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**Community questions shooting suspect's bail**

**Man charged, released; 2 victims now suffer from 'lifelong injuries'**

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Members of the community have expressed concern that an 18-year old Sumter man charged with a violent crime has been released on bond.

According to a Sumter Police De-



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partment news release, two shooting victims "suffered lifelong injuries" from a shooting incident that occurred Friday at Harmony Court Apartments.

According to the release, Andrew Jeremiah Tiller, 18, of 2665 Goldeneye Ridge, was charged Monday after reportedly admitting he shot the victims. Tiller faces two counts of attempted murder, two counts of armed rob-

bery and one count of use of a weapon during a violent crime. Tiller was reportedly released Tuesday from Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center after providing a \$37,500 surety bond and agreeing to wear a leg monitoring bracelet. Magistrate Judge Larry Blanding set the bond, according to a person at the Magistrate Court office. Magistrates must consider two factors when setting bond, Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor Ernest

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*A bit of fun despite Irma*



MELANIE SMITH / THE SUMTER ITEM

Gunner Ceresa, 18 months, "drives" the fire truck at the Swan Lake-Iris Gardens playground on Sunday afternoon with the help of his father, Adam Ceresa. Adam, his wife, Tonya Ceresa, and Adam's sister, Sarah Ceresa, evacuated Cape Coral, Florida, before Hurricane Irma and stayed with relatives in Sumter. The 1924 Seagrave Fire Truck was in use in Sumter for 30 years, and in the 1960s, it was placed at the Swan Lake playground. The truck was completely overhauled in 2013 thanks to G&G Metal Fabrication owner Tom Garrity, Bailey Automotive, Carolina Truck and Trailer, the City of Sumter and Aycock Richardson Monument.

**Sheriff Dennis swears in corrections officers after vote on center**

**BY ADRIENNE SARVIS**  
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Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis swore in the first group of Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center personnel during a briefing and swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday morning.

The swearing-in ceremony was held about 14 hours after Sumter County Council approved final reading of an ordinance to transfer custody of the detention center to Dennis, who in June requested the authority to manage the facility.



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In total, Dennis will welcome 62 employees to the sheriff's office. "Whatever happened yesterday or last week is dead and gone," Dennis said.

"This is a new time."

The goal is not to tear down one agency to build another but to have everyone work together, he said.

Dennis told the corrections officers that he will go to the

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JIM HILLEY / THE SUMTER ITEM

Chuck Bench, owner of Auto Pro Interiors in Dalzell, shows the components found underneath a modern automobile seat.

**Auto Pro Interiors: Speed and quality work on any vehicle**

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The basic design of people's posteriors have not changed since Adam and Eve discovered the need for fig leaves. At least that's what I've heard.

Even thousands of years of bouncing around on the backs of horses didn't cause our buttocks to change their basic design.

Where we put that portion of our anatomy has changed a great deal, however, especially in the past few decades.

Just ask Chuck Bench, owner of Automotive Professional Interiors, 4000 Old Camden Road in Dalzell.

An early 1990s-era back seat from a General Motors SUV sitting in his shop is made

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## Run for the books in Forrest Ray 5K

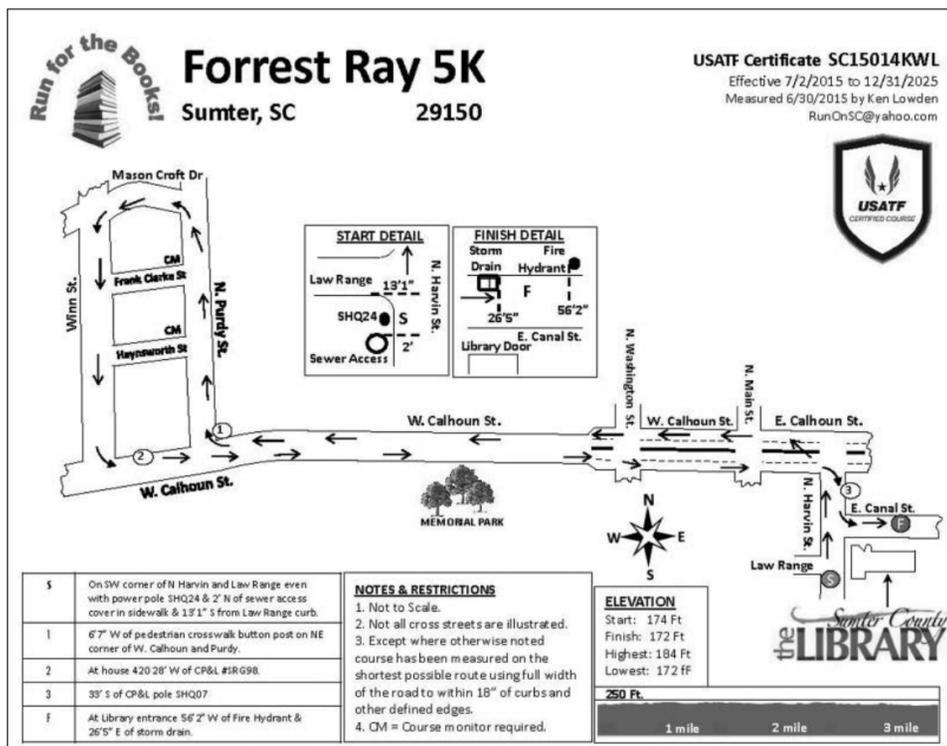
BY IVY MOORE  
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It's time to run for the books — for the 12th year. On Saturday, runners in the Sumter Series will leave the Sumter County Library in the Forrest Ray 5K race that takes them through Sumter's historic district.

The race is named for a well-known community leader — and library supporter — who wanted to ensure that the library's services, and especially its books, would always be there for Sumter residents. Forrest Ray was particularly concerned that children should always have the resource, so in 2006 he came up with the idea for the 5K race. He died shortly after that first race, which was a resounding success, and it was named in his memory.

It's not too late to register in advance for the race at the Sumter County Library or the YMCA. Pre-registration is \$20, or \$25 on the day of the race, with all proceeds benefiting the library. Most are used to purchase materials, particularly books.

Robert Harden, executive director of the library, said he will be running in the race, as he has done for several years.



29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and older.

Law enforcement will be present along the route for traffic control, and volunteers from St. Mark's Methodist Church's Girl Scout troop will staff the water station at Grace Baptist Church on West Calhoun Street. Harden noted that the race route "curves around, so that runners pass it twice."

Runners will start at 8 a.m. at the corner of Law Range and North Harvin Street, proceed to West Calhoun Street, turn left, then right on North Purdy Street, left on Mason Croft Drive, left on Winn Street, left on West Calhoun Street, right on North Harvin Street and left on East Canal Street to the library parking lot.

The race is family friendly, with walkers, strollers and even dogs on leashes welcome, but no bicycles.

Sponsors of the 12th Annual Forrest Ray are the Sumter YMCA, SAFE Federal Credit Union, the Sumter County Library, Liberty Seafood and the Heart of Sumter Neighborhood Association.

For more information, call (803) 773-7273 or visit the website <http://sumtercountylibrary.org/ForrestRay5k.htm>.

"It's fun, even though I haven't won," he said, noting that the big rivalry in the race is that for the High School Cup.

"A Wilson Hall runner has won it all but one year," Hard-

en said. The student who finishes first in the 14-to-19-year-old division gets to keep the trophy for a year at his or her high school. Wilson Hall won the cup last year, but past winner Manning High will be

working hard to regain the prize. Other awards are those for the overall male and female winners.

First, second and third place will be awarded in the age groups 13 and under, 14-19, 20-

## Local emergency management praised for performance

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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During Sumter County Council's meeting on Tuesday, Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon commended Sumter County Emergency Management for its preparations and operations during the storm caused by Hurricane Irma.

Mixon said county officials put in a great deal of work preparing for Hurricane Irma, starting four days before the storm was expected to reach the area.

This area is very lucky to have avoided the disaster that was anticipated, he said. The emergency operations center, staffed by county and city emergency agencies, did a good job of closely

watching the storm, he said.

And even though the path of the storm changed, the emergency operations center remained fully staff in case of emergencies, Mixon said.

He said 48 people stayed at Crestwood High School, which served as a shelter between 5 p.m. on Sunday and 8 a.m. on Tuesday. The majority of those people were Sumter residents while three of them were Florida evacuees, he said.

Mixon said there were more than 2,000 families without power after the storm, but electric companies were able to restore power to most of those houses by Tuesday evening.

He said the county will inspect its utility equipment to see if the damage could qualify for federal assistance.

Also during the meeting, council held a public hearing for an ordinance to approve a fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement with Sumter Easy Home LLC and voted to defer third reading to its next meeting. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the ordinance.

According to the proposed agreement, Sumter Easy Home will create at least 80 full-time jobs and invest \$37 million into the county.

Council then approved third reading of an ordinance to expand the boundaries of Sumter-Lee Industrial Park to include property on North Wise Drive that is owned and operated by Sumter Easy Home.

In other news, council approved:  
• A request from Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor Ernest "Chip" Finney III

to create a position in Clarendon County that will be funded by the state;

• First reading of an ordinance to allow Sumter City-County Planning Commission to perform certain functions in the town of Pinewood.

Sumter City-County Planning Department Director George McGregor said Pinewood needs a planning commission in order to complete its updated comprehensive plan according to state law. He said Pinewood could also request that the planning commission and planning department staff assist in other matters if the ordinance is approved; and

• Second reading of an ordinance to convey nearly 17 acres of property at 730 Fulton St. to The Sherwin-Williams Co.

## 'State of the Chamber' forum set at Opera House

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce will hold its first State of the Chamber forum at 6 p.m. today at the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., with a reception immediately following at 7 p.m. in the City Centre.

"The purpose of this program is to educate our member businesses and community on what our chamber is up to," said Chamber President and CEO Chris Hardy. "As part of our membership council's body of work, it is important that we keep our members up to date on the organization's mission and what we are doing to accom-

plish that mission."

He said the better educated the community is on what the chamber of commerce is, what it does and why we are here, the better the organization will be.

"Though we try to communicate the happenings within the chamber daily through electronic communication or social media, we also feel a forum such as this will provide that face-to-face interaction we need with the community," Hardy said. "This is not solely an organization effort to accomplish our mission, it is a community effort."

Hardy said the program will not be a sales-oriented forum

where the chamber is trying to attract businesses to join the organization, but will be an educational forum including a question-and-answer session.

"We also encourage those attending to stay for the reception, which will give additional time for questions with our leadership," Hardy said. "The more opportunities we have to tell our story, the better chance we have that the community understands why we do what we do."

There is no charge to attend, and reservations are not required.

For more information, visit [www.sumterchamber.com](http://www.sumterchamber.com) or call (803) 775-1231.

## Give blood at Friday's Battle of the Badges

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Battle of the Badges Sumter Community Blood Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St. All first-responder agencies will be competing to collect the most blood. The goal is to collect 60 units.

The public is encouraged to give blood in honor of one of the agencies. Appointments are encouraged. To schedule an appointment, visit [\[crossblood.org\]\(http://crossblood.org\) and enter sponsor code, BattleBadgesSumter.](http://www.red-</a></p>
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Donors can also save time by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. Visit [red-crossblood.org/RapidPass](http://red-crossblood.org/RapidPass).

Each donor will receive an e-coupon for a free haircut from Sports Clips and a Battle of the Badges T-shirt.

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# French president vows help for Caribbean

MARIGOT, St. Martin (AP) — Nearing the end of a sweeping visit to assess the devastation wrought by Hurricane Irma, French President Emmanuel Macron has promised to rebuild the wrecked island of St. Martin and diversify its economy from a sole reliance on tourism.

Macron stayed overnight on St. Martin, reportedly sleeping on a camp cot. He was heading to the heavily damaged island of St. Barts on Wednesday with the French health minister, who has warned about diseases spreading on the islands after water supplies, electricity and communication were knocked out for days.

In further responses to complaints that his government didn't do enough to handle Irma's wrath, Macron also pledged to evacuate residents of his country's Caribbean territories and provide services and shelter for those who choose to stay.

"What we have seen today are people determined to rebuild and return to a normal life," Macron said Tuesday. "They are impatient for answers and some are very, very angry. The anger is legitimate because it is a result of the fear they have faced and of being very fatigued. It is certain that



AP PHOTO / CHRISTOPHE ENA, POOL  
France's President Emmanuel Macron talks with residents during his visit in the French Caribbean island of St. Martin on Tuesday.

some want to leave, and we will help them in that effort."

He said France was bringing in air-

conditioned tents so children can start classes again soon, and that a center would be established by Monday to begin processing requests for financial help.

Macron pledged to rebuild St. Martin as a "model island" that would be a "showcase of French excellence."

"I don't want to rebuild St. Martin as it was," he said. "We have seen there are many homes that were built too precariously, with fragile infrastructure. The geography of the homes was not adapted to the risks."

Macron said the Category 5 hurricane killed 11 people in St. Martin, while an additional four people died on the Dutch side of the island, bringing the death toll in the Caribbean to at least 37.

The president was joined in the region by British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, whose itinerary focused on the badly damaged British Virgin Islands and Anguilla. Johnson also defended the British government following criticism that it had failed to provide enough help to British Overseas Territories devastated by the storm.

In London, Prime Minister Theresa May told Parliament an additional \$33 million would be spent on recovery ef-

forts as Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson oversaw early aid efforts in Anguilla.

Johnson told Anguilla governor Tim Foy on Tuesday night that his visit is meant to show the U.K.'s commitment.

"It is clear this place has been through an absolutely hellish experience, and it is no doubt at all that you need help with power generation, with getting the hospital back up and running, getting the airport back up and running, and schools properly set — all kinds of things need to be done," Johnson said.

He said 1,000 British troops are in place to help residents, and several hundred more are on the way. Britain also has a landing ship in place on the British Virgin Islands to help bring in heavy equipment, and the Royal Navy warship Ocean is on the way, though it won't arrive from Gibraltar for about 10 days.

Some 60 British police officers are also helping restore order in the British Virgin Islands. British officials said the security problem was heightened when more than 100 "very serious" prisoners escaped from a prison after it was "breached" by the hurricane. The officials did not provide further details on the incident.

# Romania's coast guard rescues 157 migrants, including 56 children

CONSTANTA, Romania (AP) — Romania's coast guard on Wednesday rescued more than 150 migrants from Iraq and Iran, including 56 children, from a ship in distress on the Black Sea, on what is becoming a favored route for migrants trying to reach Western Europe.

The rusty ship was towed to the Black Sea port of Constanta, some 150 miles east of Bucharest, before dawn.

Revising its initial count, the coast guard said it found 157 migrants from Iran and Iraq who had "intended to illegally enter our country." Some migrants received medical treatment.

Authorities initially spotted the ship outside Romanian territorial waters early Tuesday. It sent a distress signal, and two coast guard boats were dispatched, but high waves and winds hampered rescue efforts before the ship was eventually towed to port.

Fabian Badila, a border police spokesman, said the migrants would be taken into custody and then moved to government-run migration centers in Romania.

He said the border police had an efficient surveillance system which could detect vessels trying to illegally enter Romanian territorial waters.

Migrants are increasingly using the Black Sea route from Turkey to reach Romania. Last weekend, coast guard forces from Romania and Bulgaria intercepted 217 migrants in the Black Sea in two boats who were suspected of trying to illegally enter Romania.

Any new influx of migrants through the Black Sea could further exacerbate political strains within the European Union over the issue.

Krzysztof Borowski, a spokesman for the European Union's border agency, Frontex, told The Associated Press that smugglers are attempting to "revive the route," which as recently as 2014 had been used by some 430 migrants. Since then the numbers have fallen as other routes via Turkey into Greece became popular. In 2015, 68 migrants used the Black Sea route, and in 2016 only one, Borowski added.



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Members of the border police carry a baby in the Black Sea port of Constanta, Romania, early Wednesday.



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# Control emotional eating by learning to cope with stress

**W**hy are you eating that? Do you know why? Many of us eat without thinking. Going on a strict diet, feeling stressed, worried or being bored can lead to emotional eating that does more harm than good. Emotional eating leads to eating too much, especially of unhealthy foods, which can lead to unwanted excess pounds.

When emotions become tied to your eating habits, when you find yourself eating for no reason or using it as a distraction, you are engaging in emotional eating.

Emotional eating is generally used



**Missy Corrigan**

impulsively binge eat, consuming whatever is within reach within a short amount of time.

The key point to remember is emotional eating is a cover, a quick fix.

to suppress or soothe negative feelings of stress, boredom, loneliness, anger or fear in the workplace or at home, with relationships or for health and financial concerns. Some people engage in short-term unhealthy eating habits while others may

Whatever emotions lead to overeating will keep coming back. Without adequate coping skills, the emotional eating cycle begins. But how do we begin using food for comfort in the first place?

Research shows that with parents who use food to soothe their children or as an act of love or empathy, there is a greater chance for their children to grow up to be emotional eaters.

Giving ice cream to a child who is upset just to "make it all better" may stop the crying child, but that child quickly internalizes that sweets can make them feel better, and that sticks with them. To help

break this cycle, parents need to help children find better ways to cope with stress.

If you feel that you are on autopilot when it comes to eating, start by identifying what triggers you to overeat. Keep a food diary to track what you are eating, when you eat, how you are feeling and how much you eat. You may begin to see patterns where you can make some changes.

Find other ways to cope with stress by exercising or getting involved in a creative activity. Lean on friends and family for support, or seek professional help if you can't seem to get emotional eating under control.

## Study prompts examination of miscarriage, annual flu shot

**BY MIKE STOBBE**  
AP Medical Writer

**NEW YORK** — A puzzling study of U.S. pregnancies found that women who had miscarriages between 2010 and 2012 were more likely to have had back-to-back annual flu shots that included protection against swine flu.

Vaccine experts think the results may reflect the older age and other miscarriage risks for the women and not the flu shots. Health officials say there is no reason to change the government recommendation that all pregnant women be vaccinated against the flu. They say the flu itself is a much greater danger to women and their fetuses.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reached out to a doctor's group, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, to warn them the study is coming out and help them prepare for a potential wave of worry from expectant moms, CDC officials said.

"I want the CDC and researchers to continue to investigate this," said Dr. Laura Riley, a Boston-based obstetrician who leads a committee on maternal immunization. "But as an advocate for pregnant women, what I hope doesn't happen is that people panic and stop getting vaccinated."

Past studies have found flu vaccines are safe during pregnancy, though there's been little research on impact of flu vaccinations given in the first three months of pregnancy.

Flu and its complications kill thousands of Americans every year. The elderly, young children and pregnant women are especially at risk. When a new "swine flu" strain emerged in 2009, it killed 56 U.S. pregnant women that year, according to the CDC.

The study's authors, two of whom are CDC researchers, saw a big difference when they looked at women who had miscarried within 28 days of getting a shot that included protection against swine flu, but it was only when the women also had had a flu shot the previous season.

They found 17 of 485 miscarriages they studied involved women whose vaccinations followed that pattern. Just four of a comparable 485 healthy pregnancies involved women who were vaccinated that way.

The first group also had more women who were at higher risk for miscarriage, like older moms and smokers and those with diabetes. The researchers tried to make statistical adjustments to level out some of those differences but some researchers don't think they completely succeeded.



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Sister Margaret Ann holds a chainsaw near Miami, Florida, on Tuesday. Miami-Dade Police Department said the nun was cutting trees to clear the roadways around Archbishop Coleman Carrol High School in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

## Florida nun dons habit, grabs chainsaw to help after Irma

**MIAMI (AP)** — A Florida nun is pitching in on the cleanup efforts after Hurricane Irma by taking a chainsaw to downed trees while dressed in her full habit.

Miami-Dade police posted video of Sister Margaret Ann at work on social media taken by an off-duty officer who came across her.

Police said the nun was cutting trees to clear the roadways around Archbishop Coleman Carrol High School near Miami. Sister Margaret Ann is the school's principal, according to its website.

Police said "acts of kindness" like Sister Margaret Ann's remind residents that they're all part of the same community.

The department added in its post, "Thank you Sister and all of our neighbors that are working together to get through this!"



AP FILE PHOTO

A nurse practitioner prepares a flu vaccination in Rockville, Maryland, in 2010. A puzzling study of U.S. pregnancies suggests that women who received back-to-back flu shots between 2010 and 2012 — after a new swine flu vaccine came out — more often had miscarriages.



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“Chip” Finney III said.

Those are the flight risk of the accused and the danger to the community the accused represents.

The judge hears the background on the case, Finney said, and considers information about the person who is charged, such as whether the accused has a previous criminal background and how deep his or her ties are to the community.

The judge can also consider the nature of the crime and the possible sentence in setting the bail, he said.

Whether the defendant is a danger to the community “is usually apparent by the nature of the charges,” Finney said.

Finney said he has not been directly involved in the Tiller case and does not know what information the magistrate heard during the bond hearing. He said the solicitor’s office does not usually send a lawyer to bond hearings.

According to Title 17, South Carolina Code of Laws, a judge shall consider:

family ties, employment, financial resources, character and mental condition, length of residence in the community, record of convictions and record of flight to avoid prosecution or failure to appear at other court proceedings.

The code says the court shall also consider a person’s criminal record, any charges pending against a person at the time release is requested, all incident reports generated as a result of an offense charged, whether a person is an alien unlawfully present in the United States and poses a substantial flight risk due to this status and whether the charged person appears in the state gang database maintained at the State Law Enforcement Division.

The right to post bail is secured in the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which reads: “Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.”

The first 10 amendments to the Constitution are collectively known as the “Bill of Rights.”

# NATION BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

## Scott suggests Trump be careful on race

WASHINGTON — The Senate’s lone black Republican said he told President Trump to tread carefully when discussing the country’s complicated history on race.

The advice from Sen. Tim

Scott of South Carolina came after the president blamed “many sides” for last month’s violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, and said there were some “very fine people” among white nationalist protesters.

Scott said he told the president Wednesday “there is no way to find an equilibrium when you have three centuries of history versus the situation that’s occurring today.”



JOE PERRY / SUMTER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Corrections officers with Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center recite their oath as they are sworn in as employees of Sumter County Sheriff’s Office on Wednesday morning. Sumter County Council approved an ordinance giving Sheriff Anthony Dennis the authority to manage the center during its meeting Tuesday.

# CENTER

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table for them just as he does for the deputies. But in order to go to the table, you must bring something to the table, he said.

“Job performance is what I will bring,” he said.

Dennis said all corrections officers will receive the same training as deputies such as defensive tactics, firing and driving.

“I can’t ask you to do a job that you’re not trained for,” he said.

Safety is the No. 1 priority here, he said, not just on the street, but also in the detention center, he said.

He said the sheriff’s office’s training center will be renovated to include state-of-the-art equipment in the coming months.

And there will be opportunities for everyone to advance, Dennis said.

The corrections officers were also introduced to the sheriff’s office’s administration staff, who welcomed the new employees to the agency.

The sheriff’s office’s general counsel Kathy Ward said the corrections officers are no lon-

ger employees of Sumter County government. The sheriff is an elected official, meaning he will set policies and procedures for the agency, not county council, she said.

The policies and procedures of the detention center will be reviewed and merged with the sheriff’s office’s policies, she said.

And all the sheriff’s office’s employees are entitled to receive the same benefits as county employees, Ward said.

Dennis said the merge will be beneficial to the county because the sheriff’s office can bring its experience in law enforcement to manage the detention center.

“There is no doubt in my mind that this is a win-win situation,” he said.

Dennis said he also plans to increase the retention rate at the detention center. The detention center needs 86 employees to be fully staffed, and it is missing 24 employees, he said.

The sheriff’s office’s new employees also received keys to the building on Wednesday.

Dennis said the corrections officers will receive new patches, modeled after the deputies’ patch, and will trade in their blue uniforms for black-and-gold uniforms. Blue is for the city, he said.

# AUTO PRO

FROM PAGE A1

from some metal framing and springs, some padding and a vinyl covering. The seatbelts were likely bolted to the floor.

Nearly, a look at the bottom of a 2017 seat his shop has upgraded to leather may come from a General Motors SUV, but a few things are different.

There are plugs for heating, cooling and adjusting the seat. Wires detect if the seatbelt, or “restraint system,” is fastened.

And air bags located along the side of the seatbacks take it to a whole other level.

“The stitching over the bags can only be done on a \$30,000 sewing machine,” Bench said.

They must be ordered pre-stitched from the factory, he said.

As far as anything else having to do with auto upholstery, Bench is ready.

Bench and his wife, Laura, opened the shop at its current location in 2010, and he said the business is thriving.

Bench grew up in a Navy

family, he said, and was born in Japan. While his father was in the service, he lived in such places as Guam, San Diego and Charleston. After his dad took a post which did not require much travel, they spent most of his teenage years in Charleston, he said.

The mother of a friend of his had an upholstery shop in Charleston, and after a lunch conversation, she hired him to work in her shop, which did all kinds of upholstery, including furniture, boats and cars.

Bench then followed his father into the Navy and spent four years as an aviation electronic technician.

After leaving the service, Bench worked at several upholstery shops in Charleston before taking a job at a shop in Sumter in 2007.

Once he and his wife had some money saved up, they opened Auto Pro Interiors.

“Me and my wife homeschool the kids; that was a main reason to start my own business,” he said.

The couple wanted to be different from many auto upholstery shops, he said, so they

made sure they had a clean, modern-looking waiting area.

Instead of having cars sit around waiting to be worked on, Auto Pro Interiors checks what the vehicle will need in terms of parts and matching fabric, takes a deposit and puts the customer on its schedule. When the scheduled time arrives, the customer brings in the car, and Bench is ready to do the work.

“Our customers feel safe leaving cars with us,” he said.

Nothing is left out overnight, he said, and customers can even stream a video of the work being done, he said.

“It’s an old iPad with a wide-angle lens,” he said.

Bench is a big believer in having the right tools to do the job, even if the tools are expensive.

He pointed to his \$3,000 juke sewing machine.

“It can do one stitch at a time and can readjust the needle automatically,” he said.

Better tools allow Bench to do the work much faster.

“My labor rate might be higher, but we get stuff done quicker,” Bench said. “I am

always trying to think of ways to do the job faster and still beat everyone on quality.”

Bench’s time doing electronics in the Navy has come in handy for Bench.

The shop not only does upholstery, but also installs back-up cameras entertainment systems and navigation systems.

“A wrench-and-socket set doesn’t cut it no more,” he said.

Bench said doing custom motorcycle seats, leather seats and headliners are some of the shop’s main lines of business, but they can do custom work on classic cars, as well.

He said he has worked on a \$160,000 street rod, Maseratis, old Jaguars and classic Mercedes.

He and his wife have hit their business goals, he said. “I wanted a car in a magazine, and now I have framed pictures all over,” he said.



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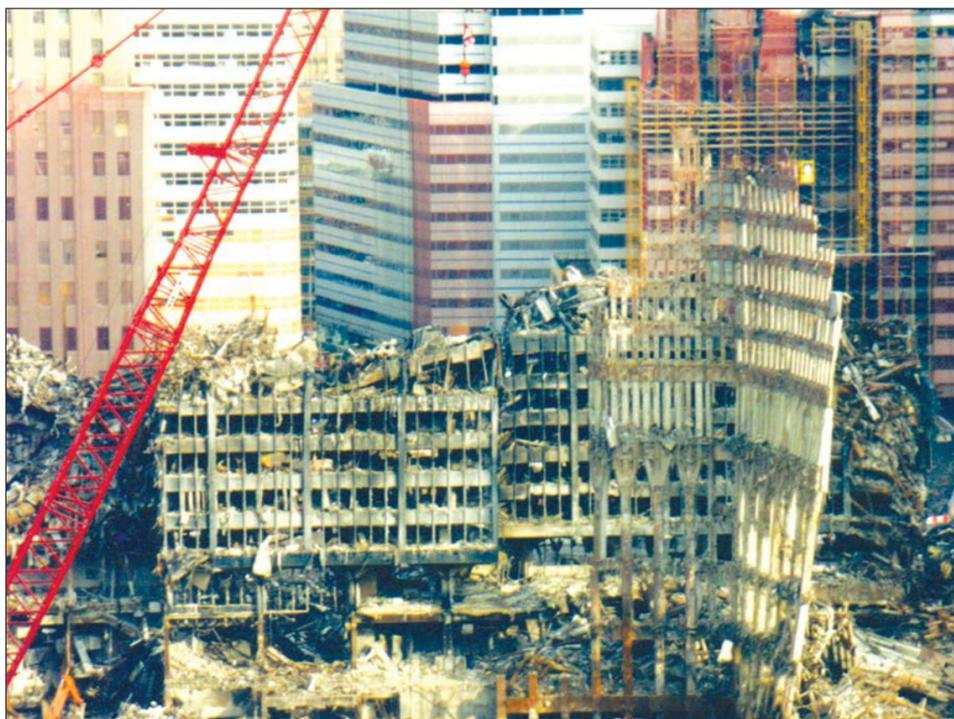
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Hubert D. Osteen Jr., *Sumter Item* chairman and editor in chief, visited Ground Zero on Dec. 7, 2001, three months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks.



# U.S. marks 9/11 anniversary with resolve, tears, hope

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans commemorated 9/11 on Monday with tear-streaked tributes, a presidential warning to terrorists and appeals from victims' relatives for unity and hope 16 years after the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

Looking out at the solemn crowd at ground zero, Debra Epps said she views every day as time to do something to ensure that her brother, Christopher Epps, and thousands of others didn't die in vain.

"What I can say today is that I don't live my life in complacency," she said. "I stand in solidarity that this world will make a change for the better."

Thousands of family members, survivors, rescuers and others gathered for the hours-long reading of victims' names at the World Trade Center, while President Trump spoke at the Pentagon and Vice President Mike Pence addressed an observance at the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Elsewhere, thousands of Americans marked the anniversary with service projects. Volunteer Hillary O'Neill, 16, had her own connection to 9/11: It's her birthdate.

"I always feel a sense of re-

sponsibility to give back on the day," O'Neill, of Norwalk, Connecticut, said as she packed up meals in New York City for needy local people and hurricane victims in Texas and Florida.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed when planes hijacked by terrorists hit the trade center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville on Sept. 11, 2001, hurling America into a new consciousness of the threat of global terrorism.

Reflecting on a tragedy that still feels immediate to them, victims' relatives thanked first responders and the military, worried for people affected by Hurricane Irma as it continued its destructive path as a tropical storm and pleaded for a return to the sense of cohesiveness that followed the attacks.

"Our country came together that day. And it did not matter what color you were or where you were from," said a tearful Magaly Lemagne, who lost her brother, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police officer David Lemagne. She implored people to "stop for a moment and remember all the people who gave their lives that day."

"Maybe then we can put away our disagreements and

become one country again," she said.

Trump, a native New Yorker observing the anniversary for the first time as the country's leader, assured victims' families that "our entire nation grieves with you" and issued stern words to extremists.

"America cannot be intimidated, and those who try will join a long list of vanquished enemies who dared test our mettle," the Republican president said as he spoke at the Pentagon after observing a moment of silence at the White House.

When America is united,

"no force on earth can break us apart," he said.

At the Flight 93 National Memorial, Pence said the passengers who revolted against hijackers might well have saved his own life.

The Republican vice president was a member of Congress on 9/11, and the Capitol was a possible target of the terrorist piloting Flight 93. Instead, it crashed near Shanksville after the passengers took action. Thirty-three passengers and seven crew members were killed.

At the United Nations, some ambassadors noted the anni-

versary as the Security Council unanimously approved new sanctions against North Korea in response to its Sept. 3 test of what Pyongyang said was a hydrogen bomb.

"We will never forget the victims of Sept. 11, and we will never forget the lesson that those who have evil intentions must be confronted," U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said.

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# OPINION

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## COMMENTARY

# Hilarious lesson on the burdens of progressivism

WASHINGTON — Life is exhausting — and daily choices are unbearably burdensome — for some Americans who are so comfortably situated that they have the time and means to make themselves morally uncomfortable. They think constantly about what they believe are the global ripples, and hence the moral-cum-political ramifications, of their quotidian decisions. And they are making themselves nervous wrecks.

If your anthropological curiosity is aroused, venture to gentrifying Brooklyn, in the spirit of Margaret Mead going among the Samoans. It is not necessary to actually go to Brooklyn.

You can observe Karen Kipple's agonies while she drives herself to distraction and her life into a ditch as the protagonist of Lucinda Rosenfeld's novel "Class." It is a book with which to begin another school year. The drama swirls around two elementary schools that, because of the vagaries of neighborhood boundaries, are physically proximate but socially miles apart.

Karen works for a non-profit — what else? — and has been "trying to write" an op-ed "for the past two years."

Her daughter, Ruby, attends Constance C. Betts Elementary, which epitomizes Karen's fervent belief that "racially and economically integrated schools" are essential to "equal opportunity."

Still, Karen is vaguely troubled because Ruby's class "completed the same study unit on [Martin Luther King] four years in a row. Ruby could even recite the date he'd married Coretta (June 18, 1953).

At Betts, it sometimes seemed to Karen that every month was Black History Month — except when it was Latino History Month. In keeping with the new Common Core curriculum, Ruby had recently written an "informative text," as essays were now known, on Cesar Chavez's advocacy on behalf of Latino migrant workers."

"Over the past several weeks," Ruby's teacher tells a parents' meeting, "your awesome kids have been busy creating their own amazing community." The parents, however, are problems, including some white mothers, "new to the school and likely soon to depart it, who were constantly complaining about how the milk served in the cafeteria came from hormone-treated cows" rather than from "aseptic eight-ounce cartons of organic vanilla milk" suitable to wash down seaweed snacks.

Karen knows that "the outside importance" that people like her place on food has "become a dividing line between the social classes, with the Earth Day-esque ideals of the 1960s

having acquired snob appeal."

Karen, who favors single-origin organic coffee from Burundi, takes Ruby to the artisanal ice cream shop with flavors such as Maple Fennel, and no corn syrup. When Ruby, pausing over her organic Applegate turkey sandwich on European rye, pronounces a classmate's lunch — white bread sandwich, Cheetos, grape soda — "disgusting," Karen frets that in her effort to simultaneously save "both the health of her daughter and that of the planet" she has produced "a hideous food snob."

Ruby became such at her mother's knee.

Karen has one of her tsunamis of disapproval when another mother brings to a playdate chocolate-chip cookies with embedded Reese's Pieces. "Dark visions of polyunsaturated cooking oil" addled Karen's head. Her adherence to the "urban-farming movement" — evidently there is one — is strained by a restaurant offering "pan-seared locally sourced pigeon."

Reluctant to disadvantage her daughter because of her own progressivism, Karen lies about her residential address in order to sneak Ruby into a school that is less diverse than Betts but more financially flush, thanks to more affluent parents — the kind who arrange playdates by saying, "Have your nanny text our nanny."

Karen is, however, a virtuoso of guilt, and to assuage hers she embezzles money from the new school and mails it to Betts. By the time her lies and stealing are revealed, she realizes that her "negativity was like a wisteria vine that, if left to its own devices, would creep into every last crevice of her conscience." So she returns Ruby to Betts, leaving behind the school where "the experimental puppeteering troupe Stringtheory is performing a kid-friendly version of 'Schindler's List.'"

Rosenfeld's novel is a glimpse of how arduous life is for progressives, bowed as they are beneath the crushing weight of every choice's immense social significance.

Convinced that people, like the planet, are frightfully fragile — vulnerable to ingesting refined flour and countless other dangers — it's no wonder progressives want a caring government to superintend our lives. This is for our own good, so they are, in their meddling way, nice. They also are tucked out by their incontinent conscientiousness, so take one to lunch, if you can think of something he or she will eat.

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## MISS AMERICA PAGEANT TRUMP DERANGEMENT SYNDROME



"DO YOU THINK TRUMP'S A RACIST? DID YOU VOTE FOR TRUMP? AREN'T YOU MOVING TO CANADA? ARE..."

## COMMENTARY

# Beauty is truth and truth is factual

Truth begins with facts. Facts are solid, like bricks. You build a house out of facts, the wolf won't blow it down. But you drop a fact on your foot, it hurts.

I learned this as a boy, living near the Mississippi River in Minnesota when I discovered that where the Ohio River flows into the Mississippi near Cairo, Illinois, the Ohio is actually larger than the Mississippi. So it's the Mississippi that flows into the Ohio. The Ohio is the big show. This fact was shocking to me. I was proud of the river, spent hours on the shore, skipped stones on it, and I felt diminished by the new information. To go from Father of Waters to a mere tributary is a definite fall.

Facts have that tendency to bring us down a notch. I'd been 6'3" since I was in high school, and now I'm a half-inch short of that. If people ask, I still say six-three, but it's not true, and I know it. I'm shrinking. Even presidents must yield to facts. The horse-faced William Henry Harrison lasted only a month in the White House. He was a military hero, having defeated the Shawnees at the Battle of Tippecanoe in Indiana, and he was anxious to show his intellectual acuity and so, having defeated Martin Van Buren in the 1840 election, Harrison composed a massive speech for his inauguration and stood and deliv-

ered it for two hours in a cold rain, a 68-year-old man, hatless, coatless, and then attended three inaugural balls. His wife had stayed home sick and wasn't there to advise him. A couple weeks later, feeling very ill, he took to his bed. Pneumonia was the diagnosis, though it's now believed he had a bacterial infection from drinking bad water, there being no sewers in Washington at the time. His doctor dosed him with opium and repeated enemas, and the treatment likely hastened his end.

He had written the speech himself, and the first sentence gives you an idea of the style: "Called from a retirement which I had supposed was to continue for the residue of my life to fill the chief executive office of this great and free nation, I appear before you, fellow citizens, to take the oaths which the Constitution prescribes as a necessary qualification for the performance of its duties; and in obedience to a custom coeval with our government and what I believe to be your expectations I proceed to present to you a summary of the principles which will govern me in the discharge of the duties which I shall be called upon to perform."

In other words, "You elected me president, and now I shall address you."

As he lay in the White House, in an opioid stupor, with a hose up his rear end, W.H.H. might have dreamed of Tippecanoe when he rode around waving his sword at Tecumseh's warriors, or maybe he revisited the debacle on the Capitol steps, the crowd standing glumly in the cold rain listening to

8,445 words of hogwash and horse feathers which, what with the rain and the lack of a megaphone, were incomprehensible to most onlookers, a faint murmurous croaking like a cricket in the weeds. In the space of one month, a hero became the butt of a joke — Longest Speech led to pneumonia which led to Shortest Term in Office.

Now it appears he died by drinking water that contained his own waste, the executive chamberpot having been emptied on ground near the White House well.

As the current occupant cuts his prime rib under the John Adams inscription on the dining room mantel ("May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof"), he seems impervious to reality. Like many real estate salesmen, the gentleman has a poetic imagination. Any man who comes away from a visit to Houston and says people there are happy is eating the wrong mushrooms.

He has stood in a cold rain for seven months, pretending the sun is shining, winning the admiration of a shrinking bloc of barflies, bikers and Baptists, and now he is drinking bad water, and eventually reality will catch up with him. It always does. He is headed for Harrisondom. W.H.H. had a large vision of westward expansion, but he should've thought about sanitation.

Garrison Keillor is an author and radio humorist whose *Post columns* began in 2016, after he left his radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion." He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### RELEASING SUSPECT SENDS WRONG MESSAGE

I just read *The Sumter Item* article "Teen says he shot 2 at complex in scheme." The term "teen" would indicate that he is younger than 18 years old which he is not.

This adult male shot two innocent men who were just working. I can not believe the message we are sending

to the Sumter community. This violent adult male was released. Seriously, I had to reread this article.

Was he released because he is only 18? Was he released because he only attempted to murder them? Was he released because he was a basketball player for Sumter High School?

Andrew Jeremiah Tiller was charged with two

counts of attempted murder, two counts of attempted armed robbery and possession of a weapon during this violent crime and he was released? As a law abiding, tax paying citizen in Sumter County, am I suppose to feel safe because Andrew Jeremiah Tiller is wearing an ankle monitor?

GINNY DORITY  
Sumter

## AROUND TOWN

**The Boots & Badges Sumter Police / Fire Departments American Red Cross blood drive** will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, at 111 N. Harvin St. Blood and platelet donors of all blood types, especially types O negative and O positive, are needed. Schedule your donation appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, by visiting [www.red-crossblood.org](http://www.red-crossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**The Sumter County Library's Forrest Ray 5K** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, beginning at 8 a.m. at the library. Visit [www.sumtercountylibrary.org](http://www.sumtercountylibrary.org)

**The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will hold its annual golf tournament** on Saturday, Sept. 16, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course, 1305 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is \$50 per golfer limited to the first 20 teams. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, souvenirs, cart, green fees, refreshments during play and door prizes. Team format will be Captain's Choice Four-Person Team. There will be first and second place prizes for men's and women's teams. Call (803) 840-0935 or (910) 973-3223.

**The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will host its second Little Miss Pageant and Scholarship fundraiser**

at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave.

**The Lincoln High School Alumni Association will meet** at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Lincoln High School cafeteria, 22 Council St.

**The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11078 of Summerton** will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the VFW Post on Cantey Street, directly behind First Citizens Bank. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Call (803) 478-7593 or (803) 460-8910.

**The Scotts Branch High School Alumni Association** will meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Eagles Nest in Summerton (old district office on Larry King Highway). Your support and help are needed for a major project planned for the near future. Call (803) 460-1726 or (803) 225-4085.

**The Sumter Branch NAACP** will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24, at Rafting Creek Baptist Church, 3860 S.C. 261 North, Rembert. The public is invited to attend.

**The Westside Neighborhood Association** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, at the Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Sumter County Council Chairman Jim McCain will give an update on the county and Penny for Progress updates. Contact Jim McCain at (678) 429-8150 or [jtmccain@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtmccain@bellsouth.net).

## FYI

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

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**Hospice Care of Sumter LLC is in need of volunteers** in Sumter

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

## PUBLIC AGENDA

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### The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Troubles at home will mount if you

overreact or show inconsistency. Look inward and focus on being the best you can be instead of looking for fault in others. Excessive behavior should be cut short. Protect what you have and love.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Size up whatever situation you face before you take action. You'll be prone to overreact or be faced with someone who does. Back away from risky ventures or people who are inconsistent and show signs of instability.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Listen to what's being said, but don't feel the need to make a decision just because someone is pressuring you. Do your due diligence and check all your options before you make a change that could end up being costly.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Share your thoughts and clear up any problems that may surface due to your past actions. Refuse to make an impulsive decision or let anyone pressure you into something you don't fully understand.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of personal business. Don't reveal information that infringes on your privacy. Update documents that need to be addressed before they lapse. Physical improvements will help alleviate insecurity. Do what makes you happy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan your actions carefully. Detail and precision should dictate how you plan to get ahead. Diplomacy and charm will help you avoid being

asked questions you don't want to answer. Show discipline when faced with tempting offers.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful how you ask others to do things. Being insensitive will cause others to get the wrong idea or choose to back away from you. Give everyone a chance to voice an opinion.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the initiative to organize and plan your day. Use innovative ideas and utilize your strengths to ensure that you get the most out of whatever you pursue. Invest in your home and your professional status.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Negotiate on your own behalf. Your ability to size up situations and bring the best alternatives to everyone's attention will put you in a good position. Be truthful and you will accomplish what you set out to do.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partnerships should be looked at seriously. Consider the best way to protect your assets and your reputation. A heart-to-heart talk with someone close to you will help clear up any misgivings you might have about moving forward with your plans.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take the time to update documents that need to be renewed. Taking care of responsibilities at home and at work will help you ward off any problems with rules, regulations or the powers that be.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): It's a new day and a good time to revisit some of the issues you were faced with earlier in the week. Put pressure on someone you believe needs to step up and do his or her part.

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
86°	66°	88° / 67°	89° / 66°	88° / 65°	87° / 65°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%
WSW 4-8 mph	WSW 2-4 mph	NW 3-6 mph	NNE 4-8 mph	N 6-12 mph	NNE 6-12 mph

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

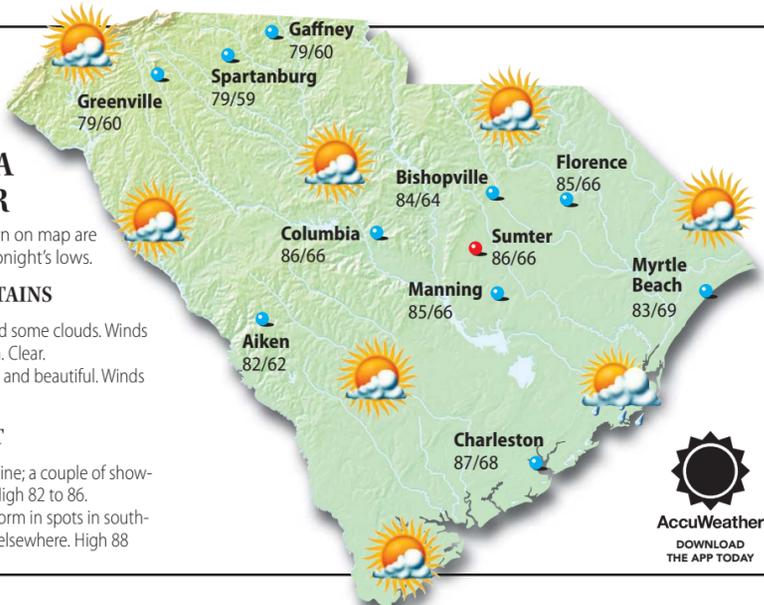
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Sunshine and some clouds. Winds southwest 6-12 mph. Clear.  
**Friday:** Partly sunny and beautiful. Winds southeast 4-8 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** Partial sunshine; a couple of showers in central parts. High 82 to 86.  
**Friday:** A thunderstorm in spots in southern parts; some sun elsewhere. High 88



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature
High 83°
Low 57°
Normal high 85°
Normal low 63°
Record high 97° in 1983
Record low 49° in 1967

Precipitation
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Month to date 3.26"
Normal month to date 1.74"
Year to date 30.83"
Last year to date 38.59"
Normal year to date 35.13"

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	355.21	+0.31
Marion	76.8	75.70	+0.52
Moultrie	75.5	75.26	+0.29
Wateree	100	96.40	+0.43

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.74	+2.66
Congaree River	19	1.77	-0.56
Lynches River	14	8.73	+5.12
Saluda River	14	2.92	-0.70
Up. Santee River	80	78.55	-0.66
Wateree River	24	5.51	+0.77

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:04 a.m.	Sunset	7:30 p.m.
Moonrise	1:11 a.m.	Moonset	3:33 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Sep. 20	Sep. 27	Oct. 5	Oct. 12

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	4:07 a.m.	3.0	10:58 a.m.	0.2
	4:45 p.m.	3.5	11:53 p.m.	0.6
Fri.	5:14 a.m.	3.0	12:03 p.m.	0.1
	5:50 p.m.	3.5	---	---

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	80/66/s	84/66/pc
Chicago	80/61/pc	85/66/s
Dallas	97/73/s	94/74/s
Detroit	76/58/pc	79/59/pc
Houston	92/71/s	91/74/pc
Los Angeles	76/65/sh	76/64/sh
New Orleans	88/73/pc	86/73/pc
New York	78/66/c	80/66/c
Oriando	90/74/t	89/73/t
Philadelphia	80/67/t	82/67/c
Phoenix	100/75/s	96/74/s
San Francisco	72/59/pc	74/59/pc
Wash., DC	81/66/t	82/67/c

## REGIONAL CITIES

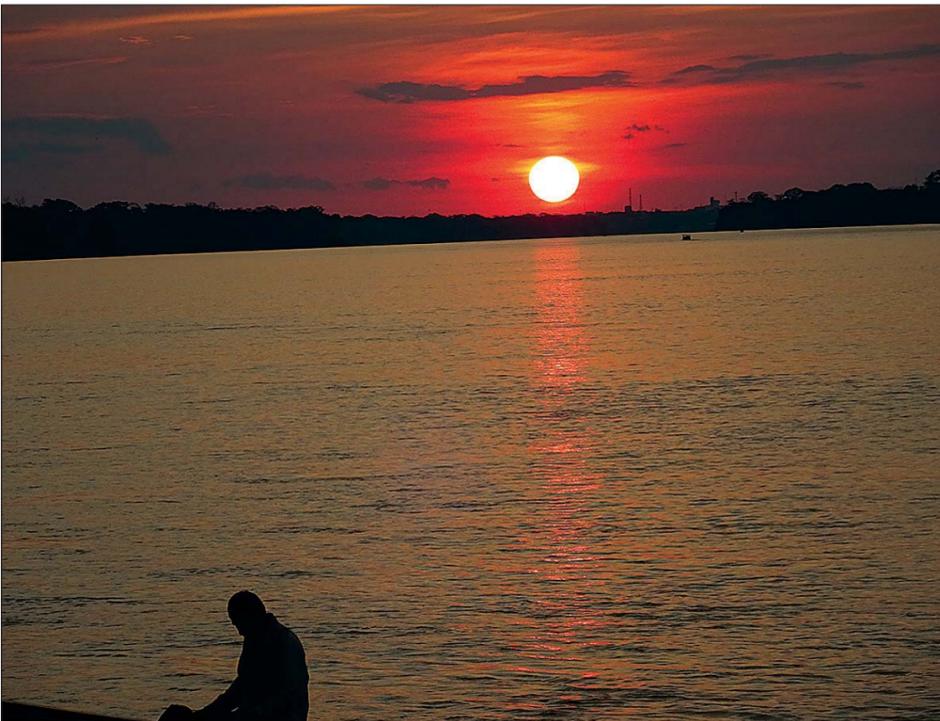
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	73/57/pc	77/57/pc	Florence	85/66/pc	87/67/pc
Athens	80/62/s	84/64/pc	Gainesville	87/72/t	87/72/c
Augusta	86/64/pc	89/67/pc	Gastonia	80/61/pc	83/63/pc
Beaufort	86/69/pc	88/72/pc	Goldsboro	85/68/pc	86/67/pc
Cape Hatteras	83/73/pc	83/70/pc	Goose Creek	85/68/sh	87/68/pc
Charleston	87/68/pc	88/69/pc	Greensboro	79/62/pc	81/63/pc
Charlotte	81/61/pc	83/63/pc	Greenville	79/60/pc	83/63/pc
Clemson	80/62/pc	84/65/pc	Hickory	77/58/pc	81/61/pc
Columbia	86/66/pc	89/68/pc	Hilton Head	85/71/pc	86/71/c
Darlington	85/65/pc	87/66/pc	Jacksonville, FL	87/72/pc	85/72/c
Elizabeth City	83/68/pc	85/66/pc	La Grange	83/65/s	87/68/pc
Elizabethtown	85/68/pc	86/67/pc	Macon	83/63/s	87/65/pc
Fayetteville	85/66/pc	87/66/pc	Marietta	79/63/s	84/65/pc
			Marion	75/57/pc	80/60/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	85/69/pc	86/70/pc
			Myrtle Beach	83/69/pc	84/69/pc
			Orangeburg	84/65/pc	87/67/pc
			Port Royal	84/70/pc	85/72/c
			Raleigh	82/64/pc	84/65/pc
			Rock Hill	81/61/pc	84/63/pc
			Rockingham	84/64/pc	86/65/pc
			Savannah	87/69/pc	89/71/pc
			Spartanburg	79/59/pc	83/62/pc
			Summerville	84/67/pc	86/67/pc
			Wilmington	85/68/pc	86/67/pc
			Winston-Salem	77/60/pc	80/61/pc

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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



# Twenty won

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**ABOVE:** Cleveland's Roberto Perez, left, and Francisco Lindor celebrate a 5-3 victory over Detroit on Wednesday at Progressive Field in Cleveland. The Indians set the American League record with their 21st consecutive victory.

**RIGHT:** Cleveland's Jay Bruce celebrates with Jose Ramirez (11) after hitting a 3-run home run during the Indians' 5-3 victory over Detroit on Wednesday in Cleveland.

## Indians top Tigers, set AL mark for consecutive wins

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians hit baseball blackjack — 21!

Making history almost every time they take the field, the Indians won their 21st straight game on Wednesday, 5-3 over the Detroit Tigers, to set an American League winning-streak record and join only two other teams in the past 101 years to win that many consecutive games.

Jay Bruce hit a three-run homer off Buck Farmer (4-3) and Mike Clevinger (10-5) won his fourth straight start as the Indians matched the 1935 Chicago Cubs for the second-longest streak

since 1900. The run has put Cleveland within five wins of catching the 1916 New York Giants, who won 26 straight without a loss but whose century-old mark includes a tie.

The Indians haven't lost in 20 days, and they've rarely been challenged during a late-season run in which they've dominated every aspect of the game.

However, they had to overcome a costly error and rely on their bullpen to hold off the Tigers, who closed with a 4-3.

Roberto Perez added a homer in the seventh and four Cleveland relievers

finished, with Cody Allen getting his 27th save.

With the crowd of 29,346 standing and stomping, Allen retired Ian Kinsler for the final out, giving the Indians the league's longest streak since the AL was founded in 1901.

During their streak, which began with a 13-6 win over Boston ace Chris Sale on Aug. 23, the Indians have rarely been tied, never mind equaled, for nine innings. They have been superior in every way possible.

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## USC FOOTBALL

# Williams relishes first opportunity to shine for Gamecocks

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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COLUMBIA — Ty'Son Williams' first football game with the University of South Carolina wasn't quite what he anticipated.

Yes, the Gamecocks defeated North Carolina State 35-28, but Williams, the former Crestwood High School standout running back who



WILLIAMS

had transferred from North Carolina after his freshman season, was in for just a few plays and didn't get a carry.

Game 2 was more like it.

Williams rushed for 78 yards on 14 carries and broke off a 32-yard run that was just a few inches short of being a 33-yard touchdown run in USC's 31-13 road victory against Missouri.

"(It was) very satisfying," said Williams, who saw his first significant action in a live game since his senior year at Crestwood in 2014.

"Just for me, my family, my coaches, my teammates, just the encouragement I've gotten throughout, even from the last week, just to stay ready, cause you never know when your time is coming.

"You have to stay ready and make the most of your opportunities."

All of the talk during the preseason was how Williams would be sharing carries with returnees Rico Dowdle and A.J. Turner during the season. In the opener though, Williams was in for just a handful of plays and didn't have a carry. He did catch one pass for five yards.

Instead of feeling slighted or anything of the sort, Williams said he just wanted to make sure he was ready for the next contest.

"It's a different game, different game plan, different opportunity," Williams said. "Like that game, I stayed ready; I got in there and I did the best I could. That's how I approach every game."

USC head coach Will Muschamp said the flow of the N.C. State game is why Williams didn't get any carries in that contest.

"Ty'son is a guy we have a lot of confidence in," Muschamp said. "He ran the ball extremely well the other night."

"The first ball game (against N.C. State), we only played 51 (offensive snaps), I believe. We had a kickoff return for a touchdown. We had two touchdown drives of two or three plays or less, and we couldn't get off the field on defense. We played over 100 snaps. There was a limited number of opportunities, really for Rico, Ty'Son and A.J. to get carries in the first ball game."

Dowdle has rushed for 75 yards on 26 carries and Turner has 18 yards on six carries.

"That's three guys we have a lot of confidence in, and when we get into a game situation the guys that are running the ball best are who we're going to go with," Muschamp said.

Williams, who rushed only 19 times for 57 yards in 2015 at UNC and sat out last season, while transferring, said he and his backfield mates have no problem with alternating.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Lee Central, Buford open region play

## Friday's game pits 2 unbeaten

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS

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Lee Central High School football head coach Justin Danner placed an added emphasis on the passing game heading into last week's matchup with Columbia High.

He knew that down the road it was going to have to be a key part of the offense if the Stallions were going to contin-

ue their recent success.

Turns out the passing game showed up in a big way early as a 57-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Ti'Juan Durant to Dayrice Austin was a huge moment in LCHS' 14-7 victory over the Capitals.

The victory kept the fifth-ranked Stallions unbeaten with a 4-0 mark. They open



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Lee Central wide receiver Dayrice Austin, right, and the rest of the undefeated Stallions open Region IV-2A play on Friday when they host unbeaten Buford at Stallions Stadium.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# After big win, Eagles must turn focus to Edisto

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS

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Probably like most of his Scott's Branch High School football teammates, Kendrick Lesesne wasn't happy with his performance against Manning two weeks ago during a 42-6 loss.

"I had a bad game and missed a lot of tackles," the Eagles junior linebacker said. "My whole thing is not to let



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anyone get by. If they do, that's on me.

"...I told the coaches I had to get right. I knew I was going to have a good game (against Bamberg-Ehrhardt)."

Lesesne and the Eagles turned in their best performances of the season against the previously unbeaten Red Raiders in a 12-0 victory last Friday. B-E was

ranked as the No. 2 team in 2A in the latest S.C. Prep Media Football Poll prior to the contest, and the big win catapulted SBHS into the No. 10 slot in this week's 1A poll.

Now the 2-1 Eagles are hoping that momentum carries through the rest of the season, starting with their home opener on Friday at 7:30 p.m. against 3A Edisto.

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# SCOREBOARD

## TV SPORTS

### TODAY

**5 a.m.** — LPGA Golf: The Evian Championship First Round from Evian-les-Bains, France (GOLF).  
**9:30 a.m.** — LPGA Golf: The Evian Championship First Round from Evian-les-Bains, France (GOLF).  
**12:30 p.m.** — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Albertsons Boise Open First Round from Boise, Idaho (GOLF).

**1 p.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Europa League Group E Match from Reggio Emilia, Italy — Everton vs. Atalanta (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**1 p.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Europa League Group D Match — AC Milan vs. Vienna (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**1:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Oakland at Boston or Cincinnati at St. Louis (MLB NETWORK).  
**3 p.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Europa League Group H Match from London — Cologne vs. Arsenal (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**3 p.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Europa League Group J Match from Berlin — Athletic Bilbao vs. Hertha Berlin (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**3 p.m.** — PGA Golf: BMW Championship First Round from Lake Forest, Ill. (GOLF).  
**4:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Colorado at Arizona (Joined in Progress) (MLB NETWORK).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDDY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Washington (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WFFN-FM 100.1, WPub-FM 102.7).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Baltimore at New York Yankees or Kansas City at Cleveland (MLB NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — Women's College Volleyball: Mississippi at Florida (SEC NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — High School Football: Camden at West Florence (WPub-FM 102.7).  
**8 p.m.** — College Football: New Mexico at Boise State (ESPN).  
**8 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Playoffs Semifinal Series Game Two — Washington at Minnesota (ESPN2).  
**8 p.m.** — Auto Racing: ARCA Series Scott 150 from Joliet, Ill. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**8:30 p.m.** — NFL Football: Atlanta at Houston (NFL NETWORK, WFFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**10 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Playoffs Semifinal Series Game Two — Phoenix at Los Angeles (ESPN2).  
**10 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Houston at Los Angeles or Toronto at Minnesota (MLB NETWORK).  
**Midnight** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour KLM Open First Round from Gorinchem, Netherlands (GOLF).  
**5 a.m.** — LPGA Golf: The Evian Championship Second Round from Evian-les-Bains, France (GOLF).

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	78	66	.542	—
St. Louis	76	68	.528	2
Milwaukee	76	69	.524	2½
Pittsburgh	68	78	.466	11
Cincinnati	62	83	.428	16½

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	93	52	.641	—
Arizona	83	62	.572	10
Colorado	80	65	.552	13
San Diego	65	80	.448	28
San Francisco	57	90	.388	37

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

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

### TODAY'S GAMES

Cincinnati (Garrett 3-7) at St. Louis (Weaver 5-1), 1:45 p.m.  
 Colorado (Betts 1-2) at Arizona (Godley 7-7), 3:40 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Foltynewicz 10-12) at Washington (Roark 12-9), 7:05 p.m.  
 Miami (Urena 13-6) at Philadelphia (Thompson 1-2), 7:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Lugo 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 5-8), 8:05 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
 Oakland at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
 San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
 Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

## MLB LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**BATTING** Altuve, Houston, .348; Garcia, Chicago, .325; Hosmer, Kansas City, .325; Reddick, Houston, .312; Ramirez, Cleveland, .309; Andrus, Texas, .304; Abreu, Chicago, .303; Mauer, Minnesota, .303; Cain, Kansas City, .301; Schoop, Baltimore, .300.  
**RUNS** Judge, New York, 109; Altuve, Houston, 99; Springer, Houston, 98; Ramirez, Cleveland, 94; Andrus, Texas, 94; Betts, Boston, 90; Choo, Texas, 89; CSantana, Cleveland, 89; Upton, Los Angeles, 89; 2 tied at 88.  
**RBI** Cruz, Seattle, 107; Schoop, Baltimore, 103; KDavis, Oakland, 101; Upton, Los Angeles, 99; Mazara, Texas, 94; Pujols, Los Angeles, 94; Abreu, Chicago, 93; Machado, Baltimore, 91; Judge, New York, 90; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 89.  
**HITS** Altuve, Houston, 189; Hosmer, Kansas City, 177; Andrus, Texas, 175; Abreu, Chicago, 171; Schoop, Baltimore, 167; Ramirez, Cleveland, 166; Lindor, Cleveland, 163; Cabrera, Kansas City, 161; Cain, Kansas City, 160; Jones, Baltimore, 158.  
**DOUBLES** Ramirez, Cleveland, 48; Lowrie, Oakland, 44; Betts, Boston, 42; Andrus, Texas, 41; Upton, Los Angeles, 40; Abreu, Chicago, 38; Altuve, Houston, 38; Lindor, Cleveland, 37; Gurrriel, Houston, 36; CSantana, Cleveland, 36.  
**TRIPLES** Castellanos, Detroit, 10; Sanchez, Chicago, 8; Abreu, Chicago, 6; Bogaerts, Boston, 6; Buxton, Minnesota, 6; Merrifield, Kansas City, 6; Ramirez, Cleveland, 6; 5 tied at 5.  
**HOME RUNS** Judge, New York, 41; KDavis, Oakland, 39; Gallo, Texas, 37; Smoak, Toronto, 37; Morrison, Tampa Bay, 36; Moustakas, Kansas City, 36; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 34; Cruz, Seattle, 32; Machado, Baltimore, 32; 3 tied at 31.  
**STOLEN BASES** Altuve, Houston, 31; Maybin, Houston, 30; Merrifield, Kansas City, 29; RDavis, Boston, 28; DeShields, Texas, 28; Dyson, Seattle, 28; Buxton, Minnesota, 25; Andrus, Texas, 24; Betts, Boston, 24; Cain, Kansas City, 24.  
**PITCHING** Bauer, Cleveland, 16-8; Kluber, Cleveland, 16-4; Sale, Boston, 16-7; Carrasco, Cleveland, 15-6; Pomeranz, Boston, 15-5; ESantana, Minnesota, 15-7; Vargas, Kansas City, 15-10; Bundy, Baltimore, 13-9; 6 tied at 12.  
**ERA** Kluber, Cleveland, 2.44; Sale, Boston, 2.76; Severino, New York, 2.96; Gray, New York, 3.17; Stroman, Toronto, 3.18; Cashner, Texas, 3.19; Pomeranz, Boston, 3.35; Carrasco, Cleveland, 3.41; ESantana, Minnesota, 3.45; Verlander, Houston, 3.58.  
**STRIKEOUTS** Sale, Boston, 278; Kluber, Cleveland, 243; Archer, Tampa Bay, 235; Severino, New York, 211; Carrasco, Cleveland, 201; Verlander, Houston, 192; Bauer, Cleveland, 177; Porcello, Boston, 167; Estrada, Toronto, 166; Tanaka, New York, 165.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**BATTING** Blackmon, Colorado, .335; JTurner, Los Angeles, .326; Harper, Washington, .325; Murphy, Washington, .321; Posey, San Francisco, .320; LeMahieu, Colorado, .316; Votto, Cincinnati, .314; Arenado, Colorado, .309; Inciarte, Atlanta, .308; Goldschmidt, Arizona, .307.  
**RUNS** Blackmon, Colorado, 129; Stanton, Miami, 111; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 103; Gordon, Miami, 99; Bryant, Chicago, 96; Votto, Cincinnati, 95; Harper, Washington, 92; Arenado, Colorado, 90; LeMahieu, Colorado, 90; Rizzo, Chicago, 90.  
**RBI** Arenado, Colorado, 123; Stanton, Miami, 113; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 112; Ozuna, Miami, 110; Rizzo, Chicago, 102; Lamb, Arizona, 99; Duvall, Cincinnati, 96; Zimmerman, Washington, 95; Reynolds, Colorado, 93; Votto, Cincinnati, 93.  
**HITS** Blackmon, Colorado, 196; Inciarte, Atlanta, 187; Gordon, Miami, 175; LeMahieu, Colorado, 173; Arenado, Colorado, 171; Ozuna, Miami, 168; Votto, Cincinnati, 158; Murphy, Washington, 157; Yelich, Miami, 157; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 154.  
**DOUBLES** Arenado, Colorado, 42; Murphy, Washington, 40; Herrera, Philadelphia, 38; Markakis, Atlanta, 36; Rendon, Washington,

36; Yelich, Miami, 35; Drury, Arizona, 34; Bryant, Chicago, 33; Duvall, Cincinnati, 33; Taylor, Los Angeles, 33.  
**TRIPLES** Blackmon, Colorado, 14; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 9; Fowler, St. Louis, 8; Arenado, Colorado, 7; Cozart, Cincinnati, 7; Gordon, Miami, 7; 7 tied at 6.  
**HOME RUNS** Stanton, Miami, 54; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 36; Blackmon, Colorado, 34; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 34; Votto, Cincinnati, 34; Arenado, Colorado, 33; Ozuna, Miami, 33; Duvall, Cincinnati, 31; Rizzo, Chicago, 31; Zimmerman, Washington, 31.  
**STOLEN BASES** Hamilton, Cincinnati, 58; Gordon, Miami, 52; TTurner, Washington, 39; Villar, Milwaukee, 23; Peraza, Cincinnati, 22; Inciarte, Atlanta, 21; Reyes, New York, 20; 4 tied at 19.  
**PITCHING** Davies, Milwaukee, 17-8; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 17-3; Greinke, Arizona, 16-6; Arrieta, Chicago, 14-9; Gonzalez, Washington, 14-7; Scherzer, Washington, 14-5; Wood, Los Angeles, 14-3; deGrom, New York, 14-9; 4 tied at 13.  
**ERA** Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.12; Scherzer, Washington, 2.32; Strasburg, Washington, 2.64; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.68; Greinke, Arizona, 3.00; Lynn, St. Louis, 3.01; Martinez, St. Louis, 3.33; Arrieta, Chicago, 3.48; Nelson, Milwaukee, 3.49; Urena, Miami, 3.61.  
**STRIKEOUTS** Scherzer, Washington, 239; deGrom, New York, 221; Greinke, Arizona, 200; Martinez, St. Louis, 200; Nelson, Milwaukee, 199; Ray, Arizona, 196; Samardzija, San Francisco, 190; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 188; Strasburg, Washington, 182; Cole, Pittsburgh, 178.

## NFL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	21	12
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	1	0	.000	27	42
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	12	21

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	29	7
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	16	26
Houston	0	1	0	.000	7	29
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	9	46

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	20	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	21	18
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	18	21
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	0	20

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	26	16
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	42	27
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	21	24

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	30	17
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	19	3
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	3	19
Washington	0	1	0	.000	17	30

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	19	29

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	35	23
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	29	19
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	17	9
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	17	23

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	46	9
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	9	17
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	23	35
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	3	23

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Cincinnati, 8:25 p.m.

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
 Arizona at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
 New England at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
 Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.  
 Miami at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
 Washington at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.  
 Dallas at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
 Green Bay at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.

### MONDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.

## WNBA PLAYOFFS

### SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-5) (x-if necessary)  
 Minnesota 1, Washington 0  
 Tuesday, Sept. 12: Minnesota 101, Washington 81  
 Thursday, Sept. 14: Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Sunday, Sept. 17: Minnesota at Washington, 3 p.m.  
 x-Tuesday, Sept. 19: Minnesota at Washington, TBD  
 x-Thursday, Sept. 21: Washington at Minnesota, TBD  
 Los Angeles 1, Phoenix 0  
 Tuesday, Sept. 12: Los Angeles 79, Phoenix 66  
 Thursday, Sept. 14: Phoenix vs. Los Angeles at Long Beach, Calif., 10 p.m.  
 Sunday, Sept. 17: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 5 p.m.  
 x-Tuesday, Sept. 19: Los Angeles at Phoenix, TBD  
 x-Thursday, Sept. 21: Phoenix at Los Angeles, TBD

## USC FOOTBALL

# South Carolina great Hawkins dies at age 80

COLUMBIA (AP) — Longtime NFL running back and University of South Carolina standout Alex Hawkins died Tuesday in Columbia. He was 80.

Hawkins, born in West Virginia, became the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year in 1958. His junior season, Hawkins led the Gamecocks in passing, rushing, scoring and punt returns in 1957.

Hawkins played 10 NFL

seasons, eight for the Baltimore Colts and two with Atlanta. Hawkins played on the NFL title team in 1959 in Baltimore and also on the Colt 1968 NFL championship squad. In 125 career games, he rushed for 787 yards and 10 touchdowns. Hawkins also caught 129 passes for 1,715 yards and 12 touchdowns.

He was inducted into the South Carolina's athletic hall of fame in 1970.

## AREA ROUNDUP

# TSA volleyball now 10-0

DALZELL — The Thomas Sumter Academy varsity volleyball team swept Williamsburg Academy on Wednesday by scores of 25-17, 25-16 and 25-15.

Taja Hunley led the Lady Generals with 20 kills. Anita Cooney-Gam added 15 kills, while Karleigh Young and Carmen Silvester added four kills each.

Josie Reed set 20 assists and Sydney Daniel set 18 for TSA, who improved to 10-0 and will travel to Palmetto Christian today.

### CAROLINA FOREST 3 SUMTER 1

Sumter dropped a Region VI-5A match to Carolina Forest 3-1 on Wednesday at the SHS gymnasium.

Game scores were 25-21, 21-15, 25-8 and 25-20 in favor of the Lady Panthers.

The Lady Gamecocks are now 6-4 on the year and 0-2 in region play and will travel to West Florence today.

### CRESTWOOD 3 LAKEWOOD 1

Crestwood defeated rival Lakewood 3-1 on Tuesday at The Castle by scores of 25-19, 25-14, 23-25 and 25-16.

For the Lady Gators, Emily McDonald had five aces, two kills and six assists. Ariana Jackson had six kills and an ace and Rachell Harglerode had 10 assists.

Amiyah Pickney finished with four aces and five kills for LHS, while Taylor McPhail had two aces and three kills.

Lakewood travels to Wilson today.

## VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

### SUMTER SWEEPS LAKEWOOD MEET

Sumter High School's boys and girls cross coun-

try teams each finished in first place at a 3-team meet with Crestwood and Lakewood on Wednesday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

Sumter's boys finished with 15 points while Lakewood was second with 61. The Knights did not have enough runners to qualify in the team score.

Brandon Poston led the way for the Gamecocks with a time of 17:48.

On the girls side, Sumter again won with 15 points followed by Lakewood with 51 and Crestwood with 78.

Lorien Clark paced the Lady Gamecocks with a time of 23:24.

## VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

### WILSON HALL 8 LAURENCE MANNING 1

Wilson Hall improved to 6-0 with an 8-1 victory over Laurence Manning Academy on Wednesday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

The Lady Barons will play Pee Dee Academy today in Florence.

### SINGLES

- 1 — Z. Beasley (WH) defeated Mason Ham 6-0, 6-0.
- 2 — Guldán (WH) defeated Rickenbaker 6-0, 6-0.
- 3 — E. Beasley (WH) defeated Madison Ham 6-1, 6-1.
- 4 — Davis (WH) defeated Davis 6-1, 6-0.
- 5 — Allred (WH) defeated Tsukelas 6-0, 6-0.
- 6 — Land (WH) defeated Burns 6-1, 6-1.

### DOUBLES

- 1 — Davis/Guldán (WH) defeated Mason Ham/Davis 8-1.
- 2 — E. Beasley/Allred (WH) defeated Madison Ham/Tsukelas 8-1.
- 3 — Rickenbaker/Burns (LMA) defeated Areford/Singleton 8-4.

## JV VOLLEYBALL

### WILLIAMSBURG 2 THOMAS SUMTER 0

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy fell to Williamsburg Academy 2-0 on Wednesday at Edens Gymnasium by scores of 25-9 and 25-14.

Lindsay Daniel had four kills to lead the Lady Generals, who will travel to Palmetto Christian today.

## PRO FOOTBALL

# Dalton, Watson the focus as Bengals, Texans square off today

CINCINNATI (AP) — Andy Dalton was dreadful in the Bengals' opener, turning over the ball five times and finishing with the second-lowest passer rating of his career. He'll have one thing in his favor Thursday night: He tends not to let bad days linger.

The crowd at Paul Brown Stadium will get on Dalton if he comes out subpar when the Bengals host the Texans, with both teams coming off lopsided opening losses. Dalton, who grew up in the Houston suburb of Katy, has struggled throughout his career against the Texans' in-your-face defense.

"We had a down game, I had a down game," Dalton said. "I've just got to go back and play like I know I can play."

History is on his side. He matched his career high with four interceptions and lost a fumble during a 20-0 loss to the Ravens on Sunday, the first time Cincinnati was shut out in a home opener. The crowd of 55,254 — 10,000 below stadium capacity — jeered him off the field. Dalton's passer rating of 28.4 was the second lowest of his career.

His only worse game was against the Browns in 2014, when he threw three interceptions at Paul Brown Stadium and had a rating of 2.0 during a 24-3 loss. Dalton followed it with a big game in a 27-10 win at New Orleans, throwing for



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Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) assesses the defense during the second half of the Texans' game Sunday in Houston.

three touchdowns and a rating of 143.9 that is the second best of his career.

"He's very competitive and very particular about things," coach Marvin Lewis said.

Dalton is 1-5 career against his hometown team, including a pair of first-round playoff losses. He



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Cleveland fans celebrate Wednesday's 5-3 victory over Detroit at Progressive Field in Cleveland. The Indians set the American League record with their 21st consecutive victory

## INDIANS FROM PAGE B1

Cleveland's starters have gone 19-0 with a 1.70 ERA, they've outscored their opponents 139-35 and trailed in only four of 189 innings.

Incredibly, the Indians have hit more home runs (40) than their pitchers have given up in total runs.

And while they've racked up win after win, the defending AL champs have reduced their magic number for winning their second straight AL Central title to four. They've passed the Houston Astros for the league's best record, which will come into play in the postseason because the team with the best record in each postseason series has the home-field advantage.

On Tuesday, the Indians tied the league mark of 20 straight wins held by the "Moneyball" 2002 Oakland Athletics. And now that they're alongside the '35 Cubs, the Indians have a realistic shot of running down the '16 Giants.

Cleveland opens four-game series on Thursday against Kansas City, which was outscored 20-0 on its three-day visit last month.

With a shot at AL history, Clevenger took the mound with Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" blasting through the ballpark's sound system, and Cleveland's crowd came to rock — and witness history — on a mostly sunny day.

Some parents kept their kids home from school and brought them to Progressive Field to see a once-in-a-lifetime event Cleveland residents may remember more than any solar eclipse. They cheered every two-strike count like it was October and there was something much bigger on the line. Those days aren't far off, and the Indians have viewed the streak as a perfect postseason warm-up as they try to end a Series title drought dating to 1948.

Clevenger, who didn't allow a run in 18 innings over his three previous starts, was down 1-0 in the first after Jeimer Candelario touched him for a two-out RBI double.

But as they have done for the past three weeks, the Indians responded as Bruce, who arrived in a trade from the Mets last month, connected for a three-run shot into the left-field bleachers.

The Indians made it 4-1 in the third on Edwin Encarnacion's flare RBI single.

Cleveland's lead shrunk to 4-3 in the sixth, when third baseman Yandy Diaz's throwing error helped the Tigers score a pair of unearned runs. However, while costly, it didn't derail the Indians.

After Corey Kluber pitched a five-hit shutout on Tuesday, the Indians didn't have much time to rest before they were back at the ballpark to finish their series against the Tigers, who have dropped 11 of 12 to Cleveland.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

**Tigers:** OF Mikie Mahtook missed his fifth consecutive game after being scratched from a Sept. 9 game against Toronto with left groin soreness. Manager Brad Ausmus said Mahtook was "getting closer, but he's not ready."

**Indians:** All-Star reliever Andrew Miller will be activated from the disabled list Thursday following his second stint on the disabled list with knee tendinitis. The team plans to ease Miller back, using him for an out or two before ramping up his workload to get him ready for the postseason.

### UP NEXT

The Indians' Josh Tomlin, who is 5-0 with a 2.57 ERA in his last six outings, starts the opener against Royals rookie Jakob Junis.

## LEE FROM PAGE B1

Region IV-2A play on Friday at Stallions Stadium against another undefeated team in Buford, which is 3-0.

"We came out and threw the ball early (last) Friday and I was excited that we were not afraid to do that," Danner said. "We threw an interception on a wide-open guy, but even with the misread, we were not gunshy about coming back and throwing again."

"As the run game struggled, we took a shot later on and connected and it ending up being the most beneficial part of the game."

Lee Central also shined defensively — as it has all year. Columbia's lone score came on a special teams play as the defense didn't allow anything. Shileake Albert had a 5-yard interception return that accounted for LCHS' other score and it also got a game-clinching interception from TyRique Jones.

Overall, teams have put up just 31 points (7.8 points per game average) against the Stallions this year.

"They have an excellent running back and he hurt us a year ago," Danner said. "Our defense and our coaching staff really took it as a challenge to really lock in on him and limit his big plays. I thought we had a good game plan and the guys executed it well."

Danner said his squad will have to

clean some things up offensively moving forward, however. Penalties and self-inflicted wounds were big reasons why the Stallions struggled to score more points than they did, he said.

"We have to capitalize on our opportunities in the red zone," Danner said. "We can't go backwards. I think Friday night we hurt ourselves. Being in good field position and then there's a holding call or an illegal shift. Or being around the goal line and we jump early. Those things will hurt you."

Now the focus shifts to the Yellow Jackets, who have outscored opponents 99-75 in three games. Two of Buford's wins have come by a combined six points.

"They've been finding ways to win," Danner said. "One thing that stands out watching film is that they're really well-coached and they play hard. They play for four quarters and it's going to take four quarters of good football to win."

This will likely be the biggest test for the LCHS defense as well, Danner added.

"They're a spread attack and they're very balanced between run and pass," he said. "Their quarterback is definitely the leader. He does a great job with his arm and with his feet and he finds ways to extend the play."

"So we really have to lock into how they're planning to attack us."

## PREP SCHEDULE

### TODAY

#### JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sumter at Lakewood, 6:30 p.m.  
Lee Central at Buford, 6 p.m.  
Wilson Hall at Porter-Gaud, 7 p.m.  
Orangeburg Prep at Laurence Manning, 7 p.m.  
Clarendon Hall at Northside Christian, 6:30 p.m.

#### B TEAM FOOTBALL

Wilson Hall at Porter-Gaud, 5 p.m.  
Orangeburg Prep at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Robert E. Lee at Pee Dee, 6 p.m.

#### VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

Wilson Hall at Carolina, 4 p.m.

#### VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

Sumter at West Florence, 5 p.m.  
Wilson Hall at Pee Dee, 4 p.m.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

Wilson Hall at Cardinal Newman, 4 p.m.

#### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Crestwood at Darlington, 6 p.m.

#### VARSITY AND JV VOLLEYBALL

Sumter at West Florence, 5:30 p.m.  
Lakewood at Wilson, 5:30 p.m.  
Hannah-Pamplico at East Clarendon, 5 p.m.  
Cardinal Newman at Wilson Hall, 4:15 p.m.  
Laurence Manning at Carolina, 4 p.m.  
Thomas Sumter at Palmetto Christian, 4 p.m.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Alice Drive at Chestnut Oaks, 5 p.m.

Bates at Mayewood, 5 p.m.  
Furman at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY

#### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Lakewood at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.  
Crestwood at Marion, 7:30 p.m.  
Manning at South Florence, 7:30 p.m.  
Buford at Lee Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Lamar at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.  
Scott's Branch at Edisto, 7:30 p.m.  
Cardinal Newman at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Heathwood Hall at Laurence Manning, 7:30 p.m.  
Augusta Christian at Thomas Sumter, 7:30 p.m.  
Pee Dee at Robert E. Lee, 7:30 p.m.  
Clarendon Hall at Patrick Henry, 7:30 p.m.

#### VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

Sumter Christian at Northside Christian, 5 p.m.

### SATURDAY

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Manning at Alice Drive, 10 a.m.  
Bates at Hillcrest, 10 a.m.  
Mayewood at Chestnut Oaks, 10 a.m.  
Ebenezer at Furman, 10 a.m.

#### VARSITY SWIMMING

Socastee at Sumter, TBA  
Wilson Hall in Pinewood Prep Invitational (in Mt. Pleasant), TBA

### SUNDAY

#### VARSITY AND JV EQUESTRIAN

Wilson Hall in Interscholastic Equestrian Association Competition (at Top Call Farm in Tryon, N.C.), TBA

## BRANCH FROM PAGE B1

"It gives us a lot of confidence," Lesesne said of the big win over Bamberg. "But we've still got to stay focused and take each game as it comes. We've just got to keep being aggressive and attack."

The Eagles hope to get more standout performances from Lesesne and the entire defense. He had 12 tackles, six for a loss, a quarterback sack and a fumble recovery. As a whole, the defense forced four turnovers.

"I think the big thing was the kids just did what they were supposed to do," Scott's Branch head coach Wayne Farmer said. "(Assistant) Coach Kevin Miller did a great job as far as preparing them and getting them ready. We just did our assignments. The kids kept their heads up and tackled hard."

"...Bamberg is usually a team year in and year out that doesn't beat themselves. So it sort of turned around that we didn't turn the ball over and beat ourselves and we were able

to take advantage of their mistakes."

Two of the B-E turnovers resulted in short fields for the Eagles offense and it took quick advantage. Fullback Marquise Thomas scored both of the touchdowns for SBHS, including the first one on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line. That broke a scoreless tie in the third quarter and the Eagles added on from there.

"The biggest thing now is we have to put the Bamberg game behind us," Farmer said. "We've got to move on to the next opponent which is Edisto and they're having a good year. We know we can play with the better teams, we just have to go out and play our assignments like we did last week."

The Cougars are 2-1 on the season as well. They've won two games in a row after being shut out 26-0 in the opener against Orangeburg-Wilkinson. Edisto has outscored its last two opponents 53-20.

Scott's Branch has allowed just six points outside of the ugly loss to Manning and the Eagles are still averaging 22.7 points per game offensively.

## USC FROM PAGE B1

"Each one of us rotating in, we all have fresh legs coming in," he said. "As far as the defense, they have to keep most of the same guys out there. That's an advantage for us."

"We've got to stay loose, stay ready, and when we get in the game go out there and perform. One of us starts it and one of us finishes it."

Williams wished he had been able to get those few extra inches for the touchdown on his long run. He stretched out his right arm with the ball, trying to get the touchdown. After a long review, the

officials decided he came up just short.

"Kind of sad I didn't score," said Williams, who upon his further review thought he did break the plain of the goal line with his stretch. "I'll have to dive in there next time and hit that pylon."

Williams and the Gamecocks are preparing for their first home game on Saturday, playing host to 2-0 Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. With that, Williams is having to deal with getting family and friends in Williams-Brice Stadium.

"Trying to get as many as I can," Williams said. "A lot of them are coming up; I'm just trying to get stuff arranged so everybody can make it in."

## OBITUARIES

### MERLENIA H. BROWN

GABLE — Merlenia Ham Brown, 60, wife of James Edward Brown, died on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.

Funeral services for Mrs. Brown will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. John AWE

Church, Workmen community, Kingstree, with the Rev. Fredrick Johnson, pastor, officiating, the Rev. Samuel Sparks presiding and Minister

Brain Fulmore and Evangelist Sylvia McFadden assisting. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

Wake services and Eastern Star rites will be held at 6 p.m. today at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel.

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

### WILLIAM C. PLOWDEN JR.

NEW ZION — William Coskrey Plowden Jr., 99, wid-

ower of Ruth Pearson Wilbur Plowden, died on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Sardinia Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert M. Jolly Jr. and the Rev. Dr. Gordon K. Reed officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow at New Zion United Methodist Church cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Stephens Funeral Home.

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

### VERNON ROY GEDDINGS

Vernon Roy Geddings, 63, husband of Ann Gamble Geddings, died on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, at his home.

Born in Sumter to the late

Roy and Helen Bantz Geddings, Vernon was the owner and operator of Danny's Trophy Shop. He was a member of the Sumter Jaycees, the Sumter Touchdown Club and was a PARD softball sponsor. Vernon was an avid Gamecock sports fan, dirt track racing fan and former P-15's assistant baseball coach. He was a member of Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Taylor Gamble Geddings and Parker Daniel Geddings; a niece, Mary Baird (Michael); and a nephew, Mason Geddings, all of Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Nick Cheek and the Rev. Chuck Staggs officiating. Burial will follow in Sumter Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. today at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fraser

Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1746 U.S. 521, Sumter, SC 29153.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sumterfunerals.com](http://www.sumterfunerals.com).

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



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### LOUISE L. WALTERS

SUMMERTON — Louise Livingston Walters, 89, widow of John Walters, entered into eternal rest on Sept. 12, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

Born in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of the late Harry Sr. and Sylian Green Livingston.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1287 Rapid Edge Trail, St. Paul community, Summerton. Professional services en-

trusted to Dyson's Home for Funerals, 237 Main St., Summerton, (803) 485-4280.

### KELVIN B. MCKINNEY

RIDGEWAY — Kelvin Bernard McKinney, 52, died on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

He was born on July 26, 2017, in Manning, a son of Ada Mae Davis McKinney and the late Benjamin "BJ" McKinney.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his mother, 1162 McKinney Road, Manning.

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

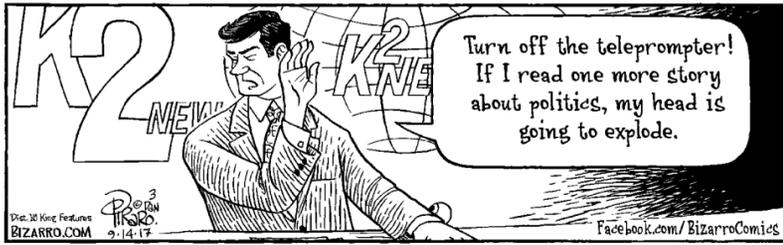
### ROBERT TINDAL

MANNING — Robert Tindal, 71, died on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, at his residence, 1240 Archer Ave., Manning.

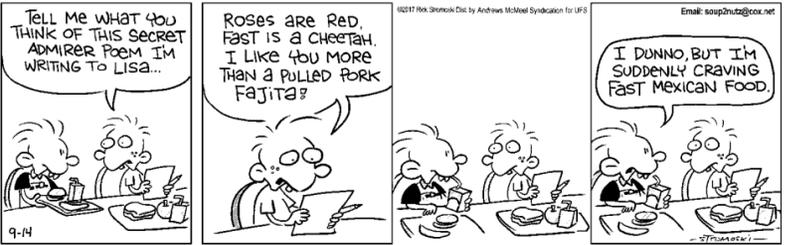
He was born on Feb. 22, 1946, in Center, Texas, a son of the late James Tindal Sr. and Juanita Chumley Tindal.

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**SOUP TO NUTZ**



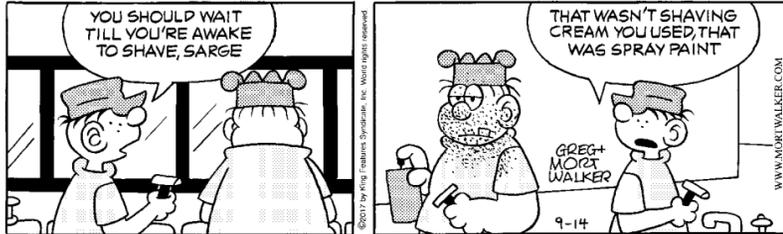
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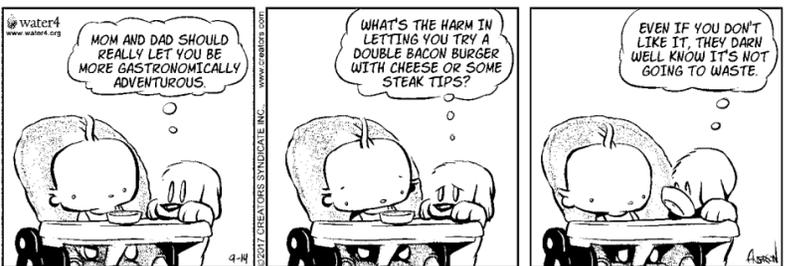
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*Pressure from boyfriend causes teen concern*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — I am a 16-year-old girl in a somewhat happy relationship. When I first started dating my boyfriend, he was all about it, as was I. But now it seems like he's only interested in sex. He's always asking me to send him videos and pictures of myself nude, and I just keep telling him I'm not ready for anything like that. I also don't think he is understanding my comfort zone about the topic of us having sex. I have told my friends. They say I'm in an unhealthy

relationship because he might pressure me into something I don't want to do. So now, I'm debating whether or not to break up with him. Do you think I should stay with him or break up with him?  
*Teen in Edmonton, Canada*

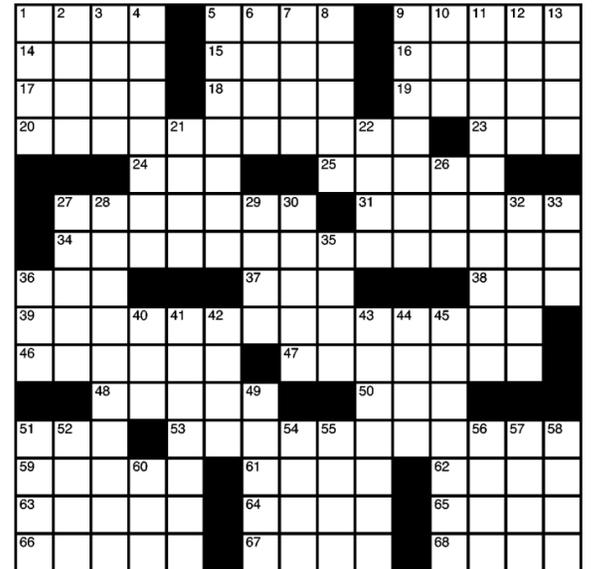
**DEAR TEEN** — Your friends are right. This romance doesn't appear to be headed anywhere healthy. Naked pictures are considered pornographic and could get you and that young man in serious trouble. Surely you are aware that once something gets on the internet, it's in the public domain forever. Once you have sent your boyfriend the pictures, they could wind up passed around and viewed by everyone at your school. Your resolve not to have

sex may be rock solid, but even granite can eventually be eroded by a constant drip of water. Don't think for one moment he doesn't understand how you feel about not having sex with him. If he cared about your comfort zone, he would stop bringing the subject up and trying to wear you down. Because he persists, you should break up with him.

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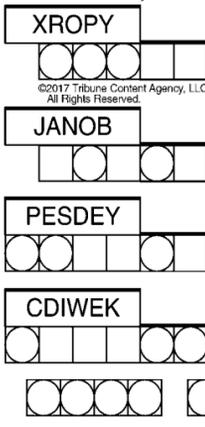
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**JUMBLE**

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.



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

(Answers tomorrow)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: BUILD COMIC FALLEN RADIUS  
Answer: When the Jumble creators realized they'd forgotten to make a puzzle, they — SCRAMBLED

**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

1	2	8	9	3	6	5	4	7
3	4	5	7	8	1	6	2	9
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Justin Theroux, Olivia Munn.	American Ninja Warrior "Denver City Finals" Competitors battle before the finals. (DVS)	Chicago Fire "Telling Her Goodbye" A street gang invades Firehouse 51. (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Jake Gyllenhaal; Jane Goodall; Yo Gotti. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory "The Gyroscopic Collapse" (N)	(:31) Mom Christy adopts a healthy lifestyle. (Live)	Big Brother Eviction; head of household competition. (N)	Zoo "West Side Story" Team's plane crashes in the hybrid zone. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert John Dickerson; Michael Rapaport.	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Teacher's Week" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Celebrity Family Feud Paula Deen versus Carson Kressley. (DVS)	Truth and Lies: The Murder of Laci Peterson: The pregnant California woman's murder.	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Stephen Colbert, Nina Dobrev; Dustin Lynch" Stephen Colbert; Nina Dobrev. (N)			
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe "Venice: City of Dreams"	Palmetto Scene SC Hall of Fame.	"The Making of a Lady" (2012, Drama) Lydia Wilson, Joanna Lumley, Linus Roache. A man plans to kill a pregnant woman to gain a fortune.	Rick Steves Special: Luther and the Reformation: The Reformation.	JFK & LBJ: A Time for Greatness: President Johnson transforms America. (DVS)	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N)		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Jerusalem Duality"	The Big Bang Theory "The Romance Resonance"	Beat Shazam "Episode Fourteen" (Season Finale) Music teachers; lunch ladies. (N) (DVS)	Love Connection "Secret Billionaire" (Season Finale) A billionaire goes on three dates. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Sports Zone	2 Broke Girls Dog-sitting at a lavish apartment.	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike thinks Kyle is going to propose.	Last Man Standing Ryan backs out of an agreement.	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Penn & Teller Are Full of Hot Air" Liberty; Jorge Blass; Paul Gertner. (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Danielle Panabaker" (N)	Bones	Bones	To Be Announced		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>												
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "The Invitation" A young man shot to death at a party.	The First 48 "Love Kills" A 20-year-old single mother disappears. (N)	(:01) The First 48 "In a Lonely Place" Murdered woman found in car trunk. (12:01) The First 48 "Love Kills"							
AMC	48	180	*** "The Italian Job" (2003) Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron.	*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.	*** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.							
ANPL	41	100	Lone Star Law "Gator vs. Dog"	Yukon Men: Roughing It (N)	Yukon Men: Roughing It (N)							
BET	61	162	** "Nuttty Professor II: The Klumps" (2000, Comedy) Eddie Murphy.	** "The Wedding Ringer" (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Josh Gad, Affion Crockett. A groom must hire a best man for his upcoming nuptials.	Yukon Men: Roughing It (N)							
BRAVO	47	181	Flipping Out "Well, Hello, Monroe" Jeff and Gage await their baby's birth.	Flipping Out Jeff and Gage bring baby Monroe home.	Flipping Out "Baby Brain" Jeff refuses to slow down. (N)							
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank							
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)							
COM	57	136	(6:50) Futurama "The Deep South"	(:25) South Park	South Park "Cancelled"							
DISN	18	200	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Raven's Home "Dancing Tween"							
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid "Battle of the Fans" Six fans get selected for a challenge. (N)	Naked and Afraid "Washed Out"							
ESPN	26	35	College Football Countdown (N)	College Football New Mexico at Boise State. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	27	39	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball Washington Mystics at Minnesota Lynx. Semifinal, Game 2. (N)	WNBA Basketball Phoenix Mercury at Los Angeles Sparks. Semifinal, Game 2.							
FOOD	40	109	Chopped "Fig Out"	Chopped "Bizarre Baskets!"	The Zimmern List							
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	The Zimmern List							
FREE	20	131	(5:15) *** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint.	*** "Home Alone" (1990, Children's) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house.	*** "Bring It On: In It to Win It"							
FSS	21	47	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Washington Nationals. From Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. (N) (Live)	Braves Live! Post.	3 Aces: Glavine							
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing							
HGTV	39	112	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop							
HIST	45	110	Mountain Men "Long Shot"	Mountain Men "Fully Loaded" (N)	Mountain Men "Race to Ruin" (N)							
ION	13	18	Blue Bloods "Friends in Need" A reckless rookie causes problems.	Blue Bloods "Town Without Pity" Frank helps a rehabilitated ex-con.	Blue Bloods "Down the Rabbit Hole" A killer leaves a message for Danny.							
LIFE	50	145	Project Runway "A Leap of Innovation!" Creating an innovative design.	Project Runway The Heidi Klum Sleep-wear challenge. (N)	Project Runway "Descending Into Good and Evil" The designers' (3:2) Project Runway (N)							
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)							
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	I Am Frankie (N)	** "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (2014, Action) Megan Fox, Will Arnett.							
SPIKE	64	153	Friends	Friends	*** "The Dark Knight Rises" (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane.							
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) ** "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (2013) Dwayne Johnson. Threats from within the government jeopardize the G.I. Joes.	** "The Book of Eli" (2010, Adventure) Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis. A lone warrior carries hope across a post-apocalyptic wasteland.	** "Sucker Punch" (2011) Emily Browning. A girl's dream world provides an escape from a dark reality.							
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Wait Out"	Seinfeld "The Invitations"	Seinfeld "The Foundation"							
TCM	49	186	(6:15) **** "Casablanca" (1942, Drama) Humphrey Bogart. (DVS)	*** "I Love You, Alice B. Toklas" (1968) Peter Sellers. A middle-aged lawyer joins the hippie revolution.	(:45) *** "Butterflies Are Free" (1972) Goldie Hawn, Edward Albert. A scatterbrained actress and a blind neighbor find romance. (DVS)							
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life Twins decide they need to lose weight.	My 600-Lb. Life "Kirsten's Story" Kirsten is close to losing all mobility.	(:02) My 600-Lb. Life Twins decide they need to lose weight.							
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Bond in the Boot" Wendell loses his scholarship.	** "Vacation" (2015, Comedy) Ed Helms, Christina Applegate, Skyler Gisondo. Rusty Griswold and family take a road trip to Walley World. (DVS)	(:01) ** "Vacation" (2015, Comedy) Ed Helms, Christina Applegate, Skyler Gisondo. Rusty Griswold and family take a road trip to Walley World. (DVS)							
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers							
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) M*A*S*H "Foreign Affairs"							
USA	25	132	NCIS "Capitol Offense" Senator asks Gibbs for help. (DVS)	NCIS "Love Boat" A man's body is found on a destroyer. (DVS)	NCIS "Shell Game" The team investigates an abduction. (DVS)							
WE	68	166	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)							
WGNA	8	172	Cops Screams.	Cops	Cops							

# Emmy-nominated Adlon, 'Better Things' return

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Where does frank, bracing honesty end and self-indulgence begin? As the second season of "Better Things" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA) begins, we see Sam (Pamela Adlon) facing the camera and engaged in some breathing exercises. She's trying to "center" herself. Then the camera pulls back to reveal that she's on the toilet. It retreats farther still to see her stand up and wield a plunger. So much for being centered.

Then she leaves the bathroom, and we learn that she's at a party. Or, rather, hosting a party filled with children, friends, friends of children and frenemies who reject a lavishly catered buffet to make special dietary demands. We quickly get the sense that Sam would rather retreat to her private room and her plumbing problems.

As the party limps from one awkward scene to the next, Sam's youngest entertains her friends with a game of Truth or Dare that quickly gets uncomfortable. And, in a plot development that's perhaps a tad too obvious, we see that nearly every adult conversation in this Hollywood milieu is a game of Truth or Dare. Are the children unusually precocious, or are the adults simply childish?

For the uninitiated, Adlon, a voice-over actress best known for voicing Bobby from "King of the Hill," plays Sam, a working actress and single mother. Her auditions often put her face to face with stars, including Julie Bowen, David Duchovny and Lenny Kravitz, who all cameo as themselves. But Sam's full-time gig is single motherhood and all its attendant angst.

Speaking of angst, "Better" is co-produced with Louis



Pamela Adlon stars as Sam Fox on "Better Things," beginning its second season at 10 p.m. today on FX.

C.K. (who cast Adlon in his FX series, "Louie"). It shares his signature style of bitter-sweet humor and deadpan performances. The major difference is that "Better" takes place in a Los Angeles circle that seems more affluent than C.K.'s drab, single-dad Manhattan existence.

At its "warmest," "Better Things" can seem like "Parenthood" without the hugs. Adlon has been nominated for an Emmy in the lead actress in a comedy category. The Emmy Awards will be broadcast on Sunday.

• Sundance Now, AMC Networks' subscription streaming service, debuts "Riviera," a rather slick 10-part thriller, starring Julia Stiles and set on the posh French coast. Neil Jordan created the series but has distanced himself from the final product. I can't say I blame him.

• The Cincinnati Bengals host

the Houston Texans (8:25 p.m., NFL). CBS begins broadcasting these Thursday night games on Sept. 28. Viewers can also stream the CBS feed on Amazon Prime on that date.

### TONIGHT'S SEASON FINALES

- Jamie Foxx hosts "Beat Shazam" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG).
- Andy Cohen hosts "Love Connection" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Movie madness on "Project Runway" (9 p.m., Lifetime, TV-PG).

- "Truth and Lies: The Murder of Laci Peterson" (9 p.m., ABC) revisits a grim mystery.
- A plane crash offers an opportunity on "Zoo" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Members of the squad are held hostage on "Chicago Fire" (10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

### SERIES NOTES

Highs and lows on "The Big Bang Theory" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) \* Denver finals of "American Ninja Warrior" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) \* Former reality TV stars play "Celebrity Family Feud" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Illusionists audition on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) \*

A healthy step forward on "Mom" (8:30 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* Stuck inside on "Big Brother" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) \* On two helpings of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (CW, TV-14), Danielle Panabaker (9 p.m.), Tony Cavalero (9:30 p.m., r).

### CULT CHOICE

A free spirit (Goldie Hawn) liberates her blind neighbor (Edward Albert) from his suffocating mother (Eileen Heckart) in the 1972 drama-comedy "Butterflies Are Free" (9:45 p.m., TCM).

### LATE NIGHT

Jill Soloway is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) \* Katy Tur and Taylor Tomlinson appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) \* John Dickerson, Michael Rapaport and Grizzly Bear are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Jake Gyllenhaal, Dr. Jane Goodall and Yo Gotti featuring Nicki Minaj on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Stephen Colbert, Nina Dobrev and Dustin Lynch appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) \* Jennifer Lawrence, Caitriona Balfe, Ezra Klein and Elaine Bradley visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Steve Harvey, Jenna Fischer and Prettymuch appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company

Plaintiff,

v.  
Thelita Sheleah Evans, Tajaddin Waleed Blackwell, Faderick Deon Galloway (a/k/a Frederick Deon Galloway), Steven Jackson, and Travis McCray Defendants.

**TO THE DEFENDANTS HEREIN: THELITA SHELEAH EVANS, TAJADDIN WALEED BLACKWELL, FADERICK DEON GALLOWAY (A/K/A FREDERICK DEON GALLOWAY), STEVEN JACKSON AND TRAVIS MCCRAY**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the undersigned attorneys at their offices, 2725 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29205, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment will be

### Summons & Notice

rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

#### NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (Declaratory Judgment Non-Jury)

**NOTICE** that the Complaint, Declaratory Judgment, Non-Jury in the above captioned matter was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Lexington County on the 10th day of May, 2017.

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