

# Report shows \$7.8M surplus for schools

Estimated net income \$2.6M higher than projected because of 'conservative' approach in 2017-18

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Because of conservative estimates by the previous chief financial officer for payroll vacancies and monitoring all expenditures, in general, very

closely, Sumter School District appears it will end fiscal 2018 even better than it previously thought.

Jennifer Miller, the district's new CFO, detailed Thursday that the preliminary June 30, 2018, financial report shows the district with a net income —

or surplus — of about \$7.8 million for the previous 12-month period, as opposed to \$5.2 million, which was previously projected by former CFO Chris Griner. That estimate is \$2.6 million more in a positive direction.

Miller made her comments at the

school board's advisory Finance Committee meeting at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road.

"I do think the district was monitoring all expenditures last year and being

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## Democratic parties want clarification on decision

Clarendon, state parties file motion in coroner case

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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As Clarendon County voters and state election officials are looking ahead to a special election to find a new candidate for coroner after a judge's ruling disqualified the primary



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winner from taking office, two other involved parties are asking for clarification.

The Clarendon County Democratic Party and South Carolina Democratic Party

filed a motion on Aug. 8 to reconsider and/or amend the order made by Third Judicial Circuit Judge R. Ferrell Cothran that LaNette Samuels-Cooper can be on the ballot in November but cannot become a coroner because she has not met the statutory requirements to be the county's top death investigator.

Samuels-Cooper beat Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock in a June 12 primary to earn the Democratic nomination. Mock, who was appointed coroner in February by Gov. Henry McMaster to fill the unexpired term of Hayes Samuels Jr., who died in January, filed a lawsuit two days later disputing Samuels-Cooper's self-claimed one year of experience in death investigation. Samuels-Cooper's defense is that her 13 years of working as an administrative assistant in the coroner's office gave her the experience necessary to be a coroner and that a five-day class she was signed up for would give her the necessary certification.

After two days of testimony in front of Cothran, he ruled on Aug. 3 that, based on law

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## Simpson ACE Hardware donates smoke detectors



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Simpson ACE Hardware donated 187 smoke detectors to Sumter Fire Department on Thursday, something the store has made a habit of doing on occasion. "What they think is small is major to us," said Fire Prevention Specialist Selena Ruth Smith. Along with Smith, Division Chief Johnny L. Rose, Alice Drive A-Shift Engine 212 Lt. Daren Avins, Senior Master Firefighter Todd Kenneth Klavon and firefighter Nicholas Hill were all present to accept the donation.



## For now, Army suspends discharges of immigrant recruits in program

BY MARTHA MENDOZA and GARANCE BURKE  
The Associated Press

The U.S. Army has stopped discharging immigrant recruits who enlisted seeking a path to citizenship — at least temporarily.

A memo shared with The Associated Press on Wednesday and dated July 20 spells out orders to high-ranking Army officials to stop processing discharges of men and women who enlisted in the special immigrant program, effective immediately.

It was not clear how many recruits were affected by the action, and the Pentagon did not immediately respond to requests for comment about the memo.

"Effective immediately, you

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A Pakistani recruit, 22, who was recently discharged from the U.S. Army holds an American flag July 3. The U.S. Army has stopped discharging immigrant recruits who enlisted seeking a path to citizenship — at least temporarily.

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PAUL ZOELLER / SANTEE COOPER / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Two Sumter School District teachers participated in the Energy Educators Institute sponsored recently by Santee Cooper at the Wampee Conference Center in Pinopolis. From left: Brandy Incorvia, Santee Cooper; Faith Gibbons, R.E. Davis Elementary School; Kearney Gregory, Santee Cooper; Desire Webb, Pocalla Springs Elementary School; and Anna Strickland, Santee Cooper.

## 2 Sumter School District teachers complete Energy Educators Institute

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

**MONCK'S CORNER** — Two Sumter School District teachers, Desire Webb and Faith Gibbons, recently participated in Santee Cooper's annual Energy Educators Institute.

According to a news release from Santee Cooper, state educators were provided with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in critical fields of the energy industry at its institute held at the Wampee Conference Center in Pinopolis.

"This program is truly inspiring and refreshing," second-grade teacher Desire Webb of Pocalla Springs Elementary School said in the release. "The provided materials will impact students for years to come."

Serving as the institute's 33rd-annual series, the 2018 session hosted 50 state educators who received certification following their participation in the week-long, graduate-level course. The participating teachers received classroom preparation materials and a better understanding about complex, energy-related topics, including the production, opportunities and challenges of renewable energy.

Two sessions were held in July. Both of the

four-day institutes included trips through the lock at Jefferies Generating Station and visits to Old Santee Canal Park and Cross Generating Station.

Throughout the week, teachers also participated in learning activities and unit planning sessions and connected directly with Santee Cooper experts on topics such as energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, environmental resources, power generation, transmission, distribution, electric safety, water quality and utility economics.

Asked about her thoughts on the institute, third- and fourth-grade teacher Faith Gibbons of R.E. Davis Elementary School said, "I appreciate the visits from the key leaders in Santee Cooper ... everyone who came to visit or speak to us seemed sincere and completely open to our questions and concerns and were very willing to help us in any way."

Participating teachers represented 16 South Carolina counties including Berkeley, Charleston, Chesterfield, Dorchester, Edgefield, Georgetown, Greenville, Horry, Lee, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union and York.

## SHS announces orientation time change

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Orientation for freshmen and students in grades 10-12, who are new to Sumter High School, will be held on

Thursday, Aug. 16.

Students whose last names begin with A-L will report from 5 to 6 p.m., and M-Z will report from 6 to 7 p.m. in the gym.

## Quote of the week

*"To say that an administrative assistant in a coroner's office has sufficient death investigation experience to qualify to be a coroner would be similar to saying that a judge's administrative assistant is competent to take the bench because of his experience in the judge's chambers."*

**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDGE R. FERRELL COTHRAN**

In his ruling determining LaNette Samuels-Cooper, who won the Clarendon County Democratic primary for coroner, is not qualified to be a coroner due to lack of experience as a death investigator. Filing for a new primary opens on Tuesday.

## Police blotter

### Sumter man, woman arrested for allegedly conspiring to sell a stolen utility trailer

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter County Sheriff's Office arrested a woman and man on Wednesday for allegedly making plans to sell stolen property.

Shari Lynn Tisdale, 56, of 60 Haley Ave., and Brandon Lin Burgess, 31, of 1025 E. Brewington Road, were arrested pursuant to a warrant issued on Wednesday after the

two allegedly conspired to sell a reportedly stolen 20-foot-long Black Dog utility trailer valued at \$3,716, according to a news release.

Tisdale and Burgess were transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center and are both charged with criminal conspiracy and accessory after the fact of a felony.

### Sheriff's office is still searching for man accused of sexually assaulting a minor

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter County Sheriff's Office is still looking for a 24-year-old man who is accused of allegedly sexually assaulting a minor on July 18.

Steven Galloway — who is known to frequent the Dalzell area — has brown eyes, black hair, is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs



GALLOWAY

about 123 pounds.

Anyone who sees Galloway should call 911; Sumter County Sheriff's Office Inv. Shantell Ward

at (803) 772-4097; or Crime Stoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-CRIMESC.



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Volunteers fill boxes with school supplies on Thursday to be delivered to schools in Sumter School District.

## Today is last drop-off day for Gear Up for Learning

**BY ADRIENNE SARVIS**  
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Sumter United Ministries is still in need of school supplies to meet its Gear Up for Learning goal this year, and today is the final drop-off day.

Mark Champagne, executive director of the organization, said there is still a great need for pens and primary writing pads for preschool and kindergarten students.

Other needed supplies include: folders with pockets, folders with clasps, wide-ruled paper, college-ruled paper and composition notebooks.

Cash donations can also be given through the organization's website, [sumterunitedministries.org](http://sumterunitedministries.org), if a donor does not have the time to go to the store, Champagne said. Just make the donation out to Gear Up for Learning in the special instructions section, and the money will only be used for this project, he said.

School supplies can be delivered to Sumter United Ministries' main office at 36 Artillery Drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today or at First Baptist Church, 107 E. Liberty St., from 9 a.m. to noon today.

Though today is the official last day for drop-off, all late submissions will make it to their destinations, Champagne said.

For more information, call (803) 775-0757.

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# Journey tribute to rock Sumter

Resurrection group recreates iconic band

BY IVY MOORE  
Special to The Sumter Item

There are only a very few tickets remaining for the Aug. 18 concert at Sumter Opera House by Resurrection – A Journey Tribute.

The band is widely recognized as one of the finest tribute bands around. Founded in 2014, the band's tribute focuses on the Steve Perry era, approximately 1977 to 1987 and again from 1995 to 1998.

That means the audience will hear such songs as "Don't Stop Believin'," "Any-



way You Want it," "Girl Can't Help It," "When You Love a Woman" and many others.

Like Journey, Resurrection is a hard-rocking band with talented personnel. Each has

impressive credentials on his own, and reviews from critics and fans have described the band's concerts as "the best Journey concert that's not Journey."

Journey tribute band Resurrection will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Sumter Opera House. They have been recognized by critics and fans as "the best Journey band that's not Journey."

PHOTO PROVIDED

Resurrection's founders, keyboardist Vic White, an Orangeburg native, and lead singer Ryan Christopher spent six months on their research and in-depth rehearsal with the band to recreate the Journey sound as accurately as possible. From their first few performances, Resurrection grew a large and dedicated fan base.

White has previously performed with John Berry, Deana Carter and Bryan Adams, and Christopher exhibits the voice, mannerisms and style of Steve Perry. Christopher discovered his talent for singing Perry's songs when he did "Don't Stop Believin'" during a karaoke contest.

Jim Handley, the drummer, was actually the drum tech for Journey for eight years, even playing in a few of their concerts. He has also played with U2, Peter Frampton,

Pearl Jam and several other popular groups.

Steve Sheroan on guitar and Ben King on vocals and bass have numerous studio credits with well-known bands and individual musicians.

City Cultural Manager Seth Reimer advised anyone interested in the Aug. 18 concert Resurrection – A Journey Tribute to call for tickets as soon as possible. He said in a press release "their show is guaranteed to be a brilliant reproduction of sights and sounds, complete with a red piano, that will captivate and transport (you), rekindling memories for longtime fans and creating new memories for the youngest fans."

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, concert by Resurrection – A Journey Tribute are \$25, \$28 and \$30. Call or visit the Sumter Opera House box office at 21 N. Main St., where the concert in the New Frontiers Tour will also be presented. For more information, visit [www.SumterOperaHouse.com](http://www.SumterOperaHouse.com) or call (803) 436-2616.

To hear samples of the music of Resurrection, visit the website <https://www.not-journey.com/music>.

## Forecasters now expect less active Atlantic hurricane season

MIAMI (AP) — U.S. forecasters said the Atlantic hurricane season may be less active than they previously predicted.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's updated outlook predicts nine to 13 named storms, including four to seven hurricanes. Up to two hurricanes could be "major" with sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

Four storms already have developed

this year, including two hurricanes in July.

Gerry Bell of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center said Thursday that oceanic and atmospheric conditions have become "much more inhospitable to hurricane formation and intensification."

Bell said the El Niño phenomenon also may develop as the six-month season peaks. That natural warming in the Pacific Ocean tends to reduce Atlantic hurricane activity.

## Cow herd helps police corral suspect in Florida

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — A herd of 16 cows helped police officers in Florida corral a fleeing suspect who bailed out of a car and ran through a pasture.

A Seminole County Sheriff's helicopter captured the Sunday night incident on video as the crew gave play-by-play to officers on the ground. A crew member offered this nugget to pursuing officers: "If you see a large group of cows,

they're literally following her."

The cows eventually ran Jennifer Anne Kaufman into a fence, where police were waiting to arrest her.

An arrest report shows the car Kaufman was in crashed during a police pursuit. A second suspect was captured by a K-9 and arrested.

Kaufman is being held on a \$4,500 bond. Charges against her include resisting an officer and drug possession.

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# For God or party? China's Christians face test of faith

NANYANG, China (AP) — The 62-year-old Chinese shopkeeper had waited nearly his entire adult life to see his dream of building a church come true — a brick house with a sunny courtyard and spacious hall with room for 200 believers.

But in March, about a dozen police officers and local officials suddenly showed up at the church on his property and made the frightened congregants disperse. They ordered that the cross, a painting of the Last Supper and Bible verse calligraphy be taken down. And they demanded that all services stop until each person, along with the church itself, was registered with the government, said the shopkeeper, Guo.

Without warning, Guo and his neighbors in China's Christian heartland province of Henan had found themselves on the frontlines of an ambitious new effort by the officially atheist ruling Communist Party to dictate — and in some cases displace — the practice of faith in the country.

"I've always prayed for our country's leaders, for our country to get stronger," said Guo, who gave only his last name out of fear of government retribution. "They were never this severe before, not since I started going to church in the '80s. Why are they telling us to stop now?"

Under President Xi Jinping, China's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong, believers are seeing their freedoms shrink dramatically even as the country undergoes a religious revival. Experts and activists say that as he consolidates his power, Xi is waging the most severe systematic suppression of Christianity in the country since religious freedom was written into the Chinese constitution in 1982.

The crackdown on Christianity is part of a broader push by Xi to "Sinicize" all the nation's religions by infusing them with "Chinese characteristics" such as loyalty to the Communist Party. Islamic crescents and domes have been stripped from mosques and a campaign launched to "re-educate" tens of thousands of Uighur Muslims. Tibetan children have been moved from Buddhist temples to schools and banned from religious activities during their summer holidays, state-run media report.

This spring, a five-year plan to "Sinicize" Christianity in particular was introduced, along with new rules on religious affairs. Over the last several months, local governments across the country have shut down hundreds of private Christian "house churches." A statement last week from 47 in Beijing alone said they had faced "unprecedented" harassment since February.

Authorities have also seized Bibles, while major e-commerce retailers JD.com and Taobao pulled them off

their sites. Children and party members are banned from churches in some areas, and at least one township has encouraged Christians to replace posters of Jesus with portraits of Xi. Some Christians have resorted to holding services in secret.

A dozen Chinese Protestants interviewed by the Associated Press described gatherings that were raided, interrogations and surveillance, and one pastor said hundreds of his congregants were questioned individually about their faith. Like Guo, the majority requested that their names be partly or fully withheld because they feared punishment from authorities. After reporters visited Henan in June, some interviewees said they were contacted by police or local officials who urged them not to discuss any new measures around Christianity.

The party has long been wary of Christianity because of its affiliation with Western political values. Several Chinese human rights lawyers jailed for their work, including Jiang Tianyong and Li Heping, are outspoken Christians. So too are many Hong Kong pro-democracy activists, not least among them 2014 protest leader Joshua Wong.

"Chinese leaders have always been suspicious of the political challenge or threat that Christianity poses to the Communist regime," Xi Lian, a scholar of Christianity in China at Duke University, said. "Under Xi, this fear of Western infiltration has intensified and gained a prominence that we haven't seen for a long time."

### A RELIGIOUS REVIVAL

Guo, who keeps a small storefront selling ornate doors in a riverside district, once had eyesight so poor that he could not distinguish the sky from the earth. But after finding God at 27 years old, he made a seemingly miraculous recovery that he attributes to his faith.

For decades, he, like many Christians in China, shuttled from one unregistered house church to another, where folding chairs served as pews and coffee tables as lecterns. Two years ago, he and 10 other Christians pooled their money to erect a permanent church on his property.

They are part of what experts describe as a spiritual awakening in China.

The number of Chinese believers of all faiths has doubled in two decades to an estimated 200 million, by official count, as the hold of the Communist party has weakened. Among them are an estimated 67 million Christians, including Catholics — a number that is expected to swell to become the world's largest Christian population in a matter of decades. This rapid growth has reinvigorated the party's longtime mission



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A painting of the Last Supper is seen next to posters quoting China's constitution on religious freedom in a house church shut down by authorities near the city of Nanyang in central China's Henan province.

to domesticate a religion traditionally aligned with the West.

Historians think that Christianity was known to China as early as the seventh century and was later propagated by Jesuit missionaries starting in the 1500s. In recent decades the religion has faced by turns heavy persecution and tacit acceptance.

During the Cultural Revolution, when Mao sought to eradicate all religions, Christians were jailed, tortured and publicly humiliated. But they survived by operating covertly and grew steadily in number after Mao's death in 1976, when a populace disillusioned with the Communist Party began to seek moral guidance elsewhere.

Chinese Christians say the Bible gives them a sense of right versus wrong and the strength to endure in a country where power often trumps justice. While China's rapid growth has brought prosperity to many, others despair at what they see as a deterioration of public morals. The deaths of children in scandals involving tainted infant formula and shoddily built schools in recent years have led to the sense that modern China was in the midst of an ethical crisis.

"After the 'collapse' of communist ideology, no value system has been in place to fill the spiritual vacuum," said writer Zhang Lijia. "China has witnessed a religious revival in recent decades precisely because of this vacuum and relaxed control."

Officials once largely tolerated the unregistered Protestant house churches that sprang up independent of the official Christian Council, clamping down on some while allowing others to grow. But this year they have taken a tougher approach that relies partly on "thought reform" — a phrase for political indoctrination. Last November, Christian residents of a rural township in southeast Jiangxi province were persuaded to replace posters of the cross and Jesus Christ inside their homes with portraits of Xi, a local official said.

"Through our thought reform, they've voluntarily done it," Qi Yan, a member of the township party committee, told the AP by phone. "The move is aimed at Christian families in poverty, and we educated them to believe in science and

not in superstition, making them believe in the party."

"Xi is a closet Maoist — he is very anxious about thought control," said Willy Lam, a Chinese politics expert at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "He definitely does not want people to be faithful members of the church, because then people would profess their allegiance to the church rather than to the party, or more exactly, to Xi himself."

### A SPACE FOR FAITH

At the epicenter of the drive to control the Christian community in China is Henan, the cradle of Chinese civilization and the entry point for many of the earliest foreign missionaries. Today, the province is one of the most populous in the country and a key part of Xi's fight against poverty, as proclaimed by red banners across acres of peanut farms and oil fields.

Around the time authorities ordered Guo's church to stop congregating in March, his district announced a crackdown on private Christian meeting spots. On a single Sunday morning, the announcement said, 700 religious banners were removed, 200 religious texts seized and 31 illegal Christian gathering places shut down. Officials went door to door stripping decorative scrolls bearing the cross from home entrances.

In Zhengzhou, Henan's capital, all that is left of one house church is shattered glass, tangled wires and torn hymnbooks, strewn among the rubble of a knocked-down wall. Pegged to another wall is a single wooden cross, still intact.

The church inside a commercial building had served about 100 believers for years. But in late January, nearly 60 officials from the local religion department and police station appeared without warning. Armed with electric saws, they demolished the church, confiscated Bibles and computers and held a handful of young worshippers — including a 14-year-old girl — at a police station for more than 10 hours, according to a church leader.

The church leader prays that the government will change its mind.

"We support President Xi," he said. "All we ask for is a space for our faith."

## CHURCH NEWS

**Antioch United Methodist Church**, 4040 Dubose Siding Road, announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — The Inspirational Choir's pre-anniversary worship service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Minister Cheryl Graham, of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

**Canaan Missionary Baptist Church**, 774 Douglas Ave., announces:

\* Saturday, Aug. 18 — Back-to-school extravaganza from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. featuring vendors on site, a bounce house, games and many other fun activities.

\* Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 19-21 — Fall Revival at 7 nightly with speakers as follows: Wednesday, the Rev. Jerome Sumpter; Thursday, Pastor Donna Harvin Jackson, of Pine Hill AME; and Friday, Pastor Harry Clark, of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

**Church of God of Prophecy**, 722 Boulevard Road, announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — His Calling will provide music at 11 a.m.

**Clark United Methodist Church**, 2980 U.S. 401 N., Oswego Highway, announces:

\* Saturday, Aug. 18 — Back-to-school bash from noon to 4 p.m.

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — Women's Day service at 11 a.m.

\* Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 21-23 — Revival at 6 nightly.

**Edwin Boyle Santee Summer Ministry**, 1098 Lemon Ave., Manning, (across from Camp Bob Cooper), announces:

\* Sundays through Sept. 2 — Outdoor interdenominational

worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m. for those who spend summer weekends at Lake Marion. Check us out on Facebook.

**Faith Missionary Baptist Church No. 1**, 115 Laurel St., announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — Back-to-school bash will follow worship service.

\* Sunday, Aug. 26 — Fourth Sunday fellowship at 4 p.m. with Overseer James Holiday and Missionary Janie Davis.

**First Baptist Missionary Church**, 219 S. Washington St., announces:

\* Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 22-24 — Revival services at 7 nightly. Fellowship meal will be held at 6 nightly. Speakers will be Pastor George Shears III, of Greater Fellowship Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Pastor Robert McGowens, of Greater Galilee Baptist Church of Charlotte.

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

\* Saturday, Aug. 25 — Southern belle tea "A Royal Affair" at 2 p.m. at the South HOPE Center, 822 W. Liberty St. The Rev. Priscilla Loney will speak.

**Greater Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church**, 515 N. Main St., announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 12 — An evening of men and women in black and white at 4 p.m. Pastor Westey Maple, pastor of Greater House of Prayer of Wedgefield, will speak.

**High Hills AME Church**, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Today — The Rev. Keith R. Mayes Sr. pastor appreciation celebration at 8 p.m.

**High Hills Missionary Baptist Church**, 6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Sunday — Usher's anniversary will be celebrated during 10:15 a.m. worship service.

\* Saturday, Aug. 18 — Church picnic and back-to-school extravaganza at 10 a.m.

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — Homecoming will be celebrated during 10:15 a.m. worship service. The Rev. Roosevelt Williams, associate minister of Joshua Baptist Church of Dalzell, will speak.

**Joshua Baptist Church**, 5200 Live Oak Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Sunday — Musical concert at 5 p.m. featuring a variety of choirs.

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — Celebrating annual women's day during 10 a.m. worship service. Minister Lori Parker will speak.

\* Sunday, Aug. 26 — Missionary singers anniversary program at 5 p.m. featuring various church choirs.

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

\* Saturday — Knitting Hearts Cafe will meet from 10 a.m. until noon. Ed and Patty Garner, of The Outpouring of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, will speak. A love offering will be received. For more information on this community-wide, multicultural women's ministry, visit [knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com](http://knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com).

**Love Covenant Church**, 245 Oswego Road, announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — Founders appreciation day will be cele-

brated at 11 a.m. **Mount Pisgah AME Church**, 217 W. Bartlette St., announces:

\* Saturday — A pre-152nd church anniversary picnic will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

\* Sunday — The 152nd church anniversary worship service will be held at 10 a.m. The Rev. Dr. James S. Cooper, presiding elder of the Sumter District, will speak.

**Mount Zion Enrichment Center**, 315 W. Fulton St., announces:

\* Saturday, Aug. 18 — Back-to-school bash from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

\* Beginning Monday, Aug. 27 — From 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, accepting applications for the 2018-2019 after school program for kindergarten through sixth grade. Call (803) 773-3546 for information.

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

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — Back-to-school worship at 10:45 a.m.

\* Sunday, Aug. 26 — Usher's ministry anniversary worship at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Ricky Syndad will speak.

**Mount Zion United Methodist Church**, 130 Loring Mill Road, announces:

\* Saturday — Community giveaway 8 a.m.-noon. Household items, clothing and more will be given away to those in need.

**New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**, 3249 U.S. 15 S., announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 26 — Church school day program at 9 a.m.

**Orangehill Independent Methodist Church**, 3005 S. Kings Highway, Wedgefield, announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — The 134th anniversary of the church will

be celebrated at 3 p.m. The Rev. Leroy Sims Jr., pastor of Broomhill Baptist Church of Rembert, will speak.

**Quinn Chapel AME Church**, 2400 Queen Chapel Road, announces:

\* Sunday — Homecoming will be celebrated at 3 p.m. featuring the Rev. Galloway and Howard Chapel Church family.

**Reid Chapel AME Church**, 1008 Dibert St., announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — "100 Women in White" worship service at 3 p.m. The Rev. Donna Jackson, of Pinehill African Methodist Episcopal Church, will speak.

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

\* Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 14-16 — Three night revival at 7 nightly. Speakers as follows: Tuesday, the Rev. Janet Collins; Wednesday, the Rev. Dante Kenly; and Thursday, the Rev. Herman Holland.

**St. Mark AME Church**, corner of First Street and Larry King Jr. Highway, Summerton, announces:

\* Sunday, Aug. 19 — Annual Women's Day celebration during 11 a.m. worship. Elder Martha Lee, associate minister of Anointed Life of Summerville, will speak.

\* Sunday, Aug. 26 — The ecumenical play "The Women of the Bible" will be presented at 4 p.m. An offering will be received.

**St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church**, 1715 S. Guignard Drive, announces:

\* Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 13-15 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. Delbert H. Singleton Jr. will speak.

# Don't underestimate the power of an invitation

“Hey Clay, you really ought to meet my friend Gina. She goes to the same seminary you do,” Marcus Dodson told me about his friend, and I thought, “Why not?” So, I call her, we meet for breakfast, and 32 years of marriage later she is still the most interesting person I’ve ever met. The power of an invitation.

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“Hey Clay, let’s borrow your Dad’s boat and go skiing this afternoon.” My cousin Ronnie couldn’t water-ski. Neither could I. We took the boat to the lake in Avon Park that afternoon

and burned a tank of gas learning to ski. By the time the sun was going down, we were skiing well enough to invite girls to go with us the next Sunday afternoon, which was the whole point of learning to ski. The power of an invitation.

“Hey Clay, would you preach for First Baptist Sebring Sunday?” I’m 22 years old. The pastor at First Baptist Sebring has just resigned. They were desperate, obviously. I accept the invitation. On that Sunday, the large crowd, the great choir and the beautiful glass sanctuary made me sound better than I was. The pulpit committee of Southside Baptist Church was in the congregation that day. They felt led to take a chance on a young, single man from their hometown. I was

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ing all the things Jesus says and does. Later he writes his account, the Gospel of Matthew. The power of an invitation.

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Who do you need to invite? *Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church.*



**Clay Smith**

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www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org

### African Methodist Episcopal

**Union Station AME Church**  
945 South Main Street, Sumter  
unionstationame@gmail.com  
(803) 775-8200  
Rev. Dr. Phil Flowers announces:  
Sun. Church School 9:00 am  
Sun. Church Service 10:00 am  
Tues. Bible Study 11:00 am  
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

### Assembly of God

**First Assembly of God**  
1151 Alice Drive \* 773-3817  
www.sumterfirstag.org  
Jason Barnar, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

### Apostolic

**Next Generation Church**  
741 Bullman Drive #8  
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Sunday School 10:00am  
Morning Service 11:00am  
Bible Study, Tuesday at 6:30pm

### Baptist - Missionary

**Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church**  
803 S Harvin St. \* 775-4032  
Marion H Newton, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:15 am  
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### Baptist - Southern

**Salem Missionary Baptist Church**  
320 West Fulton Street  
803-775-8054  
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Sun. School 9:00 am  
Praise Worship 9:35 am  
Worship 10:00 am

### Shaw Heights Baptist Church

2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997  
Rev. Robert White, Pastor  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
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**Plaza Church of Christ**  
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Sunday School: 10 am  
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm

### Interdenominational

**Spiritual Life Christian Center**  
4710 Broad Street \* 968-5771  
Randolph & Minerva Paige, Pastors  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

### Lutheran - ELCA

**St James Lutheran Church**  
1137 Alice Dr, Sumter  
773-2260 / www.stjamessumter.org  
Pastor Keith Getz  
Sunday School: 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  
Thur. Bible Study 10:30 am

### Methodist - United

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
5575 Lodebar Rd • 469-2452  
Rev. Jeremy Howell  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School: 10 am  
www.yourbethel.org  
BMethodist@ffc-i.net

### Trinity United Methodist Church

226 W Liberty St • 773-9393  
Rev. Joseph James, Jr.  
Blended Worship 8:45 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Traditional Service 11:00 am  
office@trinityumsumter.org

### Non-Denominational

**Calvary Bible Church**  
770 N. Wise Dr., Sumter  
803-774-2341  
Pastor Richard Harris  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 PM

### Christ Community Church (CCC)

320 Loring Mill Rd., Sumter  
www.cccsumter.com  
803-905-7850  
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:45 am

### First Church of God

1835 Camden Rd • 905-5234  
www.sumterfcg.org  
Ron Bower, Pastor  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

### Greater St. Paul Church

200 Watkins Street • 803-778-1355  
Founder Bishop W.T. English  
Sunday School - 10:30 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am  
Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

### The Rock Church of Sumter

365 N. Saint Paul Church Rd  
803-494-7625 (ROCK)  
Pastor Gwendolyn Credle  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship 11:00 am  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### Sumter Bible Church

420 South Pike West, Sumter  
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Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship 11:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

### Pentecostal

**First United Pentecostal Church**  
14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493  
Pastor Theron Smith  
Sunday Service: 10:00 am

### Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church

2609 McCroys Mill Rd • 481-8887  
S. Paul Howell, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am & 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study/Youth Group: 7:00 pm

### Presbyterian - ARP

**Lemira Presbyterian Church**  
514 Boulevard Rd • 473-5024  
Pastor Dan Rowton  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship 11:00 am

### Presbyterian PCA

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
230 Alice Dr., Sumter • 803-773-7235  
Pastor Stuart Mizelle  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am

### Presbyterian USA

**First Presbyterian Church of Sumter**  
9 W Calhoun St (at Main St.)  
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**Daily Devotional Reading**

1 Cor. 7:1-24	1 Cor. 8:1-13	1 Cor. 9:1-27	1 Cor. 10:1-11:1	1 Cor. 12:1-11	1 Cor. 12:12-31	1 Cor. 13:1-13
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**P.R.: 1,400 died from hurricane but toll still at 64**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico is estimating in a report to Congress that Hurricane Maria killed more than 1,400 people, though an island official said Thursday that the confirmed toll remains frozen at 64 pending a scientific review due out soon.

The government, relying on updated statistics it first reported in June, said in a report to Congress detailing a \$139 billion reconstruction plan that there were 1,427 more deaths from September to December 2017 than the average for the same time period over the previous four years.

The territory's government said that the additional deaths resulted from the effects of a storm that led to "cascading failures" in infrastructure across the island of 3.3 million people.

The administration of Gov. Ricardo Rossello stopped updating its official death toll months ago and ordered an investigation amid reports that the number was substantially undercounted. Public Safety Department Secretary Hector Pesquera said the new total will reflect the findings of the investigation, which is expected in the coming weeks.

The figure of more than 1,400, Pesquera said, "is simple math" based on the number of excess deaths. "This is not the official number of deaths attributable to Hurricane Maria," he said.

Hurricane Maria, which came just two weeks after Hurricane Irma passed near enough to cause damage to the island, knocked out power and water across Puerto Rico and caused widespread flooding that left many sick and el-

derly people unable to get medical treatment.

"The hurricanes' devastating effects on people's health and safety cannot be overstated," the government said in the report seeking assistance from Congress to help rebuild an island that was already struggling from a deep economic crisis at the time of the storm.

In the weeks after the storm, Puerto Rican officials said the storm directly caused 64 deaths, many in landslides or flooding. But they have also said that more people likely died due to indirect effects of the powerful storm. "We always anticipated that this number would increase as more official studies were conducted," Pesquera said.

The government commissioned an independent epidemiological study by George Washington University and the Milken Institute of Public Health that is due in coming weeks.

The use of the higher death toll in the report to Congress was first reported Thursday by *The New York Times*.

Most of the deaths occurred not in the initial storm on Sept. 20, but in the ensuing days and weeks when the island-wide electricity outage and roads blocked by downed power lines and other debris made it difficult to move around and emergency services were stretched beyond their capabilities.

Government agencies have used various methods to count storm deaths over the years, with authorities generally trying to sort them into direct and indirect to include people whose deaths are tied to a natural disaster without necessarily being obviously caused by it.

**Vice President Pence outlines plan for new U.S. Space Force by 2020**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with growing competition and threats from Russia and China, the White House on Thursday said it will create the U.S. Space Force as a sixth, separate military service by 2020.



PENCE

Vice President Mike Pence told a Pentagon audience that the plan fulfills President Donald Trump's vow to ensure America's dominance in space — a domain that was once peaceful and uncontested that has now become crowded and adversarial.

"Now the time has come to write the next great chapter in the history of our armed forces, to prepare for the next battlefield where America's best and bravest will be called to deter and defeat a new generation of threats to our people, to our nation," said

Pence. "The time has come to establish the United States Space Force."

Trump marked Pence's announcement with a tweet: "Space Force all the way!"

Trump has called for a "separate but equal" space force, a complicated and expensive move that requires congressional approval. On Thursday, Pence said that the administration will work with Congress on the plan and will outline a budget next year.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has endorsed steps to reorganize the military's space warfighting forces and create a new command but has previously opposed launching a pricey, new service. A new branch of the military would require layers of bureaucracy, military and civilian leaders, uniforms, equipment and an expansive support structure.

The Pentagon proposal delivered to Congress

Thursday lays out plans to consolidate the Pentagon's warfighting space forces and make organizational changes to boost the acquisition and development of leading edge technologies.

The Pentagon's role in space has been under scrutiny because of a recognition that the United States is increasingly reliant on satellites that are difficult to protect in space. Satellites provide communications, navigation, intelligence and other services vital to the military and the economy.

The U.S. intelligence agencies reported earlier this year that Russia and China are pursuing "nondestructive and destructive" anti-satellite weapons for use during a future war. And there are growing worries about cyberattacks that could target satellite technology, potentially leaving troops in combat without electronic communications or navigation abilities.

**Grandfather: Remains at New Mexico compound are missing boy**

NEW YORK (AP) — The grandfather of a missing Georgia boy said Thursday the child's remains were found buried at a desert compound in New Mexico, months after his mother reported that he had disappeared with his father, who had said he wanted to perform an exorcism on the child.

Abdul-ghani Wahhaj's remains were discovered Monday on what would have been his fourth birthday. He had been reported missing in December from Jonesboro, Georgia, near Atlanta.

The search for the boy led authorities to New Mexico last week, where a child's remains were found in a ramshackle compound shielded by old tires, wooden pallets and an earthen wall studded with broken glass.

Authorities have yet to publicly identify the body, but the child's grandfather, Siraj Wah-

haj, who leads a well-known New York City mosque, told reporters he had learned from other family members that the remains were his grandson's. He said children living at the compound said the boy was buried there after he died.

"Whoever is responsible, then that person should be held accountable," Wahhaj said.

A Georgia arrest warrant accused the boy's father, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, the imam's son, of kidnapping the child. It said the father at some point had told his wife that he wanted to perform an exorcism on the child. He later said he was taking the child to a park and didn't return.

The father was among five people arrested on suspicion of child abuse at the compound, where authorities say 11 hungry children were found living in filth.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Viktor and Amalija Knavs, First Lady Melania Trump's parents, took the citizenship oath on Thursday in New York City.

**Melania Trump's parents sworn in as U.S. citizens**

NEW YORK (AP) — First lady Melania Trump's parents have been sworn in as U.S. citizens.

A lawyer for Viktor and Amalija Knavs says the Slovenian couple took the citizenship oath on Thursday in New York City.

They had been living in the U.S. as permanent residents.

The Knavs raised Melania in the rural industrial town of Sevnica while Slovenia was under Communist rule.

Viktor was a car dealer. Amalija worked in a textile factory.

They came and went from the ceremony at a Manhattan federal building flanked by Homeland Security police.

Viktor is 74, two years older

than President Donald Trump. Amalija is 73.

The first lady, born Melanija, changed her name to Melania Knauss when she started modeling.

She settled in New York in 1996 and met Trump two years later.

**Deputies: Arrest made in stickup of 9-year-old lemonade vendor**

MONROE, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina authorities arrested a juvenile Wednesday they say robbed a 9-year-old lemonade vendor of \$17 at gunpoint, a stickup that prompted an outpouring of sympathy and donations for the young entrepreneur.

Tony Underwood, a spokesman for the Union County Sheriff's Office, said detectives had obtained security camera footage of a person who matched the suspect's description in an area

near where the holdup occurred. Underwood said a juvenile, identified as a male in the agency's news release, was arrested without incident.

The suspect's identity was being withheld under North Carolina law. Detectives working with the state's Department of Juvenile Justice obtained petitions

charging the juvenile with robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia, authorities said.

A judge issued a secure custody order for the suspect. Underwood said the order means the suspect will be confined until his next custody hearing in juvenile court.

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# THE CLARENDON SUN

## National Night Out provides supplies for hundreds of kids

BY SHARRON HALEY  
Special to The Sumter Item

**M**ANNING — Hundreds of students and their families attended Clarendon County's National Night Out on Tuesday evening at J.C. Britton Park on Raccoon Road.

"The turnout was excellent," said the NNO Committee Chairman Lawrence Hammett with Clarendon County Sheriff's Office. "We had an excellent response from law enforcement agencies and the community."

Hammett said officers from South Carolina Highway Patrol, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Manning and Summerton police depart-

ments, Clarendon EMS and Clarendon County Sheriff's Office were on hand handing out supplies, food and chatting with the youngsters.

"Everyone had an extra good time," Hammett added. "We had bouncy houses. The choir from Green Hill Baptist Church entertained, and we had two officers from the sheriff's office who sang solos."

Hammett also wanted to thank Bill "Soldier Boy" Lemon, a local deejay, for keeping the music flowing throughout the two-hour-plus-long event.

Hammett said he "couldn't thank enough" everyone who worked in the canteen serving the food.

"Those people working in the canteen did

an excellent job getting the food out."

"Overall, this year's event was outstanding," Hammett



PHOTOS BY KAREN HILTON SANDERS / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

What would an event in Clarendon County be without food? Thanks to Manning Police Department reserve officer and Manning Fire Department firefighter James Pringle for manning a grill loaded with hot dogs at Tuesday's National Night Out.



Deejay Bill "Soldier Boy" Lemon points at the chairman of National Night Out in Clarendon County, Lawrence Hammett, who works at Clarendon County Sheriff's Office.



CRYSTAL MILLER / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Clarendon EMS had fun passing out school supplies and chatting with the children and their parents at Tuesday's National Night Out.

Clarendon County's National Night Out was held on Tuesday evening at J.C. Britton Park on Raccoon Road. Various law enforcement agencies as well as safety agencies sponsored the event, handing out back-to-school supplies to the hundreds of children who attended the event.



## IN BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Libraries Rock! concert will be on Aug. 16

MANNING — A Libraries Rock! Free Family Concert will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at Weldon Auditorium. The concert will feature music by Grammy Award-winner and family hip-hop artist Secret Agent 23 Skidoo and is sure to be a fun event for music lovers of all ages. The concert is free for all to attend, and Skidoo will take the stage at 5:30 p.m.

Free frozen pops will be available for children courtesy of Main Street Manning, a department of the City of Manning. Additional food will be available for purchase from Tropical Paradise of Manning and the Weldon Auditorium canteen.

The event will also feature prizes for children, library card registrations and information about upcoming com-

munity programs and events. This event is being sponsored by Harvin Clarendon County Library, City of Manning and Weldon Auditorium. Additional details can be found at [www.clarendoncountylibrary.com](http://www.clarendoncountylibrary.com).

### Back-to-School Bible School will be at park

MANNING — New Covenant Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Back-to-School Bible School from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 14-16, at Gibbons Street Park.

### Children invited to Back-2-School Bash

SUMMERTON — Save the Children and Summerton Literacy Council are teaming up for the Back-2-School Bash from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 25, at Clarendon One Community Resource Center, 1154 Fourth St. For

more information, contact (803) 485-2043.

### Fundraiser for medical bills is at Porter Jack's

MANNING — Porter Jack's on Mill Street in Manning will host a fundraiser for Ben Brewer from 5 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 23, Aug. 30 and Sept. 6. A percentage of the receipts from all meal purchases on those nights will go toward helping Brewer with his medical bills in his fight against multiple myeloma.

### Coach Gibson Alumni Game is on Sept. 29

MANNING — The Coach Premuel Gibson Alumni Scholarship Game will be held on Sept. 29 at Manning High School. The first game will tip off at 1:30 p.m. with the second game beginning at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

## NOTICE OF FILING AND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on November 6, 2018 a nonpartisan election will be held in School District No. 1, Clarendon County, South Carolina. The purpose of this election is to elect three School Board Trustees for a four year term. All trustees whose term will expire are eligible for re-election. FILING WILL OPEN AT NOON ON AUGUST 1, 2018 AND CLOSE AT NOON ON AUGUST 15, 2018. CANDIDATES SHOULD FILE AT THE CLARENDON COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE, 411 SUNSET DRIVE, MANNING, SOUTH CAROLINA.

The polls shall open at 7:00am and shall close at 7:00pm on the day of the election and shall be held open during these hours without intermission or adjournment. The rules of the General Election apply.

The Clarendon County Voter Registration and Elections Board will receive and canvass the votes after the polls close on the day of election at the Clarendon County Election Central Building, 20 West Keitt Street, Manning, South Carolina, 29102 and announce the unofficial results. The challenged ballot hearing will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 at 10:00am and the official results declared.

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## Pets of the week

"Bashful" is a 5-month-old black female domestic shorthair kitten. Bashful is full of energy and loves to run around. She is coming out of her shell and is very loving. Bashful gets along well with other cats and weighs about 5 pounds, is current on all of her age-appropriate shots and has been spayed. Please stop by the shelter to see this beautiful girl. We are open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 3:30 pm. We currently have a \$50 adoption special for all of our cats.

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"Prissy" is a 7-month-old, black-and-tan female terrier mix. She weighs about 15 pounds. Prissy has had her age-appropriate shots, has been spayed and is heartworm negative. Prissy is a friendly and outgoing dog. She gets along well with other dogs. If you are interested in a sweet lap dog, you can get pre-approved by going to our website, [www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com](http://www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com), and filling out an adoption application. A Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway (U.S. 301), is open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

## Training class for hospice volunteers will be Aug. 30

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McLeod Hospice is offering a new "Hospice Volunteering 101" class for persons interested in helping hospice patients and/or assisting the hospice support staff in Clarendon and Sumter counties.

Volunteers play a vital role in McLeod Hospice. They may make deliveries to patients' homes or provide companionship by visiting patients in their homes. Volunteers may also read a book, sing or provide additional support for the patient's caregiver(s).

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The caring spirit and helping hands of hospice volunteers reach out to people in the community. As a hospice volunteer, individuals can choose to work directly with patients and families or help in a hundred other ways — making a difference in someone's life.

The volunteer training program will be held on Thursday, Aug. 30, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Volunteer Services Office on the 2nd floor of McLeod Health Clarendon.

Attendees must register in advance if they plan to participate in the training.

For more information or to register, please call Stacy Mosier, volunteer coordinator for McLeod Hospice, at (803) 435-5287.

## Festivities will honor 8 in Hall of Fame

Inaugural induction ceremony will be Aug. 24 during game

BY SHARRON HALEY  
Special to The Sumter Item

TURBEVILLE — Shad Hall Field is the home of the East Clarendon Wolverines' football team; however, today, many of the athletes who are warming up on that field in preparation for the new football season have



HALL

no idea who the legendary Shad Hall is. The late Herman Eugene "Shad" Hall began his tenure at East Clarendon High School more than 60 years ago when many of the parents of the athletes on the football field today weren't born. In 1953, Hall became East Clarendon's athletic director as well as coach of the Wolverines' baseball, basketball, football and track teams. Under Hall's leadership, the Wolverines' varsity baseball team won state championships for three years in a row, 1958-1960. In 1965, Hall was named the Coach of the Year in South Carolina's Class B category after his Wolverine football team with 11 wins, one loss and one tie won the state championship.

In 1966, Hall, 35, was killed in a traffic accident when he was returning home from taking a

*'Coach Hall loved East Clarendon. I wanted our students and athletes to know who he was.'*

EAST CLARENDON ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SCOTT COOK

few of his athletes to their homes after track practice. Hall is buried at Turbeville Southern Methodist Church, which is across the street from his beloved East Clarendon High School.

"One day I was out and about, and I decided to walk across the street and visit Coach Hall's grave," said EC athletic director Scott Cook. "That triggered the idea for an East Clarendon Hall of Fame. These kids don't know the history of their school. They don't know who Coach Shad Hall was. They don't know what he meant to this school or to their community."

"Coach Hall loved East Clarendon," Cook added. "I wanted our students and athletes to know who he was."

The festivities surrounding the school's inaugural Hall of Fame induction ceremony will kick off on Aug. 24 when the Wolverines will host the Fighting Eagles of Scott's Branch High School. The inductees have been invited to enjoy a meal with the football team before the game as well as introductions during the game. At noon on Aug. 25, the eight inductees and their families, the school's alumni, personnel and friends will gather at East Clarendon High School for a meet and greet as well as a luncheon to honor the East Clarendon Hall of Fame Class of 2018.

Those chosen for the Class of 2018 include Hall, Shelby Barribeau, Bennie Bennett, Donald Hardy, Reggie Kennedy, Duane Robinson, Maxie Knowlton and Mickey Moss.

Tickets for the induction ceremony are \$10 each. For more information on tickets, call Roxanne Hardy at (843) 319-7121.

"It's important for me for our school to embrace our alumni," Cook said. "Each one of these individuals played a huge role at East Clarendon, and it's time for them to be recognized, and it's time for our students to know the roles each of them played in the history of our school."

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#### Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO. 2018-CP-14-00180 The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as trustee for registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-1, Plaintiff vs. James Walker, Defendants. TO THE DEFENDANT(S) James Walker: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2838 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County on April 27, 2018. NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you have a right to be considered for Foreclosure Intervention. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending or is about to be commenced in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage of real estate heretofore given by James Walker to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as trustee for registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-1 bearing date of January 26, 2005 and recorded January 28, 2005 in Mortgage Book 614 at Page 232 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, in the original principal sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$58,900.00). Thereafter, by assignment recorded on May 19, 2006 in Book 687 at Page 133, the mortgage was assigned to the Plaintiff, and that the premises effected by said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof are situated in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot Number 23 on a plat thereof made by James D. Wilson, dated 13 May 1998, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Plat Book S-49 at Page 221. Said plat shall be incorporated herein by reference pursuant to §30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. TMS No. 189-08-00-014.00 Property Address: 1157 Herod Drive, Manning, SC 29102 Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, South Carolina 29211 Telephone (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

### Estate Notice Clarendon County NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Clarendon County, the address of which is 411 Sunset Dr. Manning, SC 29102, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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# History shared but unreconciled in city's statue

BY JAY REEVES

Associated Press

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — In 1906, when aging, white Confederate veterans of the Civil War and black ex-slaves still lived on the old plantations of the Deep South, two very different celebrations were afoot in this city known even then as a beacon of black empowerment.

Tuskegee Institute, founded to educate Southern blacks whose families had lived in bondage for generations, was saluting its 25th anniversary.

Meanwhile, area whites were preparing to dedicate a monument to rebel soldiers in a downtown park set aside exclusively for white people.

Flash forward to today and that same Confederate monument still stands in the same park, both of them owned by a Confederate heritage group. They sit in the heart of a poor, black-controlled town of 9,800 people that's less than 3 percent white.

Students from what's now Tuskegee University once tried and failed to tear down the old gray statue, which has since become a target for vandals. But critics who want it gone aren't optimistic about removing it, even as similar monuments come down nationwide.

"I think it would probably take a bomb to get it down," said Dyann Robinson, president of the Tuskegee Historic Preservation Commission.

The story of how such a monument could be erected and still remain in place a century later offers lessons in just how hard it can be to confront a shared history that still divides a nation.

In 1860, before the Civil War began, Census records show 1,020 white people owned 18,176 black people in Macon County, where Tuskegee sits. The enslaved were mostly kept uneducated. Schooling became nearly as big a need as food and shelter once the fighting stopped in 1865.

Established by the Alabama Legislature through the joint work of a freed slave and a former slave owner, the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute was founded in 1881, according to the school's official history. Booker T. Washington built it into a leading institution for educating blacks. To this day, it remains a leading historically black university.

By the time of Tuskegee's 25th anniversary, Washington was widely acclaimed for advocating practical education, character building and hard work to lift blacks from the poverty of the postwar South. William Howard Taft, who would become U.S. president a few years later, attended the celebration; so did industrialist and donor Andrew Carnegie.

Coverage of the anniversary festivities in *The Tuskegee News*, a white-owned newspaper, emphasized that blacks needed to get along with the whites who had near total control in the old Confederate states.

"Every address from northerner, or southerner and black gave forth the un-



From left, Robert C. Ogden, William Howard Taft, Booker T. Washington and Andrew Carnegie stand on the steps of a building in April 1906 during the 25th anniversary celebration of what is now Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. Taft would later become president.

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mistakable tribute to the value, yea, the absolute necessity of the southern negro doing all in his power to merit the confidence and friendly cooperation of the southern white man ...," the paper reported on its front page.

Meanwhile, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, composed of female descendants of Confederate veterans, was erecting monuments glorifying the "lost cause" of the South all over the region in the early 1900s. The women of the Tuskegee chapter planned one for their town.

They staged a musical performance and a chrysanthemum show to raise money for a Confederate statue, according to *Tuskegee News* accounts. Then, two months after the Tuskegee Institute anniversary, leaders of the white-controlled county government gave the United Daughters the main downtown square to serve as a "park for white people" around a memorial to Macon County's Confederate veterans, city records show.

The monument, which included the inscribed admonition to "honor the brave," finally was dedicated on Oct. 6, 1909. *The Montgomery Advertiser* called the ceremony "one of the largest masses of white people ever before witnessed in Tuskegee." Confederate flags waved, and 13 young women were dressed in crimson and white to represent the Confederate states.

Newspaper stories from the time don't say whether any blacks attended the event, which included a parade through town, but they most certainly were around. Macon County was around 82 percent black at the time, Census records show, although Jim Crow laws kept whites in firm political control.

The nation's first black combat pilots, the Tuskegee Airmen, trained in the town in the 1940s, but not until the 1960s did the civil rights movement start changing political dynamics.

Blacks were first elected to office in Tuskegee in 1964, but whites still controlled most of Alabama. Frustrated after an all-white jury in another county acquitted a white man accused of

murder in the shooting death of a civil rights worker, blacks took out their anger on the Confederate monument in 1966.

A crowd described in news reports as Tuskegee students converged downtown after jurors acquitted white gas station attendant Marvin Segrest in the killing of black Navy veteran and civil rights worker Samuel L. Younge Jr., who was gunned down after asking to use a whites-only bathroom. It took only 70 minutes or so for jurors to side with Segrest.

On a night when rocks flew through windows around the town square, demonstrators went after the Confederate monument.

Simuel Schutz Jr., a friend of Younge who participated in the demonstration, said protesters attached a chain or rope to the monument in a bid to pull it down but failed.

"We didn't have a vehicle to topple it that night, and that's why it's still there," said Schutz, 72, now a contractor in Trenton, New Jersey.

But protesters did have spray paint. The next morning, the soldier atop the monument had a yellow stripe down its back with the words "black power" scrawled on the base in black paint.

First elected mayor in 1972, Johnny Ford said he tried to have the monument relocated after taking office and again in 2015. Both efforts failed, as did a few similar attempts during the intervening years.

"Whites oppose moving it, and older blacks didn't want to for fear of upsetting race relations," said Ford, now out of office after serving more than three decades both as mayor and a state representative from the area.

For some, the statue is just part of the city's landscape and isn't much of an issue.

"It's just part of Tuskegee, part of its history," said Kelvin Stephens, a black man who works in a computer shop across a street from the memorial.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy still owns the square where the monument stands, and they don't plan to remove it.

"It is a wonderful addition to the

downtown area and has been there for over 100 years, and the United Daughters see no reason for it to change," said a letter to the city by an attorney for the group, Richard L. Wyatt.

The 2-acre square has been open to everyone for years despite records that show it was supposed to be for only whites originally. Community members of all colors regularly gather on the green for events including the upcoming All Macon County Day, an annual event that will include hip-hop and rap music.

The city cuts the grass on the square and trims the rose bushes around the monument, but the United Daughters are in charge of the statue itself, officials said.

A United Daughters newsletter posted online shows the Tuskegee chapter faded away in 2001 only to be reactivated with eight members in 2014. A member of the United Daughters, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic in town, said the chapter was revived in large part to protect and maintain the memorial.

The few members still in town cleaned the statue after vandals tagged it with spray paint about three years ago, Wyatt said in an interview, but they've yet to remove black paint that stains the gray stone following a similar incident in October. No one was charged in the vandalism.

The United Daughters member said the group decided against cleaning the statue after the latest incident out of fear it would only be repeated. "We started to, but we decided to just let sleeping dogs lie," she said.

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood Jr. has said he understands why some people want the statue gone, but there are no moves afoot to remove it as the one-year anniversary approaches of a deadly confrontation over a Confederate monument in Charlottesville, Virginia.

It's unclear whether anything can be done anyway, since Alabama legislators passed a law last year banning the removal or alteration of sites including Confederate monuments.

In Birmingham, city officials built a wooden box around a 52-foot-tall obelisk that was erected to honor Confederate veterans in 1905 in a downtown park, and the state sued to enforce the law. A judge's upcoming ruling could clarify whether cities like Tuskegee can do anything about memorials that some find offensive and others revere.

In the meantime, Tuskegee's stone Confederate stands in the middle of a nearly all-black city, the butt of his musket resting near the feet and the hands gripping the barrel.

"It's just there in town like it's always been," said the mayor.

Associated Press news researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York contributed to this report.

For the complete AP coverage marking one year since the rally in Charlottesville, visit <https://apnews.com/tag/CharlottesvilleAYearLater>.

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## Left will ensure 2nd win for Trump

The loons of the left continue to goosestep in their Destroy Trump crusade. They just don't get it. It's quite an array of gasbags who can't get over Hillary Clinton blowing the presidency to the bombastic Trumpster.

What a crowd of critics he has lined up against him as the mid-term elections approach.

Here's a list: "Nutty Nancy" Pelosi, the Democratic party minority leader in the U.S. House of Representatives and Sen. Charles "Upchuck" Schumer in the Senate. There's also Congressman Adam Schiff-less in the House,



Hubert D. Osteen Jr.

City," to deliver some cheap shots. And, lest we forget, there's good old Maxine Waters with her rants and calls for attacks on Republicans and

who keeps popping up on MSNBC and CNN with his drivel about Trump-Russian collusion plus other rumors.

Another loon who is making an appearance to trash Trump is has-been actress Cynthia Nixon, formerly of "Sex and the

Trump supporters in restaurants and public places for purposes of intimidation.

Recently, another has-been actor, Peter Fonda, took shots at the Trump family, including Trump children. Real brave, Peter. Your late daddy would be proud of you (we doubt), but, maybe sister "Hanoi Jane" would pile on.

Surely Sen. Elizabeth "Pocahontas" Warren would add her name to the crowd of Trump haters. She's even thinking of running for president. Please run, Elizabeth, you could be part of a dream team along with Joe

"Over the Hill" Biden.

The list wouldn't be complete without throwing in Joe "The RINO" Scarborough and his girlfriend "EEKA" from his morning Schmo show on MSNBC.

That's my all-star cast of worthies to join the clowns trying to derail the Trump Express. Should they continue to line up in the forefront of the Resistance, I can foresee Trump winning re-election to a second term without breaking a sweat.

Reach Hubert D. Osteen Jr. at [hubert@theitem.com](mailto:hubert@theitem.com).

### COMMENTARY

## Colleges can be a force for evil

Many of the nation's colleges have become a force for evil and a focal point for the destruction of traditional American values. The threat to our future lies in the fact that today's college students are tomorrow's teachers, professors, judges, attorneys, legislators and policymakers. A recent Brookings Institution poll suggests that nearly half of college students believe that hate speech is not protected by the First Amendment. Of course, it is. Fifty-one percent of students think that it's acceptable to shout down a speaker with whom they disagree. About 20 percent of students hold that it's acceptable to use violence to prevent a speaker from speaking. Over 50 percent say colleges should prohibit speech and viewpoints that might offend certain people (<http://tinyurl.com/yayxt45u>). Contempt for the First Amendment and other constitutional guarantees is probably shared by the students' high school teachers, as well as many college professors.

Brainwashing and indoctrination of young people has produced some predictable results, as shown by a recent Gallup Poll. For the past 18 years, Gallup has asked adults how proud they are to be Americans. This year, only 47 percent say they are "extremely proud," well below the peak of 70 percent in 2003. The least proud to be Americans are nonwhites, young adults and college graduates. The proudest Americans are those older than 50 and those who did not graduate from college. The latter might be explained by their limited exposure to America's academic elite (<http://tinyurl.com/y8wapel5>).

Johnetta Benton, a teacher at Hampton Middle School near Atlanta, was recorded telling her sixth-grade students, "America has never been great for minorities."

In a tirade, she told her class: "Because Europeans came from Europe ... you are an immigrant. You are an illegal immigrant because you came and just took it. ... You are an immigrant. This is not your country." To exploit young, immature young people this way represents an act of supreme cowardice. The teacher should be fired, but I'm guessing that her colleagues share her sympathies. At the same school,

students were given a homework assignment that required them to write a letter asking lawmakers for stricter gun control laws.

One might be tempted to argue that the growing contempt for liberty and the lack of civility stem from the election of Donald Trump. That's entirely wrong. The lack of civility and indoctrination of our young people have been going on for decades. UCLA history professor Mary Corey told her class: "Capitalism isn't a lie on purpose. It's just a lie." She added that capitalists "are swine. ... They're bastard people." An English professor at Montclair State University, in New Jersey, told his students, "Conservatism champions racism, exploitation and imperialist war." An

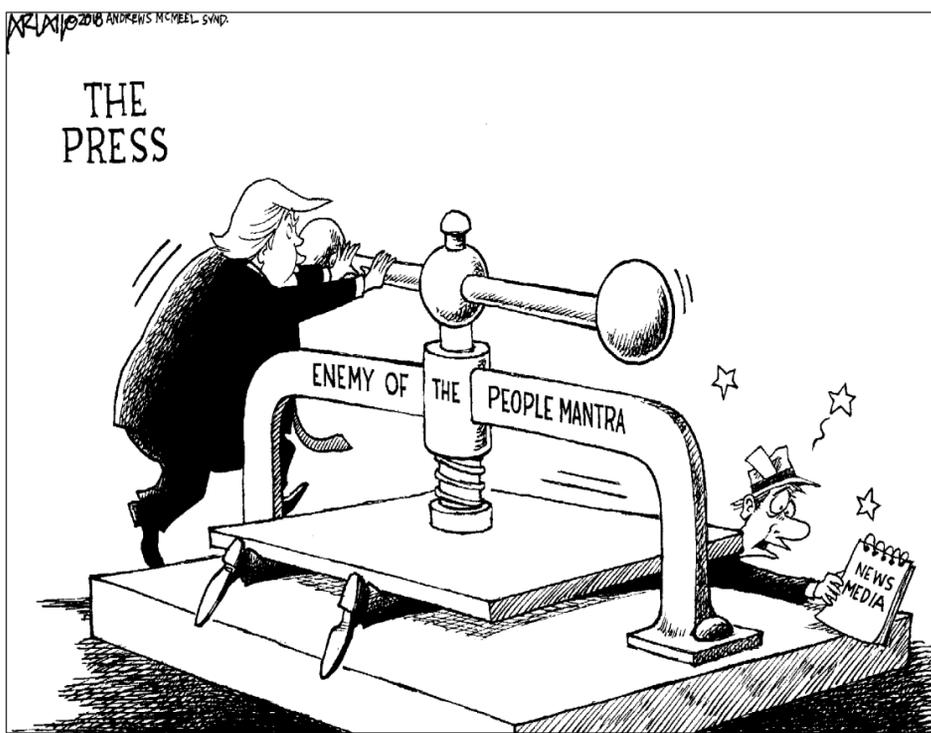
ethnic studies professor at California State University, Northridge and Pasadena City College teaches that "the role of students and teachers in ethnic studies is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." The University of California, Santa Barbara's school of education emailed its faculty members to ask them to consider classroom options concerning the Iraq War, suggesting they excuse students from class to attend anti-war events and give them extra credit for writing about it. Rodney Swanson, a UCLA economics professor, told his class, "The United States of America, backed by facts, is the greediest and most selfish country in the world."

There is little question that colleges stand at the forefront of an attack on America and Western values.

Leftists often say that the U.S. is the world's worst country. But here are some empirical facts they might explain. According to a recent Gallup Poll, about 13 percent of the world's adults — 630 million people — would like to move to another country. Roughly 138 million would like to live in the U.S. — making us the No. 1 destination, followed by the U.K., Canada and France (<http://tinyurl.com/y8z9pfgo>). There's something exceptionally appealing about America and the Western world that leftists choose to ignore or lie about.

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### COMMENTARY

## Why Manafort trial is helping Trump

BY DICK MORRIS and EILEEN MCGANN

In Rasmussen's polling — the only daily tracking survey of President Donald Trump's ratings and the only one testing likely voters — Trump has surged from a 44 percent approval rating on July 21 to 50 percent on Aug. 2. Indeed, as the Paul Manafort case neared its trial date and then began, Trump moved from 46 percent to the current 50 percent level.

How is the Manafort trial helping Trump?

Since the average voter does not closely follow the daily flow of information about the special prosecutor and his case, it may be coming as something of a surprise that the political consultant's trial has nothing to do with Trump. It concerns events that took place long before Manafort entered Trump's life and in no way involved the president then or now.

The realization is slowly sinking in that this is a normal political corruption case about a consultant who made a killing working in Ukraine and did not pay taxes on the money. So what else is new? None of this has anything to do with Trump.



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Paul Manafort, right, arrives at federal court accompanied by his lawyer Kevin Downing, left, and wife, Kathleen Manafort, on June 15 in Washington.

The massive staffing of the prosecutor's office, the battles over evidence, the tiffs over immunity, the rumors of witnesses cooperating with Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller are all part of a media feeding frenzy that has lasted over a year. But the main event is the man who isn't there: Donald Trump.

So evident is his omission that the mission of the prosecutor appears to have nothing to do with corruption by the president. The average voter, who has patiently waited for the evidence to emerge, will wonder: Where's Donald? And learning that he's not

there, and not likely to be involved, the average voter could feel somewhat cheated or misled by the media coverage.

So, seeing that none of the wild charges of collusion are coming true, the boy — or special prosecutor — who cried wolf has lost his credibility.

As Winston Churchill put it, "Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result." That's how Donald Trump must be feeling.

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# SURPLUS FROM PAGE A1

conservative with expenses in general," Miller said. "And then also it was a conservative estimate with the payroll and vacancies."

Griner was the district's CFO from July 2017 through May and always emphasized to the committee and the full board that he used a very conservative approach to doing the job. Griner also pitched in to help prepare the district's May financial report for a June board meeting, even after he had left for a new position in his home state of Georgia.

In preparing the preliminary June 30 report, Miller said she spoke with Griner several times because he was

more familiar with the entire year's fiscal activity.

Miller has been in her position since July 16. In her own right, Miller — like Griner — is a certified public accountant and has 16 years of experience in government accounting.

With an ending fund balance of about \$800,000 as of June 30, 2017, this year's projected net income would increase the district's fund balance to about \$8.6 million as of June 30, 2018.

School board member and Finance Committee Chairman Johnny Hilton said he was happy to hear that the district's projected net income will be higher than anticipated.

"We're delighted that the fund bal-

ance is larger than we thought," Hilton said. "That's good news. We're happy that we were frugal and conservative in our expenditures, and we're planning to continue that conservative approach."

Miller also said the finance department is prepared for the start of the new school year with its \$131.8 million budget.

Regarding certified classroom teacher vacancies, Miller said the district has 30 vacancies as of Wednesday. She said the district is still recruiting for teachers and that number could be lower by the first day of school, Aug. 20.

On the first day of school last year, the district had 52 certified classroom teacher vacancies, Miller said.

Teacher vacancy totals throughout the school year were a big contributor to total expenditures coming in lower than originally budgeted, Miller said.

In addition to Hilton, board member and Finance Committee member Lucille McQuilla was in attendance and also committee members Louis Griffith and Bobby Anderson. Board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhane and fellow board member Bonnie Disney were also on hand. Finance Committee members William Byrd and Greg Thompson were not in attendance.

The school board's regularly scheduled monthly meeting for August is Monday at 6 p.m., also at the district office.

# CORONER FROM PAGE A1

that states death investigations can only be conducted by coroners, deputy coroners and medical examiners, Samuels-Cooper is not qualified for the job. Cothran's ruling granted in part a dismissal requested by Samuels-Cooper's attorneys based on the fact that Mock did not "exhaust his administrative remedies" in formally challenging the election results but allowed the hearing to continue based on determining whether she was qualified.

"The grounds for this motion are that the trial court did not rule on the joint Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6)," the motion reads, referencing the split ruling.

The ruling states she can be a candidate on the ballot, but she cannot become coroner.

"We need some clarification here," said Trav Robertson, chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party. "I think under the law I — the party — have no other option but to certify her ... he doesn't clarify whether to remove her."

Robertson said he takes issue with the ruling because of a previous case in Sumter where the party was sued for not certifying a candidate.

The Clarendon coroner's case is debating whether the defendant has experience at all and whether she could gain the certification within one year, which is required by a 2012 law for first-term coroners. There is one

recognized certification program, and prospective coroners must be employed by a coroner's office or medical examiner's office — Mock fired Samuels-Cooper on March 9 after bringing her on as a full-time employee for the first time on Jan. 24, according to testimony and a Freedom of Information Act request response — and have 640 hours of death investigation experience to sign up.

Ronnie Sabb, Samuels-Cooper's attorney, used the argument during testimony that the law is unfair for citizens to become coroners and that it favors incumbents.

The 2012 law, Section 17-5-130 of the state Code of Laws, that established experience-based qualifications for coroner has been challenged twice. Georgetown County Coroner Kenny Johnson asked the court in 2016 to remove two funeral home directors from the ballot, and Shawn Ragin, who won the primary in 2012 against Sumter County Coroner Harvin Bullock, was removed from the ballot. Ragin was also not allowed back on the ballot in 2016.

In those cases, the funeral home directors and Ragin did not have 640 hours of death investigation experience to be able to sign up for the certification program, led by American Board of Medicolegal Investigators, which has said it takes longer than a year to gain that much experience.

The South Carolina Election Commission has already taken steps to prepare for a special fil-

ing period that is scheduled to open at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 14, and officials say they are moving ahead as planned.

"At this point, there is a court order stating the candidate is not qualified, which triggers the special filing and potential primary for this office under S.C. Code 7-11-55," said Chris Whitmire, director of public information and training for the commission.

That code explains the process of holding another election if a "party nominee dies, becomes disqualified after his nomination or resigns his candidacy for a legitimate nonpolitical reason ... The vacancy must be filled in a special primary election ..."

If more than one person files between the Aug. 14 opening and noon Aug. 21 closing, a primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4. If only one person files, that person will be placed on the Nov. 6 general election ballot.

"Unless there is another court order instructing otherwise, the filing and potential primary process will continue as provided by law," Whitmire said.

Whitmire told *The Sumter Item* previously that if Samuels-Cooper does file again, she will not be placed on the ballot because there is a court order saying she is disqualified.

Mock, who served as deputy coroner in Clarendon County for 21 years before being appointed coroner, has said he intends to file.

"What do I do if there is a new election, and she filed again?" Robertson said. "I don't believe this is over."

# RECRUITS FROM PAGE A1

will suspend processing of all involuntary separation actions," read the memo signed by Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Marshall Williams.

The disclosure comes one month after the AP reported that dozens of immigrant enlistees were being discharged or their contracts were cancelled. Some said they were given no reason for their discharge. Others said the Army informed them they'd been labeled as security risks because they have relatives abroad or because the Defense Department had not completed background checks on them.

Early last month, the Pentagon said there had been no specific policy change and that background checks were ongoing. And in mid-July the Army reversed one discharge, for Brazilian reservist Lucas Calixto, 28, who had sued. Nonetheless, discharges of other immigrant enlistees continued. Attorneys sought to bring a class-action lawsuit last week to offer protections to a broader group of reservists and recruits in the program, demanding that prior discharges be revoked and that further separations be halted.

A judge's order references the July 20 memo and asks the Army to clarify how it affects the discharge status of Calixto and other plaintiffs. As part of the memo, Williams also instructed Army officials to recommend whether the military should issue further guidance related to the program.

Margaret Stock, an Alaska-based immigration attorney and a retired Army Reserve lieutenant colonel who helped create the immigrant recruitment program, said Wednesday the memo proves there was a policy.

"It's an admission by the Army that they've improperly discharged hundreds of soldiers," she said. "The next step should be go back and rescind the people who were improperly discharged."

Discharged recruits and reservists reached Wednesday said their discharges were still in place as far as they knew.



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**The Sumter Police Department's Annual Back-to-School Bash** will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Crosswell Park, North Lafayette Drive. Event will feature DJ Howie, food, balloon artists, face painting, a water park and more. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older.

**The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind** will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. It is also time to reserve gala tables for Dec. 11. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or [debra.canty@frontier.com](mailto:debra.canty@frontier.com).

**The Wesmark Branch of the Sumter County Library will present the movie adaption of the August Wilson play "Fences,"** starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the meeting room, 180 W. Wesmark Blvd.

**The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA)** will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19, at 26 Council St. Call the alumni office 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays at (803) 775-0444 for details.

**The DAV Mobile Service Office will provide free counseling and claim filing assistance to veterans** from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, at Golden Corral, Walmart Boulevard. For further information, call John Baxley at (803) 647-2422.

**McLeod Hospice will offer a "Hospice Volunteering 101" class** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, in the Volunteer Services Office of McLeod Health Clarendon, 10 Hospital St., Manning. This volunteer training program is for those interested in helping Hospice patients and / or assisting Hospice support staff in Clarendon and Sumter counties. **Attendees must register in advance** to participate in the training. Call Stacy Mosier at (803) 435-5287.

### The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Make social plans with friends or sign

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Implement personal changes that will ease stress. Discuss your plans with anyone who will be affected by the changes you make. Don't strain yourself lifting heavy objects or taking on physical feats that are too strenuous. Plan a romantic evening.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotional mistakes will be costly. Don't engage in fights that can jeopardize your chance to get ahead. It's in your best interest to listen and to keep your opinions to yourself. Expel your energy pursuing creative accomplishments.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a walk on the wild side. Adventure will entice you, and a challenge will encourage you to participate in all sorts of events. The experience will do you good, and the people you encounter will broaden your horizons.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't give in to someone pestering you for something you find unreasonable. Concentrate on bringing about positive changes at home that will allow you to spend more time with friends and family and less time taking care of business.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Defuse emotional situations instead of encouraging them to escalate. It's easier to handle a small difference of opinion using diplomacy and incentives. Your time is better spent on personal physical improvements and building memories with the ones you love.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): A joint venture is apparent. Look for an opportunity, and use your intuitive insight to help you decide what to do next. A chance meeting with someone you have enjoyed working with in the past will lead to an interesting proposal.

up to help an organization or cause you care about. The people you encounter may be demanding, but the experience you gain will be to your advantage. Romance will improve your personal life.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Learn as you go. Listen to the voice of reason as well as the experts. Control your intake at social events. Too much of anything can lead to an argument or damage to your reputation. Stubbornness and being opinionated are discouraged.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Participate in functions that include friends or relatives. Short trips will lead to a change in the way you view someone. A past relationship will cause you to overreact to something that's said. Think before you say something insensitive.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Don't hide from change. You stand to gain from what transpires. Embrace what comes your way with open arms; you will realize the benefits that come with new beginnings. A partnership with someone special looks promising.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Think big, but live within your means. Change can be made as long as you are cognizant of what is and is not doable. Personal physical improvements are favored, along with romance, children and pleasure trips. Physical activity will ease stress.

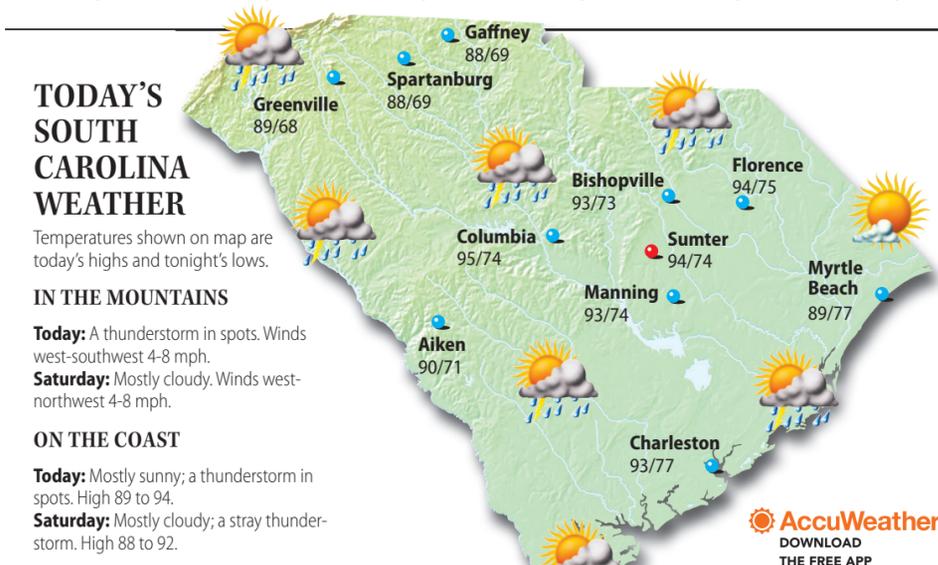
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Try something new or go to a place you've never been; it will transform your life. Make sure you have proper documentation if you leave the country or have to deal with regulations or government agencies.

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A t-storm around in the p.m.	Mostly cloudy	A stray afternoon thunderstorm	Couple of thunderstorms	Turning cloudy with a t-storm	A p.m. shower or t-storm
94°	74°	92° / 74°	89° / 73°	89° / 71°	88° / 71°
Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 55%
W 4-8 mph	WSW 3-6 mph	SW 6-12 mph	SSW 3-6 mph	SW 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph



### LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	Precipitation
High 92°	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. 0.05"
Low 74°	Month to date 0.75"
Normal high 89°	Normal month to date 1.72"
Normal low 69°	Year to date 22.66"
Record high 102° in 2007	Last year to date 27.34"
Record low 59° in 1950	Normal year to date 30.06"

### LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	360	357.97	-0.12
Marion	76.8	75.61	+0.04
Moultrie	75.5	75.99	+1.05
Wateree	100	97.08	+0.09

### SUN AND MOON

	6:40 a.m.	Sunset	8:14 p.m.
Sunrise	6:40 a.m.	Sunset	8:14 p.m.
Moonrise	5:34 a.m.	Moonset	7:52 p.m.

**New** Aug. 11 | **First** Aug. 18 | **Full** Aug. 26 | **Last** Sep. 2

### RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.56	-0.32
Congaree River	19	5.80	+0.64
Lynches River	14	3.81	+0.15
Saluda River	14	4.15	-0.68
Up. Santee River	80	79.40	-0.36
Wateree River	24	11.27	-0.09

### TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:38 a.m.	3.1	3:20 a.m.	-0.2
	9:09 p.m.	3.9	3:26 p.m.	-0.7
Sat.	9:36 a.m.	3.3	4:14 a.m.	-0.4
	10:04 p.m.	3.9	4:22 p.m.	-0.8

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/69/t	87/69/pc
Chicago	84/67/pc	86/69/s
Dallas	93/75/t	86/73/t
Detroit	84/65/pc	84/65/pc
Houston	90/78/t	89/78/t
Los Angeles	90/70/s	86/67/s
New Orleans	88/74/pc	88/75/t
New York	88/71/pc	78/68/t
Orlando	91/75/t	91/74/t
Philadelphia	90/72/s	80/69/t
Phoenix	100/82/t	100/84/pc
San Francisco	71/54/pc	69/53/pc
Wash., DC	91/73/s	83/72/t

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	82/65/t	81/65/t	Florence	94/75/t	93/74/t
Athens	88/68/t	88/69/c	Gainesville	91/76/t	91/76/pc
Augusta	92/72/t	91/69/pc	Gastonia	90/70/t	88/69/t
Beaufort	94/77/t	91/77/pc	Goldsboro	93/73/s	90/74/t
Cape Hatteras	89/80/s	87/79/t	Goose Creek	92/75/t	91/76/t
Charleston	93/77/t	91/77/t	Greensboro	89/70/s	87/69/t
Charlotte	92/72/t	90/71/t	Greenville	89/68/t	87/68/t
Clemson	89/69/t	87/70/pc	Hickory	87/67/t	85/66/t
Columbia	95/74/t	93/72/t	Hilton Head	92/78/t	90/77/t
Darlington	93/73/t	91/73/t	Jacksonville, FL	93/75/t	93/75/pc
Elizabeth City	90/77/s	89/76/t	La Grange	88/72/t	89/71/c
Elizabethtown	92/75/s	90/74/t	Macon	91/70/t	92/70/c
Fayetteville	93/72/s	92/73/t	Marietta	84/68/t	87/69/c
Marion	84/66/t	84/66/t	Mt. Pleasant	92/77/t	91/77/t
Myrtle Beach	89/77/t	89/77/t	Myrtle Beach	89/77/t	89/77/t
Orangeburg	93/74/t	91/73/c	Port Royal	92/77/t	91/76/pc
Raleigh	92/70/s	89/70/t	Rock Hill	91/71/t	90/70/t
Rockingham	92/73/s	91/72/t	Savannah	94/76/t	93/75/pc
Spartanburg	88/69/t	86/69/t	Summerville	92/74/t	90/74/pc
Wilmington	92/76/s	89/76/t	Winston-Salem	88/69/s	86/68/t

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### JUMBLE

DRILL ABOVE REMEDY DRAGON  
Prices at the auction were going up and up.  
This would go on until the — "BIDDER" END

## SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



**FAR LEFT:** Meatball is a neutered 10-month-old basset hound mix. Friendly, fun, sweet and affectionate, he is great with other dogs and children. He would be a perfect forever family member.

**LEFT:** Pearl is a housebroken, spayed 2-year-old American short hair. Sweet, gentle and affectionate, she is great with other cats and children. Pearl loves to lounge around but can also be active and playful. She would be a perfect lap buddy and couch potato.

The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. -5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit [www.sumter-scspca.com](http://www.sumter-scspca.com).

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

## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



# Staying alive

MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Bobby Crisp cheers on his teammates from second base during the P-15's 7-4 loss to Troy, Alabama, on Wednesday in the Southeast Region Tournament in Asheboro, N.C. Sumter remained in the tournament on Thursday though, beating Chapin/Newberry 5-0. The P-15's face Tallahassee, Florida, today at 12:30 pm. in another elimination game.

## Todd's 3-hit shutout in his finale lifts P-15's to 5-0 win over Chapin

BY DANNY KELLY  
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ASHEBORO, N.C. — Lathan Todd left the Sumter P-15's with a nice parting gift on Thursday.

Todd, Sumter's standout right-handed pitcher, played his final game in the American Legion baseball Southeast Region Tournament on Thursday because he has to report for his

freshman year at The Citadel this weekend. He made his final outing with the P-15's very memorable, tossing a 3-hit shutout and eliminating South Carolina state champion Chapin/

Newberry Posts 193/24 from the regional with a 5-0 victory at McCrary Park.

Sumter, which improved to 24-14 on the season, will take on Florida state champion Tallahassee Post 13 today at

12:30 p.m. in another elimination game. Tallahassee lost Kentucky state champion Lyon County Post 68 5-3 on Thursday.

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## USC FOOTBALL

# Bentley growing in South Carolina's offense

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

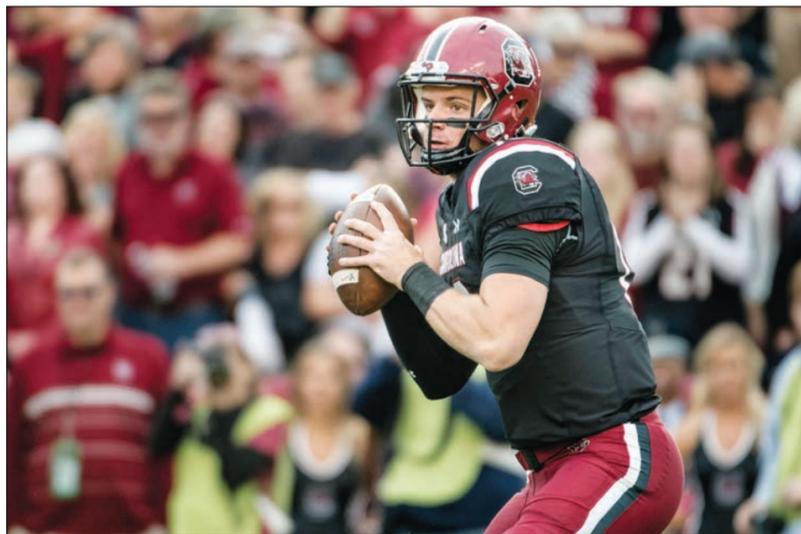
COLUMBIA — South Carolina quarterbacks coach Dan Werner keeps searching for flaws, shortcomings or things to fix with Gamecocks starter Jake Bentley.

So far, the long-time coach hasn't found anything to complain about — yet.

"There are no negatives," said Werner, in his first year at South Carolina. "He comes to work every day wanting to be a leader, wanting to work hard, just begging for information. He's always the first one there, the last one to leave.

"Now," Werner said. "He's just got to carry that over to the field."

Bentley's done that reasonably well since taking the starting job two years ago in the middle of coach Will Muschamp's struggling first season. Bentley, a 6-foot-4 junior, was scheduled for a redshirt season. Instead, he was pulled into the middle of the things in 2016 and helped the Gamecocks qualify for a bowl game after a 2-4 start. He started every game last fall as the



AP FILE PHOTO

South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley looks to pass during the first half of a 2017 game against Wofford in Columbia. Bentley has only one concern in fall camp, improving enough to make the Gamecocks contenders in the Southeastern Conference.

Gamecocks went 9-4, their most wins since earning 11 victories in 2013.

Bentley, though, has struggled at

times with his accuracy and production

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## PRO GOLF

# Woodland leads after 1st round of PGA Championship

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kansas-bred Gary Woodland felt right at home in enemy territory and delivered his best performance in a major Thursday at the PGA Championship.

Woodland used his power to birdie the two par 5s on the soft turf of Bellerive, and he relied on a new grip and new confidence in his putter for everything else on his way to a 6-under 64 for a one-shot lead



WOODLAND

over Rickie Fowler in the opening round of the year's final major.

Woodland recognized close to 100 friends and family among thousands in a gallery that withstood the sweltering weather, and his only fault was trying too hard. He made a careless bogey on the opening hole, had to make a 15-foot par putt at No. 5. And then he settled down and was on his way.

"This week is as close to home as I've been," Woodland said. "I snuck over here about a month ago and played the golf course. Really enjoyed the layout. The turf is very familiar to me. It's so hot here during the summer, so the greens are soft and slow. You can be more aggressive, which suits my game."

Fowler played in the morning, when the greens were slight smoother, and made five birdies over his last 11 holes for a 65. It was an important start for Fowler, who turns 30

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## PRO BASEBALL

# Nationals top Braves 6-3; Gonzalez ends personal skid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gio Gonzalez ended a personal drought that spanned more than two months — and helped give the Washington Nationals a four-game split with another National League East contender.

Gonzalez pitched seven strong innings for his first victory since May 28, leading the Nationals to a 6-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Thursday.

"I think I was just happy that I got to high-five my teammates for the first time in a while," Gonzalez said. "For me it was not the pressure, it was just the going out there and doing what I can do to go out there and try and pitch the best I can. Today it finally showed. It fi-



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Washington starting pitcher Gio Gonzalez delivers a pitch during the Nationals' 6-3 victory over Atlanta on Thursday at Nationals Park in Washington.

nally stepped to the right direction that I wanted."

The Nationals moved within 5½ games of idle NL

East leader Philadelphia. The Braves fell a game behind the Phillies.

Gonzalez (7-8) snapped a

seven-game losing streak and had gone 11 consecutive starts without a victory. He allowed six hits and one walk while striking out three. Nick Markakis' solo homer to lead off the second was the lone run he allowed.

Atlanta starter Anibal Sanchez pitched two scoreless innings but left after getting hit in the left calf by a grounder from Michael Taylor. Manager Brian Snitker said he was hopeful Sanchez would make his next start.

"It looked like Anibal was going to have one of his games starting out," Snitker said. "He was sharp as can be. We just had a hard time

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL '18

# Florida State QB Francois heads list of players returning from injury

BY STEVE MEGARGEE

The Associated Press

Florida State quarterback Deandre Francois is happy to be playing football again and is trying to get his job back.

He's back on the practice field after injuring his knee in a season-opening loss to Alabama last fall and sitting out the rest of the year.

New Florida State coach Willie Taggart has said he hasn't set a timetable on naming a starter for the Sept. 3 opener against Virginia Tech. The coach is also looking at James Blackman, who filled in for an injured Francois last season, and redshirt freshman Bailey Hockman.

Francois welcomes the challenge.

"I've been competing all my life," Francois said. "Last year was devastating with the knee injury, but me being back is good. I'm in a better place. It took a toll on me, but I'm in a better place."

Francois wants to build on what he accomplished in 2016, when he threw for 3,350 yards and 20 touchdowns while helping the Seminoles earn an Orange Bowl victory.

He's one of several notable players coming back from injury. A list of players returning this year compiled by The Associated Press only includes players who missed at least half the season with season-ending injuries.

That disqualifies Washington offensive tackle Trey Adams and Michigan quarterback Shea Patterson, who



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**South Carolina wide receiver Deeb Samuel, who saw most of the 2017 season from the sideline because of an injury, hopes to make a major impact for the Gamecocks this season.**

played just over half the season last year. They both could have a major impact on their teams.

Since Middle Tennessee quarterback Brent Stockstill and Alabama linebacker Christian Miller returned from injuries late last season, they are also not listed.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

WR Deeb Samuel He scored six touchdowns in South Carolina's first three games last season before a broken leg knocked him out for the remainder of the season. Now he's back as a fifth-year senior. Samuel's six touchdowns last year came on three receptions, one run from scrimmage and two kick returns. He shared team MVP honors with quarterback Jake Bentley in 2016.

**TENNESSEE**

OT Chance Hall, WR Jauan Jennings, S Todd Kelly Jr. and LB Darrin

Kirkland Jr.

Injuries to key players played a major role in Tennessee's fall from the Top 25 to the SEC East cellar last season. Hall, Jennings, Kelly and Kirkland have 62 career starts between them, but they played a combined total of three games last season. Hall and Kirkland didn't play a single down due to knee injuries. Kelly, Tennessee's leading tackler in 2016, played just two games before a knee injury shut him down. Jennings, the Vols' second-leading receiver in 2016, injured his wrist in the 2017 opener. They're all practicing now.

**PENN STATE**

CB John Reid Reid earned honorable mention all-Big Ten honors in 2016 but sat out the 2017 season after injuring his left knee in spring practice. The 5-foot-10 Reid is back now and will try to boost a defense that must replace nine

of its starters from last year. During the 2016 season, Reid started all 14 games in the secondary and also returned punts.

**TOLEDO**

WR Cody Thompson Thompson caught 64 passes for 1,269 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2016, and he was on pace for another 1,000-yard season last year until he got hurt. He collected 28 receptions for 537 yards and four touchdowns in five games before a leg injury shut him down for the remainder of the season. The fifth-year senior has career totals of 133 catches for 2,665 yards and 20 touchdowns.

**UCLA**

TE Caleb Wilson Wilson had 38 catches for 490 yards in only five games last season before a foot injury shut him down for the rest of the year. He already has shown an ability to produce big numbers against high-profile opponents. Wilson had 15 receptions for 208 yards when UCLA came from behind to beat Texas A&M in the season opener. He caught 11 passes for 145 yards against Stanford.

**TEXAS A&M**

S Donovan Wilson He headed into last season as a defensive team captain, but Wilson broke his foot in the opening loss to UCLA and didn't play again. He's back as a fifth-year senior this fall and should play a big role in Texas A&M's secondary. He picked off five passes in 2015 and made 59 tackles in 2016.

SPORTS ITEMS



## Sumter Sertoma Jamboree today at 6:30 p.m.

The Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree is set for today at Sumter Memorial Stadium beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be three one-half scrimmages with the first one pitting Lakewood against Lee Central. The second one will have Crestwood taking on C.E. Murray at approximately 7:30, and the final contest will have Sumter taking on Monday at around 8:30.

Each half will consist of two 12-minute quarters and the scrimmages will be live, including the kicking game.

Admission is \$7 per person.

**SUMTER SERTOMA JAMBOREE**  
at Sumter Memorial Stadium  
Today  
6:30 p.m. — Lee Central vs. Lakewood  
7:30 p.m. — C.E. Murray vs. Crestwood  
8:30 p.m. — Manning vs. Sumter  
Tickets are \$7 per person

**GLAZE FINISHES TIED FOR 18TH**

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Former Sumter High School golfer Scott Glaze shot a 3 over par 74 in the final round of the 94th Carolinas Open at Starmount Forest Country Club on Thursday.

Glaze who was tied for eighth and was just four shots off the lead entering the final round, finished 10 strokes behind winner Jerry Haas of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Glaze finished with a score of 1 under 212. He was tied with Aaron Black of Charlotte, Michael Hutcheon of High Point, North Carolina, Daniel Neveu of Pinehurst, North Carolina, Rohan Allwood of Prosperity and Sherrill Britt of West End, North Carolina.

Haas, who was tied for the lead after each of the first two rounds, shot a 3 under 68 to beat Tripp Summerlin of Summerville, North Carolina, by three strokes with a score of 202. He and Summerlin were tied for the lead after two rounds.

**OPENINGS LEFT IN CHURCHES CHALLENGE**

A few openings remain for the afternoon sessions of the 19th annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament and Praise Rally on Aug. 24-25.

The cost is \$45 per golfer and includes the praise dinner on Friday as well as lunch and beverages on Saturday.

Registration forms can be mailed to CGA, 1285 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 or can be brought to the office at Dillon Park, next to Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

For more information, call (803) 773-2171 or (803) 983-3457.

**SUMTER TOUCHDOWN CLUB SEEKING MEMBERS, SPONSORS**

The Sumter Touchdown Club presented by FTC is looking for new members and sponsors for the start of its 29th season, which is set for Friday, Aug. 31.

Membership is open to the public. The fee is \$100 per year and includes a full buffet breakfast from Shoney's each week along with the ability to participate in all that the TD club offers. Sponsorships are \$200 per year.

For those interested in becoming a member or a sponsor, go to [www.sumtertdclub.com](http://www.sumtertdclub.com) and click on the membership form or sponsorship form.

For more information, go to the website or call Lee Glaze at (803) 968-0773.

From staff reports

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

**11 a.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Midwest Regional Semifinal Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).  
**Noon** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Consumers Energy 400 Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**Noon** — American League Baseball: Southeast Region Tournament Game 9 from Asheboro, N.C. — Sumter vs. Lyon County, Ky, or Tallahassee, Fla. (WVHM-FM 92.3, WVHM-FM 93.3, WVHM-AM 1290).  
**12:30 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Singles Quarterfinal Matches from Toronto (ESPN2).  
**12:30 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Doubles Quarterfinal Matches from Toronto (TENNIS).  
**1 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series New England Regional Semifinal Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).  
**1 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Corrihan Oil 200 Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**1 p.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Washington at New England (NFL NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Under-14 U.S.-International Quarterfinal Game from Orlando, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**2 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Washington at Chicago Cubs (MLB NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** — PGA Golf: PGA Championship Second Round from St. Louis (TNT).  
**2:55 p.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Leicester City vs. Manchester United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**3 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Northwest Regional Semifinal Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).  
**3 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Corrihan Oil 200 Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**4 p.m.** — Women's Amateur Golf: U.S. Women's Amateur Quarterfinal Matches from Kingston Springs, Tenn. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**4 p.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (NFL NETWORK).  
**5 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Great Lakes Regional Semifinal Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).  
**5 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Consumers Energy 400 Pole Qualifying from Brooklyn, Mich. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**5:30 p.m.** — Horse Racing: Tale of the Cat Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Singles Quarterfinal Matches from Toronto (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Mid-Atlantic Regional Semifinal Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Under-14 U.S.-International Quarterfinal Game from Orlando, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WFFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Seattle at Houston or Milwaukee at Atlanta (MLB NETWORK).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Atlanta at New York Jets (NFL NETWORK).  
**9 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series West Regional Semifinal Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).  
**10 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Indiana at Phoenix (NBA TV).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Detroit at Oakland (NFL NETWORK).  
**12:35 a.m.** — PGA Golf: PGA Championship Second-Round Highlights from St. Louis (WLTX 19).  
**1:30 a.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Tennessee at Green Bay (NFL NETWORK).  
**4 a.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Chicago at Cincinnati (NFL NETWORK).

SATURDAY

**6:30 a.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Tampa Bay at Miami (NFL NETWORK).  
**7:25 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Tottenham vs. Newcastle United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:30 a.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Corrihan Oil 200 Pole Qualifying from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**9:55 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Chelsea vs. Huddersfield Town (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**10 a.m.** — Women's Amateur Golf: U.S. Women's Amateur Semifinal Matches from Kingston Springs, Tenn. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**11 a.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Midwest Regional Championship Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).

**11 a.m.** — PGA Golf: PGA Championship Third Round from St. Louis (TNT).  
**12:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Everton vs. Wolves (WIS 10).  
**12:30 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Doubles Semifinal Match from Toronto (TENNIS).  
**1 p.m.** — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Boys Under-14 U.S. Semifinal Game from Orlando, Fla. (WACH 57).  
**1 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series New England Regional Championship Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).  
**1 p.m.** — Women's Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Singles Semifinal Match from Montreal (ESPN2).  
**1 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Corrihan Oil 200 from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Texas at New York Yankees (MLB NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** — PGA Golf: PGA Championship Third Round from St. Louis (WLTX 19).  
**2 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Dallas at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, NBA TV).  
**2 p.m.** — Women's Professional Tennis: USTA National Championships Girls 18's Semifinal Matches from Orlando, Fla. (TENNIS).  
**2:15 p.m.** — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Boys Under-14 U.S. Semifinal Game from Orlando, Fla. (WACH 57).  
**3 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Northwest Regional Championship Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).  
**3 p.m.** — International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from Andalusia, Spain — Atletico Madrid vs. Inter Milan (ESPNNEWS).  
**3 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Singles Semifinal Match from Toronto (ESPN2).  
**3 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Rock N Roll Tequila 170 from Lexington, Ohio (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**3:30 p.m.** — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Girls Under-14 International Championship Game from Orlando, Fla. (WACH 57).  
**3:30 p.m.** — NWSL Soccer: Seattle at Utah (LIFETIME).  
**4 p.m.** — International Swimming: Pan Pacific Championships Day 3 from Tokyo (WIS 10).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Washington at Chicago Cubs (MLB NETWORK).  
**4:45 p.m.** — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Girls Under-14 U.S. Championship Game from Orlando, Fla. (WACH 57).  
**5 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Great Lakes Regional Championship Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).  
**6 p.m.** — Women's Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Singles Semifinal Match from Montreal (ESPN2).  
**6 p.m.** — Horse Racing: Arlington Million and Beverly D. Stakes from Arlington Heights, Ill. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Doubles Semifinal Match from Toronto (TENNIS).  
**7 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS 1, WFFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**7 p.m.** — College Exhibition Basketball: Kentucky vs. Mega Bemax from Nassau, Bahamas (SEC NETWORK).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Boys Under-14 International Championship Game from Orlando, Fla. (WACH 57).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Women's Professional Tennis: USTA National Championships Girls 16's Championship Match from Orlando, Fla. (TENNIS).  
**8 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Singles Semifinal Match from Toronto (ESPN2).  
**8:45 p.m.** — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Boys Under-14 U.S. Championship Game from Orlando, Fla. (WACH 57).  
**9 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series West Regional Championship Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Minnesota at Denver (NFL NETWORK).  
**10 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Oakland at Los Angeles Angels or Philadelphia at San Diego (Joined in Progress) (MLB NETWORK).  
**1 a.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Los Angeles Chargers at Arizona (NFL NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	81	34	.704	—
New York	71	42	.628	9
Tampa Bay	57	57	.500	23½
Toronto	51	62	.451	29
Baltimore	35	79	.307	45½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	64	50	.561	—
Minnesota	53	61	.465	11
Detroit	47	68	.409	17½
Chicago	41	73	.360	23
Kansas City	35	79	.307	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	73	42	.635	—
Oakland	68	47	.591	5
Seattle	65	50	.565	8
Los Angeles	58	58	.500	15½
Texas	51	65	.440	22½

THURSDAY

Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4  
 Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
 Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
 Seattle at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

TODAY

Boston (Eovaldi 5-4) at Baltimore (Bundy 7-10), 7:05 p.m.  
 Texas (Minor 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-2), 7:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Snell 12-5) at Toronto (Estrada 5-8), 7:07 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Santana 0-0) at Detroit (Zimmermann 4-4), 7:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Bieber 6-2) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 3-3), 8:10 p.m.  
 Seattle (Leake 8-7) at Houston (Cole 10-4), 8:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Gomber 1-0) at Kansas City (Smith 1-3), 8:15 p.m.  
 Oakland (Anderson 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Pena 1-3), 10:07 p.m.

SATURDAY

Boston at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m., 1st game  
 Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.  
 Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game  
 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.  
 Seattle at Houston, 7:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.  
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	64	50	.561	—
Atlanta	62	50	.554	1
Washington	59	56	.513	5½
New York	47	65	.420	16
Miami	47	69	.405	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	66	48	.579	—
Milwaukee	66	52	.559	2
St. Louis	60	55	.522	6½
Pittsburgh	59	56	.513	7½
Cincinnati	50	65	.435	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	64	52	.552	—
Los Angeles	63	52	.548	½
Colorado	60	54	.526	3
San Francisco	57	58	.496	6½
San Diego	46	71	.393	18½

THURSDAY

Washington 6, Atlanta 3  
 San Diego 8, Milwaukee 4  
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

TODAY

Washington (Hendrickson 5-2) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 8-9), 2:20 p.m.  
 Arizona (Buchholz 5-1) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 5-3), 7:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 6-6) at Miami (Urena 3-11), 7:10 p.m.  
 Milwaukee (Peralta 5-2) at Atlanta (Gausman 5-9), 7:35 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Gomber 1-0) at Kansas City (Smith 1-3), 8:15 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 7-7) at Colorado (Gray 9-7), 8:40 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Eflin 8-3) at San Diego (Nix 0-0), 10:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Williams 9-8) at San Francisco (Holland 5-8), 10:15 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m.  
 Arizona at Cincinnati, 4:40 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 9:05 p.m.

**P-15'S** FROM PAGE B1

Chapin/Newberry, which beat Sumter twice to win the state tournament and also defeated it during the regular season, finished with a 20-7 record.

Todd gave up just three hits and three walks to go with five strikeouts while pitching the P-15's to their first win over C/N in four contests.

"I felt good," Todd said. "The defense and offense made me confident. My fastball and changeup worked today."

"He was good," head coach Curtis Johnson said of Todd. "He started and finished."

Outfielder Trey Yates agreed on Todd.

"That's what Lathan does," Yates said. "As the game went on, he got better. We can really lean on him."

Chapin was playing its second game of the day after its opening game against host Randolph County Post 45 on Wednesday was postponed due to rain. The teams played the first game on Thursday with Randolph County winning 8-2.

The only real threat for Chapin came in the second when it loaded the bases. He got out of the jam by getting Tanner Folk to fly out.

Posts 193/24 starter Jonathan Bickley matched Todd with scoreless innings through the first two frames, even though Sumter loaded the bases in the top of the first inning without scoring. Sumter broke through against Bickley in the third.

Right fielder Jacob Holladay led off with a double and Yates was hit by a pitch. Ryan Moore put down a sacrifice bunt that was thrown away by catch-

er Folk, allowing Holladay to score and Yates to reach third. Moore stole second, and Yates cored on another throwing error by Folk. Daulton Dabbs' double scored Moore with a double to make it 3-0.

In the fourth, Holladay doubled again, this time with one out. Yates put down a bunt for a hit, and Holladay came in to score on a throwing error by third baseman Aaron Copeland to make it 4-0. "We had a lot of bunts and we put pressure on them," Johnson said.

In the seventh, first baseman Andrew Twitty plated Dabbs, who was hit by a pitch, with a single to score the team's fifth and final run.

Yates finished with two hits and a run in two at-bats.

"I saw a lot of fastballs and I just put the ball on the ground," Yates said.

Holladay also had the two doubles and scored two runs.

Bickley threw for five innings, giving up six hits, two walks and four runs, two of which were earned. He also recorded four strikeouts.

In Tallahassee, which is 17-10-2 on the season, Sumter will be going up against a team in the regional that it faced during the regular season. The P-15's beat Post 13 11-3 in the Palmetto Invitational at Riley Park in June.

"We're going to go home, shower and sleep," Johnson said. "The hay is in the barn."

"We need to get ready and focused to play," Yates said.

Johnson said he wasn't sure who he would start on the mound today.



Tiger Woods reacts to his second shot on the eighth hole during the first round of the PGA Championship at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis on Thursday.

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this year and already is regarded as among the best without a major. The closest he has come to such a trophy is celebrating those won by his friends.

"It's not something I necessarily worry about," Fowler said. "Keep putting ourselves in position, get in contention ... we have had plenty of runner-ups. Jack (Nicklaus) had a lot of runner-ups. We'll just keep beating down that door."

Bellerive allowed for low scoring, provided the ball stayed in the short grass. Woodland had an 18-foot birdie attempt on the 18th hole that would have tied the PGA Championship record, and it stopped just short. It was one of the few he missed.

Two-time major champion Zach Johnson and Brandon Stone of South Africa were at 66.

Dustin Johnson reached 5 under until a few wild drives on the back nine cost him. The world's No. 1 player had to settle for a 67, along with Jason Day, Justin Rose and eight other players.

It was more of a struggle for Tiger Woods, drenched in so much sweat that he changed shirts after 12 shots — that was only two holes and a tee shot. He had to make an 8-foot putt to escape with bogey on No. 10, and then dumped a wedge into the water for double bogey on No. 11. Woods was 3 over through seven holes, and then clawed his way back to even par for a 70. "A lot of things could hap-

**PGA CHAMPIONSHIP PAR SCORES**

By The Associated Press		Chris Stroud	
<b>Thursday</b>		34-35	-69 -1
<b>At Bellerive Country Club</b>		Xander Schauffele	32-38 -70 E
<b>St. Louis</b>		Rafa Cabrera Bello	33-37 -70 E
<b>Purse: TBA (\$10.5 million in 2017)</b>		Byeong Hun An	36-34 -70 E
<b>Yardage: 7,316; Par: 70 (35-35)</b>		Rory McIlroy	35-35 -70 E
<b>First Round</b>		Tiger Woods	33-37 -70 E
Gary Woodland	34-30 -64 -6	Jhonattan Vegas	36-34 -70 E
Rickie Fowler	31-34 -65 -5	Chris Wood	35-35 -70 E
Brandon Stone	33-33 -66 -4	Bubba Watson	33-37 -70 E
Zach Johnson	33-33 -66 -4	Adam Scott	34-36 -70 E
Austin Cook	34-33 -67 -3	Sergio Garcia	35-35 -70 E
Ian Poulter	34-33 -67 -3	Thorbjørn Olesen	32-38 -70 E
Pat Perez	34-33 -67 -3	Charl Schwartzel	33-37 -70 E
Jason Day	33-34 -67 -3	Kevin Na	34-36 -70 E
Brian Gay	35-32 -67 -3	Anirban Lahiri	36-34 -70 E
Stewart Cink	35-32 -67 -3	Jamie Lovemark	34-37 -71 +1
Ollie Schniederjans	34-33 -67 -3	HaoTong Li	33-38 -71 +1
Dustin Johnson	33-34 -67 -3	Martin Kaymer	35-36 -71 +1
Kevin Kisner	33-34 -67 -3	Adam Hadwin	35-36 -71 +1
Justin Rose	33-34 -67 -3	Padraig Harrington	36-35 -71 +1
Thomas Pieters	34-33 -67 -3	Vijay Singh	35-36 -71 +1
Billy Horschel	33-35 -68 -2	B. DeChambeau	35-36 -71 +1
Hideki Matsuyama	34-34 -68 -2	Troy Merritt	34-37 -71 +1
Yuta Ikeda	34-34 -68 -2	Sungjae Im	37-34 -71 +1
Webb Simpson	35-33 -68 -2	Luke List	34-37 -71 +1
Branden Grace	35-33 -68 -2	Matt Wallace	35-36 -71 +1
Ross Fisher	34-34 -68 -2	Alex Noren	36-35 -71 +1
Mikko Korhonen	33-35 -68 -2	Matt Kuchar	35-36 -71 +1
Kyle Stanley	35-33 -68 -2	Satoshi Kodaira	38-33 -71 +1
Marc Leishman	33-35 -68 -2	Brice Garnett	36-35 -71 +1
Francesco Molinari	37-31 -68 -2	Tyrrell Hatton	36-35 -71 +1
Patrick Cantlay	34-34 -68 -2	Jordan Spieth	36-35 -71 +1
Jon Rahm	35-33 -68 -2	Chez Reavie	35-36 -71 +1
Ryan Fox	35-33 -68 -2	Russell Knox	33-38 -71 +1
Joaquin Niemann	33-35 -68 -2	Kelly Kraft	37-34 -71 +1
Chris Kirk	34-34 -68 -2	Ben Kern	35-36 -71 +1
Andrew Putnam	33-35 -68 -2	Eddie Pepperell	37-35 -72 +2
Jim Furyk	35-34 -69 -1	Shugo Imahira	34-38 -72 +2
Shane Lowry	34-35 -69 -1	Craig Hocknull	34-38 -72 +2
Jimmy Walker	36-33 -69 -1	Alexander Björk	36-36 -72 +2
Keegan Bradley	35-34 -69 -1	Brandt Snedeker	37-35 -72 +2
S.Sharma	35-34 -69 -1	Scott Brown	35-37 -72 +2
Ryan Armour	35-34 -69 -1	Kevin Streelman	36-36 -72 +2
Justin Thomas	37-32 -69 -1	Brian Harman	34-38 -72 +2
Ryan Moore	33-36 -69 -1	M.Fitzpatrick	37-35 -72 +2
J.J. Spaun	34-35 -69 -1	Patton Kizzire	37-35 -72 +2
Julian Suri	36-33 -69 -1	Danny Ballin	36-36 -72 +2
Kevin Chappell	34-35 -69 -1	Si Woo Kim	37-35 -72 +2
Emiliano Grillo	35-34 -69 -1	Patrick Reed	37-35 -72 +2
Murray Fleetwood	36-33 -69 -1	Jason Dufner	36-36 -72 +2
Brooks Koepka	37-32 -69 -1	Charley Hoffman	37-35 -72 +2
		Bill Haas	39-33 -72 +2
		Justin Harding	37-35 -72 +2

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL**

at McCrary Park in Asheboro, North Carolina

**WEDNESDAY**

Game 1 — Lyon County, Kentucky, 11, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 1  
Game 2 — Troy, Alabama, 7, Sumter 4  
Game 3 — Tallahassee, Florida (16-9-2) vs. Wilmington, North Carolina (21-6)  
Game 4 — Chapin/Newberry (20-5) vs. Randolph County, North Carolina (24-17), ppd., rain

**THURSDAY**

Game 4 — Randolph County, North Carolina, 8, Chapin/Newberry 2  
Game 5 — Parkersburg, West Virginia, 3, Wilmington, North Carolina, 2, Wilmington eliminated  
Game 6 — Sumter 5, Chapin/Newberry 0, Chapin/Newberry eliminated  
Game 7 — Lyon County, Kentucky, 5, Tallahassee, Florida, 3  
Game 8 — Troy, Alabama (31-6), vs. Randolph County, North Carolina (25-17) (late)

**TODAY**

Game 9 — Sumter (24-14) vs. Tallahassee, Florida, (17-10-2), 12:30 p.m.  
Game 10 — Parkersburg, West Virginia (26-13) vs. Loser Game 8, 4:30 p.m.  
Game 11 — Lyon County, Kentucky (21-9) vs. Winner Game 8 (doubleheader)

**SATURDAY**

Game 12 — Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11, 4:30 p.m.\*  
Game 13 — Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, 7:30 p.m.\*

**SUNDAY**

Game 14 — Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, 1:30 p.m.\*\*  
Game 15 — If Necessary

\*Pairings for games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary  
\*\*If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the bye for Game 14

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His 12 interceptions last year were second most in the Southeastern Conference to Missouri's Drew Lock and Bentley was not among the top 10 in SEC pass efficiency ratings.

So Bentley, along with Werner and graduate assistant Taylor Lamb, got to work.

"There have been a few bumps in the road," Bentley said. "But I think it's going to be real good."

Werner has concentrated on Bentley's footwork and balance as the Gamecocks try and speed up an offense and was 12th out of 14 SEC teams last year. That's even more of a premium, Werner said, since Bentley must make decisions more quickly in the run-pass option attack — one that naturally makes players off balance because of its intricacies.

"He's gotten so much better," Werner said.

The return of big-play receiver Deebo Samuel helps.

Samuel had six touchdowns in three games (three receiving, one rushing, two on kick returns) before breaking a bone in his leg and missing the final 10 games.

Bentley said he and Samuel have worked this summer to cement the on-field relationship that tantalized fans before the injury.

"We think we have something special here, mindset wise," Bentley said.

Bentley has spent the off-

season watching film of some of the NFL's best in Drew Brees, Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers. Werner cut up film of Bentley throwing alongside clips of the pros making similar throws.

"It's really helped me trying to take bits and pieces from every quarterback's game and try to implement in mine," Bentley said. "I'm trying to mimic how they do things, their mechanics, their fundamentals, just really trying to get better in that way."

Bentley also understands the

opportunities that lay ahead with a stellar year. Several on-line outlets have Bentley as a high-round draft pick, potentially as high as the first round.

The quarterback has heard the talk — and mostly brushed it aside.

"It's out there," he said. "For me, though, I'm going to think about right now, our training camp and focusing as a team on how to win ballgames. That's all I'm thinking about."

Muschamp said his teammates said it best about Bentley's single-mindedness when they voted him captain last fall.

"To be only one of three young men in South Caroli-

na's history to be named team captain by his teammates his sophomore year to me says an awful lot about the respect and the leadership and ability he has," Muschamp said.

Bentley believes the time

he's put in to improve his game will show out when the season starts.

"We know the expectations we have for ourselves," Bentley said. "That's all that really matters to us."

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getting ahold of Gio. That was the biggest thing. We couldn't do anything with him."

Sanchez was replaced by Wes Parsons (0-1), who yielded a bases-loaded walk to Juan Soto and a sacrifice fly by Anthony Rendon as Washington went ahead in the third.

Taylor homered to left in the fourth to bump Washington's lead to 3-1, and Daniel Murphy added an RBI double in the sixth.

But Parsons worked five innings in his major league debut, vital for a team that had two starters last only two innings during the series in Washington and heads home to face Milwaukee after a 5-3 road trip.

"A winning road trip, you take that every single time," said Atlanta first baseman Freddie Freeman, who had three hits. "Sometimes, you have to lose a battle to win the war. I thought what Wes Parsons did was absolutely huge for this ballclub. That's going to win us games later on with a fresh bullpen."

Ronald Acuna Jr.'s one-out homer in the eighth pulled Atlanta within two runs, but the Nationals got RBIs from Ryan Zimmerman and Mark Reynolds in the bottom of the inning to make it 6-2.

Washington went 7-3 on its homestand and begins a seven-game trip to face the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis.

"It was big, a big win for us," manager Dave Martinez said. "Happy flight."

### HARPER SCRATCHED

Washington outfielder Bryce Harper was scratched from the lineup with

right knee soreness. Atlanta reliever Dan Winkler hit Harper just below the right knee in the seventh inning on Wednesday night. Martinez said X-rays on Harper were negative.

### DOUBLE DEBUT

Parsons and Adam McCreery both made their major league debuts for Atlanta, combining to pitch the last six innings. It was the first time the Braves had two pitchers debut in the same game since June 30, 2015, when Jake Brigham and Ryan Kelly did so against Washington.

## OBITUARIES

### THOMAS MOORE

Thomas "Johnny" Moore was born on Aug. 13, 1932, in Summerton, to the late William and Laura Brown Moore.



MOORE

In addition to his parents, Thomas was preceded in death by two daughters, three brothers and eight sisters.

He departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, in Sumter.

Thomas leaves to cherish his memory: two daughters, Jannie M. Howard (Larry Sabo) and Ruth Ann (Paul) Mickens; three sons, Elijah Thomas (Gwen) Moore, Michael Allen (Marie) Moore and Manuel (Rose) Johnson; two stepdaughters, Tredder Melvin and Jennifer Coats (Jacob) Esmay; two stepsons, Opious Robinson and Zachary (Vera) Coats; sister, Eleanor Green; brother, John Moore; 31 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; 14 sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Mount Pleasant RMUE Church, 14076 Panola Road, Pinewood, with Pastor Theola Parker officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

A public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

The family is receiving friends at 404 Church St., Sumter.

Messages of hope can be left at [www.whitesmortuary.net](http://www.whitesmortuary.net)

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

### RAYMOND C. SHOEMAKER JR.

DALZELL — Retired Master Sgt. Raymond "Ray" Christley Shoemaker Jr., 80, husband of Annie Lee "Ann" Benenhaley Shoemaker, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.



SHOEMAKER

Born on March 13, 1938, in Singers Glen, Virginia, Ray was a son of the late Raymond C. Shoemaker Sr. and Sheldon Louis Hoover Shoemaker-Falls and stepson of the late Everett Falls. Ray attended Broadway High School in Broadway, Virginia. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he received the Air Force Commendation Medal and several other awards. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service and was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served two tours. During his time in the service, Ray attended the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Southern California. Ray also retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 26 years of service as a postal clerk at the Camden Post Office. He was a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Lee "Ann" Benenhaley Shoemaker, of 57 years; three daughters, Sheri Sandoval (Carlos) of Chapin, Karen Hudson (Martin) of Dalzell and Kim Youngmans (Greg) of Camden; nine grandchildren, Carlos "Trey" Sandoval III, Cristian Sandoval, Tyler Locklear, Kyndall Locklear, Karli Hudson, Evan Youngmans, Greer Youngmans, Avery Youngmans and Harris Youngmans; one great-grandchild, Brayden Richard-Ray Locklear; one brother, Curtis Shoemaker; and numerous

nieces and nephews.

Ray was predeceased by his brothers, Bob Shoemaker, Bill Shoemaker and Myron Shoemaker; and his sister, Charlotte Riddleburger.

Ray was a beloved husband, father and grandfather "Papa" and will be remembered by his family and friends as a kind, soft-spoken man who always surprised you with his witty remarks. Ray enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was proud to serve in the U.S. Air Force. An avid Clemson fan, you would find him on Saturdays in the fall relaxing in his recliner cheering for the Tigers.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at Alice Drive Baptist Church with Dr. Clay Smith, the Rev. Jock Hendricks and the Rev. Steve Miller officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Pat Buckner, Robbie Hood, Evan Youngmans, Cristian Sandoval, Tony Carpenter and Tyler Locklear.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Nemece, Frank Volonis, John Weathers, Jim Phillips, John Buck and Ron Wyand.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Lung Association in South Carolina, 44-A Markfield Drive, Charleston, SC 29407 or South Carolina Oncology Associates, 166 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210.

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

### GLORIA C. BRAUER

Gloria Carol Brauer, age 74, beloved wife of the late Larry Brauer, died on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at Brookdale of Sumter.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter.



### SYLVESTER E. JONES

MAYESVILLE — Elder Sylvester Edward "Buck" Jones, 77, husband of Ada Lyn Miller Jones, died on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on May 6, 1941, in Bowman, a son of the late Jeremiah Jones Sr. and Edna Flowers Jones Buckery.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 5345 Shari Lane, Mayesville.

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

### RAYNELL CARRAWAY

ALCOLU — Raynell Carraway, 51, died on Saturday, July 28, 2018.

He was a son of Annie Mae Austin Carraway and the late Louis Carraway.

Memorial services for Mr. Carraway will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with the Rev. Melissa Harvin, eulogist, and the Rev. Dr. Leroy Green and the Rev. Susan Blanding assisting.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 6043 Alderman Camp Road, Alcolu.

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

### ALICIA L. WRIGHT

Alicia La'Shaune Wright,

affectionately known as "Lisa," earned her heavenly wings on Sunday morning, Aug. 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1977, in Washington, D.C., to Floryetta Wright and the late Alton Green. Lisa accepted Christ at an early age. She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County, where she excelled academically and graduated from Hillcrest High School in 1995. She was employed as a childcare provider for many years until she was unable to work outside of the home. She then became babysitter and second mother to her younger cousins, whom lovingly called her "Lou-Lou."

In addition to her mother, she will live on in the hearts of her brother, Sedric D. Lowery of Columbia; nieces, Serena and Kiera Lowery of Columbia; six aunts, Gladys Gooden, Ernestine Anderson (Walter), Jean Wright-Davis, Roslyn Wright and Vanessa Wright, all of Wedgefield, and Anita Green of Washington, D.C.; two uncles, Larry Wright of Wedgefield and Earnell Wright (Leola) of Columbia; a special cousin, Janessa Dennis-Butler (Sashay) of Chicago; a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Ernest and Louise Wright; and paternal grandmother, Louise Green.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the chapel of Sumter Funeral Service Inc., 623 Manning Ave., Sumter, with Dr. Lewis Walker Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Heaven's Gate Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her aunt, Gladys Gooden, 2220 Emil Road, Wedgefield.

Services have been entrusted to Sumter Funeral Service Inc.

### KENDRA D. CONNER

Kendra Diane Conner, 39, entered into eternal rest on Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on May 7, 1979, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Elizabeth Pringle Conner and the late Robert Conner. She attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1997 graduate of Sumter High School. She enjoyed going to St. Mark United Methodist Church to worship with her mother and family. She was formerly employed by Believe In Faith Home Health and Ontrack.

She is survived by her mother, Elizabeth Conner; one daughter, Shikia Davis; one sister, Lakoya Dione (Tyronne June) Conner; one nephew, Larry Bolden; a host of nieces, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 117 Armstrong Blvd., Sumter. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Geneva Stafford officiating, eulogist. Burial will be at Aycock Cemetery, Wedgefield.

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

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com). Visit us on the web at [www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com](http://www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com)

### ANTHONY SMITH SR.

Anthony "Cut" Smith Sr. was born on Dec. 21, 1959, in Sumter, to Rosa Lee Lincoln Smith and the late Claude M. Smith Sr. He was called to rest on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

He was married to the love

of his life, Wanda Ballard Smith, on Nov. 4, 1979; to this union, they were blessed with four children. Anthony attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1978 graduate of Sumter High School. He joined the U.S. Army in April of 1979. He was a wired technician, a como shop and truck driver in the Army. He was honorably discharged in April of 1982 from active duty. He then served for 10 years in the Army Reserve. As a lifelong member of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, he served on the junior and senior usher boards.

Anthony leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Rosa Lee Lincoln Smith; his devoted wife of the home, Wanda Ballard Smith; two sons, Anthony L. Smith Jr. of the home and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher M. (Tavia) Smith of San Diego; one daughter, Antionette L. Smith (Jordan) of Sumter; eight grandchildren, Jamir, JaZyriah, Jai-Tron, Jason, Jordan, Jalante, Treasure and Malik; two sisters, Eartha Smith Lesane and Juanita Smith Daniels of Sumter; two god sisters, Janie Lincoln of Ocean Spring, Mississippi, and Gertrude Lincoln of Sumter; three sisters-in-law, Moseetta (Calvin) Brooks, Brenda (Tyronne) Thames of Compton, California, and Caroline Witherspoon of Sumter; four brothers-in-law, Leroy (Carolyn) Ballard, Dewey (Patricia) Ballard, Moses (Peggy) Ballard and Herbert Ballard of Sumter; 19 nephews; 13 nieces; 16 grandnephews; 16 grandnieces; nine aunts; five uncles; and a host of other relatives and many friends who are deeply grieved by his untimely passing.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jason Antonio Smith; his daughter, Christina Turkessa Smith; father, Claude M. Smith Jr.; two sisters; two brothers; paternal grandparents, Claude Sr. and Vermell Smith; and maternal grandparents, Henry and Josephine Lewis and Robert Earl Anderson.

Public viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. Smith will be placed in the church at noon on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 326 W. Fulton St., Sumter, SC 29150 with Dr. James Blessingame, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 100 Hoyt Heights, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

### DOROTHY J. TAYLOR

Dorothy James Taylor, 70, wife of Larry Taylor, departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at Opus Post Acute Rehab in West Columbia.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1947, in Sumter County, a daughter of the late English and Rebecca Williams James.

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

There will be a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. today at St. John Apostolic Church, 869 Weeks St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Mrs. Taylor will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150 with Bishop Tommy

Doe and Overseer John Hart officiating. Interment will follow at Mayesville Community Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 401 Wildsmere Ave., Columbia, SC 29203.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

### HICKIE LEE PUGH

PINEWOOD — Hickie Lee Pugh, 54, husband of Linda Parker Pugh, died on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

He was a son of the late Harvey Harvin and Lila Pugh Johnson.

Services for Mr. Pugh will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at St. John Baptist Church, 102 W. Clark St., Pinewood, with Pastor Joe Gamble, eulogist, the Rev. Charlie Hampton and Chaplin Deberry Cook assisting.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. at the residence, 3810 Quiet Court, Sumter.

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

### WILLIE O. JOHNSON

Willie Olden Johnson, 47, departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at Lexington Medical Center, West Columbia.

Born on Nov. 27, 1970, in Sumter County, he was a son of Wilhelmenia Olden Johnson and the late Willie James Johnson. Willie, affectionately called "Wimpy," was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of Hillcrest High School Class of 1989. Wimpy moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, after high school, where he was employed by Pitney Bowes, Kohls's and the YMCA. In 2014, he relocated to Sumter and became employed at Air Force Inns, Shaw Air Force Base. He attended Wayman Chapel AME Church regularly and was associated with Church School 5, when his health permitted. Wimpy's hobbies included traveling, fishing and sports. He loved tennis and admired Venus and Serena Williams. He would go see them play tennis whenever they played close to Connecticut.

Wimpy leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Wilhelmenia O. Johnson of the home; two sisters, Wilma (Charles) Boone of Columbia and Wanda Johnson of Wedgefield; two aunts, Shirley Olden of Wedgefield and Barbara Jean Boone of Newark, New Jersey; his grandmother, Rosa Lee Singleton of Vine-land, New Jersey; two greataunts; three uncles; a host of nieces, nephews, special cousins, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 535 Duffie Drive, Wedgefield.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Wayman Chapel AME Church, 160 N. Kings Highway, Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Broughton Jr., pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1 p.m.

The funeral procession will leave at 1:20 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be at the Wayman Chapel AME Churchyard cemetery.

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Online messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com). Visit us on the web at [www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com](http://www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com).

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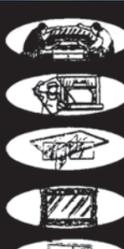
  
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TOPEKA, Kan. — Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach's lead over Gov. Jeff Colyer in the Republican primary has shrunk to only 91 votes after election officials found a mistake in the listing for one county's results.

The lead is minuscule when compared with the 311,000 votes cast.

The final, unofficial results posted on the secretary of state's website show Kobach winning Thomas County in northwest Kansas, with 466 votes to Colyer's 422. But the tally posted by the county clerk's office shows Colyer with 522 votes, or 100 more for him, a number the clerk confirmed Thursday.

**Provost appointed first female chief of US Border Patrol**

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Border Patrol has its first female chief in its 94-year history.

Carla Provost had been acting chief since April 2017, so her appointment Thursday by Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan was no surprise. The position is not subject to Senate confirmation.

Only about 5 percent of the Border Patrol's nearly 20,000 agents are women.

**Meet the newest US citizens: Melania Trump's parents**

NEW YORK — First lady Melania Trump's parents were sworn in as U.S. citizens Thursday. Viktor and Amalija Knavs, both in their 70s, took the citizenship oath at a private ceremony in New York City. The Slovenian immigrants, a former car dealer and textile factory worker, had been living in the U.S. as permanent residents.

Lawyer Michael Wildes said the Knavs didn't get any special treatment. He wouldn't say who sponsored their green cards.

**Oklahoma teen to serve 5 life terms for killing family**

TULSA, Okla. — A 19-year-old Oklahoma man convicted of stabbing his parents and three siblings to death was sentenced Thursday to five consecutive life terms in prison, meaning that, even with the possibility of parole, he likely won't ever be released.

Michael Bever was 16 in 2015 when prosecutors say he and his older brother, Robert Bever, killed their mother, father, two younger brothers and 5-year-old sister at their suburban Tulsa home. Two other sisters survived.

Robert Bever, who was 18 at the time, pleaded guilty in 2016 and was sentenced to life without parole.

**Yemen rebels say Saudi coalition airstrike kills 50 in north**

SANAA, Yemen — An airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Shiite rebels hit a bus driving in a busy market in northern Yemen on Thursday, killing at least 50 people including children and wounding 77, Yemen's rebel-run Al Masirah TV said.

From staff and wire reports

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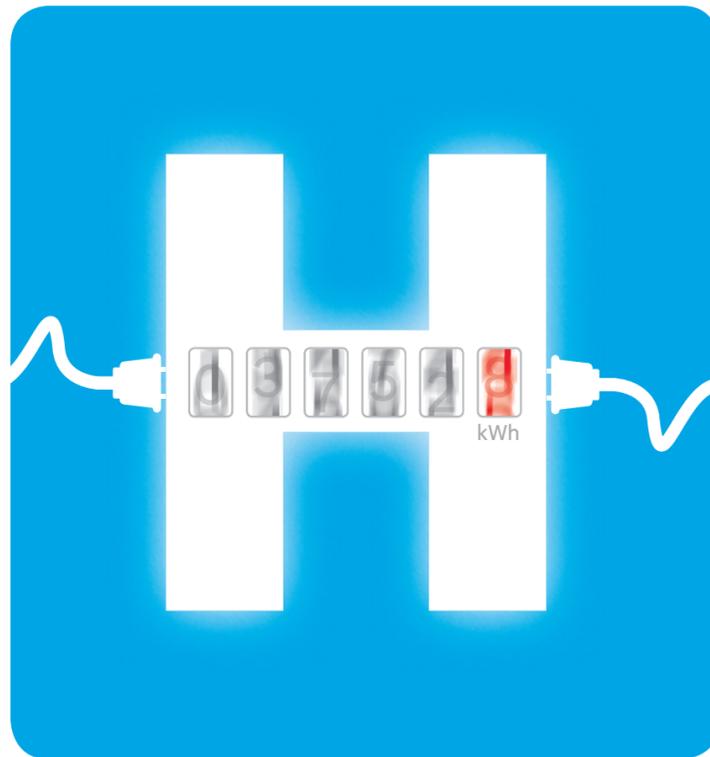


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### More hospitals across the USA are learning that going green can help keep them out of the red

Julie Appleby Kaiser Health News

**H**ospitals are energy hogs. ■ With their 24/7 lighting, heating and water needs, they use up to five times more energy than a luxury hotel. ■ Executives at some systems view their facilities like hotel managers, adding amenities, upscale new lobbies and larger parking garages in an effort to attract patients and increase revenue. ■ But some hospitals are revamping with a different goal in mind: becoming more energy-efficient, which can also boost the bottom line.

"We're saving \$1 million to \$3 million a year in hard cash," said Jeff Thompson, former CEO of Gunderson Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin, which in 2014 became the first hospital system in the USA to produce more energy than it consumed. And, he said, "we're polluting a lot less."

The health care sector, one of the nation's largest industries, is responsible for nearly 10 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions — hundreds of millions of tons of carbon each year. Hospitals make up more than one-third of those emissions, according to a paper by researchers at Northeastern University and Yale.

Increasingly, though, health systems are paying attention:

■ Gunderson Health System in Wisconsin employs wind, wood chips, landfill-produced methane gas and even cow manure to gener-

ate power, reporting more than a 95 percent drop in its emissions of carbon monoxide, particulate matter and mercury from 2008 to 2016.

■ Boston Medical Center analyzed its hospital for redundant and underused space, then downsized while increasing patient capacity. Among other changes, it now has a gas-fired 2-megawatt cogeneration plant that traps and reuses heat, which saves money and emissions while supplying 41 percent of the hospital's needs and backing up essential services if the municipal power grid fails.

■ Kaiser Permanente aims to be "carbon-neutral" by 2020, mainly by incorporating solar energy at up to 100 of its hospitals and other facilities. One already in use at its Richmond (California) Medical Center is

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## Far-right women stake a claim

### Controversial rally in DC finds them in leading roles

Marina Pitofsky  
USA TODAY

The "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, last year brought together a cadre of white nationalists and neo-Nazis. One gender was notably underrepresented: the women of the far-right.

The lack of female supporters at the event in August 2017, which ended in the death of one counterprotester and dozens of injuries, could be attributed to a variety of reasons: The far-right culture has excluded women from some groups and in certain instances has advocated for violence against women.

Alt-right activist Richard Spencer, who spoke at the Charlottesville protest last year, has said he is not sure women should have the right to vote and tweeted that women are too "vindictive" to handle foreign policy. Andrew Anglin, founder of the far-right website The Daily Stormer, who helped publicize last year's rally, has a long history of posting sexist comments online.

So why are women getting more involved this year for the second Unite the Right rally Sunday in Washington?

For Avialae Horton, one of the event's lead organizers, this year's rally is a way to change the rhetoric of the far-right.

"We've wanted everything to be different in terms of our tactics and our approach to this situation than it was last year," Horton said.

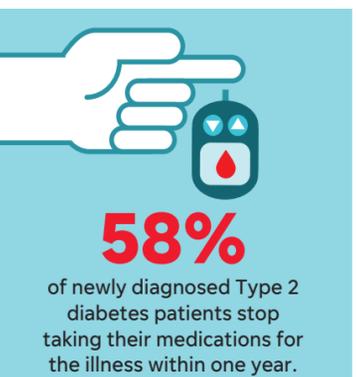
Horton and "three or four" female friends made up the majority of the women present at last year's rally where Heather Heyer, 32, was killed

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Avialae Horton, 21, is one of Unite the Right's lead rally organizers.

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## How did America's first residents get here?

Doyle Rice  
USA TODAY

How did people first get to America? The route by which people first entered the Americas from Asia — and when it happened — has generated decades of research.

Now, a new study concludes that both an inland route through current-day western Canada and a route along the Pacific coast should be considered as viable pathways for the first humans' foray into the Americas.

The inland route theory — known as the "Ice Free Corridor" — suggests hu-

mans moved across present-day Alaska and the Yukon, then took a right turn between two massive ice sheets. They then trekked along the British Columbia/Alberta border into the northern Plains of the current-day United States. This theory was the established thinking for much of the 20th century.

The idea of the other "North Pacific Route," also known as the "Kelp Highway," says humans traveled along the western coast of North America and has become the favored hypothesis over the past 20 years.

"We can't exclude either coastal or inland routes for the first Americans,"

said study lead author Ben Potter of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. "I suspect both probably were used."

He added that "what we wanted to do was provide a framework to discuss the peopling process — not based on speculation but rather on a careful and critical review of the current evidence we have."

The peopling happened in "pulses" of migration. Evidence shows that there are three primary branches of Native American ancestors, Potter said.

The study was published Wednesday in the peer-reviewed journal Science Advances.

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credited with reducing electric bills by about \$140,000 a year. (Kaiser Health News is not affiliated with Kaiser Permanente.)

Though the environmental benefits are important, “what I’ve seen over the years is cost reductions are the prime motivator,” said Patrick Kallerman, research manager at the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, which released a report this spring outlining ways the hospital industry can help states such as California reach environmental goals by becoming more efficient.

When Bob Biggio was hired in 2011 to oversee Boston Medical Center’s facilities, hospital leaders were about to launch a broad redesign.

Yet the hospital faced serious financial struggles. He put the move on hold

while analyzing how the hospital was using its existing space.

“My first impression with data I had gathered was our campus was about 400,000 square feet bigger than it needed to be,” Biggio said. “A square foot you never have to build is most efficient of all.”

The new design is smaller but more efficient, handling 20 percent higher patient volume and eliminating the need for ambulance transportation between far-flung areas of the campus. It also cut power consumption by 42 percent from a 2011 baseline.

But how to sell that in the C-suite? The environment argument wasn’t how Thompson persuaded executives at Gundersen.

“At no point did I mention climate change or polar bears,” he said.

Instead, he focused on the organization’s mission to improve health – and the potential cost savings.

But hospitals’ energy-efficiency efforts vary, with only about 10 percent attempting changes as dramatic as those done at Gundersen, estimated Alex Thorpe, a hospital energy expert at Optum Advisory Services, a consulting firm owned by UnitedHealth Group.

Of the more than 5,000 hospitals in the United States, about 1,100 are members of Practice Greenhealth, a nonprofit that promotes environmental stewardship.

Greenhealth estimates its members average about \$1 million a year in savings, but it all depends what steps they take.

There are modest savings from such things as reducing the heating and air conditioning in operating rooms during hours they are not in use, with median annual cost savings of \$45,398, a report from the group notes. Other energy-reduction efforts net another median \$53,599 in annual savings, while swapping older lighting for new LED bulbs in operating rooms saves another \$3,329.

Ultimately, that may affect what hospitals charge insurers and patients.

“If hospitals can lower peak demand through energy-efficiency efforts, that will directly impact their pricing,” Thorpe said.

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when a car crashed into a crowd. Horton said she wants to make Sunday safer.

“No violence should ever be necessary at any of these events, regardless of your political affiliation and beliefs,” she said. “No violence should ever be instigated, and certainly no one should ever have to lose their lives over a political disagreement.”

Multiple women have been instrumental in planning this year’s rally, Horton said. The 21-year-old said the 12-person team is almost split between men and women.

Jason Kessler, who obtained permits for last year’s and this year’s rallies, said having women on the “front lines” of the movement is “invaluable.”

“I’m happy to include exceptional women in volunteer and leadership positions. I’ve been fortunate to have a variety of female volunteers this year,” Kessler said. “I’m proud of the women who’ve volunteered their time and effort to helping make this year’s event possible.”

Women getting involved in the leadership of far-right movements such as Unite the Right is still rare, even if they agree with the movement’s beliefs, said Heidi Beirich, director of the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center.

“In some parts of the movement right now, in the alt-right, the misogyny is so rampant that it’s even worse than just thinking that women should stay at home and raise a family,” Beirich said. “There’s talk of things like legitimate rape and really egregious misogynistic comments about women. So it’s interesting to see women playing a role in this Unite the Right reboot.”

Beirich said women might be getting involved in the rally because many of the groups who participated last year aren’t returning. Multiple groups faced lawsuits and other repercussions because of their involvement. That absence could leave room for women to take on leadership roles, Beirich said.

“People have definitely left the field, and there are a lot of folks in the alt-right who are not happy with Kessler

and, looking back on it, don’t think the rally was worth it for the price they paid,” Beirich said. “That opens up some space for other people to be involved, and perhaps that’s part of what’s happening with these women.”

The rally in 2017 addressed a broad range of racial issues, such as illegal immigration and the backlash against Confederate statues and memorials. This year’s rally will focus on “white civil rights,” according to Kessler’s permit.

Horton, who identifies as a conservative and a nationalist, said she is willing to work with extreme groups, even though some have sexist or misogynistic views, because they can all be united behind causes such as freedom of speech.

**“I’m proud of the women who’ve volunteered their time and effort to helping make this year’s event possible.”**

**Jason Kessler**

“It isn’t necessary for us to agree on every single thing because we have this moderate understanding that we’re able to have a civil conversation and work together and cooperate without having to agree on all of these ideological differences,” Horton said.

Horton said the shift in this year’s tone will attract different activists on the right, including more women. She said that under new rules organizers instituted, attendees are not allowed to bring any weapons this year, and they can carry only American and Confederate flags.

“I think we are appealing to a larger number of people due to the fact that we’re saying, ‘Hey, we’re only going to this event to have a civil demonstration, and that is the only intention we have,’” Horton said.

Beirich called the shift nothing more than a “less obnoxious rebranding” of white supremacy and a tactic to engage more protesters this year.

“I’m sure Kessler is thinking, ‘What can we do to attract people to the movement that doesn’t seem like scary robes and crosses and torches like last time around?’” Beirich said.

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# Manafort trial a must for locals

Neighbors are devoted to real-life legal drama

**Kevin Johnson**  
USA TODAY

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Most days, they are among the first in line. In a sea of dark suits, they lean more toward summer casual and comfortable shoes.

Outside of an army of journalists chronicling the criminal fraud trial of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, few have tracked the proceedings more closely than the residents of the high-rise community that surrounds the federal courthouse.

Many are retirees or those who work from home. Most regard the trial as entertainment, a curiosity or a civics lesson – sometimes all three.

During opening arguments and this week’s testimony by Manafort’s long-time business partner Rick Gates, they packed the benches in the courtroom and in an overflow room where the proceedings were beamed in via closed-circuit television.

Among the group was a busy knitter, whose handiwork kept pace with the rhythm of the lawyers’ questioning. There have been plenty of nappers.

“Last week, I just got hooked,” said James Dana Adams, a retired federal worker who has been very much awake throughout the proceedings.

Adams, who lives two blocks from the Albert V. Bryan U.S. Courthouse, said he followed the case for months through news reports but wasn’t aware until last week that members of the public were permitted to observe trials.

“I’ve been fascinated on so many different levels, watching the whole story as it’s being pieced together in court,” said the 66-year-old spectator.

George and Nancy Seaver, who have lived near the courthouse for several years and had never attended a trial before Manafort’s, said they were moved by the divisive political climate that reigns in and around the nation’s capital. “We felt that this is the time we



**Seeking an entertaining diversion or a personal view of the latest news, people line up outside the Albert V. Bryan U.S. Courthouse, where former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort is on trial, Wednesday in Alexandria, Va.** GETTY IMAGES

should see our system in action,” Nancy Seaver said.

George Seaver said he and his wife had followed the case and desired a closer view, given its proximity to their home. “It is interesting to see how the proceedings are going – who is telling the truth and who isn’t,” he said.

The Seavers and Adams have been amused by the unusually active role played by U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III. The jurist, who has a taskmaster’s reputation, has fully lived up to his profile, continually challenging prosecutors to pick up the pace of the case.

“Judges should be patient,” Ellis, 78, declared Wednesday. “They made a mistake when they confirmed me.”

The comment sent a ripple of laughter across the benches.

The surge in public interest has not escaped Ellis. Presiding over an unrelated immigration case as a packed gallery waited for the Manafort main event, Ellis lamented that the public doesn’t take more interest in the everyday proceedings of the criminal justice system. He said more people should be exposed to the legal plight of undocumented immigrants.

# Pentagon hangs on to sexual assault study

Delayed risk report could frighten recruits, families

**Tom Vanden Brook**  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – The Pentagon again delayed release of a report ranking the risk of sexual assault at more than 200 military installations, comparing the study to unleashing an untested weapon system, according to interviews and documents obtained by USA TODAY.

The release of the study, rescheduled for September, could spark concerns among troops and their families, particularly those stationed at bases where RAND Corp. research determines they face the highest risk of sexual assault.

The report’s rankings will be of particular interest to the tens of thousands of recruits who join the military each year and their families.

It could raise questions about what choice, if any, they have in declining assignment to a post with a higher risk of assault and what liability the military has for a recruit assaulted at such a base.

The Pentagon received an updated draft of the study July 24, four days after USA TODAY reported that Defense Department officials were reluctant to release it. RAND stood by its findings. The only changes being made to it are to communicate its conclusions better, according to Jeffrey Hiday, a RAND spokesman.

The report required “additional steps” by RAND to explain its “approach and conclusions,” Stephanie Barna, the top personnel official at the Pentagon, wrote in a letter to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.

Barna wrote that the Pentagon has worked with RAND to “resolve questions about the study’s methods and outcomes.”

She compared the report to an untested weapon system.

“Just as (the Department of Defense) would not field a weapon system without knowing its strengths, limitations and functionality, we must be certain of

the strengths, limitations and functionality of the new risk estimation analysis fielded in the RAND report,” Barna wrote.

RAND disputed any contention that its approach to the study was flawed.

“We’re confident we utilized the best scientific methodology to analyze the available data and stand behind both the soundness of our analysis and our findings,” Hiday said.

The RAND study was commissioned by the Pentagon in July 2016. The aim was to review data on sexual assault and harassment in 2014 to determine how they affect the risk of assault at individual bases.

RAND agreed to create supplemental products to help clarify the results while maintaining the integrity of its original methods and results, Air Force Maj. Carla Gleason, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said Wednesday.

**“Just as (the Department of Defense) would not field a weapon system without knowing its strengths, limitations and functionality, we must be certain of the strengths, limitations and functionality of the new risk estimation analysis.”**

**Stephanie Barna**

Top personnel official at the Pentagon

“The revisions have not changed the estimates themselves or the statistical methods used to create them, nor has the feedback from (the Department of Defense) suggested any specific problems with regard to these methods,” Hiday said.

Barna told Gillibrand, who along with Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, has called for the release of the report, that the Pentagon is preparing for that.

In its latest survey through September 2017, the Pentagon reported a 9.7 percent increase in reports of sexual assault among troops. There were 6,769 reports in fiscal year 2017 compared with 6,172 reports in 2016.

## NEWS

# 'Stop hating,' Heyer's mother says

She carries on activism of daughter killed at rally

Caroline Simon  
USA TODAY

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Susan Bro is still reeling from the day a man backed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters at a white nationalist rally, killing her daughter, Heather Heyer, at age 32.

Bro, 61, was a government secretary at a small office in nearby Greene County when Heyer, a legal assistant, was taken from her Aug. 12, 2017. James Alex Fields Jr., a young neo-Nazi, was indicted in June on several hate crime charges in the attack.

Before the first anniversary of the tragic "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Bro sat down with USA TODAY to discuss her life without Heyer.

She spoke from Heyer's old law office, where her charitable foundation is now headquartered. The room, small but cheerful, features paintings of Heyer, tweets from Sen. Bernie Sanders in her honor, inspirational quotes and flowers. Everything is bedecked in purple, Heyer's favorite color.

Bro remembers vividly the day Heather died: the paralyzing phone calls from Heyer's friends, the detective at the hospital who said her daughter had been pronounced dead, laying her head down and wailing when her worst fears had been confirmed.

"I never even got to see her until the day before the funeral," she said. "I wish I could have seen her."

Before her life was upended by Heyer's death, Bro lived a quiet life about a half-hour outside Charlottesville with her husband, Heyer's stepfather. She had spent 18 years as a teacher before turning to government work. She knitted; she crocheted; she canned.

Now Bro is an outspoken activist, a mother who has taken up the cause of a daughter unafraid to speak out against inequality or peacefully protest when



Susan Bro converted Heather Heyer's law office into the headquarters of a charitable foundation in her daughter's honor. PHOTOS BY KEITH C. LANE FOR USA TODAY

**"You don't get to silence my kid and get away with it. I'm going to speak even louder."**

Susan Bro  
Mother of Heather Heyer

an uninvited crowd of white nationalists marched through her city.

"I turned my attention to carrying forth her message," she said. "You don't get to silence my kid and get away with it. I'm going to speak even louder."

Bro runs the Heather Heyer Foundation, which awards scholarships to students who are passionate about social justice.

Bro isn't sure the stark political parti-

sanship that divides the country will subside during her lifetime — and that's why she's "training Heather's replacement."

Bro realized she and her daughter can play an important role in a conversation she sees as long overdue.

"Unfortunately, we're still at such a racial divide that it took a white girl dying for white people to wake up and pay attention," she said. People of color, she said, "have been fighting this fight for many years — this is not news to them."

In the whirlwind year since her daughter's death, Bro has spoken to politicians, reporters and well-wishers. She has made a "conscious effort" to magnify her daughter's voice. But there's one person with whom she has no interest in dialogue.

During Heyer's funeral, Bro turned



A small cluster of flowers marks the spot where Heather Heyer smoked outside her old law office in Charlottesville, Va.

off her phone so she'd be able to focus. When she checked it that night, she had three "increasingly frantic" messages — all from the White House.

She turned on the news. She saw that President Donald Trump, in a public statement, had equivocated the white nationalists and the counterprotesters, claiming there were "very fine people" on both sides.

"I was like, 'I'm kinda done with this.' I don't really need to talk to him; I don't really care what he has to say," she said. "He's a busy man. I'm a busy woman. I don't think we need to bother each other."

Bro isn't surprised that some of the same white nationalists plan an anniversary rally Sunday in Washington after their attempt to reconvene in Charlottesville was foiled. Hundreds of far-right demonstrators were expected to march on Pennsylvania Avenue, then gather in Lafayette Square to advocate for "white civil rights."

Bro has her own plans for that day. She'll visit her daughter's grave and lay flowers. She'll attend an NAACP meeting. She'll speak about what she thinks America must do to heal.

Bro is sure of her daughter's message for the world today, were she alive: "Get your act together. Stop hating. Treat people the way you want to be treated."

## Pentagon begins work on military Space Force

Plan would create sixth branch of armed services

Tom Vanden Brook  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence announced Thursday that the Pentagon has begun planning a Space Force, embarking on an effort to create the first new armed service since 1947.

In June, President Donald Trump called for the establishment of the sixth armed service, to join the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard. Thursday's plan, which requires authorization and funding from Congress, would develop forces to defend satellites from attack and perform other space-related tasks. China and Russia are the nation's primary rivals in space.

The force would be created by 2020, Pence said. Before that, the Pentagon plans to assemble the U.S. Space Command, which would be led by a four-star officer and draw forces from the other armed services. A 15-page proposal outlines the need for the force and steps to get there but no bottom line, saying only that costs associated with it will be sent to Congress next February.

When the proposal for a separate force was broached last year, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis resisted it. He wrote to Congress that it would "likely present a narrower and even parochial approach to space operations."

Mattis signaled this week that his thoughts had changed.

"We need to address space as a developing war-fighting domain, and a combatant command is certainly one thing that we can establish," he said. "This is a process we're in. We are in complete alignment with the president's concern about protecting our assets in space that contribute to our security, to our economy. And we're going to have to address it as other countries show a capability to attack those assets."

The Pentagon's plan, released Thursday, identifies China and Russia as "strategic competitors" that are "explicitly pursuing space war-fighting capabilities to neutralize U.S. space capabilities in a time of conflict." Russia and China are pursuing anti-satellite weapons, including lasers, to "reduce U.S. military effectiveness."

Pence said the White House has worked with Congress to develop the plan. Next year's budget will seek funding and authorization for the venture.

"We're building bipartisan support for our plan," Pence said.

The top House Republican and Democrat on an Armed Services Committee panel on strategic forces applauded the plan. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., and Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., said in a joint statement that they had warned for years about the need to beef up military capabilities in space.

"This report is a step in a multi-year process that we think will result in a safer, stronger America," the statement says.

The Air Force, the newest of the armed services dating to 1947, has the largest stake in space. It already contains a Space Command, which it established in 1982. The new force would probably be carved out of the Air Force, creating two smaller, weaker services, according to military analysts.

"This is a half-baked idea," said Loren Thompson, a defense industry consultant and military analyst at the Lexington Institute. "It will disrupt existing military relationships and add nothing of value. Nobody in the Pentagon believes creating a Space Force makes sense. If that same view prevails in Congress, then it isn't going to happen."

A better idea would be elevating an organization within the Air Force to deal with space, Thompson said.

"Creating a separate service will just add to dysfunction at the Defense Department," he said.



Mike Pence



Jim Mattis

## Maria joins ranks of Katrina as Puerto Rico revises toll

More than 1,400 islanders died in last year's storm

Rick Jervis  
USA TODAY

The Puerto Rican government acknowledged Thursday that the death toll from Hurricane Maria was more than 1,400 — an estimate many times higher than the official count it has clung to for months.

In a draft report to Congress posted online, the government said the death toll is 1,427, based on public health records. It said 527,000 homeowners reported damage to their homes, and about 40 schools permanently closed because of structural damage.

"Although the official death count from the Puerto Rico Department of Public Safety was initially 64, the toll appears to be much higher," it said.

The 411-page document, titled "Transformation and Innovation in the Wake of Devastation: An Economic and Disaster Recovery Plan for Puerto Rico," laid out the government's recovery plans and estimated it will need about \$125 billion over the next decade to rebuild. About \$35 billion in federal disaster recovery money has been allocated for Puerto Rico.

The new estimate places Maria in the category of historic deadly hurricanes such as Katrina, which claimed 1,800 lives after slamming into the Gulf Coast in 2005, said George Haddow, a senior fellow at Tulane University's Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy and a senior official with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Clinton administration.

The higher death count is key to rebuilding Puerto Rico to stand against powerful storms, he said.

"The number of people who died and how they died should play a role in how they rebuild," Haddow said.

The Puerto Rican government was criticized for underplaying the number of deaths from the Category 4 storm, which cut through the middle of the island Sept. 20, 2017, causing widespread destruction and plunging the



Thousands of pairs of shoes were laid outside Puerto Rico's Capitol in June to represent the island's uncounted dead from Hurricane Maria. EPA

territory into a monthslong blackout.

A New York Times analysis of island records estimated the death toll at about 1,052. In May, a Harvard University study estimated that 800 to 8,500 people died because of Maria.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello acknowledged that the official count of 64 probably was low but hesitated to confirm a higher count until further study. The government commissioned George Washington University to conduct a more thorough study, due for release this month.

Besides those killed in the storm, scores died when they weren't able to access hospitals over impassable roads, couldn't plug in dialysis machines when the island went dark or couldn't cope with the stress after the storm.

The low official death count sparked protests in San Juan. This year, Puerto Ricans laid thousands of pairs of shoes outside the island's Capitol building to represent the uncounted dead.

How to classify hurricane-related deaths has been debated since the storm struck 10 months ago. Two bills were introduced in Congress in June in an attempt to establish a standard for counting deaths after a natural disaster.

Contributing: Associated Press

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Indianapolis City Finals" The Wheel Flip; the Spin Hopper. (DVS)	Dateline NBC (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	TKO: Total Knock Out "5 Fierce Females" Female contestants battle for the prize. (N)	Whistleblower (N)	Blue Bloods "Out of the Blue" A detective is killed before testifying. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great American Cities"	Jeopardy! "Tournament of Champions: Week 2"	Fresh Off the Boat Eddie wants to join the football team.	Speechless J.J. gets tickets to a movie premiere.	What Would You Do? (N)	(:01) 20/20 (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Kim Kardashian West; Hayley Atwell; Train" Kim Kardashian West; Hayley Atwell.	
WRJA	27	11	14	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Museum Access The Cloisters in Manhattan.	Washington Week (N)	Breaking Big Director and producer Lee Daniels. (N)	The Great British Baking Show "Patisserie" The four bakers left make petits fours. (N)	Great Performances "Chicago Voices" A tribute to Chicago vocalists. (N)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	Washington Week
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Peanut Reaction"	The Big Bang Theory Sheldon must teach a class.	The Resident "Haunted" Conrad must help his medical professor. (DVS)	Masters of Illusion Nathan Burton; Jeki Yoo. (N)	Masters of Illusion	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Imagine (Magic) Dragons" Erik Tait; Rebecca Herrera; TanBA.	American Ninja Warrior "Los Angeles Finals" Contestants return to Los Angeles. (Part 2 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior "Indianapolis Finals" The top 30 contestants compete. (Part 1 of 2)	The Game Tasha's discovers a text message.
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Outdoor Woman"	Last Man Standing Vanessa considers getting a tattoo.	Masters of Illusion Nathan Burton; Jeki Yoo. (N)	Masters of Illusion	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Imagine (Magic) Dragons" Erik Tait; Rebecca Herrera; TanBA.	American Ninja Warrior "Los Angeles Finals" Contestants return to Los Angeles. (Part 2 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior "Indianapolis Finals" The top 30 contestants compete. (Part 1 of 2)	The Game Tasha's discovers a text message.	
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 08.04.18" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 135" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 08.10.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N)			Live PD "Live PD -- 08.10.18"				
AMC	48	180	(5:30) *** "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.	*** "Lethal Weapon 3" (1992, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.	*** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci. Detectives Riggs and Murtaugh battle Chinese mercenaries.			*** "8 Mile" (2002, Drama) Eminem, Kim Basinger. A Detroit man tries to achieve success as a rapper.				
ANPL	41	100	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End (N)			Insane Pools: Off the Deep End				
BET	61	162	(6:54) *** "Notorious" (2009, Biography) Angela Bassett, Derek Luke, Jamal Woolard.	pher Wallace.	Based on the life of slain rapper Christopher Wallace.			Ten Greatest Hip Hop Videos of All Time: The top 10 hip-hop music videos.				
BRAVO	47	181	(5:00) *** "Mr. & Mrs. Smith"	*** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse, Michael Clarke Duncan. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.	*** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.			*** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.				
CNBC	35	84	American Greed "Dangerous Luxury"	American Greed "Stolen Valor Scam"	American Greed "Conn's Job"	American Greed	The Profit Profiles of pot entrepreneurs.	The Profit				
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	Anderson Cooper 360	Cuomo Prime Time				
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "Broke"	(:25) The Office "Casual Friday"	The Office "Cafe Disco"	*** "Horrible Bosses" (2011, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Three oppressed workers plot against their employers.	Kevin Hart: The Next Level	Chappelle's Show				
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd Model rocket competition.	Andi Mack (N)	"Freaky Friday" (2018) Cozi Zuehlsoff. Premiere. A woman and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies.	(:37) "Freaky Friday" (2018, Children's) Cozi Zuehlsoff, Heidi Klum. A woman and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies.	Blickenstaff, Ricky	(20) Andi Mack			(11:50) Bunk'd	
DSC	42	103	Cash Cab "NYPD Blues" (N)	BattleBots Tombstone versus Whiplash.	(:01) Cooper's Treasure (N)	(:03) Mad Dog Made "Dog Bites Bear"	(:04) Cooper's Treasure	Mad Dog Made				
ESPN	26	35	Little League Baseball Mid-Atlantic Regional, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N)	Little League Baseball West Regional, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter			SportsCenter				
ESPN2	27	39	(6:30) ATP Tennis Rogers Cup, Quarterfinals. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter			Training Days: Rolling With the Tide			Glory 56 Denver		
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Dinners, Drive	Diners, Drive
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson				
FREE	20	131	(5:10) *** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005) Johnny Depp.	(7:50) *** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Children's) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson. Reunited twin girls try to get their parents back together.	Phenoms (N)			3 Wide Life (N)			Raceline (N)	
FSS	21	47	Fight Sports: Boxing Super middleweight title bout. February 18, 2012.	Phenoms (N)	The Golden Girls "Dateline: Miami"			The Golden Girls			Future Phenoms	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Love on Safari" (2018, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Jon Cor.	"Once Upon a Prince" (2018, Romance-Comedy) Megan Park, Jonathan Keltz, Kayla Wallace. A young woman's beau is secretly a king.	The Golden Girls "Dateline: Miami"			The Golden Girls			Running	
HGTV	39	112	Beach Bargain	Dream Home	Dream Home	Tiny Paradise (N)	Tiny Paradise (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Tiny Paradise
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "The Alien Disks"	Ancient Aliens: Declassified (N)	Ancient Aliens "The Sentinels" (N)	(:03) In Search Of (N)	(:05) Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens				
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Three people confess to a crime.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A grisly discovery in an art exhibit.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation The former Mayor of Las Vegas is shot.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A medevac helicopter is hijacked.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A murder near a traveling sideshow.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation				
LIFE	50	145	The Closer "Borderline" Brenda loses her driving privileges.	The Closer "No Good Deed" Death of a teenager.	The Closer "Overkill" Brenda must work with the FBI.	(:03) The Closer "Serving the King" (Part 1 of 2)	(:03) The Closer Brenda tries to solve the murder of an Arab teenager.	(12:01) The Closer "No Good Deed"				
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow				
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	SpongeBob SquarePants	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	64	153	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SYFY	58	152	(5:58) *** "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry prepares a group of students to fight Voldemort. (DVS)	Wynonna Earp "No Cure for Crazy" A clue to Nicole's past is revealed. (N)	Killjoys D'av's child is born. (N)	Futurama "Bendin' in the Wind"	Futurama "Time Keeps on Slipping"	Futurama "I Dated a Robot"				
TBS	24	156	Wrecked "Bush Man"	Bob's Burgers "Food Truckin'"	*** "San Andreas" (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. (DVS)	*** "Now You See Me" (2013, Comedy-Drama) Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. Agents track a team of illusionists who are thieves. (DVS)	*** "Now You See Me" (2013, Comedy-Drama) Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. Agents track a team of illusionists who are thieves. (DVS)					
TCM	49	186	(6:00) ** "Tension at Table Rock" (1956, Western) Richard Egan.	*** "The Tarnished Angels" (1957, Drama) Rock Hudson, Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone. William Faulkner's story of a Depression-era stunt pilot.	*** "Written on the Wind" (1956, Drama) Rock Hudson, Lauren Bacall, Robert Stack. A newlywed gets entangled in her husband's family life.	*** "Too Much, Too Soon"	*** "Too Much, Too Soon"					
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days Ricky doubts his trip to Colombia. (N)	Unexpected (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days					
TNT	23	158	2018 PGA Championship Second Round. (N) (Live)	The State Farm Showdown (N)	*** "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007, Action) Bruce Willis, Justin Long, Timothy Olyphant. America's computers fall under attack. (DVS)	*** "Con Air" (1997) (DVS)	*** "Con Air" (1997) (DVS)					
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Late Snack	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "A Bowl of Cherries" A computer hacker seeks a ransom. (DVS)	NCIS "One Book, Two Covers" A murder tied to a dirt bike gang.	Modern Family "Integrity"	Modern Family "Patriot Games"	Modern Family "Crying Out Loud"	Modern Family "American Skyper"	Modern Family "Summer Lovin'"	Modern Family "The Closet Case"	Modern Family "Clean for a Day"	Modern Family "Clean for a Day"
WE	68	166	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot (N)	David Tutera's CELEbrations (N)	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June				
WGNA	8	172	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Carter "Koji the Killer"	Anchorman	

# Netflix offers highly protested, dreadful 'Insatiable'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Agatha Christie fans are in luck. Amazon Prime will be streaming a series of whodunits from the BBC, beginning today with "Ordeal by Innocence," which aired to critical acclaim in the United Kingdom in April. While many of Christie's best-known works take place between World Wars I and II, "Ordeal" is set in the mid-1950s, and fears of nuclear war loom in the background.

The cast includes Bill Nighy ("Love Actually") as Leo Argyll, the kind of bloodless British upper-class character he has played throughout his career. He's an amateur Egyptologist and writer of unread books, kept in a posh lifestyle by his late wife, Rachel, played by Anna Chancellor ("The Hour"). She's seen frequently in flashbacks as we learn more about Rachel and Leo's marriage and their adoption of a houseful of good-looking children. In classic Christie fashion, Leo, the children, the maid and Leo's love interest, Gwenda (Alice Eve), all become suspects after Rachel is bludgeoned to death on Christmas Eve.

Beautifully produced, this three-part period piece has everything you want in a melodramatic mystery, including murder, betrayal, secret pregnancies and wayward affections that tiptoe close to the taboo. "Ordeal" faced criticism in the U.K. from Christie purists for changing some elements of the story.

The new Netflix comedy series "Insatiable" (TV-MA) begins streaming 13 hour-long episodes today. It stars Debby Ryan as Patty, an overweight teen who faced years of abuse and invisibility in her high school's clique-ridden corridors. After a violent incident and a hospitalization, she suddenly becomes thin and a subject of interest to Bob Armstrong (Dallas Roberts), a disgraced lawyer with a passion for the beauty pageant world.

Set in a fairy tale version of Southern high society, "Insatiable" leaves no cliché unturned. The story is obvious, the tone brittle and the humor sophomoric. Bob's big



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Dallas Roberts, left, stars as Bob and Debby Ryan as Patty in the new Netflix comedy series "Insatiable."

charity event is for "anal cancer." If you find that hilarious, perhaps "Insatiable" is for you. Look for Alyssa Milano as Bob's wife.

Sight unseen, "Insatiable" inspired online petitions to protest its purported "fat shaming." The dissent only provided this dreadful series with attention it little deserves. Originally commissioned by the CW, that network passed after seeing the pilot. Smart move.

Also streaming today on Netflix is the 2018 romantic period comedy "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" (TV-14), adapted from the 2008 novel by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Truth be told, when I first heard of this title, I thought it was a spoof of vaguely literary British rom-coms. Lily James stars.

Unavailable for review, Disney debuts the fourth incarnation of "Freaky Friday" (8 p.m., Disney, TV-G), a fantasy about a spirited teen (Cozi Zuehlsoff) who magically switches bodies with her mother (Heidi Blickenstaff).

Jodie Foster and Barbara Harris starred in the 1976 original, remade in 1995 as a TV movie starring Gaby Hoffmann and Shelley Long and as a 2003 theatrical re-

lease starring Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis.

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Five years before her role in "Freaky Friday," Lindsay Lohan starred in the 1998 remake of "The Parent Trap" (7:50 p.m., Freeform, TV-PG).
- Conrad suffers a sprain on "The Resident" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).
- Ed's crew finds a vessel dangerously adrift on "The Orville" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).
- John Quinones hosts "What Would You Do?" (9 p.m., ABC).

A gunman silences a detective on the verge of offering crucial testimony on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

### CULT CHOICE

TCM spends the day with the films of actress Dorothy Malone (1924-2018). She won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her performance as an alcoholic tramp in the Technicolor 1956 melodrama "Written on the Wind" (10 p.m.), directed by Douglas Sirk and co-starring Rock Hudson, Robert Stack and Lauren Bacall. Malone later

starred on the ABC prime-time soap opera adaptation of "Peyton Place."

### SERIES NOTES

Obstacle courses and more on "American Ninja Warrior" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) \* Football fever on "Fresh Off the Boat" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Kevin Hart hosts "TKO: Total Knockout" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) \* On two episodes of "Masters of Illusion" (CW), Nathan Burton (8 p.m., TV-14), Chris Funk (8:30 p.m., r, TV-PG) \* A hot ticket on "Speechless" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Employees take the moral high ground on "Whistleblower" (9 p.m., CBS) \* Illusionists audition on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) \* "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC) \* "20/20" (10 p.m., ABC).

### LATE NIGHT

Kim Kardashian West, Hayley Atwell and Train appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC, r) \* Michael Moore, Eric Andre, Derrick Beckles and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez ae scheduled on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) \* Amy Adams, Henry Winkler, Simon Rich and Taylor Gordon visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) \* Bill Hader, Gabrielle Union and X Ambassadors sit down on "The Late, Late Show With James Corden" (1:05 a.m., CBS, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING AUGUST 11

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	Licensed to Kill	Little Big Shots "Tour De Harvey" A basketball player; a car expert.	Dateline NBC				WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Gal Gadot, Sam Smith" Host Gal Gadot; Sam Smith performs.	
WLTX	19	9	9	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	Paid Program Paid programming.	Pink Collar Crimes "The Psychic Didn't See Him Coming" A notorious clairvoyant is investigated. (N)	Pink Collar Crimes "The She-Wolf of Wall Street" A real estate investor has a shady past. (N)	48 Hours (N)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "The One That Got Away" Frank intervenes in a child abuse case. (DVS)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Summer Vacation"	Jeopardy!	Castaways "Abandoned" Twelve everyday people must survive. (DVS)	20/20			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Dallas Finals" The Dallas finals course; Salmon Ladder. (Part 2 of 2)	
WRJA	27	11	14	Hillary "Heartbreak" Edmund spends the winter in Antarctica.	Father Brown "The Devil You Know" A policeman is murdered.	The Doctor Blake Mysteries "Hear the Angels Sing" The death of a policeman.		Shetland Death of a young man.		Austin City Limits "Angelique Kidjo" Singer-songwriter Angelique Kidjo.	Bluegrass Underground The Mavericks perform.	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	Jr. NBA World Championship International Boys Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	(:45) Jr. NBA World Championship U.S. Boys Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		WACH FOX News at 10	Panthers Huddle	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back "Patrick Molloy's" A family-owned American restaurant.	Ring of Honor Wrestling	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Kyle is a guest on Ryan's podcast.	Last Man Standing "House of Tutor"	Rookie Blue "Bullet Proof" Investigating a fatal traffic accident.	Saving Hope "All Things Must Pass" The death of a firefighter. (DVS)	Leverage "The Double Blind Job" The team tries to take down a CEO.		Impractical Jokers Murr, Joe, Sal and Q go head-to-head.	Impractical Jokers Name calling and bogus donations.	Impractical Jokers The big loser helps a cow in labor.
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 08.03.18" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 136" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 08.11.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N)							Live PD "Live PD -- 08.11.18"
AMC	48	180	(5:00) ** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.	** "XXX" (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento, Marton Csokas. Premiere. A spy tries to stop an anarchist with weapons.	** "XXX: State of the Union" (2005) Ice Cube. Premiere. Agent XXX must thwart a plot to depose the president.							
ANPL	41	100	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (N)	(:02) The Secret Life of the Zoo (N)			(:02) The Zoo "A Gorilla With Heart"		(:02) Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	The Secret of	
BET	61	162	** "8 Mile" (2002, Drama) Eminem, Kim Basinger, Brittany Murphy. A Detroit man tries to achieve success as a rapper.					(9:55) * "Belly" (1998, Crime Drama) Nas, DMX, Taral Hicks. Two young criminals find their priorities differ.				
BRAVO	47	181	(6:30) ** "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Christie Brinkley.	** "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Dana Hill. The Griswold family detours into screwball side trips.	** "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Dana Hill. The Griswold family wins a free trip to Europe.							
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss "Associa"			Undercover Boss "ADT"		Undercover Boss "Phenix Salon INC."	Undercover Boss	
CNN	3	80	The Van Jones Show (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Special Report			The History of Comedy		The History of Comedy	Hist.-Comedy	
COM	57	136	(5:15) ** "Step Brothers"	** "Step Brothers" (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Richard Jenkins. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.				*** "Meet the Parents" (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Blythe Danner. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.				
DISN	18	200	"Freaky Friday" (2018) Cozi Zuehlisdorff. A woman and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies.	(:40) Andi Mack	(:10) Bizaardvark	(:35) Bizaardvark		Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DSC	42	103	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch Mandy sparks a battle.	Hard to Kill "The Great Escape" Test pilot bullfighter. (N)					Cooper's Treasure	Cooper's Treasure	
ESPN	26	35	Little League Baseball Mid-Atlantic Regional, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Little League Baseball West Regional, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	27	39	Tennis	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup, Second Semifinal. From Toronto. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		Boxing (N)	Boxing	
FOOD	40	109	Chopped "Grill Masters: Finale Battle"	Chopped (Part 1 of 4)	Chopped (Part 2 of 4)			Chopped (Part 3 of 4)		Chopped (Part 4 of 4)	Chopped	
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report with Jon Scott (N)	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)			The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		Watters' World	Justice Judge	
FREE	20	131	(6:05) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara.	(:10) *** "Cinderella" (2015, Children's) Cate Blanchett, Lily James, Richard Madden. Premiere. A young woman tries not to lose hope in the face of cruelty.	(:45) *** "Mulan" (1998, Children's) Voices of Ming-Na Wen, Eddie Murphy, B.D. Wong. Animated. A Chinese maiden disguises herself as a man.							
FSS	21	47	WNBA Basketball Dallas Wings at Atlanta Dream.		3 Wide Life	Raceline	SportsMoney	Future Phenoms		WNBA Basketball Dallas Wings at Atlanta Dream.		
HALL	52	183	"A Summer to Remember" (2018, Romance) Catherine Bell, Cameron Mathison, Paul O'Brien. A doctor takes her teenage daughter to Fiji.	"Love at Sea" (2018, Romance) Alexa PenaVega, Carlos PenaVega, Melissa Carcache. Premiere. An event planner butts heads with a rookie cruise director.						The Golden Girls "The Actor"	The Golden Girls "Before and After"	The Golden Girls
HGTV	39	112	Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	Fixer Upper			Mountain Life	Mountain Life	House Hunters Renovation (N)	Fixer Upper	
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars		(:03) Pawn Stars	(:34) Pawn Stars	(:03) Pawn Stars	(:33) Pawn Stars	(12:03) Pawn Stars
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Friending Emily" A missing girl.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A kidnapping investigation reveals lies.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Sexual abuse at a private school.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A killer goes on a rampage in the city.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Tutuola's ex-brother-in-law is arrested.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "The Other Mother" (2017) Annie Wersching, Kimberley Crossman.	"A Sister's Secret" (2018, Suspense) Margaret Anne Florence, Paula Abdul, Donny Boaz. Twins secretly swap places on their 30th birthday.	(:03) "Room for Murder" (2018, Suspense) Adam Huber, Jenna Kanell, James Maslow. A young woman's mother invites a stranger into their home.					(12:01) "A Sister's Secret" (2018)		
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams			Deadline: White House		Hardball With Chris Matthews	The Beat With	
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	I Am Frankie (N)			Full House	Full House	Friends	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends
PARMT	64	153	(6:00) ** "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker.		I Am Paul Walker: Walker brought charm to his characters.	(:31) ** "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker.						
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) *** "The Cabin in the Woods" (2011, Horror) Kristen Connolly, Chris Hemsworth, Anna Hutchison.	* "Gods of Egypt" (2016, Fantasy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. A mortal forms an alliance with the god Horus to save Egypt.						Futurama "Love & Rocket"	Futurama "Leela's Homeworld"	Futurama
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "Male Unbonding"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Wrecked "Bush Man"	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "The Fountainhead" (1949, Drama) Gary Cooper. (DVS)	*** "The Pride of the Yankees" (1942, Biography) Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright, Babe Ruth. The life of baseball great Lou Gehrig.						**** "Sergeant York" (1941, War) Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, Joan Leslie. Tennessee pacifist Alvin C. York becomes a World War I hero. (DVS)		
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta	Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta	(:02) Four Weddings "... And Some Honky Tonk" Four Kentucky brides compete.					(:06) Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta	Four Weddings	
TNT	23	158	** "Divergent" (2014, Science Fiction) Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Ashley Judd. A young woman discovers a plot to destroy those like her. (DVS)		*** "The Hunger Games" (2012, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth. In a dystopian society, teens fight to the death on live TV. (DVS)							
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Hack My Life	Hack My Life	Hack My Life	Hack My Life	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Impractical Jokers
TV LAND	55	161	Two and Half Men	Love-Raymond	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	(5:23) *** "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr. (DVS)	*** "Iron Man 3" (2013, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle. Stark's true mettle. (DVS)						(10:57) ** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. Prisoners train for a football game against the guards.		
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds "Machismo"	Criminal Minds "Charm and Harm"	Criminal Minds "Secrets and Lies"			Criminal Minds Psychopathic killer.		Criminal Minds (Part 2 of 2)	Criminal Minds	
WGNA	8	172	Blue Bloods "Officer Down"	Blue Bloods "Silver Star"	Blue Bloods "No Regrets"			Blue Bloods "Loss of Faith"		Person of Interest "4C"	Person of Interest	

# HBO's 'Ballers,' 'Insecure' both return Sunday night

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

"He was the nicest guy." The documentary biography "I Am Paul Walker" (9 p.m. Saturday, Paramount) doesn't offer terribly deep insights into the child actor-turned-screen heartthrob and action star of "The Fast and the Furious" movies. But it does offer an impressive number of clips and interviews from Walker's colleagues, friends and family.

We get to see plenty of moments from his early work as a child actor in dog food commercials and appearances in family fare like Michael Landon's "Highway to Heaven."

Rich on career details about Walker's move from eye candy in such movies as "Varsity Blues" to the action sequences of "The Fast and the Furious," "I Am" has a harder time finding a great deal of conflict or complexity in his private life. He's praised as a loyal friend and a good brother and someone who'd contribute to charities anonymously and would much rather be in the wild than on a Hollywood soundstage.

Ultimately, he emerges as an impossibly good-looking and confident young man who died too young at a time when his career was defined as "fast and furious." Fans looking for a defining Paul Walker portrait will have to wait.

Speaking of action stars who strive for three dimensions, "Ballers" (10 p.m. Sunday, HBO, TV-MA) enters a fourth season. While hardly the worst show on TV, "Ballers" has never been able to answer why on earth anyone should care about these people.

Dwayne Johnson plays Spencer Strasmore, a former NFL star who's a financial manager to professional athletes. He's first seen in a prolonged tracking shot, entering a hotel restaurant through the kitchen and greeting every employee, who clearly worship him. He has a brief, prickly exchange with an agent-type who jokes about him possibly running for president and then informs him he's been nominated for the NFL Hall of Fame. Then he has a meal with colleagues and "forces" them to sample rare and expensive wines

while trying to decide where they can buy a \$10 million mansion. Later, his goofy assistant, Joe (Rob Corddry), takes him to Los Angeles to look into investing \$50 million in an extreme sports venture owned by an eccentric (guest star Russell Brand).

Reaching for some gravity, "Ballers" has Spencer take Joe to Long Beach, the site of a great personal tragedy. But even while discussing this moment of loss, Spencer sounds like he's reciting the batting averages of the Cincinnati Reds. Johnson's extremely limited dramatic range isn't what makes "Ballers" so spectacularly dull. No actor could breathe life into privileged and uncomplicated characters so thinly drawn.

When somebody writes the history of great TV female friendships, Issa and Molly may rank right up there with Mary and Rhoda. Issa Rae and Yvonne Orji enter a third season of "Insecure" (10:30 p.m. Sunday, HBO, TV-MA), following the exploits of two marginally employed and technically unattached African-American women in an age defined by the gig economy and near-constant smartphone interruptions.

In Sunday's season opener, Issa invites Molly to join her on her job as a Lyft driver. Together, they create a party vibe, turning Issa's drudgery into an expedition that might take them anywhere. To their surprise (and ours) the excursion ends with unexpected, sudden violence.

Ray Romano continues his string of strong, funny, nuanced, post-"Everybody Loves Raymond" performances in the second season of the dark comedy "Get Shorty" (9 p.m. Sunday, Epix, TV-MA).

He's Rick Moreweather, a D-list Hollywood producer caught up in the orbit of hit-man-turned-movie maker Miles Daly (Chris O'Dowd). Not to give too much away, but Rick has been forced by the feds to wear a wire as he interacts with some of Miles' shadier "financiers." Nobody does "beleaguered" better than Ray Romano, particularly when sporting a hairdo that's best described as "just got out of bed."

This season introduces Fe-

licity Huffman as an FBI agent whose attempts to coach Rick's "performances" are a sight to behold. Raymond Cruz ("Breaking Bad") joins the cast as "Swayze," a prison gang leader who styles himself after the "Dirty Dancing" star. A loose adaptation of the Elmore Leonard novel of the same name, "Get Shorty" has no dearth of colorful characters and memorable performances.

**CULT CHOICE**

Gary Cooper and Patricia Neal deliver dollops of unintentionally hilarious dialogue in director King Vidor's 1949 adaptation of Ayn Rand's novel "The Fountainhead" (6 p.m. Saturday, TCM).

**SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

- Little League Baseball Regional Finals (7 p.m. and 9 p.m., ESPN).
- Boys basketball action on the Jr. NBA World Championship (7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m., Fox).
- A private investigator who specializes in New Age scams aims to take down a fraudulent psychic on "Pink Collar Crimes" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG). In a second segment (9 p.m., TV-PG), a real estate mogul associated with hip-hop stars hides a sketchy past.
- A dozen scramble to survive on "Castaways" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).
- An expectant couple have no idea that their trusted obstetrician is an "Evil Doctor" (8 p.m., Lifetime, TV-14).
- "Planet Earth: South Pacific" (9 p.m., BBC America, TV-PG) explores how far-flung islands have witnessed strange creatures evolve in isolated environments.
- Performer Rob Van Winkle returns for another season hosting "The Vanilla Ice Project"



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Issa Rae, left, stars as Issa and Yvonne Orji as Molly in "Insecure," beginning its third season at 10:30 p.m. Sunday on HBO.

(10 p.m., DIY). Tonight, he and his team turn a derelict home from the 1970s into a modern pleasure palace.

**SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

- Repeat segments scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): hacking democracy; remembering lynching's legacy; the toll of caring for Alzheimer's patients.
- Nick Cannon hosts the 2018 Teen Choice Awards (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG).
- A murder plot proceeds on "Power" (8 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).
- Japan surrenders on "The Pacific War in Color" (8 p.m., Smithsonian).
- An outsider dominates the 2008 presidential election on "The 2000s" (9 p.m., CNN).
- Storm warnings sound on "Fear the Walking Dead" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- Richard learns of Camille's dark history on "Sharp Objects" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Ben comes clean on "The Affair" (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).
- "The History of Comedy" (10

p.m., CNN) looks at the tradition of comic duos and teams.

- A professor's links to the occult figure in his murder on "Elementary" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-PG).
- Harlee learns of a backstabber on "Shades of Blue" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

**SATURDAY SERIES**

Pint-sized talents on "Little Big Shots" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-G) \* "Dateline" (9 p.m., NBC) \* "20/20" (9 p.m., ABC) \* "48 Hours" (10 p.m., CBS).

**SUNDAY SERIES**

Julie Chen hosts "Big Brother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) \* Acts compete on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) \* NFL legends play "Celebrity Family Feud" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14) \* A weapons bazaar on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* Comedians play "The \$100,000 Pyramid" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14) \* Anthony Anderson hosts "To Tell the Truth" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

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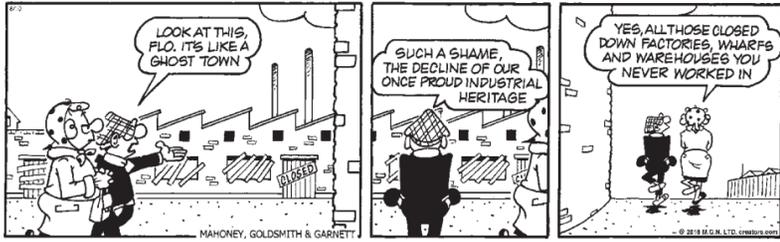
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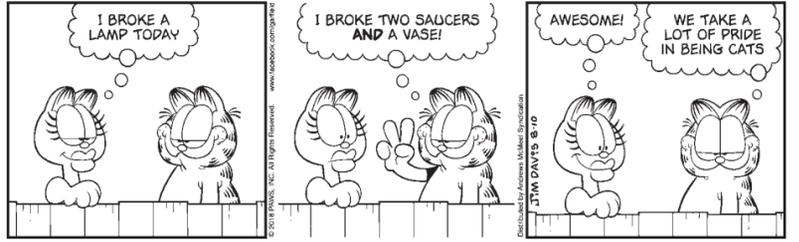
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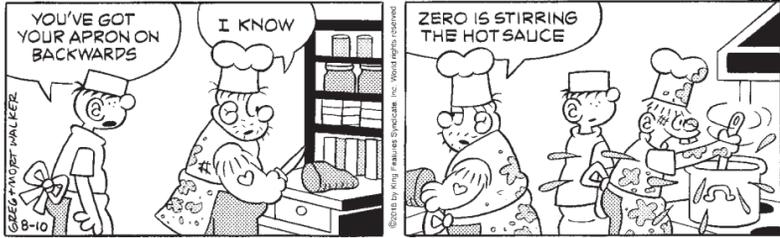
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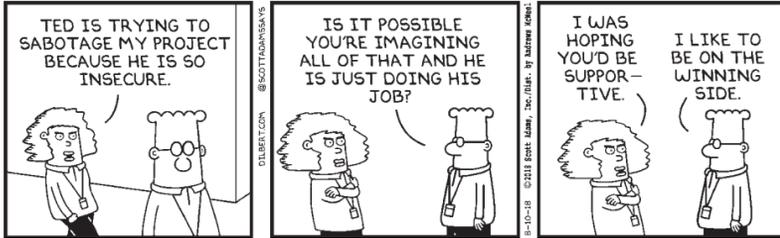
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*One-way friendship ends, but feelings of guilt remain*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — My "friend" from childhood, "Camille," has never had my back. I have done the heavy lifting in our friendship our whole lives.

While I was on vacation two years ago, she was diagnosed with cancer. I came home immediately and drove to the hospital at 1 a.m. to be by her side. I've always been by Camille's side for everything, even though she hasn't been there for me. I told her that several times, to no avail.

and doctor appointment, and was there every day to rub her feet to make her feel better. I threw her a party for 100 people to "kick cancer's butt," took her on a vacation — it goes on and on.

I ended the one-sided friendship last year. My problem is, I feel guilty for doing it. I feel I left her with cancer. But I also feel that because someone is sick doesn't give them the right to be abusive or inconsiderate. Camille hasn't tried to contact me, either. In fact, she has told others that she will never speak to me again.

I bent over backward for her, but if some other person sent a card, she would make a big deal out of it. I'm deeply hurt and don't know how to move on. Help!

**DEAR WOUNDED** — One way to stop feeling guilty and get on with your life would be to acknowledge in your head AND your heart that the relationship with Camille was not a healthy one for YOU. In fact, from the way you have described it, it was more like a bad habit.

Bad habits can be difficult to break, but many people have been able to accomplish it by replacing a bad habit with a good one. Example: Instead of feeling guilty for not rubbing Camille's feet, consider getting a pedicure for yourself. Although it might seem expensive, it would be cheaper than talking to a therapist.

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*Wounded on the East Coast*

**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

LIDLRL

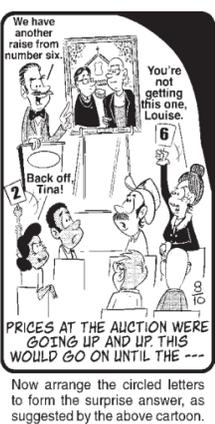
VABEO

DREEMY

GORNDA

Answer " " " " " "

Answer: " " " " " "



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: THEME CLING LIQUE GALAXY

Answer: The Buffalo nickel was replaced after the mint approved the — EXACT CHANGE

**SUDOKU**

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

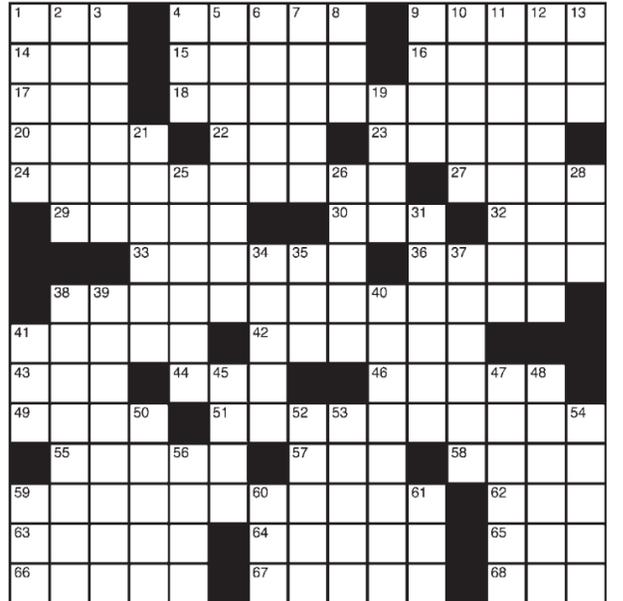
**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**Chuck Deodene**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Staples buys
- 4 Pooh-pooh, with "at"
- 9 Author Stieg Larsson, for one
- 14 Deduction cry
- 15 "While I've got your attention ..."
- 16 Big name in seating
- 17 Zip on a field
- 18 Passion for quilt filling?
- 20 Fall cause
- 22 Not heard before
- 23 1945 summit site
- 24 Contest among bank customers?
- 27 Ensemble, group initiated by Yo-Yo Ma
- 29 Portaged craft
- 30 Needing no Rx
- 32 Stick in a hall
- 33 "The buck stops here" president
- 36 Baloney
- 38 Segment of a clogging contest?
- 41 Jokhang Temple city
- 42 Words spoken with one's hand raised

- 43 Corp. bailed out in 2008
- 44 Auction set
- 46 Made hands of
- 49 Swatting target
- 51 Airline passenger's arrival malady?
- 55 Grass unit
- 57 Yield from una mina
- 58 Laser-cut, perhaps
- 59 Female observer?
- 62 Jump
- 63 Unexpressed
- 64 Pulitzer poet Conrad
- 65 Work hard (for)
- 66 Aboveboard
- 67 Handle
- 68 Ajar, in verse

- 9 Tokyo-based game company
- 10 They're thin at budget motels
- 11 Email adornment
- 12 Weakened, as currency
- 13 Legal add-on
- 19 Siberian freeze-out?
- 21 Mottled equines
- 25 Routine
- 26 Crichton novel set in Africa
- 28 Longboat in Florida, e.g.
- 31 Singled out
- 34 Mazda two-seater
- 35 Hexapod worker
- 37 Cause of a blinking "12:00"

- 38 Tibia
- 39 Emulate a little brother, maybe
- 40 Ham's creation
- 41 Tarry
- 45 Author Robert Butler
- 47 Unhands
- 48 Affix to a corkboard
- 50 Castmate of Doohan and Nimoy
- 52 "Cross my heart!"
- 53 Male on a pond
- 54 View from Schönburg Castle
- 56 Gossip
- 59 Diminutive, diminutively
- 60 Main delivery
- 61 Cold-sounding product prefix

**Previous Puzzle Solved**

