff-Elgin 2-0 on Tuesday at the L-E field.

Morris went the distance in the circle, giving up two runs in the fourth inning. She also had one of two hits for Sumter, which fell to 5-2-1. Aubree Ardis had the other hit.

From staff reports

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

1 p.m. — PGA Golf: The Players Championship First Round from Ponte Vedra, Fla. (GOLF).
2 p.m. — Professional Tennis: BNP Paribas Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Indian Wells, Calif. (ESPNNEWS).
4 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Miami vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).
8 p.m. — Professional Tennis: BNP Paribas Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Indian Wells, Calif. (ESPNNEWS).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Toronto (TNT).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Dallas at Denver (TNT).
12:55 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Australian Grand Prix Practice (ESPNNEWS).
4 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Kenya Open Second Round (GOLF).

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Varsity Baseball
Manning at Lake City, 6:30 p.m.
Timmonsville at East Clarendon (DH), 5 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Augusta Christian, 6 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Williamsburg, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Baseball
Robert E. Lee at Pee Dee, 4 p.m.
Varsity and B Team Baseball
Thomas Sumter at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Calhoun Academy, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Baseball
Crestwood at Lower Richland, 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood at A.C. Flora, 6 p.m.
Junior Varsity and B Team Baseball
Sumter at Lugoff-Elgin, 5:15 p.m.
B Team Baseball
Laurence Manning at Robert E. Lee, 5 p.m.
Varsity Boys Golf
Manning at Wilson Hall (at Sunset Country Club), 4 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Williamsburg (at Swampfox Country Club), 3:30 p.m.
Junior Varsity Boys Golf
Camden at Sumter (at Beech Creek Golf Club), TBA
Varsity and JV Boys Soccer
Columbia at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball
Lake City at Crestwood, 5:30 p.m.
Timmonsville at East Clarendon (DH), 5 p.m.
Cardinal Newman at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.
Trinity-Byrnes at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Florence Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity and JV Softball
Lugoff-Elgin at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Pee Dee, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Softball
East Clarendon at Lake City, 5 p.m.
Cardinal Newman at Wilson Hall, 7 p.m.
Varsity Boys Tennis
Manning at Hanahan, 4:30 p.m.
Heathwood Hall at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Varsity Track and Field
Lee Central at North Central, 5:30 p.m.
Middle School Track and Field
Alice Drive, Ebenezer, R.E. Davis vs. Bates (at Memorial Stadium), 4:30 p.m.
Furman, Hillcrest at Chestnut Oaks, 4:30 p.m.
Thomas Sumter, Robert E. Lee at Wilson Hall, 3:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Varsity Baseball
Sumter at Lugoff-Elgin, 6:30 p.m.
Lower Richland at Crestwood, 6:30 p.m.
A.C. Flora at Lakewood, 6:30 p.m.
Manning at Bishop England, 6 p.m.
Mullins at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Baseball
Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson Academy, 4 p.m.
B Team Baseball
Wilson Hall at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.

Varsity Boys Soccer
John Paul II at Wilson Hall, 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
Varsity and JV Boys Soccer
Battery Creek at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
Manning at Waccamaw, 6 p.m.
Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer
Dreher at Crestwood, 5:30 p.m.
Lower Richland at Lakewood, 6 p.m.
Varsity Softball
Manning at Bishop England, 6 p.m.
East Clarendon at Mullins, 6 p.m.
Wilson Hall in Sumter Tournament, TBA
Varsity and JV Softball
Williamsburg at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson Academy, 4 p.m.
Varsity and B Team Softball
Thomas Sumter at Calhoun Academy, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Softball
Wilson Hall in Sumter Tournament, TBA
Varsity and JV Softball
Dreher at Crestwood, 5:30 p.m.
Lower Richland at Lakewood, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Varsity Baseball
Sumter at Dreher, 2:30 p.m.
Junior Varsity Baseball
Edisto at Manning (DH), noon
Junior Varsity and B Team Baseball
Sumter at Dreher 10 a.m.
B Team Baseball
East Clarendon at Lake City (DH) 11 a.m.
Varsity Softball
Wilson Hall in Sumter Tournament, TBA
Junior Varsity Softball
Wilson Hall in Sumter Tournament, TBA
Varsity Track and Field
Manning in Silver Fox Invitational (at Dutch Fork High), 8:30 a.m.
East Clarendon in SC-NC Border Clash (in Waxhaw, N.C.), TBA

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	48	20	.706	—
Philadelphia	43	25	.632	5
Boston	41	27	.603	7
Brooklyn	36	33	.522	12½
New York	13	55	.191	35

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	35	.470	—
Orlando	31	37	.456	1
Charlotte	30	37	.448	1½
Washington	28	39	.418	3½
Atlanta	23	45	.338	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	51	17	.750	—
Indiana	43	25	.632	8
Detroit	34	32	.515	16
Chicago	19	50	.275	32½
Cleveland	17	51	.250	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	42	25	.627	—
San Antonio	39	29	.574	3½
New Orleans	30	40	.429	13½
Memphis	28	40	.412	14½
Dallas	27	40	.403	15

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	44	22	.667	—
Oklahoma City	41	26	.612	3½
Portland	41	26	.612	3½
Utah	37	29	.561	7
Minnesota	32	36	.471	13

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Golden State	45	21	.682	—
L.A. Clippers	39	30	.565	7½
Sacramento	33	33	.500	12
L.A. Lakers	31	36	.463	14½
Phoenix	16	52	.235	30

x-clinched playoff spot

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

At The Spectrum Center
Charlotte, N.C.

First Round

Tuesday, March 12
Miami 79, Wake Forest 71
Notre Dame 78, Georgia Tech 71
Pittsburgh 80, Boston College 70

Second Round

Wednesday, March 13
N.C. State 59, Clemson 58
Virginia Tech 71, Miami 56
Louisville vs. Notre Dame, 7 p.m.
Syracuse vs. Pittsburgh, 9:30 p.m.

Quarterfinals

Thursday, March 14
Virginia vs. N.C. State, 12:30 p.m.
Florida State vs. Virginia Tech, 3 p.m.
North Carolina vs. Louisville-Notre Dame winner, 7 p.m.

Duke vs. Syracuse-Pittsburgh winner, 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals

Friday, March 15
Virginia-N.C. State winner vs. Florida State-Virginia Tech winner, 7 p.m.

North Carolina_Louisville-Notre Dame winner vs. Duke_Syracuse-Pittsburgh winner, 9:30 p.m.

Championship

Saturday, March 16
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.

First Round

Wednesday, March 13
Missouri vs. Georgia, 7 p.m.
Texas A&M vs. Vanderbilt, 9:30 p.m.

Second Round

Thursday, March 14
Florida vs. Arkansas, 1 p.m.
Auburn vs. Missouri-Georgia winner, 3:30 p.m.
Mississippi vs. Alabama, 7 p.m.
Mississippi State vs. Texas A&M-Vanderbilt winner, 9:30 p.m.

Quarterfinals

Friday, March 15
LSU vs. Florida-Arkansas winner, 1 p.m.
South Carolina vs. Auburn_Missouri-Georgia winner, 3:30 p.m.

Kentucky vs. Mississippi-Alabama winner, 7 p.m.
Tennessee vs. Mississippi State_Texas A&M-Vanderbilt winner, 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals

Saturday, March 16
LSU_Florida-Arkansas winner vs. South Carolina_Auburn_Missouri-Georgia winner, 1 p.m.

Kentucky_Mississippi-Alabama winner vs. Tennessee_Mississippi State_Texas A&M-Vanderbilt winner, 3:30 p.m.

Championship

just wanted to give it back to my team for what I did against Virginia in the first game — and that's make the free throws."

Trapp declined to comment on whether he thought he fouled Johnson, while Brownell said Johnson "got a very good call."

UP NEXT

Clemson: The Tigers now wait to learn their postseason fate.

N.C. State: The Wolfpack advanced to Thursday's quarterfinals to face second-ranked and top-seeded Virginia

TIGERS FROM PAGE B1

N.C. State: Keatts has said the team's pressing style and aggressive philosophy is enough to keep it in any game, even facing a big deficit. That proved true Wednesday in a noon game with a start so flat Keatts joked afterward his team played like they didn't wake up "until about 1 o'clock."

"I think this team is built for that," Keatts said, adding: "I don't want to be in that position all the time."

THE DECIDING PLAY

Clemson had fouled N.C. State several times with fouls to give before Johnson drove for an off-balance jumper that drew a whistle on Clyde Trapp, sending Johnson to the line for the winning fouls.

Johnson had hit two big free throws to force overtime in a January loss to Virginia, though he later had a critical miss with a chance to tie late in the extra period of the 66-65 loss.

"I've been in a situation like that versus Virginia," Johnson said. "And I

NC STATE 59, CLEMSON 58

CLEMSON (19-13)

Skara 3-7 0-0 7, Simms 4-7 1-1 11, Thomas 4-7 0-0 8, Mitchell 2-12 0-0 6, Reed 5-18 2-2 16, Tyson 0-0 0-0 0, White 2-2 0-2 4, Newman 1-2 1-1 3, Trapp 1-7 1-2 3. Totals 22-62 5-8 58.

NC STATE (22-10)

Bryce 1-4 0-0 2, Walker 2-3 2-2 6, Dorn 4-9 0-0 8, Johnson 8-17 3-3 23, Beverly 2-6 0-1 4, Hellem 1-4 0-0 3, Funderburk 3-4 2-3 8, Daniels 2-9 0-0 5, Harris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-56 7-9 59.

Halftime_Clemson 42-26. 3-Point Goals_Clemson 9-23 (Reed 4-7, Simms 2-2, Mitchell 2-5, Skara 1-5, Trapp 0-4), NC State 6-21 (Johnson 4-9, Hellem 1-2, Daniels 1-4, Dorn 0-2, Beverly 0-4). Fouled Out_Thomas. Rebounds_Clemson 37 (Reed 10), NC State 27 (Dorn 12). Assists_Clemson 13 (Reed 6), NC State 10 (Johnson 4). Total Fouls_Clemson 15, NC State 12.

Murray State's Ja Morant (12) is introduced as a starter before the Ohio Valley Conference tournament semifinal against the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks at Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana, on March 8.

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JA FROM PAGE B1

What do you like about his skillset?

"He can facilitate. He can get everybody involved without making it seem like he's a ball hog."

RJ Scott, Class of 2016, point guard
How was it playing with Ja?

"It was exciting and fun. I learned a lot from him. He was just as competitive in a game as he was in practice. You have to get better with Ja. You have no choice but to get better."

Did you think he would be this good?

"He didn't have the exposure everyone else was getting. I saw him being just as good as he is now in high school."

What do you like about his skillset?

"He has good basketball IQ. He sees the court well. His athleticism is crazy. He can

shoot the ball anywhere on the court."

Jonah Williams, Class of 2016, power forward

How was it playing with Ja?

"It was great. He made everyone better. He was a phenomenal player. He was entertaining and a great player to have on the team."

Did you think he would be this good?

"I always said he would be the one from South Carolina, aside from (Duke's) Zion (Williamson) to make the NBA. I knew he'd blow up eventually. He grinded more than the average individual. I wouldn't say I called it, but I am not shocked at all."

What do you like most about his skillset?

"I love the way he plays. He plays selfless. He's entertaining and smooth. It's the way you wanna teach your kids. It's stylish and something you can idolize. You wanna play like that yourself."

CATS FROM PAGE B1

Leadoff hitter Brewer Brunson set the table well all night, reaching base with two singles and a triple to the leftfield corner and coming around to score each time while also driving in a run. Burgess Jordan reached on a single and worked Wilson Hall starter Tanner Epps for two walks to also end with three runs while Aaron Carlton singled, doubled, was hit by a pitch, scored three runs and drove in four. Cleanup hitter Britton Morris ended with three singles and three RBI, while Jake Jordan added two singles and a triple, scoring one and driving home one.

"We've had a lot of kids (swing the bat well)," Hatfield said. "Aaron Carlton, Burgess Jordan; Brewer Brunson has taken over the leadoff role and I've been very pleased. The kids, they've just really stepped into the roles and for some of them the roles have changed. Brewer was kind of a scat runner, bottom-of-the-order guy

the last couple of years and now he's stepped into the role of leadoff and has performed really well, and I'm real happy for him. But we've had quite a few kids that, so far what we're seeing is we're hitting pretty much through the order, so that makes coaching a lot easier."

Wilson Hall's best scoring threat came in the top of the first inning, with Tyler Jones lacing a double to left field off LMA starter Andrew Boyd. Epps would draw a 1-out walk, putting runners at the corners before Boyd would rally to strike out Wise Segars looking and handle a grounder off the bat of Harrison Hudson to end the threat.

Boyd held the Barons to that one hit while going the distance, striking out five and walking two. Wilson Hall had five baserunners against Boyd, with one coming on a passed ball third strike and another coming on an infield error.

"He was not quite as sharp," Hatfield said of Boyd. "He was missing a little bit of spots. He can be a (dominant)

pitcher. He's committed to Radford, a (NCAA) Division I team, and he can be very tough on the mound. He missed his spots a little bit tonight, but he has a chance every game when he goes out to be kind of difficult to handle, so I've been real pleased with him."

Wilson Hall head coach Adam Jarecki is accentuating the positives each game with a young team that has dropped each of its first three games.

"They've got a good team, and Boyd does a nice job. He's a good pitcher," Jarecki said. "We've just got some growing up to do. We've got to get better, that's all. We've got to make plays, especially when Tanner is pitching. He's our best and we've got to make plays behind him. We had some positive things tonight, though. We had a couple of nice plays on the infield, second baseman (Jones) made a couple of nice plays, we had a nice play at short (Chase Ward), a nice play at third (Hudson), Wise had a nice catch in center, so those are positives that we've got to keep working on."

Epps, who struck out three and

coach for football.

Floyd thinks LMA is a great fit for him.

"It's exciting; (LMA is) full of tradition," he said. "LMA is competitive and wants to be competitive. They put student-athletes first and do things the way they're supposed to be done. LMA was willing to change things for (me). There will be a learning curve, but the program is in a good place."

"We're in a position to be successful," Boykin said. "It's a good situation; I can step in a position to where I have the support I need to get it done. That was very attractive."

Floyd can't wait to be a Swampcat.

"I wanna be at LMA every day," he said. "I teach at Lamar and coach baseball, but once baseball's done, we'll have spring football at LMA and get rolling into the summer. I look forward to get(ting) started."

Floyd wants to develop is players into better people, not just football players.

"(You have to do the) things the Lord starts asking you to do," he said. "If (my players) are not growing up and becoming productive men and good fathers, then it's pointless. Everything I did in college (helped me) to get here. I'm going to bust my tail; I'm beyond excited and I look forward to being at LMA and doing the best job I know how."

OBITUARIES

CHERYL DENISE MANTHEI

Cheryl Denise Manthei was born on Oct. 30, 1968, in Sumter, to Eloise Cribb Reynolds and Dennis DeSpain. She was educated in the public schools of Charleston County. She



MANTHEI

Cheryl departed this life on Monday, March 11, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Cheryl leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Sarah Smith and Christopher Smith; grandson, Bentley Smith; mother, Eloise (Gordon) Reynolds; father, Dennis (Carla) DeSpain; two sisters, Laura Avery and Christina White; two brothers, David (Eric) Hunter and Donald (Genie) Reynolds; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held at noon on Friday at the home of Eloise and Gordon Reynolds, 2865 September Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

RANDALL L. BLOODWORTH

Randall Lawrence Bloodworth, 43, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at his home, after a long illness.

Born on April 11, 1975, in Valdosta, Georgia, he was a son of LeRoy and Connie Bloodworth of Florence and Sandra Bloodworth of Wedgefield.

He is also survived by a brother, Rob (Jen) Bloodworth; two nieces; and several

uncles, aunts and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Daren Bloodworth.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today at the Greenhaven Preserve chapel, Eastover, with Pastor Al Sims officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fisher House Foundation in memory of Randy.

CHARLES JAMES REYNOLDS

Retired U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Charles James "Jim" Reynolds, 76, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 11, 2019, at his home, surrounded by his family.

A casual dress, graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Lynchburg. Visitation with the family will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Born on Jan. 25, 1943, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he was the eldest of seven children of the late Charles and Thelma Rosenberry Reynolds. "Mr. Jim" retired from the Army after 20 years of service. He later retired from Santee Print Works after more than 20 years of employment. He also retired after 28 years as a volunteer firefighter with Pleasant Grove Station 4 and served with the Lynchburg EMS. He received an Associate of Arts degree from the University of the State of New York. He was an award-winning softball pitcher for the Armed Forces Softball League and later enjoyed helping to coach local youth, and he volunteered as an umpire for local recreational teams. He was a championship caliber bowler. Before his military

service, he played minor league baseball for the Detroit Tigers and was a well-known Coca-Cola connoisseur. He enjoyed the outdoors, visiting with friends at the local store and spoiling his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Ann Phillips Reynolds; a daughter, Jenna (Chris) Windham of Turbeville; and two sons, Kenny Reynolds of Lynchburg and Danny (Karanena) Reynolds of Dalzell; three grandchildren, Gracie Reynolds, Carson Windham and William "Dub" Reynolds; a brother-in-law, William (Ellen) Phillips of Lynchburg; three sisters, Bonnie Deimel, Joyce Shaffer and Cheryl Crews, all of Coopersville, Michigan; and one brother, David Reynolds of Zepherhill, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Thelma Reynolds; two brothers, Dale and Kenny Reynolds; and his in-laws, WC and Lydia Phillips.

The family would like to recognize his special friends: Lena Phillips and family, Wayne and Joy Lynch, Annette Coker, Shirley Hickson, Kelley Floyd and the late Dennis Jans; and also his fur babies, Pepper and Baylee.

Memorials can be made to Dalzell Baptist Church, P.O. Box 68, Dalzell, SC 29040 and Pleasant Grove Station 4, (checks made to Cameron Phillips), 715 Pleasant Grove Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

Floyd Funeral Home of Olanta is in charge of arrangements.

DAISY MARTIN

Daisy Martin, of Manning, died on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Plans will be announced by J.P. Holley Funeral Home.

LMA FROM PAGE B1

"He was a tremendous asset," Boykin said of Briggs. "It's evident the work he did here. He built a new program upon which Floyd can build upon. We look forward to Coach Briggs's continued support of the LMA family."

Floyd is also appreciative of what Briggs has done for him so far.

"He's helped me in any way possible to make this a smooth transition," Floyd said. "He's organized."

Boykin is excited for Floyd to start coaching at LMA.

"He's from this area; he and his wife (Whitney) are part of the community," he said. "He has discipline and knowledge of the game. He's a strong man of faith and will continue to develop young men. He invests in them not just on the ball field, but in the classroom. He's a relational coach, (which is) a big asset as well; we look forward to him being here."

"They're (he and his wife) are excited and we're excited," Boykin said. "He's eager to get started. He'll be a key part of our faculty; he's a strong leader in the classroom and on the field."

Floyd will be teaching in the social studies department at LMA. Floyd currently teaches at Lamar and is also the school's baseball coach in addition to being the OC and OL

walked one in four innings of work, retired the side in the fourth to extend the game for Wilson Hall, thanks to a standout defensive effort from two of his Baron teammates. Jones ranged from his second base position to the rightfield side of the bag to smother a Seth Stamps grounder and get off a throw to a stretching first baseman Hunter Ives, who was able to scoop the throw and hold the bag to record the inning-ending out on a close play.

Tate Sistare came on to pitch the final inning for Wilson Hall, recording all three outs on ground balls. Sistare surrendering a walk, two hits and two runs, with another batter reaching on an error.

"We've got three returners, three kids back from last year and we graduated eight," Jarecki said of a year in which Wilson Hall is not fielding a junior varsity baseball team. "Most of our kids are JV age, but that's no excuse. We've just got to keep working and keep getting better. We've got to thrive on the positive and build on that and go from there."

BURTON M. HATFIELD SR.

Burton M. "Mac" Hatfield Sr., 89, widower of Mary Frances Marshall Hatfield, died on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born on Feb. 26, 1930, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Lucius Herbert Hatfield and Ruth McPherson Hatfield. He was a member of St. Marks United Methodist Church, the Woodmen of the World and the American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Mr. Hatfield played minor league baseball as a third baseman for the New York Giants. He retired as the owner of Hatfield Builders.

Survivors include two sons, Burton M. "Burt" Hatfield Jr. (Helen) of Sumter and Barry M. Hatfield (Anita) of Manning; five grandchildren, Burton Hatfield (Katie), Leighann Butler (Tom), Caroline Speer (Tyler), Hayley Hatfield and Dawson Hatfield; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Katherine Godwin of Sumter.

He was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Jim Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tom Butler, Tyler Speer, Burton Hatfield III, Dawson Hatfield, Mark Campbell, Melvin Owens and Matt Brown.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Cure Sanfilippo Foundation, P.O. Box 6901, Columbia, SC 29260, www.curesff.org.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

RASHAAD RAGIN

Rashaad Ragin, 25, died on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia.

Born in Sumter County, he was a son of Minister Lester Ragin and Rosa Wactor Ragin.

The family will receive friends at the home of his parents, 2890 Drake St.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.



TOMMY MCFADDEN

Tommy McFadden, 80, husband of Minnie Johnson McFadden, departed this life on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 30, 1938, in Lynchburg, Virginia, a son of the late Samuel and Dozier Wilson McFadden.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1050 W. Sherwood Ave., Sumter, SC 29153.

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

RICHARD DEAN ROARICK

Richard Dean Roarick, age 79, beloved husband of Mary L. Roarick, died on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at McLeod Health Clarendon.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter.



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WALLACE THE BRAVE



ANDY CAPP



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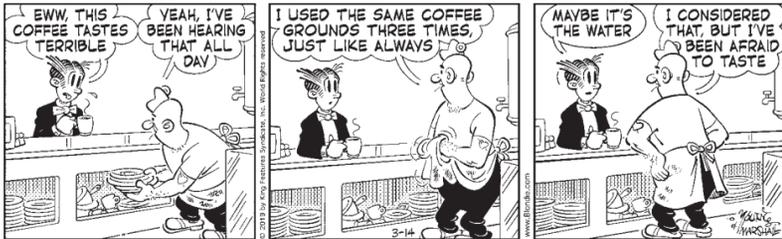
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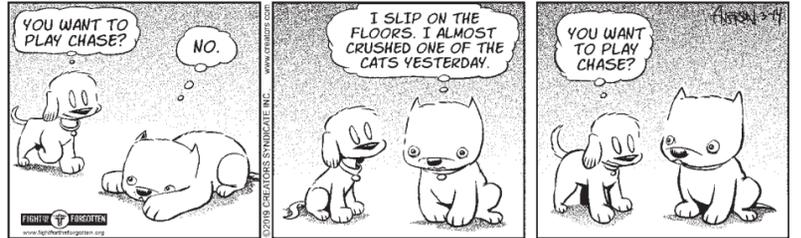
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MOTHER GOOSE



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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Crime shows lead to parents' paranoia about world



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I dwell in a small, Southern and, I thought, safe hometown. I'm currently unemployed and therefore unable to afford a place of my own. I live with my parents. I have job-

searched for months now for something within walking distance. I pay for food with food stamps. But I can't yet pay for transportation, insurance, necessities, etc.

My problem is, I love to walk four to six times a week for 30 minutes to an hour. It helps me with depression and boosts my self-esteem, health

and wellness. It shouldn't be a problem, right? Well, I've been warned several times that I could get hit by a vehicle, kidnapped and even murdered if I continue to do it. (My parents are TV crime show fans.)

Abby, I have spoken with the police in my area. They assure me it's safe to be out for a walk. Yet, if I'm gone more than 15 or 20 minutes, I receive incessant, ominous, foreboding warning calls on my cellphone. What can I do about their overactive spookiness? I can't afford a treadmill.

Stepping out in Arkansas

DEAR STEPPING — When you leave for your walk, tell your parents approximately what time they can expect you back, leaving yourself a few minutes' leeway. Then silence

your cellphone and enjoy your walk.

DEAR ABBY — At the checkout counter I noticed the clerk had a tattoo in the cleavage of her breasts. I could see it because of her low-cut blouse. What's the correct protocol? Should I ignore the obvious, or should I look closer to be sure I am seeing it correctly? Should I compliment her on her nice tattoo? What exactly am I to do while she's ringing up my purchase?

Baffled in the Midwest

DEAR BAFFLED — I'm so glad you asked! What you should do is keep your eyes focused on the tally the computer monitor shows to be sure the checker is ringing up your purchase correctly. It's the way to make the "breast" of a touchy situation.

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.

ANHEV

FYTAT

DLIYWL

NILFUS

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STOMP VITAL MEADOW HOBBLE
Answer: The larger member of the deer family hung out with his cousins until he — HAD TO "VA-MOOSE"



SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Alan Olschwang

3/14/19

ACROSS

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- 14 Take a break
- 15 "Return of the Jedi" forest moon
- 16 Fashion or sense preceder
- 17 "Like power lines
- 19 Band booking
- 20 Conspiring (with)
- 21 Cake invitation
- 23 Does, say
- 24 "End an engagement?"
- 27 Alternative rock genre
- 29 "Come on in!"
- 30 Any member of ABBA
- 33 What a birdie beats
- 34 Aromatic herb
- 37 '90s game disc
- 38 "Teddy kin
- 42 One of the fire signs
- 43 Pull a fast one on
- 45 Served, as time
- 46 Brilliance
- 48 One-footer, e.g.
- 50 Gray shade

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- 55 World-weary words
- 59 Up
- 60 Babe __, only woman in ESPN's Top 10 North American Athletes of the 20th Century
- 62 Life-saving pro
- 63 Simple card game, and what's hidden in the answers to starred clues
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- 67 Ancient Aegean region
- 68 "The Wreck of the Mary __"
- 69 Channel that airs many RKO films
- 70 __ closet
- 71 John of "The Addams Family"

- 8 Dictator played by Forest
- 9 Leicester toilet
- 10 Journalist Peter
- 11 Time of one's life
- 12 Cartoon genre
- 13 Continued unabated
- 18 "The one who makes it, takes it" breakfast brand
- 22 Breezed through
- 25 Recipe verb
- 26 Crucifix letters
- 28 Fellows
- 30 Beach letters
- 31 Try to attract
- 32 Lacking humility
- 33 Third deg.?
- 35 Verdant patch
- 36 Auction unit
- 39 "Gotcha!"

- 40 Singer Vannelli
- 41 Some RIT grads
- 44 After-hours
- 47 Supplies power to
- 49 #2, for one
- 50 '60s-'70s tennis great
- 51 Extract forcibly
- 52 Bleachers sign
- 53 David and Ricky's dad
- 54 Israeli hero
- 56 Drum kit part
- 57 Motherly introduction?
- 58 German steel center
- 61 Operatic princess
- 64 Versailles monarch
- 65 Taylor of fashion

Previous Puzzle Solved

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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Jussie Smollett in court. (N)	Superstore Amy and Dina create a fake rivalry. (N)	A.P. Bio "Nuns" Jack wants revenge on a church. (N)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Gintars" (N) (DVS)	Will & Grace Grace's dad refuses Will's blood. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Missing" A child is found in the trunk of a car. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Oscar Isaac; Lilly Singh; Jimmy Carr. (N)	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory "The Paintball Scattering" (N)	(:31) Fam Freddy begins seeing Rose for therapy. (N)	(:01) Young Sheldon (DVS)	Fam "Party Girl" Clem decides to liven up her party. (N)	S.W.A.T. "Never Again" The team hunts diamond thieves. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Christine Baranski; Donnie Wahlberg. (N)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "America's Game" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "And Dream of Sheep" Family history must be confronted. (N)	(:01) Station 19 "I Fought the Law" An injured woman has amnesia. (N)	For the People "This Is America" Tina insists on protecting a young boy. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Joseph Gordon-Levitt; Angela Bassett; half-alive" Joseph Gordon-Levitt; Angela Bassett. (N)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Favorites								Favorites	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	iHeartRadio Music Awards: The year's most popular music artists. (Live)			WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mandy's boyfriend impresses Mike. (N)	Last Man Standing A Valentine's Day music video. (N)	Supernatural "Peace of Mind" Dean and Jack go to visit an old friend. (N)	Legacies "Let's Just Finish the Dance" Hope's magic goes on the friz. (N)	The Good Wife "Get a Room" Handling a dairy company's PR disaster. (N)	The Good Wife "Feeding the Rat" A witness in case becomes a suspect. (N)	The Game Jason tries to impress his new coach. (N)			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	60 Days In "Loose Lips Sink Ships" The participants are put in real danger. (N)	60 Days In "You Don't Belong Here" A participant's cover is blown. (N)	60 Days In "Season 5 Reunion" The participants meet with the sheriff. (N)	(:04) The Toe Bro "The Nail Eating Toe" A girl fights a stubborn wart. (N)			(:12:03) 60 Days In				
AMC	48	180	(3:30) *** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. (N)	** "Major League" (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, Corbin Bernsen. A ragtag team tries to turn its poor performance around. (N)	** "A Madea Christmas" (2013, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Kathy Najimy, Chad Michael Murray. Madea dishes out her own brand of Christmas spirit. (N)	(:35) *** "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982, Comedy) Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh. California teenagers enjoy malls, sex and rock 'n' roll. (N)							
ANPL	41	100	River Monsters "Colombian Slasher" (N)	River Monsters Searching for the goonch in the foothills of the Himalayas. (N)	River Monsters Searching for the goonch in the foothills of the Himalayas. (N)	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	
BET	61	162	(6:35) *** "First Sunday" (2008, Comedy) Two bumbling thieves' plan to rob a church goes awry. (N)	Project Runway "Finale Part II" The winner is announced. (N)	Project Runway (Season Premiere) Sixteen designers arrive in New York. (N)	Top Chef "Finale" (Season Finale) It's the final showdown. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	Project Runway Sixteen designers arrive in New York. (N)					
BRAVO	47	181	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper	
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "The Meeting" (N)	(:25) The Office "The Promotion" (N)	The Office "Niagara" (N)	The Office "Niagara" (N)	The Office "Mafia" (N)	The Office "The Lover" (N)	Broad City "Sleep No More" (N)	The Other Two (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:36) South Park "Goobacks" (N)	(:12:06) South Park "Margantaville" (N)
DISN	18	200	Raven's Home (Part 1 of 2)	Raven's Home (Part 2 of 2)	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Raven's Home Nia contacts her father. (N)	Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max "Can't Dye This" (N)	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Andi Mack	Sydney to the Max	Bizaardvark
DSC	42	103	Building Off the Grid "Cliff House" (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid (N)	Off the Grid
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs North Carolina. (N) (Live)	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs Duke. Fourth Quarterfinal. (N) (Live)	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs Duke. Fourth Quarterfinal. (N) (Live)	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs Duke. Fourth Quarterfinal. (N) (Live)	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs Duke. Fourth Quarterfinal. (N) (Live)	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs Duke. Fourth Quarterfinal. (N) (Live)	College Basketball ACC Tournament -- TBA vs Duke. Fourth Quarterfinal. (N) (Live)	College Basketball: Pac-12 Tournament	
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament -- TBA vs Texas Tech. Third Quarterfinal. (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
FOOD	40	109	Chopped A protein-packed competition. (N)	Chopped "Battle of the Butchers" (N)	Chopped "Meat Your Match" (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Tucker Carlson	
FREE	20	131	(5:30) *** "Ratatouille" (2007) Voices of Patton Oswalt. (N)	Siren "Leverage" Mermaids and humans try a radical plan. (N)	(:01) *** "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. (N)	Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. (N)	Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. (N)	Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. (N)	Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. (N)	Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. (N)	Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. (N)	"Chipmunks-Squeakquel" (N)	
FSS	21	47	ACC All-Access	SportsMoney	Rodeo RodeoHouston Super Series, First Semifinal. (Taped)	Atlanta Braves	ACC All-Access	Fight Sports: In 60	Fight Sports: In 60				
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Tulips in Spring" (2016) Fiona Gubelmann, Lucas Bryant. (N)	"Just Add Romance" (2019, Romance) Meghann Fahy, Luke MacFarlane. Two talented chefs find themselves competing on a cable cooking show. (N)	"Walking the Dog" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Finnigan, Sam Page, Lini Evans. Rival lawyers are brought together by their dogs. (N)	"Walking the Dog" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Finnigan, Sam Page, Lini Evans. Rival lawyers are brought together by their dogs. (N)	"Walking the Dog" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Finnigan, Sam Page, Lini Evans. Rival lawyers are brought together by their dogs. (N)	"Walking the Dog" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Finnigan, Sam Page, Lini Evans. Rival lawyers are brought together by their dogs. (N)	"Walking the Dog" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Finnigan, Sam Page, Lini Evans. Rival lawyers are brought together by their dogs. (N)	"Walking the Dog" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Finnigan, Sam Page, Lini Evans. Rival lawyers are brought together by their dogs. (N)	"Walking the Dog" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Finnigan, Sam Page, Lini Evans. Rival lawyers are brought together by their dogs. (N)	The Golden Girls	
HGTV	39	112	Beach Bargain	Beach Bargain	Beach Bargain	Beach Bargain	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters	Flip or Flop
HIST	45	110	Swamp People "Cow Killers" (N)	Swamp People "Bringing the Heat" (N)	Swamp People "Cajun Cyclone" (N)	(:03) Truck Night in America (N)	(:05) Swamp People "Cow Killers" (N)	(:05) Swamp People "Cow Killers" (N)	(:05) Swamp People "Cow Killers" (N)	(:05) Swamp People "Cow Killers" (N)	(:05) Swamp People "Cow Killers" (N)	Swamp People	
ION	13	18	Chicago P.D. "Made a Wrong Turn" A badly beaten man's fiancée is missing. (N)	Chicago P.D. "All Cylinders Firing" Platt is physically assaulted. (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "Big Friends Big Enemies" A car crashes through a crowd. (N)	Chicago P.D. "A War Zone" A body leads to a college drug ring. (N)	Chicago P.D. "Some Friend" A dead teen in an athlete's home. (N)	Chicago P.D. "Some Friend" A dead teen in an athlete's home. (N)	Chicago P.D. "Some Friend" A dead teen in an athlete's home. (N)	Chicago P.D. "Some Friend" A dead teen in an athlete's home. (N)	Chicago P.D. "Some Friend" A dead teen in an athlete's home. (N)	Chicago P.D. "300,000 Likes" (N)	
LIFE	50	145	Celebrity Wife Swap D.J. Paul and Plaxico Burress. (N)	Bring It! "Fan Chat: Dancing Doll Heist" Marquell loses his patience. (N)	Bring It! "The Seniors' Last Battle" The final competition of the season. (N)	(:03) The Rap Game "Bonus Track" New music videos and clips. (N)	(:05) Bring It! A closer look at the dance battles. (N)	(:05) Bring It! A closer look at the dance battles. (N)	(:05) Bring It! A closer look at the dance battles. (N)	(:05) Bring It! A closer look at the dance battles. (N)	(:05) Bring It! A closer look at the dance battles. (N)	(:12:01) Bring It!	
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow	
NICK	16	210	Double Dare (N)	Henry Danger	"Lucky" (2019) Mark Hamill	** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross. (N)	Friends	(:35) Friends	(:12:10) Friends	(:12:10) Friends	(:12:10) Friends	(:12:10) Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Mom	Mom	** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (N)	"The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (N)	"The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (N)	"The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (N)	"The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (N)	"The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (N)	"The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (N)	"The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (N)	
SYFY	58	152	** "Freddy vs. Jason" (2003, Horror) Robert Englund, Ken Kirzinger, Monica Keena. Razor-clawed Freddy battles masked killer Jason. (N)	Seinfeld "The Secretary" (N)	Seinfeld "The Label Maker" (N)	Seinfeld "The Race" (N)	The Big Bang Theory	Conan Actor Moses Storm. (N)	Seinfeld "The Scofflaw" (N)	Seinfeld Jerry eschews hello kisses. (N)			
TBS	24	156	(6:30) *** "Fashions of 1934" (1934) William Powell, Bette Davis. (N)	** "Ace in the Hole" (1951, Drama) Kirk Douglas, Jan Sterling, Porter Hall. Newsman delays cave-in rescue to milk story. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Supersized: Tiffany's Story" Tiffany struggles with overeating. (N)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Toronto Raptors. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
TCM	49	186	William Powell, Bette Davis. (N)	** "Ace in the Hole" (1951, Drama) Kirk Douglas, Jan Sterling, Porter Hall. Newsman delays cave-in rescue to milk story. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Supersized: Tiffany's Story" Tiffany struggles with overeating. (N)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Toronto Raptors. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	Bones "The Party in the Pants" Booth's mother returns. (N)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Toronto Raptors. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Party in the Pants" Booth's mother returns. (N)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Toronto Raptors. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
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	(6:55) M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	
USA	25	132	*** "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" (2016, Fantasy) Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler. Magizoologist Newt Scamander tracks down magical creatures. (DVS)	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop "Run to You" (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	(:10) Growing Up Hip Hop	Marriage- Stars	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	
WE	68	166	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop "Run to You" (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	(:10) Growing Up Hip Hop	Marriage- Stars	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	

'Good Fight' underscores TV's link to the stage

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

It's hard to think of a series with a more impressive cast than "The Good Fight." Now entering its third season streaming exclusively on the subscription service CBS All Access, "The Good Fight" has a passionate following.

For the uninitiated, the spin-off of "The Good Wife" stars Christine Baranski as Diane Lockhart, who rebounds from a financial disaster by joining a new firm, adding her white shoe reputation to a predominantly African American legal office in Chicago.

Insistently topical, "The Good Fight" has all but defined itself as the anti-Trump legal series in the era of Individual 1. Whether that expands or limits its appeal is in the eye of the beholder.

"Fight" is filled with familiar faces from other impressive series, including Rose Leslie ("Downton Abbey") and "Game of Thrones"). There's also Delroy Lindo, whose association with Spike Lee movies dates back to "Malcolm X," and Michael Boatman, whose TV credits include "China Beach" and "Spin City."

Cush Jumbo, who plays legal associate Lucca Quinn, has worked through much of Shakespeare's output in her theatrical career. Star Christine Baranski has a long history of blending TV work ("The Good Wife," "Cybill" and "The Big Bang Theory") with her stage career. She's won two Tony awards.

Then there is Audra McDonald, who portrays the legal powerhouse Liz. McDonald has won six Tony awards and has performed as a classical soprano as well as starring in "The Good Wife," "Private Practice" and NBC's production of "The Sound of Music" on television.

The blending of musical theater talent and legal procedural hardly began with "The Good Fight." The late Jerry Orbach was so closely associated with "Law & Order" detective Lennie Briscoe that people could forget he was a leading man in stage musicals, beginning with the 1960 show "The Fantasticks." Decades later, his "Law & Order" partner Det. Ed Green was played by



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Christine Baranski stars as Diane Lockhart in "The One About the Recent Troubles" season three premiere episode of "The Good Fight," now streaming on CBS All Access.

Jesse L. Martin ("The Flash"), a member of the original cast of the musical "Rent."

Michael Sheen ("Masters of Sex," "The Queen") also joins the cast in season three.

While Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime offer many options, CBS All Access presents a more curated menu. Its most popular series, "Star Trek Discovery" and "The Good Fight," have very dedicated audiences. "The Twilight Zone" from Jordan Peele arrives on April 1.

• The 2019 iHeartRadio Music Awards (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) moves back to Fox (from the CW), and "Project Runway" (8 p.m., Bravo, TV-14) opens its 17th season on its original network. Were those seasons on Lifetime just a dream?

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A new approach to pain on "Grey's Anatomy" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- Amnesia strikes on "Station 19" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- A kind gesture spurned on "Will & Grace" (9:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- An abandoned child on "Law & Order: Special Victims

Unit" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
• A deportation threat rattles a witness on "For the People" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

A clueless singer (John C. Reilly) stumbles through a half century of rock history in the 2007 biopic parody "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" (9:20 p.m., Starz).

SERIES NOTES

Paintball on "The Big Bang Theory" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Counting steps on "Superstore" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * A haunted attraction on "Supernatural" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * On two episodes of "Fam" (CBS), therapy (8:30 p.m., TV-PG), bachelorette party envy (9:30 p.m., TV-14) * Mother issues on "A.P. Bio" (8:30 p.m., NBC,

TV-PG) * A rival genius on "Young Sheldon" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Latvian roots on "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Pageant time on "Legacies" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * A diamond heist ring's pattern may betray them on "S.W.A.T." (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Jacob Tobia is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Moses Storm appears on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, TV-14) * Christine Baranski, Donnie Wahlberg and Rep. Adam Kinzinger are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Oscar Isaac, Lilly Singh and Jimmy Carr on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Angela Bassett and half-alive appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Sharon Horgan, Rob Delaney, Stephanie Schriock and Allison Miller visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Kate Beckinsale, Milo Ventimiglia and Better Oblivion Community Center appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Notice is hereby given that CEC Entertainment, Inc. dba Chuck E. Cheese's intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and ON premises consumption of Beer & Wine at 1121 Broad St., Sumter, SC 29150. To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be

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postmarked no later than March 23, 2019. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.



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