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Sumter Development Board Chairman Greg Thompson, left, shakes hands Wednesday with Mount Franklin Foods President and CEO Gary Ricco at Mount Franklin Nutritional's grand opening in Live Oak Industrial Park.

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Mount Franklin wants workers who have FDA-plant exposure

New plant manager details skill sets manufacturer is looking for

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter's newest manufacturer is looking for mainline employees with specific skills and experience preferably in a food plant atmosphere, ac-

cording to the plant's lead official. Brian Chapman, plant manager with Mount Franklin Nutritional's, made his comments Wednesday after the company's official grand opening and ribbon-cutting

ceremony in Live Oak Industrial Park. Mount Franklin will make functional gummies in multiple formats — to include multivitamins and niche-specific

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College receives \$1.3M grant

Federal money will be used for veterans program at college

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Central Carolina Technical College was recently awarded a federal Veterans Upward Bound grant for \$1.3 million, according to a news release. The program will serve 125 veterans per year from Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw counties at a cost of \$263,938 per year for five years for a total of \$1,319,690. The Veterans Upward Bound program is designed to prepare, motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other skills necessary for acceptance into and success in a program of post-secondary education. The program will fund the following new staff positions: veteran transition counselor, veteran academic counselor, administrative specialist and four part-time teaching assistants. The grant will also fund the expansion of the existing Veterans Resource Center, college and cultural exploration activities and provide small stipends to veterans who complete various program components. "We are excited to have the opportunity to better serve the veterans of our community. The Veteran Upward Bound grant provides much-needed funding for CCTC to partner with local VA offices, veteran-related service agencies and postsecondary partners to link veterans to educational and personal resources. Our goal is to assist veterans in reaching their personal, academic and financial goals," said vice president for student affairs Lisa Bracken. CCTC's Veterans Resource Center provides support with career services, academic and life skills workshops, tutoring and a wealth of available college and community resources. Some of the resources available to military-affiliated students are referral services regarding VA benefits, G.I. Bills and community veterans organizations as well as workshops in areas such as learning styles, test preparation, note taking,

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Rotarians' generosity makes for Happy Feet



Bill Price, above, a founding member of Rotary Club of Sumter Palmetto, ties a child's shoes during the club's fifth-annual Happy Feet initiative at Shoe Dept. on Broad Street on Thursday. More than 150 children received a free pair of shoes during the Rotary Club of Sumter Palmetto's Happy Feet community service initiative. The club organized the event which assisted 10 students from each public elementary school in Sumter. The participating students were given a \$30 voucher to select a pair of shoes. The vouchers were made available by money collected during the club's annual vidalia onion sale, which was used to match a grant provided through the Rotary Foundation. "This is very meaningful for us as a community service organization," said club president Tonya McGirt.

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2 arrested in botched drug deal

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A botched drug deal led to shots being fired and two arrests earlier this week.

According to a news release from Sumter Police Department, officers responded to a shots-fired call at about 10:50 a.m. on Monday on East Moore Street where a woman was reportedly seen firing a handgun at a man who returned fire before fleeing the area.

Officers later located a vehicle matching the description of the car that was seen during the incident and the passenger was identified as the female shooter.



ANTHONY



ROUSE

Davonna Q. Anthony, 27, of 116-A King St., was arrested on Monday and charged with attempted murder.

After further investigation, the male shooter was identified and the incident was linked to an illegal drug transaction, according to the release.

Officers apprehended Charles E. Rouse, 25, of 202 E. Moore St., on Tuesday and charged him with attempted murder.

Anthony and Rouse are both being held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

The investigation is ongoing.

STATE BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Man accused of enslaving mentally disabled worker

CONWAY — A South Carolina restaurant manager has been charged with abusing and enslaving a mentally challenged employee, according to information released Wednesday by federal authorities.

Bobby Paul Edwards, 52, of Conway pleaded not guilty to one count of forced labor; federal prosecutors said. He was ordered held without bail.

Edwards used abuse and threats to force 39-year-old John Christopher Smith to work as a J&J Cafeteria cook from 2009 until 2014, authorities said.

Court documents describe beatings with a belt, choking, slapping, punching with a closed fist and burning with tongs used in hot grease.

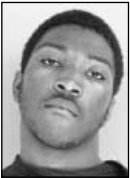
Smith has been diagnosed with delayed cognitive development that results in intellectual functioning significantly below average. He filed a federal lawsuit in 2015 against Edwards and the restaurant owner, saying he wasn't paid or given time off or benefits.

Teen arrested in shooting case

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter County Sheriff's Office arrested an 18-year-old man on Monday who allegedly shot a man multiple times on Commander Lane on Sunday.

Norris J. Wilson III, of 1824 Grasshopper Lane, Alcolu, is charged with attempted murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and



WILSON

Lane before fleeing the area on Sunday.

The victim, who told investigators

possession of a stolen weapon.

Warrants issued by the sheriff's office allege that Wilson intentionally shot the victim numerous times while in the roadway along Commander Lane before fleeing the area on Sunday.

The victim, who told investigators

the name of the person who reportedly shot him, has undergone surgery and is still in the hospital, according to a news release from the sheriff's office.

The release also states that Wilson admitted to investigators that he possessed a stolen firearm and showed officers where he hid the weapon.

Wilson is being held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center. His bond was denied.

1880 duel will be topic at society meeting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ben Blair will be the speaker and the Cash-Shannon Duel the topic for Monday's meeting of the Sumter County Genealogical Society. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Swan Lake Presbyterian Church, 912 Haynsworth St., and the public is invited to attend.

The 1880 Cash-Shannon Duel was the last publicly allowed duel in South Carolina and involved two former Confederate officers: Col. William Shannon of Camden and Col. E.B.C. Cash of Chesterfield. Following an insult from Cash, Shannon demanded satisfaction, and a duel was scheduled; Shannon was killed by Cash.

On Monday, Camden resident Blair will provide background on the duel, which he said was "the result of a mercenary scheme of Camden lawyers Shannon and William Lambert DePass to steal Midfield Plantation from its Ellerbe-Cash owners."

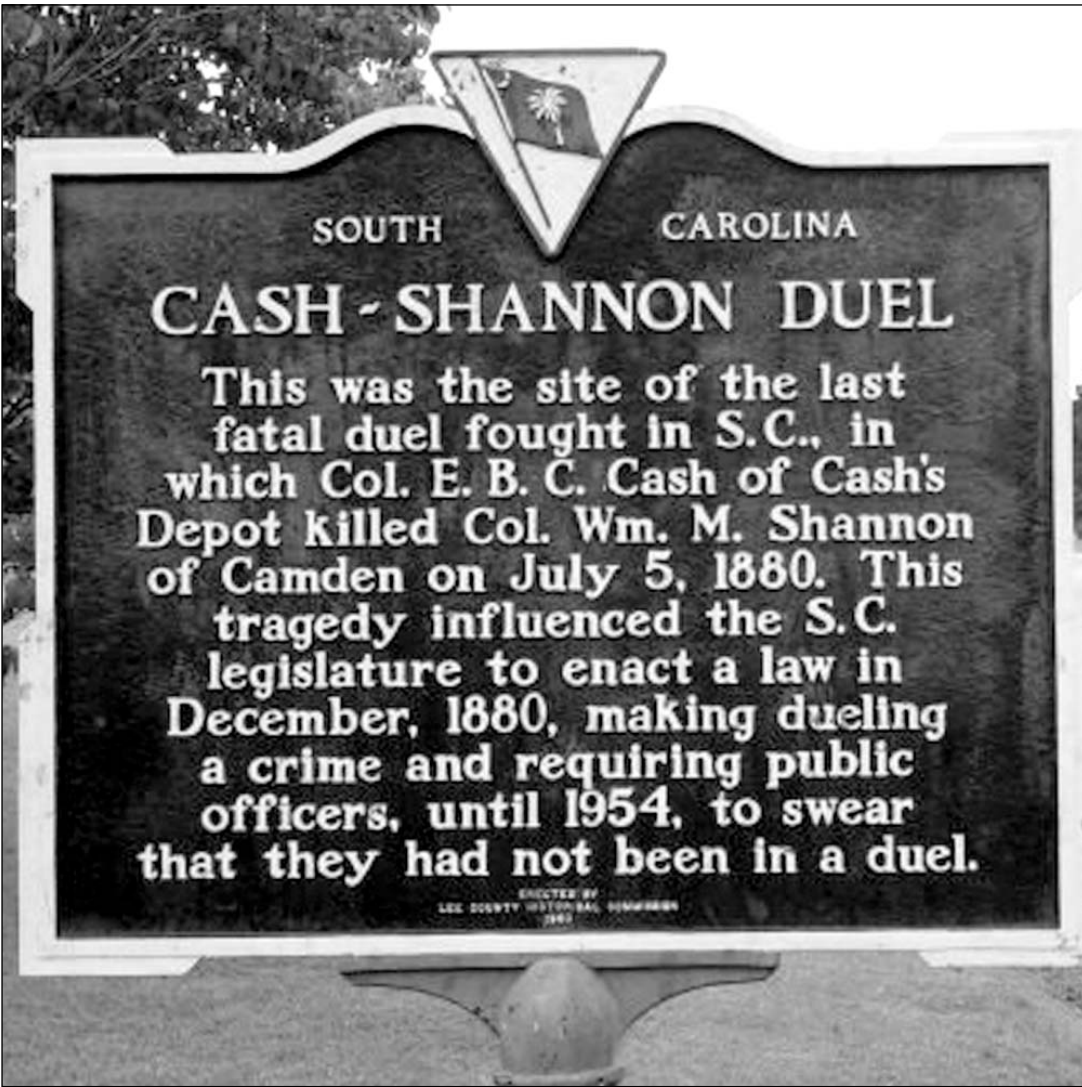


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A historical marker at the site of the Cash-Shannon Duel in Lee County commemorates the final fatal duel in South Carolina, which took place in 1880. Ben Blair of Camden will give a presentation on the duel at Monday's meeting of the Sumter County Genealogical Society.

honorary associate member of John D. Kennedy Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, a member of the Hampton Redshirts and a member of the Military History Society.

The Sumter County Genealogical Society meets

monthly from September through May. Admission is free to the public, and refreshments are served after the presentation. Interested persons can join the society at the meeting. Membership includes nine monthly newsletters during the year

and free use of the Sumter County Genealogical Society Research Center. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family membership.

For more information, call the research center at (803) 774-3901.

Manning will discuss sale of city property Monday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Manning City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St., in City Council Chambers.

Council will take public input and hear committee reports.

Mayor Julia Nelson will make a service award presentation to Thomas Ardis Jr., who is retiring after 23 years of service.

Council will receive a Tree City USA Award from Lois Edwards, urban forester for the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

Council will hear a presentation on the Clarendon County Library Community Needs Assessment from Susan Landfried, regional planner for the Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments.

A public hearing concerning the purchase of three police cars through a rural development project will be held.

Reports from the finance director, mayor and administrator will be heard and appointments will be considered.

Council will consider a resolution to adopt the updated City of Manning Police Department Police Policy and

Procedure Manual.

A resolution authorizing the city administrator to sign a mutual aid agreement with South Carolina Water & Wastewater Agency Response Network will be considered.

Council will hear members' comments.

An executive session will be held to discuss the sale of city property and proposed contract arrangements concerning public safety. Council may take action in open session after the conclusion of the executive session.

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Sneezing? Fight fall allergies with these tips

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fall has arrived, and the return of the cooler weather leaves you sneezing and sniffing.

If you are like the 30 million Americans whose symptoms typically flare in fall, you may be suffering from pollen allergy, allergic rhinitis or hay fever.

Like all allergies, hay fever stems from a glitch in the immune system. Instead of attacking harmful viruses or bacteria, the immune system tries to neutralize the pollen grains that fill the air from August through October.

“Inhaling these tiny particles triggers a cascade of reactions, resulting

in the release of histamine, a protein that causes these allergy symptoms,” said Dr. Lisa Heichberger of McLeod Primary Care Clarendon.

“In addition to sneezing, congestion and fatigue, histamine can cause coughing; post-nasal drip; itchy eyes, nose and throat; dark circles under the eyes; and asthma attacks.”

There are effective ways to control symptoms of hay fever besides medication. These methods include:

- Stay indoors with the doors and windows closed when pollen is at its peak.
- Before you turn on your heat for

the first time, clean your heating vents and change the filter.

- Wear a mask when you rake leaves so you don’t breathe in mold spores.
- Use a HEPA filter in your heating system to remove pollen, mold and other particles from the air.
- Use a dehumidifier to keep your air at between 35 percent and 50 percent humidity.

If these strategies fail to bring relief, nonprescription antihistamines such as Claritin and Zyrtec are generally the first choice for mild to moderate symptoms.

For persistent nasal congestion, a steroid nasal spray such as Flonase or Nasacort may be helpful. NeilMed

nasal saline irrigations or Neti Pot use can help clear allergies from the nose. If you’ve developed a sinus infection, a course of antibiotics might be needed.

“The best approach may be to start treatment early with a combination of various therapies,” Heichberger said. “Whichever prevention methods you choose, don’t wait until the last minute to start using them.”

If you’ve had fall allergies in previous years, odds are they will reoccur. Starting medications before symptoms appear can limit both their severity and duration.

To schedule an appointment with Heichberger, call McLeod Primary Care Clarendon at (803) 435-8828.



Fire forester Kim Sone is framed by a fallen basketball hoop Thursday as she inspects damage at homes destroyed by wildfires in Santa Rosa.

Searchers look for bodies in California’s charred ruins

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER
and JOCELYN GECKER
The Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — Search-and-rescue teams, some with cadaver dogs, started looking for bodies Thursday in parts of California wine country devastated by wildfires, authorities said, sounding a warning that more dead were almost sure to emerge from the charred ruins.

At least 24 people have died and at least 3,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed by the blazes, which were well on their way to becoming the deadliest and most destructive in California history.

Sonoma County Sheriff Robert Giordano said officials were still investigating hundreds of reports of missing people and that recovery teams would soon begin conducting “targeted searches” for specific residents at their last known addresses.

“We have found bodies almost completely intact, and we have found bodies that were nothing more than ash and bones,” the sheriff said.

Some remains have been identified using medical devices that turned up in the scorched heaps that were once homes.

“There have been IDs in this case, in a pile of ash and bone, where there was a piece of metal left from somebody’s surgery, like a hip replacement, with an ID number that helped us identify the person,” he said.

Winds up to 45 mph were expected Thursday in areas north of San Francisco. Those conditions could erase modest gains made by firefighters.

265 square miles as the inferno entered its fourth day. Strategic attacks that have curbed destruction and death tolls in recent years have not worked against the ferocity of the blazes.

Officials were concerned that the many separate blazes would merge into larger infernos.

“We are literally looking at explosive vegetation,” Pimlott said.

“Make no mistake,” he added later, “this is a serious, critical, catastrophic event.”

Officials say fire crews have some progress on the deadliest fire in Sonoma County, bringing containment to 10 percent.

The ash rained down on Sonoma Valley, covering windshields, as winds picked up. Countless emergency vehicles hurried toward the flames, sirens blaring, as evacuees sped away after jamming possessions into their cars and filling their gas tanks.

Officials said 8,000 firefighters and other personnel were battling the blazes, with more resources pouring in from Arizona, Nevada, Washington and Oregon.

Helicopters and air tankers assisted thousands of firefighters who were trying to beat back the flames. Until now, the efforts have focused on “life safety” rather than extinguishing the blazes, partly because the flames were shifting with winds and targeting communities without warning.

Fires were “burning faster than firefighters can run, in some situations,” Emergency Operations Director Mark Ghilarducci said.



Smoke rises from fires in Santa Rosa, California, on Wednesday. Gusting winds and dry air could drive the next wave of devastating wildfires that are already well on their way to becoming the deadliest and most destructive in California history.

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Seek God when Thin Mints begin to tear you apart

My husband and I celebrated our 10-year anniversary about a month ago, and in the spirit of reflection, introspection and, frankly, the opportunity to finally and ultimately vindicate myself, I'd like to tell you about our worst fight. That's the traditional gift for a 10-year anniversary, right: public vindication via a newspaper column?

Such stories of marital issues often are whispered to other third parties as a point of intrigue. As much as I would love to enthrall my readers with the details, I know that my story will leave you disappointed. In truth, I use the word worst to denote the pettiness and ridiculousness of the conflict. This fight didn't leave fissures in our marriage as some marital discourse does. No, this fight, while intense and long, was about nothing more than the seasonal offerings of those plucky young ladies in the adorable green vests.

Yes, our worst fight centered on Girl Scout cookies.

It's but once a year that these cookie shills render their wares to the hungry masses, which is why I thought my husband knew



Faith Matters
JAMIE H. WILSON

that we needed a certain number of the peppermint-flavored chocolate wafers known as Thin Mints to get us through the summer. If you've ever had a Thin Mint straight from the freezer, you know what I mean.

It was after he placed our order that he returned, unrepentant, with the information that he had ordered one box of every type of cookie — only one box of Thin Mints.

I hit the roof. How could he, I implored, when for years we ordered the same thing, over and over. We wouldn't make it through the end of May, much less the summer. He was defensive at my reaction, and I felt betrayed. We spent the next several days and nights not speaking.

It was a magnificently executed marital spat, even if it



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Don't let a lack of Thin Mints cause problems in your marriage. Get at least six boxes a year.

had the most ridiculous foundation. You'll be happy to know that we eventually rose above the issue and chose to stay together through the tough, Thin-Mint-less summer.

There are far more serious things to fight about, and I venture that those who've logged more anniversaries than we have might say there will be bigger issues to conquer. Regardless of the issues, Scripture offers a list of best practices that apply not only to marriages, but also to all relationships.

God's Word often compares our relationship with God to that of a marriage, and to the church he encourages unity, not division.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:2-3, NIV)

It means we focus on that which brought us together — God's providence and love — and not those things that would unhinge our marriage,

such as in-laws, conflicting schedules and, yes, Girl Scout cookies.

As a denouement to my initial story, it was my gracious and uncommonly kind husband that has put up with my irrational convictions and has gently and patiently loved me through some of my more idiotic outbursts. He is an amazing husband and father who never fails to encourage me to deepen my relationship with my Heavenly Father. Also, he orders at least six boxes of Thin Mints each year.

CHURCH NEWS

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

* Saturday — Annual day of festivities and fish fry 11 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be health information and screenings, blood pressure monitoring, games, refreshments and more.

Church of Christ, 313 Mooneyham Road, announces:

* Saturday — Octoberfest gospel singing at 6 p.m. featuring Palmetto Gospel Singers, Gospel Kings and Sumter Violinaires.

Clarendon County Ministerial Alliance, P.O. Box 811, Manning, announces:

* Saturday, Oct. 28 — Annual banquet at 6 p.m. at Manning Junior High School.

Community Bible Church, 5711 Red Hill Road, Camden, announces:

* Sunday — Homecoming at 11 a.m. The Rev. Lowell Bailey will speak.

Dalzell United Methodist Church, 3330 Black River Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Through Oct. 31 — Pumpkin Patch at the corner of Frierson Road and the U.S. 521 bypass (next to Tree House Nursery).

* Saturday, Oct. 28 — Trunk or treat 6-8:30 p.m. Dinner included in the fellowship hall.

Emmanuel Prophetic Ministry and Next Generation Apostolic Ministry, 121 W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville, announces:

* Saturday — Prayer, healing and deliverance service at 4 p.m. at the Bishopville Cotton Museum meeting room, 121 W. Cedar Lane. Speakers: Prophet David Glenn, Prophetess Laki-sha McLeod and Minister Rowetta Glenn.

Fellowship Outreach Ministries, 1981 Florence Highway, announces:

* Thursday-Friday, Oct. 19-20 — Pastor Teresa Baxter's anniversary will be celebrated at 7:30 nightly. Prophetess Angelia Stockton, of Palm Bay, Florida, will speak.

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

* Sunday — Family and friends day at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Lavern McKinney, of the Love Center of U.S. 521 South, will speak.

Grace Full Gospel Church, 1540 Bradham Blvd., announces:

* Sunday — Homecoming at 10 a.m. Brother Eddie Peach, of Martinsville, Virginia, will speak. Brother Stacey Floyd and family will provide music. Lunch will be served after morning service.

House of Judah Worship Center, 3890 White Oak Drive, Manning, announces:

* Saturday, Oct. 21 — Minister

of music appreciation service honoring Sister Debra Hilton at 5 p.m. featuring the Heavenly Stars of Manning and other groups and choirs.

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

* Saturday — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. until noon. Cindy Robison, Lizzy Lowe and Liz Goerski will each share how God forever changed their lives. All ladies of all ages are invited. A love offering will be received. Knitting Hearts is a community wide, multicultural women's ministry. Visit knitting-heartsministry.wordpress.com.

Maranatha Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 314 W. Huggins St., Manning, announces:

* Saturday, Oct. 21 — Community guest day will be observed with Sabbath school beginning at 9:15 a.m. followed by 11 a.m. divine worship. Pastor Michael Miller will speak. Meal will immediately follow service.

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

* Sunday — Deacons / deaconess worship celebration at 10:45 a.m.

* Sunday, Oct. 22 — Mass choir's anniversary worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Ricky Syndab will speak.

* Sunday, Oct. 29 — Youth worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. Minister Jake Sanders will speak.

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

* Friday-Sunday, Oct. 27-29 — The church will celebrate 155 years of service as follows: 7 p.m. Friday, Revival; 11 a.m. Saturday, fun day; and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, resident bishop of the S.C. Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, will speak.

New Beginning Outreach Ministry, 4660 Thomas Sumter Highway, Dalzell, announces:

* Friday, Oct. 27 — Fall festival from 5 to 8 p.m. with trunk-or-treat beginning at 6 p.m. This free event will feature food, drinks, games, music, prizes and trunk-or-treat.

New Fellowship Covenant Ministries, 316 W. Liberty St., announces:

* Saturday — Free clothes giveaway 9 a.m.-noon. Free snacks will also be given out.

New Hope UME Church, 19022 Panola Road, Pinewood, announces:

* Sunday — Pink Sunday will be observed to raise awareness about breast cancer and other cancers.

New Salem Baptist Church, 2500

W. Oakland Ave., announces:

* Sunday, Nov. 5 — Homecoming with Sunday school at 10 a.m. followed by 11 a.m. worship. Dinner on the grounds. The Rev. Kevin Massey will speak.

* Sunday-Wednesday, Nov. 12-15 — Revival services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday-Wednesday. The Rev. Johnny Muller, director of missions for Edisto Association, will speak.

New Testament Lighthouse Church, 1114 Boulevard Road, announces:

* Saturday — Gospel singing at 6 p.m. featuring the Believer's Quartet.

One Step Christian Ministries, 125 S. Nettles St., Bishopville, announces:

* Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 24-26 — Annual Fall Fire Revival worship at 7 nightly. Dr. Rev. C. William Woods, pastor of Salem Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

Pine Grove AME Church, 41 Pine Grove Road, Rembert, announces:

* Sunday — Children's Sabbath Day worship at 11 a.m. Stuffed animals and coloring books for sick and abused children will be collected.

* Saturday, Oct. 21 — Women's Missionary Society anniversary program at 6 p.m. Music will be provided by Perfection, the combined choir and other area societies.

* Sunday, Oct. 22 — Usher's anniversary program at 2 p.m.

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

* Sunday — Adult choir anniversary program at 4 p.m.

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

* Sunday — Pack the pew program at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Debbie Bowens-Davis, of Agape Fellowship AMEC of McBee, will speak.

Second Presbyterian Church, 1125 Old Pocalla Road, announces:

* Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 21-22 — The 137th anniversary of the church will be celebrated as follows: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, community day featuring food, fellowship, fun activities and public service information; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dr. Franklin D. Colclough Sr., retired executive of New Harmony Presbytery, will speak at 3 p.m.

St. James AME Church, 180 W. Fulton Manning Road, Pinewood, announces:

* Sunday — Calendar tea at 2 p.m. The Rev. John Johnson, of Calvary Baptist Church, will speak.

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

* Sunday — Pack the pew program at 4 p.m. The Rev. James C. Lane will speak.

St. John Baptist Church, 3944 Brewer Road, Manning, announces:

* Sunday, Oct. 22 — The 10th appreciation program for the Rev. Ruth Pugh will be held at 4 p.m. The Rev. Ethel Lemon, associate minister of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Manning, will speak.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 7650 Summerton Highway, Silver community, Pinewood, announces:

* Sunday — Youth choir anniversary at 3 p.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 16 Clarence McFadden Road, Elliott, announces:

* Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 17-19 — Revival at 7 nightly. Speakers as follows: Tuesday, the Rev. Raymond Cook; Wednesday, the Rev. James Smith; and Thursday, Elder Adeira Black.

* Sunday, Oct. 22 — Family and friends day at 3 p.m. Elder Ernest W. Frierson, pastor of Jeremiah and Mt. Seal United Methodist churches of Hemingway, will speak.

Sumter Free Will Baptist Church, 971 Boulevard Road, announces:

* Sunday, Oct. 22 — Homecoming with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and special singing and preaching at 11 a.m. The Rev. Stacey Floyd Family will provide music. Dinner will follow the service.

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St., announces:

* Saturday — Family and friends day cookout 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

* Wednesday, Oct. 18 — Pastor Ralph Canty Sr., of West-end Community Church, will speak at 7 p.m.

* Sunday, Oct. 22 — Anniversary concert 5-7 p.m. to celebrate the 108th anniversary of the church.

* Wednesday, Oct. 25 — Pastor JoAnn Murrill, of Victory Full Gospel Interdenominational Church, will speak at 7 p.m.

* Sunday, Oct. 29 — The 108th church anniversary worship at 10 a.m. Pastor Thomas N. Howard, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, will speak.

Truly Committed Missionary Baptist Church, 705 Oswego Road, announces:

* Saturday, Oct. 28 — Women's conference 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Margaret Walker, Gardenia Sligh and Mary Smiling will speak.

Union Station AME Church, 945 S. Main St., announces:

* Boys and girls community coat drive. Sizes needed are 6 to 18. Drop coats off 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Nov. 15. Call (803) 775-8200 or email unionstationame@gmail.com.

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

* Saturday — Gospel singing at 6 p.m. featuring Grace Revealed, Pastor Nat and Carleen Brown, and Burning Bridges.



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Brazil branches of U.S.-based church being investigated

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Every day before work, Liliane Souza says, she and three dozen fellow workers at a Brazilian picture-framing factory affiliated with the Word of Faith Fellowship church were obligated to pray.

When workers made a mistake, such as cutting a frame too short, she says they were screamed at and sometimes even hit to expunge the “devil” behind the error. And when Stylofino stopped paying its workers for months, Souza said the company’s co-owners — members of a Brazilian branch of the U.S.-based church — had a ready explanation.

“They said the business was struggling because we were sinners,” she said.

The business and its labor practices are under investigation by Brazilian authorities — just one of several inquiries

launched into a pair of churches connected to Word of Faith Fellowship, a secretive evangelical sect based in Spindale, North Carolina.

The Associated Press has learned that Brazilian prosecutors also are looking into possible improprieties in a land deal involving one of the churches. And education ministries in two Brazilian states said they are investigating allegations that church schools physically and psychologically abused students and redacted textbooks in violation of state policy.

The investigations were spurred by AP stories in July detailing allegations that Word of Faith Fellowship created a pipeline of young congregants who say they were brought to the U.S. from Brazil and forced to work at church-affiliated businesses for little or no pay. The stories also documented how the church steadily took over the two Brazilian congre-



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Maria Reis, a former member of the Rhema Community Evangelical Ministry, speaks during an interview in Franco da Rocha, Brazil, in the greater Sao Paulo area in May. Reis said her decision to break with Word of Faith Fellowship came after she broached issues with the school that she brought up with church founder Jane Whaley, who was visiting Brazil for a wedding. “You are a rebel. You are going against God,” Reis recalled Whaley telling her. “I came to the conclusion there was no gospel in this church. The objective was just to control people.”

gations, instituting a fundamentalist vision that included verbal and physical abuse aimed at expelling devils.

Pastors at the Word of Faith Fellowship branches — located in the Brazilian cities of Sao Joaquim de Bicas and Franco da Rocha — have issued statements denying the accusations but did not respond to numerous interview requests from the AP.

After the stories about the Brazilian churches were published in July, authorities in

both Brazil and the United States launched investigations into the allegations of abuse, forced labor and visa fraud. Investigators told the AP that interviews stemming from that ongoing probe led them to scrutinize the conditions at Stylofino.

The small factory in the Sao Paulo suburb of Franco da Rocha was opened in 2000 by Gerson Jose Garcia and Juarez de Souza Oliveira, according to tax records.

De Souza Oliveira and wife, Solange Granieri, founded Ministerio Evangelico Comunidade Rhema, or Rhema Community Evangelical Ministry, in 1988. Garcia is a long-time member of the church, which includes an adjoining school.

Eight former factory workers interviewed by the AP described a rigid working environment that mirrored the religious fervor of the church and school. Only members of the church could work there: Leaving the church meant leaving the job.

The employees said they were paid minimum wage and worked most national holidays, late at night and on weekends but never were paid overtime. They were pressured into signing falsified time sheets that reflected vacations never taken and only the limited hours they were supposed to be working, they said.

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Calling it a beginning, Trump signs health care order

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated by health care failures in Congress, President Trump directed his administration Thursday to rewrite some federal insurance rules as a beginning of renewed efforts to undermine “Obamacare,” the program he’s promised to kill.

“With these actions, we are moving toward lower costs and more options in the health care market,” Trump said before signing his directive in the Oval Office. Trump said he will continue to pressure Congress to repeal and replace former President Obama’s Affordable Care Act.

Some experts said the White House plan could undermine coverage on the ACA’s insurance marketplaces, particularly for people with health problems. That would happen if healthy people flock to lower-cost plans with limited benefits.

Other experts said Trump’s proposals appear to be modest and would have limited impact.

The steps the president outlined Thursday will take months for the federal bureaucracy to finalize in regulations. Experts said consumers should not expect changes for next year.

One of the main ideas from the administration involves easing the way for groups and associations of employers to sponsor coverage that can be marketed across the land. That reflects Trump’s longstanding belief that interstate competition will lead to



President Trump shows an executive order on health care that he signed in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Thursday in Washington.

lower premiums for consumers who buy their own health insurance policies, as well as for small businesses.

Those “association health plans” could be shielded from some state and federal insurance requirements. But responding to concerns, the White House said participating employers could not exclude any workers from the plan or charge more to those in poor health.

Other elements of the White House plan include:

- Easing current restrictions on short-term policies that last less than a year, an option for people making a life transition, from recent college graduates to early retirees. Those policies are not subject to current federal and state rules that require standard benefits and other consumer protections.

- Allowing employers to set aside pre-tax dollars so workers can use the money to buy an individual health policy.

“This executive order is the start of a long process as the gears of the federal bureaucracy churn, not the final word,” said Larry Levitt of the non-partisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

It’s also unlikely to reverse the trend of insurers exiting state markets. About half of U.S. counties will have only one “Obamacare” insurer next year, although it appears that no counties will be left without a carrier as was initially feared. White House officials said over time, the new policies will give consumers more options.

Democrats are bracing for another effort by Trump to dismantle “Obamacare,” this time with the rule-making powers of the executive branch. Staffers at the departments of Health and Human Services, Labor and Treasury have been working on the options since shortly after the president took office.

On Capitol Hill, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said Trump “knows very little” about health care policy or legislation. She said she was unfamiliar with the details of the executive order, “but I do know it’s a sabotage of the Affordable Care Act.”

But Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo, said Trump is taking “bold action” to give patients “the freedom and flexibility to choose the health care plan that works best for them.”

The sound in Havana: What Americans heard in attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — It sounds sort of like a mass of crickets. But not quite. A high-pitched whine, but from what? It seems to undulate, even writhe. Listen closely: Some hear multiple, distinct tones colliding in a nails-on-the-chalkboard effect.

The Associated Press has obtained a recording of what some U.S. Embassy workers heard in Havana, part of the series of unnerving incidents later deemed to be deliberate attacks. The recording, released Thursday by the AP, is the first disseminated publicly of the many taken in Cuba of sounds that led investigators initially to suspect a sonic weapon.

The recordings from Havana have been sent for analysis to the U.S. Navy, which has advanced capabilities for analyzing acoustic signals, and to the intelligence services, the AP has learned. But the recordings have not significantly advanced U.S. knowledge about what is harming diplomats. Officials say the government still doesn’t know what is responsible for injuries to its personnel, but the U.S. has faulted Cuba for failing to protect American diplomats on its soil.

The Navy and the State Department did not respond to requests for comment on the recording. Cuba has denied involvement or knowledge of the attacks.

Not all Americans injured in Cuba heard sounds. Of those who did, it’s not clear they

heard precisely the same thing.

Yet the AP has reviewed several recordings from Havana taken under different circumstances, and all have variations of the same high-pitched sound. Individuals who have heard the noise in Havana confirm the recordings are generally consistent with what they heard.

“That’s the sound,” one of them said.

The recording being released by the AP has been digitally enhanced to increase volume and reduce background noise but has not been otherwise altered.

The sound seemed to manifest in pulses of varying lengths — seven seconds, 12 seconds, two seconds — with some sustained periods of several minutes or more. Then there would be silence for a second, or 13 seconds, or four seconds, before the sound abruptly started again.

Whether there’s a direct relationship between the sound and the physical damage suffered by the victims is unclear. The U.S. says that in general, the attacks caused hearing, cognitive, visual, balance, sleep and other problems.

A closer examination of one recording reveals it’s not just a single sound. Roughly 20 or more different frequencies, or pitches, are embedded in it, the AP discovered using a spectrum analyzer, which measures a signal’s frequency and amplitude.

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Groups will sing for Haven of Rest fundraiser

BY SHARRON HALEY
The Sumter Item

MANNING — One of every three women and one out of every four men will experience at least one form of domestic violence during her or his lifetime, according to statistics released from the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

For more than 18 years, South Carolina has ranked in the top 10 states on the number of women killed by men, a rate double the national average.

Clarendon County resident Ann Driggers said she felt the Lord calling her into his ministry in 2002.

“Then I started getting visions of starting a ministry to aid women who have been victims of domestic violence,” she said. “I started promoting the ministry in the Turbeville area. I held a meeting to share information.”

Driggers said her vision was finally tweaked into a house or home for women who have experienced domestic violence.

In 2008, Driggers’ vision became a reality when she opened the doors to



Six gospel groups will perform during the “Southern Gospel Singing,” a fundraiser for JCMC-Haven of Rest, on Oct. 21 at Weldon Auditorium.

Jordan Crossroads Ministry Center – Haven of Rest facility, a place where battered and bruised women and their small children can go as a “safe haven.”

“They have to be in a crisis,” she added. “We give them shelter and food

and a safe place to stay.”

JCMC Haven of Rest is a two-bedroom, two-bath facility that can house up to six people at one time.

Since its inception in 2009, the Haven of Rest has housed 43 women and 47 children.

“We’re looking for a female resident director,” Driggers said. “We’ve advertised for the position, but we can’t seem to find the right person.”

According to Driggers, women can stay at the facility up to 90 days. During that time, the women are provided a stable residence where they’re encouraged to look for work through SC Works and provided educational needs through Central Carolina Technical College.

Driggers said First Baptist Church in Manning’s Friendship House has been a “wonderful help” by providing the women with needed clothing.

Funding for the facility is provided through the generous donations of local residents, companies and fundraisers, she said.

“We don’t get any state or federal money,” Driggers said. “We filed for a few grants, but nothing came through.”

All the money received through donations goes right into the facility and the needs of the women and children, she said.

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Shelter staff, volunteers in Manning work hard to find pets new homes

BY SHARRON HALEY
The Sumter Item

MANNING — More than 50 dogs and cats call A Second Chance Animal Shelter between Manning and Ram Bay home. Their stories are all different. Some were abandoned. Some were abused and neglected, while others were left behind because their owners could no longer care for them. One thing they all have in common — the need of a loving and caring home.

The shelter is home to 25 cats and 29 dogs, according to ASCAS’ new director, Penny Hodge, who joined the staff two months ago when Sherree Myer retired after serving as director for five years.

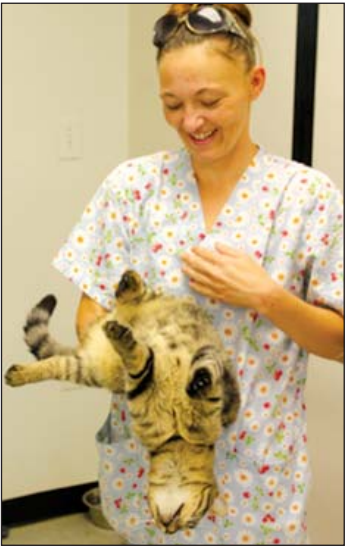
“Right now, we don’t have room for additional cats,” Hodge added. “We’re putting them on a waiting list until our new building for cats has been completed.”

Hodge is one of 10 staff members. Sherri Arment is the office manager. Leslie Billups is the shelter’s rescue coordinator, and Kayla Powell is its adoption coordinator. The shelter’s kennel staff includes Howard Wells, Sharon Billips, Latavia Billips and Antron Billips. Teresa Avant and Maria Hutson work at A Second Chance Thrift Store at 537 S. Mill St., Manning, across from IGA and next door to Freedom Furniture.

The shelter’s board members also take an active role in the facility. Board President Richard Long is a frequent visitor at the shelter, serving as its handyman working on mechanical and electrical repairs and carpentry.

“Without our volunteers and dedicated staff, we couldn’t make a go of the shelter,” Hodge said. “They keep us going. Each person has their specialties, and they all work well together. It’s like a family here.”

“Each person who has ever worked here has helped take us to another level,” Long added. “They’ve all had input into making the facility what it is today.”



Kayla Powell, the adoption coordinator at A Second Chance Animal Shelter, enjoys some time playing with Tonka, a cat who is ready for the right home.

Long became a part of the shelter after adopting a dog from the facility six years ago.

“The dog was really shy,” Long said. “He would cower in the corner, but my wife sat with him and read to him and he’s much better, but at times he’s still skittish.”

Hodge and Long agreed that the staff and volunteers work diligently with all the animals by giving them special attention such as long walks, sitting and talking with them and showing them love.

“Our volunteers come in and help out walking the animals,” Hodge said. “They help with feeding, and they work building and furnishing many of the buildings.”

Hodge stressed that ASCAS is a “no-kill” shelter.

“Some may call themselves no-kill shelters, but we’re the real thing,” she said. “Our animals are offered for adoption first, and then we look at having them rescued.”

Long said that since the shelter began offering low-cost spaying and neutering services a couple of years ago, the shelter has seen more than 1,300 animals.

The surgeries are performed in an approved operating room by a Columbia veterinarian with more than 30 years of

spaying and neutering experience.

“Dr. Rebecca Laster is wonderful,” Long said. “She is well respected in the veterinarian community.”

According to Myer, Laster will see between 28 and 30 animals during her monthly trips to the shelter.

Myer said the shelter is usually booked solid on the day that Laster visits. She added that owners must register their animals in advance for the services. The spaying service costs \$70 for dogs and \$60 for cats. Neutering costs \$55 for dogs and \$50 for cats. To spay/neuter a feral cat costs \$40 and dogs \$45. Call the shelter at (803) 473-7075 for more information.

The shelter also offers umbilical hernia repair, rabies shots, DA2PPv shots, Bordetella



Penny Hodge spends time with Jimmy, the resident at A Second Chance Animal Shelter who has been there the longest.

shots, heartworm tests, feline distemper shots, feline distemper with Leuk shots and feline FELV/FIV combo tests. Call the shelter for additional information and costs for each service.

Arment said that the shelter is quite strict when it comes to who adopts its animals.

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Alfie is a 1-year-old male, mixed-breed puppy weighing approximately 26.6 pounds. He is current on all of his vaccinations, has been neutered and tested negative for heartworms. He has lots of energy he needs to let out, so he is perfect for kids. He loves toys and going on walks. If you think this is the guy for you, please submit your adoption application online at www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com. Adoption fee for all dogs is \$125. Stop by to see Alfie, Timmy and friends on Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at A Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway (U.S. 301), which has numerous pets available for adoption. To drop off an animal, call (803) 473-7075 for an appointment. If you've lost a pet, check www.ccanimalcontrol.webs.com and www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com.

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"I don't get paid, and no one on our board is paid," Driggers added. "We're all volunteers."

Cheryl Coggins is one of the facility's volunteers. Coggins said that she and another member of Hands of Grace at Grace Christian Fellowship Church in Manning wanted to get involved in helping out in the community.

"I met (Driggers) for the first time at Walmart," Coggins said with a laugh. "I contacted the local sheriff's office, and they directed me to Ann."

Coggins, who is a retired from the Massachusetts State Police, said she has seen firsthand the devastation

I felt this calling more than 10 years ago. Sometimes it's been hard keeping the home open, but the Lord has always answered our needs.

ANN DRIGGERS

Founder of Jordan Crossroads Ministry Center – Haven of Rest

that domestic violence has on women. "I know that domestic violence rate is high in South Carolina," she said. "I

wanted to help."

On Oct. 21, JCMC-Haven of Rest has teamed up with Chris Sheppard, a promoter for the Southern Heritage Talent Agency, to hold the "Southern Gospel Singing" from 6 to 9 p.m. at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., Manning. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Groups of 15 or more can purchase tickets for \$10. For more information, visit JCMC-Haven of Rest's website: jordancrossroadsministrycenter.com, or call Driggers at (803) 309-8085.

Six gospel groups will be performing and donating their time to the fundraiser. A love offering to assist them with their travel expenses will be held during the singing's intermission.

"We are so blessed to have Chris do this for us," Driggers said. "We've also been blessed with generous donations from sponsors and individuals."

Haven of Rest is in need of the following items: queen-sized mattress pads, a door bell, liquid laundry detergent, bath towels, devotional books, notebook paper, a TV antenna, large bottles of shampoo and conditioner, large bottles of lotion, pods and Jet Dry for the dishwasher and non-perishable food items. At various times, the facility has also needed baby diapers and other baby supplies.

"I felt this calling more than 10 years ago," Driggers said. "Sometimes it's been hard keeping the home open, but the Lord has always answered our needs."

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ADOPT

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“Many of these animals have been abused and mistreated, and we don’t want that to happen again,” she said. “We have people interested in adopting an animal fill out adoption papers and visit with the animals before we send an animal home with them.”

Arment said if other animals are in the home, the shelter requires that they bring those animals to the shelter to see if all the animals are compatible. The shelter even has areas available where families with children and their animals can spend time with the potential adoptees before the animals are approved to go home with them.

“We don’t want to send animals into an environment where there’s the potential they’ll return to the shelter,” she said. “It’s too stressful for them.”



Long said that Arment and Powell make sure that no animals are adopted as gifts without going through the adoption process and the meet and greet. “They make sure all of our animals go to good homes,” Long added.

According to Hodge, the shelter depends on donations to keep going. Fundraisers are held annually to help with expenses, including an annual golf tournament, lasagna dinner and silent auction and Boo Gala. “We also have an Angel Tree



Cats at the shelter will be calling a new building on the grounds home in the very near future. The building built by volunteers features a screened-in area where the cats can enjoy some time outdoors.

Richard Long, left, president of A Second Chance Animal Shelter, shares a few moments with Patches, a cat the shelter has available for adoption.

where people can pull the names of our animals and buy them Christmas treats and gifts,” Arment said. Volunteers, board members and staffers gather on Christmas Day to share the gifts with the animals and give them a little additional love that day,

Long added. The shelter is at 5079 Alex Harvin Highway, Manning. It’s open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Individuals wishing to turn in animals must do so by appointment only.

Try cabbage: It’s healthy and versatile

Cabbage continues to be a useful food that is easy to grow, is tolerant of cold, keeps well and can be cooked in a wide variety of ways. Cabbage is a sturdy, abundant and inexpensive vegetable that is versatile



Nancy Harrison
RETIRED CLEMSON EXTENSION AGENT

and full of texture. With vitamin C, fiber and the B vitamin folate, cabbages (like other cruciferous vegetables) are rich in potential cancer-fighting phytochemical compounds. Each type of cabbage has a different nutritional

makeup — for example, red cabbage has more vitamin C than green cabbage, and compared with other types of cabbage, Savory cabbage contains more beta carotene.

In the market place, hundreds of varieties of cabbage are grown throughout the world, but in American markets, you will find three basic types: green, red and savory.

Green — This cabbage has smooth, dark to pale green outer leaves; the inner leaves are pale green or white. Three types of green cabbage — Danish, domestic and pointed — account for most commercially marketed cabbage. Danish types — which are grown for late-fall sale and for storage over the winter — are very compact and solid, with round or oval heads. Domestic types

form slightly looser, round or flattened heads, with curled leaves that are more brittle than any of the Danish types. Pointed varieties, which are grown mainly for spring marketing, have small, rather conical heads and smooth leaves.

Red — Similar in flavor to green cabbage, red cabbage has deep ruby red to purple outer leaves, with white veins or streaks on the inside. The texture may be somewhat tougher than green, but red cabbage has more vitamin C, providing 56 percent of RDA in a 1-cup serving.

Savory — This cabbage has crinkled, ruffly, yellow-green leaves that form a less compact head than other types. Savory cabbage has a more delicate texture and milder flavor than other varieties, making it a good choice for salads and coleslaw.

The following is a list of some of the more common Chinese cabbages you may even find outside a Chinese neighborhood.

Baby bok choy — Miniature bok choy is shaped like the big choy, but its stems and leaves are a more uniform green.

Bok choy — Cluster of white

SHREDDED CABBAGE

- 1 head cabbage (coarsely shredded)
- 2 teaspoons butter
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook cabbage in a small amount of boiling salted water until tender; drain. Press out excess moisture or pat dry. Melt butter in skillet. Add nutmeg; stir and blend. Add cabbage; mix well and next add salt to taste.



to light green stems topped with darker green leaves.

Choy sum — It has small yellow flowers and slim stalks with round leaves.

Gai choy — It is entirely edible.

Napa — There are several varieties of napa cabbage; they are the michihili and wong bok and Tuscan.

A head of cabbage should not look puffy, although Savory types are normally looser and lighter than smooth-leaved. Fall and winter cabbage from storage is usually firmer than the fresh-picked types sold in spring and summer. Don’t buy halved or quartered heads of cabbage, even if well wrapped: As soon as leaves are cut or

torn, the vegetable begins to lose vitamin C.

Preparing cabbage: When preparing your cabbage, some may contain worms; for some this may mean that no chemical pesticides were used during cultivation. To get rid of any clinging insects, soak cabbage in salt water or vinegar water for about 15 minutes. Any cabbage containing no worms can simply be washed under running water.

Cooking cabbage: Don’t cook

too long or use too much

water; cabbage tends to lose its color and some of its nutrients and flavor. When using red cabbage and to prevent red cabbage from losing its color, use a stainless-steel knife to cut it, and when using it in a salad, sprinkle it with a bit of vinegar. Adding an acidic ingredient to the cooking water helps to preserve its color, while too much water detracts from its color.

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COMMENTARY

America needs Republican vertebrates

WASHINGTON — In the midst of a governing crisis, House Speaker Paul Ryan has once again risen to his role as the voice of bland complacency. Concerning the open warfare between President Trump and Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., Ryan advises “these two gentlemen to sit down and just talk through their issues.”



Michael Gerson

But what are Corker’s “issues”? He has asserted that Trump requires constant handling to control his volatility: “I know for a fact that every

single day at the White House, it’s a situation of trying to contain him.” Corker has accused Trump of lacking strategic thinking: “A lot of people think that there is some kind of ‘good cop, bad cop’ act underway, but that’s just not true.” Corker has called out Trump’s routine deceptions: “I don’t know why the president tweets out things that are not true.” Corker has talked of Trump’s vacuity: He acts “like he’s doing ‘The Apprentice’ or something.” Corker, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has expressed the fear that Trump’s

instability could lead to conflict: “We could be headed toward World War III with the kind of comments that he’s making.”

So how does Ryan imagine that a Corker/Trump conversation might unfold? Over dinner, Corker accuses the president of being a chaotic, directionless, shallow liar who could start a nuclear war. Trump passes the peas and attacks Corker for being short. This is, after all, the way gentlemen resolve their differences.

GOP denial about Trump has generally taken Ryan’s form. The president may be eccentric and divisive, but Republicans need to lie back and think of tax reform. This assumes that the main challenge is to avoid distraction from essential tasks.

But the real problem has always been Trump’s fundamental unfitness for high office. It is not Trump’s indiscipline and lack of leadership which make carrying a legislative agenda forward nearly impossible. It is not his vulgarity and smallness, which have been the equivalent of spray painting graffiti on the Washington Monument. It is not his nearly complete ignorance of policy and history, which condemns him to live in the eternal present of his own immediate desires.

No, Corker has given public permission to raise the most serious ques-

tions: Is Trump psychologically and morally equipped to be president? And could his unfitness cause permanent damage to the country?

It is no longer possible to safely ignore the leaked cries for help coming from within the administration. They reveal a president raging against enemies, obsessed by slights, deeply uninformed and incurious, unable to focus and subject to destructive whims. A main task of the chief of staff seems to be to shield him from dinner guests and telephone calls that might set him off on a foolish or dangerous tangent. Much of the White House senior staff seems bound, not by loyalty to the president, but by a duty to protect the nation from the president. Trump, in turn, is reported to have said: “I hate everyone in the White House.” And also, presumably, at the State Department, headed by a secretary of state who apparently regards his boss as a “moron.”

It was once urged, “Let Reagan be Reagan.” Who, besides the oleaginous Sean Hannity, would say, “Let Trump be Trump”? The security of our country — and potentially the lives of millions of people abroad — depends on Trump being someone else entirely. It depends on the president being some wise, strategic, restrained leader he has never been.

The time for whispered criticisms and quiet snickering is over. The time for panic and decision is upon us. The thin line of sane, responsible advisers at the White House — such as chief of staff John Kelly, Defense Secretary James Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson — could break at any moment. Already, Trump’s protests of eternal love for Kelly are a bad sign for the general’s future. The American government now has a dangerous fragility at its very center. Its welfare is as thin as an eggshell — perhaps as thin as Donald Trump’s skin.

Any elected Republican who shares Corker’s concerns has a political and moral duty to state them in public. If Corker is correct, many of his colleagues do have such fears. Their silence is deafening and damning.

“Brave men are all vertebrates,” said G.K. Chesterton. “They have their softness on the surface and their toughness in the middle. But these modern cowards are all crustaceans; their hardness is all on the cover, and their softness is inside.”

More than anything else at this moment, the nation has need of Republican vertebrates.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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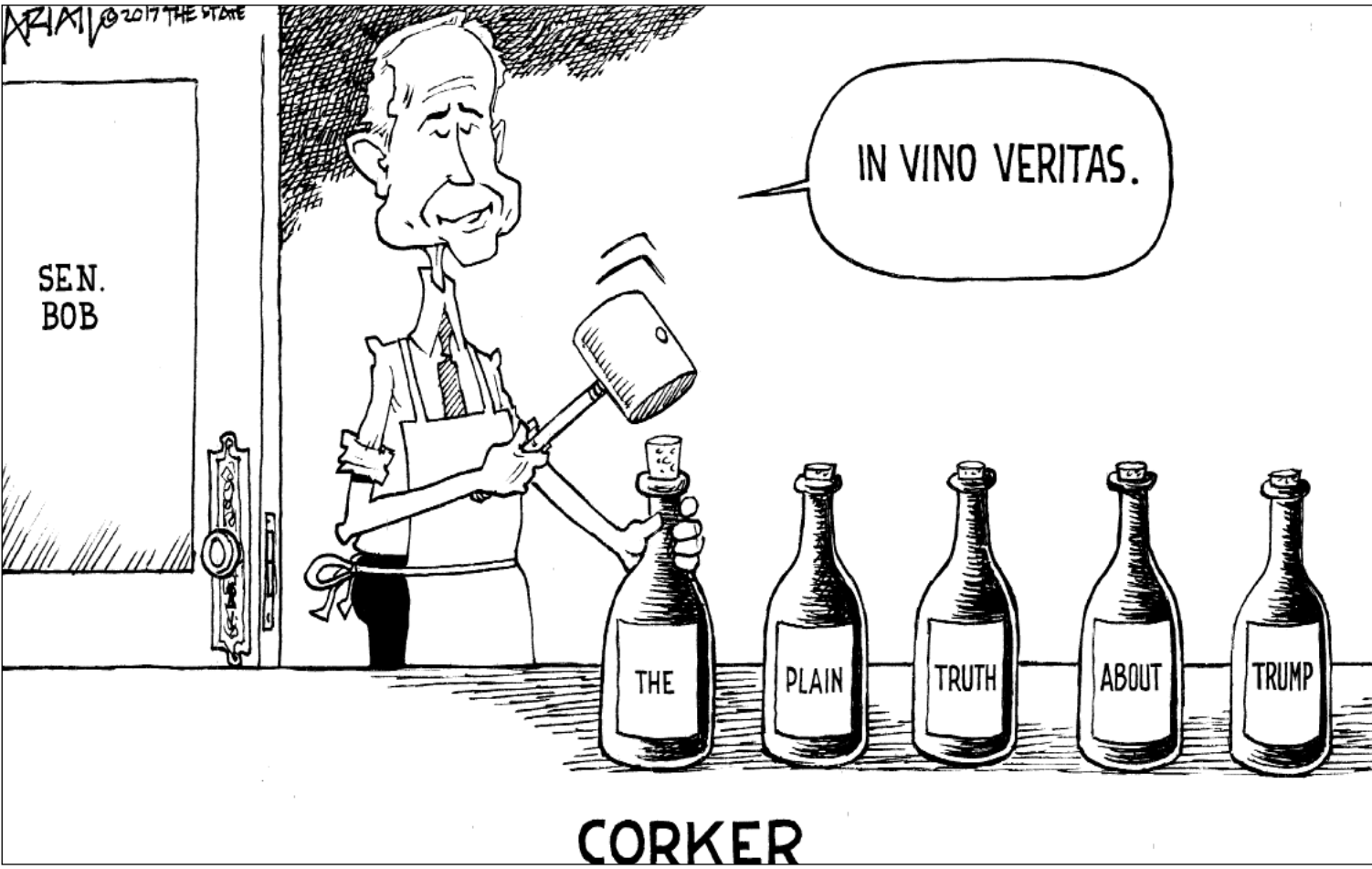
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C. WALKER
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THANK YOU FOR WRITING ABOUT OUR HEROES

In reference to the letter from Sherian Matthews in the Sunday, Oct. 8, edition, thank you so much for putting into writing the feelings that I carry in my heart. I couldn’t have said it better.

LAURA L. BARRON
Sumter



EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

THE ISLAND PACKET

Oct. 7

Lessons learned from hurricane

A year ago, Beaufort County was a wreck. Hurricane Matthew brought Category 2 winds and severe flooding to much of the county. It left roads impassable and homes severely damaged. It sucked sand from the beach. It wasted entire marinas and sent countless docks into the surf. Power was out, and sewer systems were gimpy.

As we observe the first anniversary of the largest storm to hit Beaufort County in recent memory, we must first thank our governments for doing a great job, especially the Town of Hilton Head Island, which was hit hardest.

We can look back and say we have learned that:

- Cash reserves must be in place, and once spent, they must be replaced pronto.
- More land is needed for debris collection.
- The dull work of government is the most important when storms hit: the grind of government paperwork to collect federal dollars, the task of documenting the impact on every building, the duty of expediting permits to get repair work humming quickly and adherence to plans and protocols that took so long to prepare. We’ve learned that “grunt work” is more important than visioning.

- Communication — swift and accurate — with the public is not a nicety but mandatory from all authorities, POAs and utilities.

- Plans for re-entry are equally important to evacuation. Businesses have a legitimate beef when they cannot get workers and supplies to evacuated barrier islands ahead of the crowd.

- Keeping drainage ditches and storm-water systems clear of debris and flowing freely must be a top priority year round every year. It’s too late when the flooding starts.

- Insurance for homes and businesses promises to be more costly in the future. Governments must quit permitting construction in harm’s way and must do much more to get people to relocate or mitigate potential damage in flood-prone areas, which is most of Beaufort County.

- The private sector is equally important to governments in recovery from a hurricane. Good Samaritans from many states came to Beaufort County to help. Churches and civic clubs responded. The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry reacted with a special system to take grant requests and push the money out, quickly and fairly. And countless people unassociated with any organization reached out to help. People also supported first responders, including power company linemen. Safety-net organizations were stretched thin: People lost food due to power outages, they lost income, and in some cases they lost their homes. We saw the power of charitable work — and the necessity of it.

Hurricane Matthew was not the big one. It was nothing like Hurricane Hugo, which blasted the Lowcountry in 1989. But it was bad. And from that experience, everyone in Beaufort County

must learn how to be better prepared for the future.

THE POST AND COURIER

Oct. 9

Opioid crackdown is just beginning

If the decades-long failure of the so-called War on Drugs has taught the nation anything, it’s that we will be unable to arrest and imprison our way out of the current opioid crisis.

But that doesn’t mean it’s not worth applauding a multi-agency sweep that led to some 50 arrests of what law enforcement officers describe as some of the most active dealers in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties over the past few months. Authorities also seized 20 guns and large amounts of deadly drugs including heroin and fentanyl, *The Post and Courier* reported.

Officials noted the effort is just beginning.

“We arrested people whose drug distribution caused the death of people,” said Jason Sandoval of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency in a news conference. “We arrested people for distributing drugs that, if not taken off the streets, might have also killed other people.”

It’s important to get drug dealers behind bars. But the addictive nature of opioid painkillers and heroin — 80 percent of heroin users start with prescription painkillers, according to the DEA — unfortunately means that others will soon fill their shoes.

A holistic approach is needed. The state Legislature took great

strides in that direction this year via a special task force on opioid abuse. Ten sensible pieces of legislation resulted.

This summer, for example, a law went into effect that will require all doctors in the state to track prescriptions in a state-wide database. The effort will help monitor patients who might be “shopping around” for multiple prescriptions and better enable addicts off deadly drugs. But it can be hard for some South Carolina residents — particularly those in rural areas — to access. New treatment centers may be needed. And updates to state Medicaid and private insurance policies could help make the cost more affordable for low-income residents. Each dose of methadone is relatively inexpensive, but daily treatment over a span of as long as two years can cost more than \$10,000.

Saving lives is also vital. South Carolina had roughly 600 opioid or heroin-related overdose deaths in 2015, according to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. Dozens of local police officers are now trained to use Narcan, a powerful drug that can reverse opioid overdoses and rescue people from the brink of death. Every officer in the area should carry it or similar antidotes and know how to administer them.

The opioid crisis is a widespread and deeply complex concern with many lives at stake in South Carolina. It’s going to take a multi-pronged approach to prevent and treat addiction and save people in the process.

MOUNT FRANKLIN

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items such as melatonin — cough drops and organic fruit snacks in its 100,000-square-foot facility at 2720 Southgate Drive.

Chapman said candy and gummy making is very unique, and Mount Franklin has tapped into some former Ausome Candy employees, who worked at the same facility until that operation went under in March 2016.

About 10 of Mount Franklin’s 30 current employees are former Ausome workers, and some were in supervisory and management-level positions with the previous candy maker, according to Chapman.

The plant just started production this week for its first customer and has about 13 to 15 mainline workers, Chapman said.

He said making nutraceuticals has stringent Food and Drug Administration requirements and necessitates a mainline workforce that’s highly trained, to include job shadowing and on-the-job training.

The FDA-plant experience is important, Chapman said, in part because nutraceuticals are made ready to eat as opposed to the food restaurant business, where foods are first prepared and cooked before reaching the consumer.

“When you go to a McDonald’s, they’re preparing and cooking the food at temperature to eliminate potential bacteria and other things,” Chapman said. “Whereas, what we make here, it’s going into a bag or a bottle, and the next process is it’s in the consumer’s mouth. Our food is ready to eat.”

Many mainline workers are being hired temp-to-hire, during which a plant employee works first as a temporary employee before being hired on full time. Chapman said he likes hiring that way because it needs to be a good fit on both ends — for the employer and the employee. Hires have been from Sumter and the surrounding areas to date, he

said.

He anticipates Mount Franklin to hire about an additional 12 mainline workers during the next two months as production is fine tuned and built up to capabilities.

In those next hires, Chapman said the manufacturer is looking for material handlers (forklift operators), machine operators, sanitation-specialty workers, quality technicians and electrical/mechanical maintenance technicians.

Former Ausome Candy employees are encouraged to apply, he said. Mount Franklin is working through local employment agencies, and Chapman said people can also come by the plant and pick up a job application.

Chapman and Mount Franklin President and CEO Garry Ricco said projections show the functional gummy product category is a fast-growing market, and they think customers will come on board relatively quickly.

Chapman said he expects by the middle of next year, Mount Franklin could be adding a second shift and be up to about 90 employees locally.

Mount Franklin committed last year in its official industrial announcement to having 225 workers by 2021. Chapman said he thinks the plant could reach that mark in a shorter time frame because the market is growing so rapidly.

According to Ricco, the company has already exceeded the \$10 million in capital investment it agreed to a year ago — with new equipment and facility upgrades, both inside and out.

Chapman said Mount Franklin is trying to create a work culture where employees are proud to work there.

“We are looking for candidates that pride themselves on character, integrity, focus and hard work that has rewards — both extrinsic and intrinsic,” Chapman said. “We desire people who want to be a part of a growing team that genuinely wants to work together and grow in Sumter.”

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

South Sumter group hosts trash pick-up day Saturday

The South Sumter Beautification Association will hold a trash pick-up day from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at 810 S. Main St.

The group will be cleaning up trash including paper, plastic and tires on several streets including South Main Street, Manning Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, King Street, Gate Street, Hoyt Street, Palmetto Street, Wiley Street, Olive Street, Branch Street, Maney Street and Williams Street.

Bags will be provided, and participants will be provided lunch at noon.

ACLU sues about lack of defenders in city courts

COLUMBIA — A civil rights organization is suing two South Carolina towns hoping to require lawyers be made to anyone facing charges in municipal courts that could send them to jail.

The American Civil Liberties Union says most of South Carolina’s 212 municipal courts don’t give defendants lawyers if they ask for one.

The courts handle misdemeanor matters, but often the punishment is a fine or jail time if the fine can’t be paid.

Thursday’s lawsuit was filed against Bluffton and Beaufort.

Bluffton spokeswoman Debbie Szpanka says the town has a contract with a private lawyer to be a public defender. She says the town tells its judges to tell defendants they have a right to an attorney, and one will be provided if they can’t afford it.

Police: Man who killed co-worker first called her an intruder

SPARTANBURG — Authorities said a man has been charged with killing a co-worker after he told investigators the person he shot was an unknown intruder who broke into his South Carolina home.

Spartanburg Sheriff’s Lt. Kevin Bobo said deputies don’t know why 59-year-old Donald Partaka killed 34-year-old Laura Hood at Partaka’s home in Campobello about 7 p.m. Oct. 5. Bobo said when deputies arrived, Partaka said he fired after someone he didn’t know entered his home without permission.

But Bobo said officers quickly figured out the shooter worked with Hood. He didn’t say where they were employed.

Bobo said in a statement that Partaka is charged with murder.

GRANT

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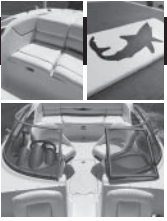
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The Mary McLeod Bethune Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. will meet at 5 p.m. today at Morris College. The group is soliciting new members. If interested in joining, please attend this meeting. Call Miranda Davis-Choice at (803) 651-8540.

The Mayesville Area Community Coalition will celebrate its 10th breast cancer awareness celebration on Saturday, Oct. 14, with a breast cancer walk and banquet. Sign in for the walk will be held at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mark UM Church, Mayesville, with the walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the Mary McLeod Bethune Nature Trail. The banquet will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at St. Rest Apostolic Church, Mayesville. Cost is \$10 per person. Call Katherina Carolina at (803) 453-5974, Neola

Davis at (803) 453-6078, Margie Jefferson at (803) 453-5441 or Jessie Washington at (803) 795-9343.

Sumter High School Class of 1982 will sponsor an appreciation cookout for Sumter law enforcement and first responders from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Sumter County Health Department parking lot, 105 N. Magnolia St. This free event is to show those who sacrifice for our community that we appreciate them. Call Michael Tindal at (210) 625-2578 or Sonya Singleton at (803) 464-8494.

The Lincoln High School Alumni Association will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15, at the historical Lincoln Center cafeteria, Council Street. Call James L. Green at (803) 968-4173.

The Sumter Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16, at Palmetto Health Tuomey in classroom 2. More information is available online at www.sumterhamradio.org or on the group's Facebook page.

South Carolina Legal Services will offer a FINAL free expungement workshop at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Clarendon One Community Resource Center, 1154 Fourth St., Summerton. This will be the last expungement workshop offered so you don't want to miss out on this final opportunity to put your past behind you. Come let attorneys Christina Kelly and Tiffney Love begin or continue the process of clearing your legal record. Call Kathleen L. Gibson at (803) 485-2043 or (803) 225-0832 for information about this free workshop.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting out with friends will do you

good. The information you gather will give you better insight into new possibilities. Discover how you can best use your skills to improve your income. If you love someone, tell them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't go overboard in order to impress someone at work. It's important to be true to yourself and to stay focused on what you can achieve for your own benefit, not someone else's. Refuse to let an emotional incident influence your productivity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Downtime will do you good. Visit a spa or club that encourages you to relax and enjoy life. Once relaxed, you will find it much easier to come up with ideas and solutions that will bring about positive change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put a limit on your spending, entertainment and indulgences. Living within your means and focusing on saving will result in peace of mind. Romance doesn't have to cost money if you cozy up at home with someone you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An emotional situation will escalate if you overreact or make promises you cannot keep. You don't have to give in to keep the peace, you just need to choose your words carefully and be sympathetic to others' opinions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Too much of anything will turn into trouble. If you are too giving or agreeable, it will end up costing you. Avoid making impulse purchases or investing in something you know little about. Don't give in to unreasonable

demands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pour your energy into something you love to do. Overreacting will set you back and lead to regret. Don't waste time trying to figure out what someone else is going to do when you should be concentrating on your next move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look at the logistics of any situation you face. Overreacting or taking on too much will be your downfall. A physical effort will bring good results. Don't make a move based on emotions. Wait until you feel less fragile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You don't have to overspend to impress someone, and if you feel like you do, you should reconsider the connection. Offering intelligent advice and encouragement is all that's required to keep your relationship on solid ground.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partnerships are best handled carefully. It's in your best interest to avoid someone who might be trying to coerce you into something questionable. Don't feel pressured to make a hasty decision or an unorthodox move. Do what's best for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good fortune can be yours if you use the experience you have gained in order to get things done and forge ahead. Your progress will be regarded highly by others, but don't jeopardize your health trying to make an impression.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put everything you've got into living up to your promises and your responsibilities. Knowing what's expected of you and being honest about what you can do will help build a stronger relationship with a peer or your boss.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Rather cloudy, a shower; humid	Partly cloudy, warm and humid	Clouds breaking and mild	Times of clouds and sun	Not as warm; a p.m. t-storm	Mostly cloudy
83°	64°	84° / 65°	87° / 64°	79° / 54°	72° / 51°
Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 15%
ENE 6-12 mph	NE 4-8 mph	NE 4-8 mph	S 2-4 mph	NNW 4-8 mph	NE 8-16 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

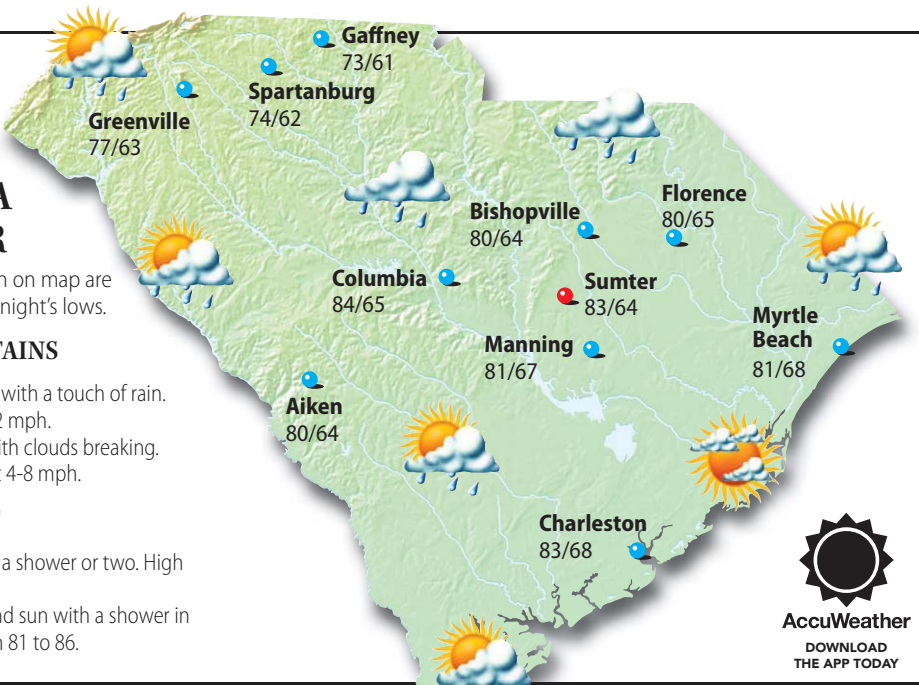
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Not as warm with a touch of rain. Winds northeast 6-12 mph.
Saturday: Humid with clouds breaking. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Partly sunny; a shower or two. High 81 to 85.
Saturday: Clouds and sun with a shower in the area; humid. High 81 to 86.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	86°
Low	73°
Normal high	75°
Normal low	52°
Record high	88° in 1953
Record low	37° in 1964

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.84"
Normal month to date	1.44"
Year to date	31.84"
Last year to date	44.55"
Normal year to date	38.68"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.60	-0.02
Marion	76.8	74.44	-0.13
Moultrie	75.5	74.05	-0.18
Wateree	100	97.92	-0.04

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	4.01	-0.17
Congaree River	19	2.11	-2.69
Lynches River	14	2.83	+0.09
Saluda River	14	2.14	-0.10
Up. Santee River	80	76.23	+0.88
Wateree River	24	8.27	+0.73

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:25 a.m.	Sunset	6:50 p.m.
Moonrise	1:06 a.m.	Moonset	3:16 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Oct. 19	Oct. 27	Nov. 4	Nov. 10

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	4:02 a.m.	3.0	10:46 a.m.	0.3
	4:33 p.m.	3.5	11:37 p.m.	0.6
Sat.	5:08 a.m.	3.1	11:51 a.m.	0.3
	5:36 p.m.	3.5	---	---

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	84/67/pc	81/66/pc
Chicago	72/61/pc	75/55/r
Dallas	93/71/s	94/67/s
Detroit	71/57/pc	74/65/pc
Houston	91/70/pc	91/69/pc
Los Angeles	81/59/s	87/60/s
New Orleans	89/73/s	87/75/s
New York	67/62/c	73/66/c
Orlando	86/74/t	86/74/t
Philadelphia	69/63/c	78/65/c
Phoenix	94/64/s	93/66/s
San Francisco	70/53/pc	74/53/s
Wash., DC	68/65/sh	77/66/c

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	73/59/pc	78/56/pc	Florence	80/65/c	82/64/c
Athens	83/63/pc	82/62/pc	Gainesville	89/72/pc	88/70/pc
Augusta	87/66/pc	88/64/pc	Gastonia	75/62/r	80/62/pc
Beaufort	85/70/sh	86/71/pc	Goldsboro	79/66/r	81/65/c
Cape Hatteras	83/71/c	82/70/c	Goose Creek	83/69/pc	84/69/pc
Charleston	83/68/sh	85/69/pc	Greensboro	73/61/r	78/62/pc
Charlotte	76/61/r	81/62/pc	Greenville	77/63/r	80/62/pc
Clemson	78/66/r	80/65/pc	Hickory	71/59/r	79/60/pc
Columbia	84/65/pc	85/66/pc	Hilton Head	82/71/pc	83/71/pc
Darlington	79/64/sh	82/64/pc	Jacksonville, FL	86/71/pc	86/71/c
Elizabeth City	80/69/r	84/68/c	La Grange	87/68/pc	84/66/pc
Elizabethtown	80/67/r	81/66/c	Macon	89/66/pc	86/63/pc
Fayetteville	80/64/r	84/64/pc	Marietta	83/65/pc	80/63/pc

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SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



Lulu, left, is a 1-year-old female rottweiler mix. She is extremely sweet and affectionate. She loves everyone she meets, including children. Lulu is an active and playful girl who would be best in a home without other pets. She would make an excellent new family buddy!

Smokey, right, is a housebroken 3-year-old American short hair. She is great with children. Smokey is a friendly, gentle and affectionate girl who adores attention! She tolerates other animals but likes people more.

The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit the website at www.sumterscspca.com.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Hawks netters rule the roost



Alice Drive Middle School's Abbegale Bauer sets the ball forward for a teammate during the Hawks' victory over Hillcrest Middle School on Wednesday in the championship match of the Sumter Middle School Conference volleyball tournament at Sumter High School.

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Alice Drive wins 2nd straight middle school volleyball title

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The Alice Drive Middle School volleyball team won its second straight Sumter Middle School Conference championship tournament on Wednesday at the Sumter High School main gymnasium, defeating Hillcrest 2-1.

The Lady Hawks fell in the first game against Hillcrest 25-15, but bounced back in the second to win 25-13 and then survived the third, erasing a 3-point deficit late, posting an 18-16 victory, winning by two in the 15-point rubber game.

"We were down 11-9 and 13-10, but we were able to tie it at 14-14, 15-15 and 16-16 before we were able to get the last two points," said AD head coach Ann Caldwell, whose team finished with an 11-1 record, the only blemish a loss to Furman earlier in the season. "It was beyond exciting.

"It wasn't an easy match when we played the first time," Caldwell said. "We came out victorious, but it was a battle then also."

Alice Drive, the top seed in the tournament, had a bye to the semifinals, where it made quick work of Furman, winning 2-0, 25-12, 25-4. Furman had defeated Ebenezer to advance to the semifinals, along with Bates, which defeated Chestnut Oaks. Hillcrest defeated Bates to advance to the final against the Hawks.

Caldwell said she was concerned about facing Furman again, having lost to the Lady Indians in the regular season; but she needn't have wor-



ABOVE: Alice Drive's Kristina Espiritu (2) sets the ball for teammate Abbegale Bauer during the Hawks' victory on Wednesday at Sumter High School. LEFT: Alice Drive's Zentrina Choice lofts the ball to serve.

ried much.

"They were on their A-game," Caldwell said of her team facing Furman.

Hillcrest, however, presented more of a problem. Caldwell said that while Hillcrest didn't do a lot in terms of attacking, they were skilled at getting the ball back and forcing her team to win points and avoid losing them.

"They were able to constantly bring the ball back, which made our girls have to stay on their toes a lot longer," Caldwell said. "We noticed that Hillcrest pushed the ball deeper in the court, and we are constantly coaching our girls to do that if we can't get that bump-set-hit to hit it deep, and they were able to do that, which made my back row have to stay back.

"It's very easy, especially for a young team, to creep up and leave that back line open."

Caldwell credited strong play, par-

ticularly in amassing service points, from her tallest players, Zentrina Choice, Abbegale Bauer and Molly McMahon, the latter of which delivered the last three points in service for the Hawks, as well as her two setters, Lexi Richardson and Kristina Espiritu, in initiating good bump-set-hit attacks.

Caldwell said her team is laden with eighth-graders who will likely be among those playing for Sumter High next year. She said she will build next year's team around three seventh-graders that improved enough to earn spots in the rotation — Molly Brunson, Ashlynn Elmore and Grace Buessing.

Still, she said she was glad to have experienced players with a bit more size and strength to depend on in the championship match.

"When you get to crunch time, you've got to go with experience," she said.

PREP FOOTBALL

Gators still making progress despite string of losses

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The Lakewood High School varsity football team stands at 2-6 on the season and 0-2 in Region VI-4A heading into today's 7:30 p.m. matchup against Darlington at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

The Falcons, who are led by former Sumter High School head coach John Jones, are 1-6 overall and 0-1 in region play. The winner of this game will put itself in a strong position to grab one of the playoff spots in the region.

And while that isn't anywhere near where head coach Larry Cornelius wants his team to be, especially in light of the fact that the Gators have played well at times in close losses to good teams like Manning, Colleton County and Lugoff-Elgin, he said he has seen progress this season, particularly in some of the 'little things' that can take several seasons to build into a program.



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lakewood's Deandrae Mack (5) goes up high to try to block a point-after kick by Harts-ville late in last week's loss to the Foxes. Lakewood hosts Darlington on Friday with a playoff bid in its sights.

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PRO TENNIS

Pink Open has almost as many qualifiers left as seeded players

FROM STAFF REPORTS

There are almost as many qualifiers left after the second round of the Sumter Pink Open as there are seeded players in the singles main draw.

Just three seeds remain among the eight players who will play in the quarterfinal matches, while two qualifiers — both of whom had to win three matches to even reach the main draw — will be joining the seeds in the \$25,000 USTA Women's Pro Circuit event at Palmetto Tennis Center.

American qualifier Jessica Pegula advanced to the quarterfinals by taking down No. 8 seed Maria Sanchez 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 seed Taylor Townsend cruised past Sarah-Rebecca Sekulic 6-3, 6-3, while No. 4 seed Victoria Rodriguez took care of qualifier Victoria Flores 6-4, 6-1 and No. 7 seed Ulrikke Eikeri swept Julia Elbaba 6-2, 6-2.

Qualifier Anna Tatishvili made her way into the quarterfinals with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Francesca Di Lorenzo; Jovana Jaksic was a 6-4, 6-2 winner over McCartney Kessler; Marta Paigina rallied past Laura Pigossi 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; and Montserrat Gonzalez defeated qualifier Marcela Zacarias 6-3, 0-6, 7-5.

In today's quarterfinal matches, which begin at 10 a.m., Townsend will take Pegula, Rodriguez will meet Eikeri, Gonzalez will go up against Paigina and Jaksic will meet Tatishvili.

In the doubles main draw quarterfinal matches, the No. 1 seeded team of Alexandra Mueller and Caitlin Whoriskey defeated Ingrid Gamarra Martins and Pigossi 6-4, 7-6(1); the British duo of Daneika Borthwick and Tara Moore topped the third-seed team of Chanel Simmonds and Rodriguez 6-3, 2-6, 10-5; Americans Rasheeda McAdoo and Jada Robinson moved into the semifinals with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Sofia Sewing and Kennedy Shaffer; while Pegula and Townsend downed Kerrie Cartwright and Karian Pierre-Louis 6-3, 6-1.

In the doubles semis today, Mueller and Whoriskey will take on Borthwick and Moore, while McAdoo and Robinson will face Pegula and Townsend.

PINK OPEN RESULTS

THURSDAY
Singles Main Draw - Second round
Taylor Townsend (1) defeated Sarah-Rebecca Sekulic 6-3, 6-3.
Montserrat Gonzalez defeated Marcela Zacarias 6-3, 0-6, 7-5.
Anna Tatishvili defeated Francesca Di Lorenzo 7-5, 6-1.
Jessica Pegula defeated Maria Sanchez (8) 6-3, 6-3.
Ulrikke Eikeri (7) defeated Julia Elbaba 6-2, 6-2.
Victoria Rodriguez (4) defeated Victoria Flores 6-4, 6-1.
Marta Paigina defeated Laura Pigossi 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Jovana Jaksic defeated McCartney Kessler 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles Main Draw - Quarterfinals
Jessica Pegula/Taylor Townsend defeated Kerrie Cartwright/Karian Pierre-Louis 6-3, 6-1.
Alexandra Mueller/Caitlin Whoriskey (1) defeated Ingrid Gamarra Martins/Laura Pigossi 6-4, 7-6(1).
Daneika Borthwick/Tara Moore defeated Victoria Rodriguez/Chanel Simmonds (3) 6-3, 2-6, 10-5.
Rasheeda McAdoo/Jada Robinson defeated Sofia Sewing/Kennedy Shaffer 6-4, 6-3.
SCHEDULE
TODAY
Court 1 - starting at 10 a.m.
WS - Jovana Jaksic vs. Anna Tatishvili, followed by
WS - Taylor Townsend (1) vs. Jessica Pegula, not before 11:30 a.m., followed by,
WD - Alexandra Mueller/Caitlin Whoriskey (1) vs. Daneika Borthwick/Tara Moore
WD - Rasheeda McAdoo/Jada Robinson vs. Jessica Pegula/Taylor Townsend, NB 14:00
Court 2 - starting at 10 a.m.
WS - Ulrikke Eikeri (7) vs. Victoria Rodriguez (4), followed by
WS - Montserrat Gonzalez vs. Marta Paigina, not before 11 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO SPORTS

TODAY
6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Rolex Masters Quarterfinal Matches from Shanghai (TENNIS).
7:20 a.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Group C Match from Kochi, India — Germany vs. Guinea (FOX SPORTS 2).
8 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Italian Open Second Round from Turin, Italy (GOLF).
10:20 a.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Group D Match from Goa, India — Brazil vs. Niger (FOX SPORTS 2).
Noon — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Fred's 250 Practice from Talladega, Ala. (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — LPGA Golf: KEB Hana Bank Championship Second Round from Incheon, South Korea (GOLF).
1 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Alabama 500 Practice from Talladega, Ala. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Fred's 250 Practice from Talladega, Ala. (FOX SPORTS 1).
2:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Cologne vs. Stuttgart (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
2:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions SAS Championship First Round from Cary, N.C. (GOLF).
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Talladega, Ala. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4:30 p.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Group C Match from Goa, India — Iran vs. Costa Rica (FOX SPORTS 2).
5 p.m. — Women's College Soccer: San Diego State at Colorado College (SPECTRUM 1250).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Group D Match from Kochi, India — North Korea vs. Spain (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:30 p.m. — High School Football: Lugoff-Elgin at Hartsville (WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — College Football: Clemson at Syracuse (ESPN, WWBD-FM 94.7).
7 p.m. — CFL Football: Calgary at Hampton (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Football: Maryland at Wisconsin (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Women's College Soccer: Oklahoma State at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. — College Soccer: Virginia at North Carolina State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. — College Hockey: Denver at Notre Dame (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Kentucky Practice from Lexington, Ky. (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — High School Football: Carolina Forest at Sumter (WIBZ-FM 95.5).
7 p.m. — High School Football: Hammond at Wilson Hall (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7:30 p.m. — High School Football: Lake City at Waccamaw (WWFN-FM 100.1).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: American League Championship Series Game 1 — New York Yankees at Houston (FOX SPORTS 1).
8 p.m. — NBA Preseason Basketball: San Antonio at Houston (TNT).
8 p.m. — Women's College Soccer: New Mexico at Air Force (SPECTRUM 1250).
10 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Hawaii at Long Beach State (ESPN).
10 p.m. — High School Football: Friday Night Prep Zone Scoreboard Show (WIBZ-FM 95.5).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Washington State at California (ESPN).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Preseason Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT).
11 p.m. — PGA Golf: CIMB Classic Third Round from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (GOLF).
1:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Rolex Masters Singles and Doubles Semifinal Matches from Shanghai (TENNIS).
SATURDAY
6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Rolex Masters Singles and Doubles Semifinal Matches from Shanghai (TENNIS).
6:30 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Italian Open Third Round from Turin, Italy (GOLF).
7:20 a.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Group E Match from Guwahati, India — Honduras vs. France (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:20 a.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Group E Match from Kochi, India — New Caledonia vs. Japan (FOX SPORTS 2).
7:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester United vs. Liverpool (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:25 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Freiburg vs. Bayern Munich (FOX SPORTS 2).
9:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Chelsea vs. Crystal Palace (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Bournemouth vs. Tottenham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Fred's 250 Pole Qualifying from Talladega, Ala. (FOX SPORTS 1).
11:30 a.m. — LPGA Golf: KEB Hana Bank Championship Third Round from Incheon, South Korea (GOLF).
Noon — College Football: Michigan at Indiana (WOLO 25).
Noon — College Football: Eastern Michigan at Army (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Football: South Carolina at Tennessee (ESPN, WIBZ-FM 95.5, WNKT-FM 107.5).
Noon — College Football: Connecticut at Temple (ESPNWS).
Noon — College Football: Florida State at Duke (ESPN2).
Noon — College Football: Texas Tech at West Virginia (ESPN).
Noon — College Football: Texas Christian at Kansas State (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — College Football: Kansas at Iowa State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
Noon — College Football: North Carolina State at Pittsburgh (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
Noon — College Football: Teams To Be Announced (SEC NETWORK).
12:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Leipzig vs. Borussia Dortmund (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Watford (WIS 10).
1 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Fred's 250 from Talladega, Ala. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).
1 p.m. — College Football: East Tennessee State at Western Carolina (WKTC 63).
2:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions SAS Championship Second Round from Cary, N.C. (GOLF).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Auburn at Louisiana State (WLTX 19).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Georgia Tech at Miami (WOLO 25).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Akron at Western Michigan (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Oklahoma vs. Texas from Dallas (ESPN).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Northwestern at Maryland (ESPN2).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Baylor at Oklahoma State (FOX SPORTS 1).
3:30 p.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Group F Match from Kolkata, India — Iraq vs. England (FOX SPORTS 2).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Virginia at North Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Chattanooga at Mercer (SPECTRUM 1250).
3:45 p.m. — College Football: Navy at Memphis (ESPN).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: American League Championship Series Game 2 — New York Yankees at Houston (WACH 57).
4 p.m. — College Football: Houston at Tulsa (ESPNWS).
4 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pole Qualifying from Talladega, Ala. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Football: Teams To Be Announced (SEC NETWORK).
4:30 p.m. — NWSL Soccer: NWSL Championship Game from Orlando, Fla. (LIFETIME).
5:30 p.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Group F Match from Guwahati, India — Chile vs. Mexico (FOX SPORTS 2).
6 p.m. — College Hockey: Denver at Notre Dame (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Football: East Carolina at Central Florida (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Football: Texas A&M at Florida (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Carolina at Winnipeg (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. — College Football: Texas-El Paso at Southern Mississippi (SPECTRUM 1250).
7:15 p.m. — College Football: Arkansas at Alabama (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Leo Santa Cruz vs. Chris Avalos in a Featherweight Bout and Abner Mares vs. Andres Gutierrez in a

Featherweight Bout from Carson, Calif. (WACH 57).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Cincinnati at South Florida (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Ohio State at Nebraska (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Teams To Be Announced (SEC NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Football: Utah at Southern California (WOLO 25).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: National League Championship Series Game 1 — Chicago Cubs or Washington at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS).
10:15 p.m. — College Football: Nevada at Colorado State (ESPN2).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Boise State at San Diego State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Hampton at Norfolk State (ESPN).
10:45 p.m. — College Football: Washington at Arizona State (ESPN).
11 p.m. — College Football: Oregon at Stanford (FOX SPORTS 1).
11 p.m. — PGA Golf: CIMB Classic Final Round from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (GOLF).
4:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Rolex Masters Singles Final Match from Shanghai (TENNIS).

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Varsity Football
Carolina Forest at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Darlington at Lakewood, 7:30 p.m.
Timberland at Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Cheraw at Lee Central, 7:30 p.m.
East Clarendon at Green Sea-Floyds, 7:30 p.m.
St. John's at Scott's Branch, 7:30 p.m.
Hammond at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Pinewood Prep at Laurence Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Trinity-Byrnes, 7:30 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Florence Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys Soccer
Sumter Christian at Legacy Christian, 5 p.m.
Varsity Swimming
Sumter in 4A State Meet (at USC Natatorium in Columbia), TBA
Varsity Volleyball
Sumter Christian at Legacy Christian, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY
Varsity and JV Equestrian
Wilson Hall in Interscholastic Equestrian Association Competition (at Tally Ho Equestrian Center in Timmonsville), TBA
Wilson Hall in SCISA State Meet (at Augusta Aquatic Center), TBA

MLB POSTSEASON

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Houston 3, Boston 1
Thursday, Oct. 5: Houston 8, Boston 2
Friday, Oct. 6: Houston 8, Boston 2
Sunday, Oct. 8: Boston 10, Houston 3
Monday, Oct. 9: Houston 5, Boston 4
New York 3, Cleveland 2
Thursday, Oct. 5: Cleveland 4, New York 0
Friday, Oct. 6: Cleveland 9, New York 8, 13 innings
Sunday, Oct. 8: New York 1, Cleveland 0
Monday, Oct. 9: New York 7, Cleveland 3
Wednesday, Oct. 11: New York 5, Cleveland 2
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago 2, Washington 2
Friday, Oct. 6: Chicago 3, Washington 0
Saturday, Oct. 7: Washington 6, Chicago 3
Monday, Oct. 9: Chicago 2, Washington 1
Tuesday, Oct. 10: Washington at Chicago, ppd., rain
Wednesday, Oct. 11: Washington 5, Chicago 0
Thursday, Oct. 12: Chicago at Washington, 8:08 p.m. (TBS)
Los Angeles 3, Arizona 0
Friday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles 9, Arizona 5
Saturday, Oct. 7: Los Angeles 8, Arizona 5
Monday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles 3, Arizona 1

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Houston vs. New York
Friday, Oct. 13: New York (Tanaka 13-12) at Houston (Keuchel 14-5) (FS1), 8:08 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14: New York (Severino 14-6) at Houston (Verlander 15-8) (Fox), 4:08 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16: Houston at New York (Sabathia 14-5) (FS1), 8:08 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17: Houston at New York (Gray 10-12) (Fox or FS1)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 18: Houston at New York (Fox or FS1)
x-Friday, Oct. 20: New York at Houston (Fox or FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 21: New York at Houston (Fox or FS1)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Los Angeles vs. Chicago-Washington winner
Saturday, Oct. 14: Chicago-Washington winner at Los Angeles, TBA (TBS), 8:08 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 15: Chicago-Washington winner at Los Angeles, TBA (TBS), 7:38 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17: Los Angeles at Chicago-Washington winner, TBA (TBS)
Wednesday, Oct. 18: Los Angeles at Chicago-Washington winner, TBA (TBS)
x-Thursday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles at Chicago-Washington winner, TBA (TBS)
x-Saturday, Oct. 21: Chicago-Washington winner at Los Angeles, TBA (TBS)
x-Sunday, Oct. 22: Chicago-Washington winner at Los Angeles, TBA (TBS)

WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox
Game 1: Tuesday, Oct. 24
Game 2: Wednesday, Oct. 25
Game 3: Friday, Oct. 27
Game 4: Saturday, Oct. 28
Game 5: x-Sunday, Oct. 29
Game 6: x-Tuesday, Oct. 31
Game 7: x-Wednesday, Nov. 1

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Toronto	4	3	1	0	6	22	16			
Detroit	3	2	1	0	4	8	7			
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	0	4	13	11			
Ottawa	3	1	0	2	4	8	9			
Florida	2	1	1	0	2	8	9			
Boston	3	1	2	0	2	7	13			
Montreal	4	1	3	0	2	5	13			
Buffalo	3	0	2	1	1	7	15			
METROPOLITAN DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
New Jersey	3	3	0	0	6	16	6			
Pittsburgh	4	2	1	1	5	12	17			
Washington	4	2	1	1	5	16	12			
Columbus	3	2	1	0	4	8	6			
Philadelphia	4	2	2	0	4	13	13			
Carolina	2	1	0	1	3	6	6			
N.Y. Islanders	4	1	2	1	3	10	14			
N.Y. Rangers	4	1	3	0	2	10	15			
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
St. Louis	4	4	0	0	8	15	9			
Colorado	4	3	0	1	7	21	7			
Colorado	4	3	1	0	6	15	9			
Nashville	3	1	2	0	2	9	13			
Dallas	3	1	2	0	2	7	8			
Winnipeg	3	1	2	0	2	10	15			
Minnesota	2	0	1	1	1	6	9			
PACIFIC DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Vegas	3	3	0	0	6	9	4			
Calgary	4	3	1	0	6	12	9			
Los Angeles	3	2	0	1	5	9	5			
Anaheim	4	2	1	1	5	10	11			
Vancouver	2	1	0	1	3	5	5			
Edmonton	3	1	2	0	2	7	8			

Arizona 3 0 2 1 1 7 12
San Jose 2 0 2 0 0 4 9
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Wednesday's Games
New Jersey 6, Toronto 3
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
Colorado 6, Boston 3
Anaheim 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Calgary 4, Los Angeles 3, OT
Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 10 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Ottawa at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Boston at Vegas, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
NBA PRESEASON

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	0	1.000	—
Brooklyn	3	1	.750	1
Toronto	2	2	.500	2
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	3
New York	0	4	.000	4
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	1	.750	—
Orlando	3	2	.600	½
Miami	3	2	.600	½
Atlanta	2	2	.500	1
Charlotte	1	3	.250	2
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	3	1	.750	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	½
Detroit	2	2	.500	1
Milwaukee	0	3	.000	2½
Cleveland	0	4	.000	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	4	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	1	.750	1
San Antonio	2	2	.500	2
Memphis	2	2	.500	2
New Orleans	1	2	.333	2½
NORTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	5	0	1.000	—
Portland	4	1	.800	1
Oklahoma City	3	1	.750	1½
Minnesota	2	1	.667	2
Denver	3	2	.600	2
PACIFIC DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	1	2	.333	—
L.A. Clippers	1	2	.333	—
Phoenix	1	3	.250	½
Sacramento	1	3	.250	½
L.A. Lakers	1	4	.200	1

Wednesday's Games
Boston 108, Charlotte 100
Miami 117, Washington 115
Philadelphia 133, Brooklyn 114
Houston 101, Memphis 89
Portland 113, Phoenix 104
Thursday's Games
Dallas vs. Atlanta at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Dallas at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Miami vs. Philadelphia at Kansas City, Mo., 8:30 p.m.
Brisbane Bullets at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Haifa Maccabi at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled.
Sunday's Games
No games scheduled.
Monday's Games
No games scheduled.
Tuesday's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18
Brooklyn at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY
No. 2 Clemson at Syracuse, 7 p.m.
No. 8 Washington State at California, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
No. 1 Alabama vs. Arkansas, 7:15 p.m.
No. 4 Georgia vs. Missouri, 7:30 p.m.
No. 5 Washington at Arizona State, 10:45 p.m.
No. 6 TCU at Kansas State, Noon
No. 7 Wisconsin vs. Purdue, 3:30 p.m.
No. 9 Ohio State at Nebraska, 7:30 p.m.
No. 10 Auburn at LSU, 3:30 p.m.
No. 11 Miami vs. Georgia Tech, 3:30 p.m.
No. 12 Oklahoma vs. Texas at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
No. 13 Southern Cal vs. Utah, 8 p.m.
No. 14 Oklahoma State vs. Baylor, 3:30 p.m.
No. 17 Michigan at Indiana, Noon
No. 18 South Florida vs. Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
No. 19 San Diego State vs. Boise State, 10:30 p.m.
No. 20 NC State at Pittsburgh, Noon
No. 21 Michigan State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
No. 22 UCF vs. East Carolina, 7 p.m.
No. 23 Stanford vs. Oregon, 11 p.m.
No. 24 Texas Tech at West Virginia, Noon
No. 25 Navy at Memphis, 3:45 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

THURSDAY

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS — Purchased the Hickory Crawdads (SAL).

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Named Air Force Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson senior vice president and head of referee operations.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Signed F Travis Wear.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Waived G Xavier Munford.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Waived C Amida Brimah and G London Perrantes.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed TE Tyler Eifert on injured reserve.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released S Alex Carter from the practice squad. Placed OL Cole Toner on practice squad injured reserve. Signed LB Trevor Reilly and TE Will Tye to the practice squad.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed CB Dante Deayon from the practice squad and CB Brandon Dixon to the practice squad.

AREA ROUNDUP

LMA, Wilson Hall to meet In B football title contest

MANNING – Brandon King rushed for 162 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Laurence Manning Academy B football team to a 36-6 victory over Porter-Gaud on Thursday in the a playoff semifinal game at Billy Chitwood Field.

King also threw for a touchdown and ran for a 2-point conversion. Noah Tanner had a 4-yard touchdown reception, while Jackson Brown had 32 receiving yards and a 2-point conversion.

Brandt Reynolds, Hunter Reed and Henry DuRant led the defense with four tackles apiece.

The Swampcats will play host to Wilson Hall on Thursday at 5 p.m. in the championship game.

WILSON HALL 28 ORANGEBURG PREP 12

Wilson Hall improved to 5-3 with a 28-12 victory over Orangeburg Prep on Thursday at Spencer Field.

It was a semifinal game in the SCISA state playoffs.

Cameron Coulter led the Barons with a 1-yard touchdown run and a 48-yard interception return for a score. Dylan Richardson scored on an 8-yard run and Blake VanPatten had a 30-yard TD reception.

Boykin Wilder also had two 2-point conversions.

Will Singleton and Sumter Cooper led the defense with six tackles apiece, while Sam Tristan had three tackles for loss.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Since the heady days of Donovan McNabb and Dwight Freeney two decades ago, Syracuse has struggled at the gate at home. After Syracuse joined the ACC in 2013, Clemson was the first league foe to visit the Carrier Dome and the game drew 48,961 fans, just shy of a sellout. That's the second-best turnout of this century at the Orange's indoor home, eclipsed only by the 49,033 that turned out for Virginia Tech in 2000. Clemson won its second visit to the dome two years ago, 37-27, and only 36,736 showed up to see the top-ranked team in the nation.

PRO BASKETBALL



AP FILE PHOTO

Oklahoma City Thunder’s Russell Westbrook (0) goes up for a shot against the Houston Rockets during the first half in Game 5 of a first-round playoff series in Houston. At center, Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George (13) shoots between Houston Rockets defenders during the third quarter of an NBA preseason game in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At right, Oklahoma City Thunder forward Carmelo Anthony (7) shoots over Melbourne United center Josh Boone (3) in the third quarter of an NBA exhibition game in Oklahoma City. Westbrook is a two-time scoring champion, two-time All-Star MVP and the reigning league MVP. Anthony is a 10-time All-Star and three-time Olympic gold medalist. George is a four-time All-Star, former Most Improved Player and an Olympic gold medalist. None of the new Oklahoma City Thunder teammates have an NBA title.

Oklahoma City’s Big Three shooting for 1st NBA title

BY CLIFF BRUNT
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Russell Westbrook, Carmelo Anthony and Paul George have accomplished nearly everything in their basketball careers. Westbrook is a two-time scoring champion, two-time All-Star MVP and the reigning league MVP. Anthony is a 10-time All-Star and three-time Olympic gold medalist. George is a four-time All-Star, former most improved player award winner and an Olympic gold medalist. None of the new Oklahoma City Thunder teammates have an NBA title. They say that is what drives this version of the NBA’s latest Big Three. “It’s a different energy, a different focus, a different motivation that myself have, Paul has and Russ has, being that we haven’t won a championship yet in our careers,” Anthony said. “We see that, and that’s our ultimate goal.” It’s every NBA player’s goal, but few have what it takes to win a title or are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to get to the top. Westbrook, who recently signed a reported five-year, \$205 million extension with OKC, averaged a triple-double last season and broke Oscar Robertson’s single-season record for triple-doubles in a season with 42. But he didn’t have much help offensively, and the Thunder lost to the Houston Rockets in the first round of the playoffs. Oklahoma City added George in an offseason trade with Indiana, then once the possibility of Anthony leaving New York became real, George helped Anthony add Oklahoma City to his list of possible destinations since he had a no-trade clause in his contract. “You know, it’s awesome to have guys that want to play alongside you and team up with you and share a mission with you, so we got right to it,” George said. “The same for Russ. Those two are pretty close. We all were kind of in the loop on what was going on and we made it possible.” For this union to work there will need to be sacrifices, especially by Anthony. He has been a lead scorer his entire career, and last season, he averaged 22.4 points. He is the No. 25 scorer in NBA history with more than 24,000 points. He is heading into territory that it took other All-Stars some time to adjust to, most recently Kevin Love and Chris Bosh. “I didn’t want to come here to try to

outshine Paul or Russ and vice versa,” Anthony said. “We’re trying to win basketball games, and by any means necessary, we’re going to do that. I’m going to bring my skillset to this team, to this organization, and that’s what I’m here for.” He likes the fact that he won’t have to score as much with this team, though he is still an elite scorer and plans to get buckets. “It’s different though, because I don’t want to take the load on of I have to do it and score 30, 40, 50 points every night,” Anthony said. “But, I mean, I score. That’s what I do. I can’t take that away from me. Being that I do that very well, I think this team needs that, along with some other things.” Thunder general manager Sam Presti said the team might not immediately click. “I can write the stories for all of you the first time that we look sloppy or we drop a game here or there or we’re working things through, you know,” he said. “That’s natural, and I wouldn’t say you guys shouldn’t react that way. But the vision for our team and the way we’ve gone about our business is to always see things for what they can be and not for what they are, and I think we’ll know what we can be after 82 games.” George said all three players approach the game the right way, so he has no doubts that eventually, they will make it work. He knows how to play with Anthony because both were on the gold medal-winning USA team in Rio. “It’s not something that’s new,” George said. “It’s not something new where three guys have been paired up and they found ways to win. It’s not going to be about who is getting shots. All of us talked about this. It’s whoever has the flow, whoever has it going, and then I’ve always played the game as you let the game dictate who shoots, you know. Those guys play the game the same way. “So I’m not worried about shots, neither are those two guys. We want to win, and that’s it.” The early returns appear to be good for Westbrook. He is shooting 53.6 percent from the field in the preseason while taking advantage of the extra space created by his new teammates. “We’ve got to figure out the best way for everybody to play and for our team to play,” Westbrook said. “That part is easy in my opinion — just being able to go out, and you have one goal, and that is win a championship. Guys will do what needs to be done to win a championship.”

NFL FOOTBALL

Chiefs dialing up creative offense to stay 1 step ahead

BY DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Charcandrick West stood in front of his locker in the mostly empty Chiefs training facility this week, the backup running back holding court after an out-of-nowhere two-touchdown performance in last weekend’s victory over Houston. He mused on just about every topic imaginable, from Kansas City’s unbeaten start to the unexpected play of quarterback Alex Smith to the success of rookie running back Kareem Hunt. When asked about the Chiefs’ creativity on offense, his grin threatened to break his face. “It’s a dream, man. They’re making the Madden guys’ jobs hard,” West said, referring to programmers and designers at EA Sports who are responsible for the signature NFL video game. “I don’t know how they’re going to get all of this stuff in the game next year,” West said. If they’re trying to replicate the Chiefs’ playbook, it might push the limits of technology. Whether it’s a jet sweep run through any number of players, on any position on the field, to the tunnel screens that have allowed tight end Travis Kelce to rack up the yardage, one thing is clear: The game plans that coach Andy Reid and offensive coordinator Matt Nagy have put together this season have pushed the boundaries of what seems possible in a league known for its copycat tendencies.



AP FILE PHOTO

Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce (87) leaps over Philadelphia Eagles cornerback Rasul Douglas (32) for a touchdown during the second half of their game in Kansas City, Missouri. The Chiefs are the lone unbeaten in the NFL, and it’s not because they’ve had a charmed season.

“Every week, defenses are trying to do something to take away what you’re trying to do. That’s always been the case,” quarterback Alex Smith said. “I think the goal is to be really balanced. You want a lot of guys that can produce, you want to do it in a lot of different ways, so you’re not one-dimensional — so they can’t shut you down that easily.” One dimensional? Heck, the Chiefs are pushing the boundaries of three-dimensional. In some ways, that’s nothing new. Reid long ago earned a reputation for being an offensive innovator, putting Donovan McNabb and Co. in creative situations in Philadelphia. But many years, he’s been held back by the talent on the field, forced to play to the strengths of a team lacking the right quarterback or playmaking wide receiver capable of fully realizing his vision. That doesn’t appear to be the case anymore. Alex Smith has never been considered a superstar, but his running ability combined with an uncanny knack for avoiding turnovers has allowed Reid to put his quarterback in unique situations. Like the pistol. Or the kind of read-options that fans are accustomed to seeing on Saturdays. Throw in the versatility of Hunt out of the backfield, the ability of Kelce to catch screen passes while also stretching the field, and the world-class sprinting speed of wide receiver Tyreek Hill, and you have a trio of playmakers that allow Reid and Nagy to try out just about anything. Jet sweeps. Shovel passes. Laterals and traps and all kinds of misdirection. “Their video is really impressive, and analytically — from a number standpoint — they’re really impressive,” said Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, whose team will try to figure out the Chiefs on Sunday. “Individually and collectively, they’re doing it at a high

level,” he said. “They have balance. They’re running the ball. They have a young, talented runner who is doing a good job. It’s a lot of things going on well with the Kansas City Chiefs.” The numbers bear that out, too. The Chiefs are second in the NFL in total offense, lead the league in yards per play and points per game, and are third in time of possession. The balance is evident when you consider they’re second in the NFL in yards rushing and ninth in yards passing. All that creativity has also come in handy as the Chiefs have dealt with a rash of injuries. They have yet to have their entire offensive line healthy, and figure to have missing pieces again Sunday with right guard Laurent Duvernay-Tardif still out with a knee injury and center Mitch Morse limited by a foot injury. Wide receiver Chris Conley was lost for the season last Sunday with a ruptured Achilles’ tendon, while running back Spencer Ware went down in the preseason with a knee injury. Reid mostly dismisses any notion that things are markedly different this year, but he does accept that defenses have begun trying new wrinkles to slow the Chiefs down. “More in the run-game stuff than the pass game,” he said, “but everyone has their own flare.” Including the Chiefs, where Reid’s creativity is keeping them one step ahead.

RECRUITING CORNER

Former Berkeley standout visits Carolina

Defensive back **Israel Mukuamu** of Bossier City, La., a former football standout at Berkeley High School in Moncks Corner, made his official visit to the University of South Carolina over the weekend with his parents.

He has been committed to Florida State, but USC, and others continue to recruit him hard. He saw USC’s defense perhaps at its finest in the win over Arkansas with three touch-downs on returns. That, along with the message from head coach Will Muschamp on Sunday, left an impression on him.

“I really loved the visit; it was a much needed visit and a helpful visit,” Mukuamu said. “It was just getting a more in-depth visit as far as seeing where I’m at and where they see me playing in their system. I talked with Coach Muschamp and he said he felt like this would be the best place for me as far as knowing people, being from the state and getting to play early and change the program.”

While watching Saturday’s game, Mukuamu obviously was focused on the defense and the secondary. “I loved it,” he said. “The defense really played great and took a few back for a touchdown. They just played phenomenal.”

Mukuamu said he was hosted by Justin King and Keisean Nixon. He also met with the academic people from the university.

Mukuamu also has taken an official visit to Indiana. He will visit Georgia this weekend and he has FSU scheduled for Oct. 20. He expects it will take him up to the early signing date to finalize his plans.

“I’m still committed, but I’m still going to think through it and leave it up to God and keep praying,” Mukuamu said. “I’m going to keep them (USC) in mind. The visit did help close the gap.”

Linebacker **Dax Hollifield** of Shelby, N.C., also made his official visit to USC over the weekend. He also has taken an official visit to FSU and has future officials with North Carolina, Virginia Tech and Stanford. He also was at Virginia Tech unofficially for the Clemson game.

“He’s enjoyed everywhere he’s been. He’s going to have a tough decision,” said Hollifield’s head coach, Lance Ware. “They are all good schools to choose from, and he has built good relationships with all the coaches, including (assistant) Coach (Coleman) Hutzler and Coach Muschamp. He likes a bigtime atmosphere and an opportunity to play early. He just needs to pick where he will be happy for four to five years.”

Going into Friday’s game, Hollifield had 62 total tackles with 11 tackles for loss, two quarterback sacks and one pass breakup.

USC’s efforts to turn defensive end **Dorian Gerald** away from his Tennessee commitment got a boost on Saturday as he witnessed USC’s strong defensive effort against Arkansas. The Florence native, who had an off weekend from

his schedule with College of the Canyons Junior College in California, made an unofficial visit to Columbia with a cousin. The Gamecocks scored their most one-sided victory of the Muschamp era and that was part of a positive experience for Gerald.

“I loved it, I really enjoyed it. It opened up my eyes,” said Gerald, who last visited USC in the summer before committing to Tennessee. “The environment was huge and I liked everything about the game. The defense played well. I feel like I could help a little bit with the pass rush.

“I talked to everybody, (defensive coordinator) Coach (Travaris) Robinson, Coach Muschamp, (assistant) Coach (Lance) Thompson. They said the opportunity is still here and they still need me and want me to come in and I have a huge opportunity there.”

Asked if he could see himself fitting in that defense, Gerald said, “Oh, most definitely. This was an eye opener and I can’t wait to get back on my official with my family and let my family see everything. It was way more than I expected with everything, with the environment and the playing.”

Gerald will return to USC for his official visit on Nov. 17. He will go to Tennessee for an official on Nov. 24. He does not have any other visits planned at this point. He has talked about visiting Florida as well.

Offensive line target **Dylan Wonnum** of Tucker, Ga., also made an unofficial visit to USC on Saturday. His brother, of course, is a USC DE. He told USA Today that he’s still open, talks with coaches every day, and UF now stands out the most. He’s also been looking hard at Louisiana State and Auburn.

Defensive lineman **Rick Sandidge** of Concord, N.C., will take his next visit on Oct. 21. He’s not sure yet where he’ll be going on that day, but it will be somewhere he’s already visited. Sandidge said USC has been in touch just checking up on him. He’s also talking regularly with Georgia, UF, Michigan, Penn State, North Carolina and VT, the other schools in his top seven. Sandidge said he has four of his official visits set but won’t release those visits until all five are set. It does not look like USC will get one.

“I don’t see a reason for South Carolina having one because they are right there,” Sandidge said. “That’s not going to defeat their chances of me going to South Carolina.” Sandidge said he will visit USC again unofficially at some point.

DB **CJ Smith** of West Palm Beach, Fla., said he’s not heard back from USC since his official visit for the Louisiana Tech weekend, but he’s looking for a call from recruiter Robinson at any time. He will visit Mississippi on Oct. 21 and Oklahoma on Oct. 28. He’s also hearing from Baylor. Smith said he’ll be ready to make his decision after the Oklahoma visit unless he sets up a visit with Baylor in early November. He said Oklahoma has been recruiting him the hardest.

USC’s Thompson was in touch recently with offered DE **Mario Dungy** of Highland JC in Kansas. Thompson and

Dungy are working on an official visit date. If his team doesn’t make a bowl, the visit might happen the Clemson weekend. If not, he’ll visit after the season. Dungy also is talking with Maryland, Kentucky and Kansas. USC is his biggest offer at this point, and he feels good about USC at this point.

OL **Damien Lewis** of Northwest Mississippi JC last heard from USC OL coach Eric Wolford about three weeks ago. He said Wolford told him the offer is still on the table. Lewis made an official visit to USC in June. He took an official visit to UK for the UF game and is scheduled to visit Ole Miss on Oct. 20. He also wants to take officials to West Virginia and LSU.

DE **Antonio Anderson** of Lower Richland High in Hopkins planned to visit North Carolina State for last week’s game with Louisville. He’s also expecting to talk again soon with USC’s Robinson. He’s also been hearing from Appalachian State, Georgia State, Old Dominion, Charleston Southern and Eastern Kentucky. He plans to attend a game at Georgia State on Oct. 26.

USC LB target **Channing Tindall** of Spring Valley High in Columbia told Auburn247 he plans to visit Auburn Thanksgiving weekend for the Alabama game. He did not say if the visit will be official or unofficial. Tindall also picked up a Texas offer.

USC recently offered 2019 quarterback **Ty Evans** of Monument, Colo. He’s an Arkansas commitment, but the USC offer does interest him. According to stats from MaxPreps, Evans is the second leading passer in Colorado with 1,762 yards, 24 touchdowns and three interceptions.

Connor Bazelak, a ’19 QB from Dayton, Ohio, is a pro-style quarterback who has had some contact from USC QB coach and offensive coordinator Kurt Roper. He has offers from UK, Toledo and Western Michigan. He has made visits this season to Vanderbilt, Northwestern, UK and Cincinnati.

DeAngelo Griffin, a ’19 DL from Cordele, Ga., is planning a commitment soon. USC is one of his early offers. Some of his others are Arkansas, Wake Forest, Alabama-Birmingham, Western Kentucky and Georgia Southern. His best friend is teammate LB Ahdarrious Gee, who is already a USC commitment for the ’19 class.

Brandon Bunkley, a ’19 OL from Decatur, Ga., is hearing from USC, Georgia Tech and Cincinnati, according to RecruitGeorgia.

CLEMSON

Clemson is on the board with its first commitment for the ’19 class. DB **Joseph Charleston** (6-feet-2-inches, 190 pounds) of Alpharetta, Ga., announced a commitment to the Tigers on Monday. He visited for the WF game last weekend, the third game he has been to this season.

He also had offers from Alabama, UGA, Tennessee, Ole Miss, Ohio State, WVU, Vandy and others.

“One school sticks out from the rest,” Charleston wrote on Twitter. “After many talks with my family and coaches, I

am officially committed to Clemson University.”

He said recently Clemson, Alabama, Tennessee and UGA were high on his list. He has a brother who plays baseball at Tennessee.

Charleston is a safety, a position the Tigers are still trying to address in their ’18 class. They took two safeties in ’16 but none in the ’17 class.

Wide receiver **Justyn Ross** of Phenix City, Ala., remains one of the top uncommitted targets on Clemson’s board. WR coach Jeff Scott is in almost daily contact, according to Ross, who made an unofficial visit for the Auburn game. He plans to return on an unofficial visit for the FSU game and then take his official visit the following weekend for The Citadel game. Clemson is the only official visit he has set, but he also will set officials with Alabama and Auburn.

Clemson OL target **Jamaree Salyer** of Atlanta was scheduled for an official visit to UF over the weekend. He has had Clemson and UGA as his top two. He also is planning to visit Ohio State officially. He has set Dec. 20 for his announcement.

OL **Jordan McFadden** of Dorman High in Roebuck remains committed to VT, but Clemson, his childhood favorite, weighs heavy on his mind. He was in Blacksburg for the recent Clemson win over the Hokies.

“It’s about how it was before,” McFadden said of the strength of his commitment. “It was good to get down there and talk to the coaches and hang out with them for a while, but knowing how I’ve liked Clemson forever, I’m just kind of like stuck in the middle a little bit.”

On a 1-10 scale, he called his commitment strength a 6.5. He said the Clemson coaches really want him back to visit for the FSU game. VT wants him to return for the UNC and he might go.

OL **Jackson Carman** of Fairfield, Ohio, did not make a scheduled official visit to Wisconsin the last weekend in September. He has eliminated the Badgers because he can’t enroll there in January, his head coach told Scout.com. He is scheduled to visit Clemson, Ohio State, Southern California and FSU.

DB **Kelvin Joseph** of Baton Rouge, La., decommitted from LSU in the wake of the Tigers’ upset loss to Troy. He said LSU is still No. 1 on his list, but he’s looking at others, including Clemson. He told a 247Sports site he plans to visit Clemson for the FSU game. He also plans to visit Alabama.

Dorman’s ’19 WR **Jacoby Pinckney** was at VT for the Clemson game. Cam’Ron Kelly, a ’19 DB from Chesapeake, Va., visited Clemson recently.

CLEMSON AND USC

DB **Jaycee Horn** of Alpharetta, Ga., landed a Clemson offer last week. Horn has been committed to Tennessee since the summer, and his current position is that he’s 100 percent with the Volunteers despite the turmoil in Knoxville. However, he is still looking at other options. That’s why he continues to take visits this season, including stops last month at Clemson and USC. He

planned to visit Auburn this past weekend and was at Tennessee for the UGA game. He does not have any other unofficial visits set, but he plans to get back to Clemson and USC for games. USC was his second choice when he committed to Tennessee and USC remains on his trail.

“I hear from them every day,” Horn said. “Mostly T-Rob (Robinson). I’m going to take all my officials, and South Carolina and Tennessee will definitely get one.”

Horn witnessed one of Tennessee’s worst home losses ever, and the Vol fans have been howling.

“Everybody is saying (Tennessee head) Coach (Butch) Jones won’t be there next year and things like that,” Horn said. “I have a close relationship with all the coaches. Right now I’m a hundred percent committed to Coach Jones. I’ve been talking to them quite a bit and I know they still believe in me and that’s always a big thing.”

BASKETBALL

USC target 6-8 **Simi Shittu** of Vermont Academy made an official visit to Vandy last weekend. He also has a visit set with UNC for Nov. 10.

Jericole Hellems, a 6-7 player from St. Louis, has taken official visits to USC and NCSU and hasn’t scheduled any others at this point. He said USC is still involved with him and he’s been talking with all of the assistants. He said USC was out to see him a couple of weeks ago.

“I feel good about South Carolina and I feel good about my other schools,” Hellems said. “I just need some time. They see me as a player that can impact the game and help their organization on top of what they’ve already been doing.”

Some of those other schools are Missouri, Arkansas, VT, GT and UF.

USC also remains involved with 6-10 **Kaosi Ezeagu** of GTA Prep in Canada. His head coach said they are working on trying to set up an official visit with USC.

Clemson is in the final three with 6-1 **Devon Dotson** of Charlotte. He has been to Clemson unofficially and took a recent official visit to Maryland. Kansas also in the mix and his father told Rivals a decision should come down within a week.

Clemson no longer is involved with 5-11 point guard **Anthony Nelson** of South Kent, Conn. He said he is down to Dayton, Seton Hall and Minnesota.

Clemson offered 6-6 ’19 recruit **Elias King** of Snellville, Ga.

Josiah James, a 6-7 ’19 recruit from Porter-Gaud in Charleston, was offered by Texas.

USC women’s target 5-11 **Christyn Williams** of Little Rock, Ark., visited Texas this past weekend and will visit Connecticut this weekend. She has visited USC, UCLA and Tennessee.

Olivia Nelson-Ododa, a 6-4 player from Winder, Ga., took an official visit to FSU over the weekend with her AAU teammate, Morgan Jones. She visited USC last month and also has Stanford, Duke, UConn and UGA on her short list.

AUTO RACING

Truex appreciates every aspect of his time on top

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — As Martin Truex Jr. leads lap after lap, week after week, in this season of rare dominance, it is easy to forget that he was once a journeyman driver in fear of losing his job in NASCAR.

That was just four years ago. Truex was an unwitting participant in one of the biggest cheating scandals in NASCAR history. His Michael Waltrip Racing team deliberately caused a caution that set in motion Truex win-

ning a race that would have put him in the playoffs. As the deception unraveled, Truex was kicked out of the playoffs and MWR received crippling sanctions. Truex’s team was shut down by the end of the year, one-third of the MWR organization was laid off and the team was out of business two years later.

“When all that first happened, I didn’t know if I’d ever be able to race in the series again competitively,” Truex said. “I didn’t know if I’d ever have a chance at winning again.”

Look at him now, fresh off a series-

best sixth win of the season and the unquestioned favorite to win the Cup title next month. His victory Sunday at Charlotte Motor Speedway was the second out of four playoff races, and it automatically earned him a slot in the next round.

Truex leads the series in victories, top-five finishes, top-10s, laps led, stages won and playoff points. Not a race goes by in which Truex can’t figure out a way to get his No. 78 Toyota to the front of the field.

By his estimation, had cautions not fallen the way they did or had luck

been on his side, Truex believes he should have at least 10 victories this season.

That’s hardly what anyone envisioned for him as MWR fell apart and Truex, who had nothing to do with the scandal, found himself out of a job.

He was lucky that Furniture Row Racing had an opening. The one-car team based in Denver had made significant progress with driver Kurt Busch, and team owner Barney Visser wanted to continue that upward trajectory after Busch moved on.

MLB POSTSEASON

Keuchel looks to continue success against Yankees in AL series

HOUSTON (AP) — Dallas Keuchel is tired of talking about his success against the New York Yankees.

It didn't matter on Thursday, though. It was an unavoidable subject for Houston's ace as he prepares to start against them in Game 1 of the AL Championship Series on Friday night. Masahiro Tanaka will pitch for New York, which is in the championship series for the first time since 2012.

"I've been asked that question like 10 times already," a slightly exasperated Keuchel said. "I don't know, I mean, we're one of only four teams left, so at this point a lot of guys have had success pitching-wise on either the Indians or the Yankees."

Unlike the pitcher, manager A.J. Hinch didn't shy away from singing Keuchel's praises for his work against the Yankees. He joked that the lefty will probably feel better when he takes the mound and sees players in Yankees uniforms. But he was quick to point out that Keuchel's success certainly hasn't been limited to games against New York.

"I know there's a confidence level," Hinch said. "And to be honest with you, when Dallas is right, he's confident against anybody. I don't think who the names are or who the jersey is, he knows he can get anybody out in the league."

But Keuchel has pitched better than most against the Yankees in recent years, going 4-2 with a 1.41 ERA and 45 strikeouts in six regular-season starts. His biggest win to date against them came in the 2015 AL wild-card game when he and the then-upstart Astros got a 3-0 win in the Bronx. He struck out seven and scattered three hits over six innings to get the win in Houston's first trip to the postseason in a decade after years of rebuilding and losing.

"For that win in the wild-card game, it wasn't just special for me and the validation, it was special for everybody to go into New York and play that well," he said. "But now we look back on it and it's probably one



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New York's Todd Frazier slides safely into home plate as Cleveland catcher Roberto Perez waits for the ball during the ninth inning of Game 5 of the Yankees' American League Division Series victory on Wednesday in Cleveland.

of the most magical times that I'll have in my career and it's something I'll never forget, for sure."

Keuchel gets the nod in the opener after pitching behind Justin Verlander in the ALDS. Verlander, who was acquired on Aug. 31, made his first career relief appearance to help eliminate the Red Sox in Game 4 on Monday.

Hinch sees Keuchel and Verlander as 1A and 1B in his rotation, so who pitched first wasn't that big of a deal to him.

"Dallas is really good, so I'm not the least bit hesitant on starting him," Hinch said. "When we made the move to pitch Verlander in Game 4 out of relief we had the backdrop that Dallas was going to start Game 5. So I have all the confidence in the world."

Keuchel won the AL Cy Young Award in 2015 when he went 20-8 with a 2.48 ERA before struggling last season, with a 9-12 record and 4.55 ERA. He bounced back this year despite neck issues, posting a 14-5 record with a 2.90 ERA to help the Astros run away with the AL West title.

He built off that in his first start this postseason when he yielded three hits and a run in 5 2/3 innings to help Houston to an 8-2 win over the Red Sox in Game 2 of the ALDS. That made him 3-0 with a 2.29 ERA in four postseason appearances with three starts.

"Dallas Keuchel has been remarkable as an Astro, he's been remarkable in my three years here," Hinch said. "We hand him the ball and the entire room knows we have a chance to win."

Tanaka had an inconsistent September that included two starts where he gave up seven earned runs and was capped by one where he struck out 15 in seven scoreless innings before he pitched the Yankees to a 1-0 win in Game 3 against the Indians. He allowed just three hits in seven scoreless innings in his second career postseason game.

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MLB POSTSEASON

Classic fall: Indians' Series hopes dashed by early exit

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The stinging loss still too fresh to process, outfielder Michael Brantley worked his way around the solemn, shocked clubhouse and hugged some new Indians teammates and ones he's played with for years.

The emotion was raw, not like in 2016, when broken hearts were filled with pride following an extra-inning loss in Game 7 of the World Series. It hurt more this time.

Josh Tomlin's eyes welled with tears as he searched for words to explain what had happened. None ever came.

October, the month when championships are seized or squandered, was callous to Cleveland once more.

"I'm not really sure how you get over something like this," Tomlin said after the Indians were pitched from the postseason with a 5-2 loss to the New York Yankees on Wednesday night in Game 5 of the AL Division Series. "I'm not really sure I'm over last year, either. The only way to get over something like this is to go out there and win, and that's not what happened."

What happened was the Indians didn't hit, didn't pitch and, like last year, didn't deliver a knockout punch while giving up a two-game lead in the postseason. It's an unforgiveable sin, and sadly, one Cleveland teams have repeated.

Since 1999, the Indians are 3-17 in series-clinching games, an unconscionable record in the most consequential month. In the past two years, Cleveland has lost six consecutive games — three with a chance to win their first Series since 1948, and now three to the Yankees — with a chance to close out a series and is 2-8 in those games under manager Terry Francona.

It's somewhat unfair to label a team this successful as chokers, but they've done nothing to dispel that tag.

OBITUARIES

EDITH JOHNSON

MANNING — Edith Johnson, 57, died on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on July 10, 1960, in Manning, a daughter of the late Oscar Johnson Sr. and Martha Brown Johnson.

Memorial services for Ms. Johnson will be held at noon on Saturday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Angela Christine Kennerly, 910 Branchview Drive, Manning.

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

CORINTHIA A. WASHINGTON

Corinthia A. Harlee Washington, 76, widow of Elijah Washington, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017, at her home. Born on July 16, 1941, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, she was a daughter of the late Thomas W. and Louise B. Harlee. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Bethel ADE Church. She was educated at Clovis High School, Clovis, New Mexico, and graduated from E.E. Smith High School, Fayetteville. She attended North Carolina A&T University. Corinthia was employed at Becton-Dickinson Co. for many years, until retiring.

She leaves to cherish her memories: seven children, Cynthia (Frankie) Thompson, Terrance Washington, Cassandra (Willie) Brown, Carlos Washington, Nicholete (Johnny Sr.) Witherspoon, Stephanie Billie and Stephen (Toni) Washington; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a goddaughter, Tanya Wilson; siblings, Arnetta Liverman of Baltimore, Dorothy Bell of Winston-Salem, North Caroli-

na, Rovenia Williams of Wichita Falls, Texas, Mary McArthur, Avis McArthur, Mavis (James) Smith, Thomas M. Harlee Jr. and Oberine McArthur, all of Fayetteville; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a multitude of friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 46 Burnhill St., Sumter.

Homegoing services will be held at noon on Saturday at Mount Pisgah AME Church, 217 W. Bartlette St., Sumter, with the Rev. Laddie N. Howard, pastor, the Rev. Davie Brown officiating and the Rev. Frank Benjamin, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 11 a.m.

The funeral procession will leave at 11:20 a.m. from the home.

Interment will be at Evergreen Memorial Park, 802 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter.

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

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

BESSIE E. RICHARDSON

Bessie English Richardson, 84, answered God's call on Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, at her home.

Born on April 26, 1933, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Daniel and Elousie English. She attended Lincoln High School and graduated from Morris College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education. She retired from Campbell Soup Co. after 27 years of loyal service.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three sons, Jake T., Dan Michael and Gary B.; two daughters, Jennifer and Sharon, all of Sumter; a granddaughter raised in the home, Courtney Renee of Columbia; four brothers, Joseph (Angel), Daniel, Reginald (Jeanette)

and Earl (Dorothy); two sisters, Eulia (Charles) and Katherine (David); 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at High Hills Baptist Church, 6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, with the Rev. Donald Amis, pastor, eulogist.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 6 Bobs Drive, Sumter.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

The procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at High Hill Baptist Churchyard Cemetery.

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

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

STACEY R. THOMAS

Stacey R. Thomas, 49, companion of John R. Young, departed this life on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, at Palmetto Health Baptist, Columbia.

She was born on Jan. 13, 1968, in Philadelphia, a daughter of Roy Jenkins and Margaret Blair.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 302 Cumbre Court, Lexington, SC 29073.

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

JOHN V. HERRIOTT

John Vern Herriott, 46, died on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, at his residence in Sumter.

Born in Sumter County, he was a son of John Herriott and Pauline Russell.

The family will receive friends at his mother's home, 3211 Starview Drive, Dalzell, SC 29040.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial

Chapel Inc.

WILLARD PACK

Willard Pack, son of the late Leroy Pack and Winnie Weeks Pack and husband of Lillie Mae Randolph, died on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1950, in Mayesville.

His survivors include his wife, Lillie Mae Randolph; children, Marion (Stephanie) Randolph, Lolita Muldrow, Sheral (George) Copper, Ronnie Kaye Randolph, Toney Pack, Betsy Williams and Shelika Randolph, all of Sumter; brothers, Abe (Mary) Weeks of New Castle, Delaware, James Edward Pack of Baltimore and Roosevelt Pack of Sumter; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church with the pastor, Larry Barnes, officiating, with words of comfort delivered by the Rev. Ricky Simmons. Burial will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his daughter, Ronnie Kay Randolph, 1010 Gordon St., Sumter.

The staff of Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

IDA MAE W. ROWE

VALLEY COTTAGE, N.Y. — Ida Mae Wheeler Rowe, 71, widow of Willie J. Rose, died on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, at Tolstoy Nursing Home, Valley Cottage.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1945, in New Zion, a daughter of the late Jacob and Eula Wheeler Gamble.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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

MARY ELLEN BRYANT

Mary Ellen Bryant, 74, widow of James Bryant, died on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced by Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter; (803) 775-9386.



GARLAND PACK

Garland Pack, 81, widow of Shirley Ann Franklin Pack, departed this life on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1936, in Paxville, a son of the late Altamont and Maybelle Thompson Pack.

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

BETTY JEAN LANGSTON

Mother Betty Jean Langston, 74, was born on July 27, 1943, in Statesboro, Georgia, to the late Willie and Lula Mae Daughtry Langston.

She departed this life on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017.

She is survived by a daughter, Diane Langston (Steve); son, Michael (Mick-ey) Langston; four grandsons raised as her sons, Donovan (Yulondra) Aitkens, Devon Langston, Darius Langston and Dennis Langston; two granddaughters, Dominique Hendrix and Ebony Langston; sister, Nora Langston; aunt, Arlene Hendrix; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Spirit of the Living God Holiness Church, 1106 Waynick Drive, Sumter, with Pastor Wallace Black Sr. officiating. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

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

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HOUSE OKS \$36.5 BILLION DISASTER AID BILL

The House passed a \$36.5 billion measure that would replenish government disaster aid funds and help the cash-strapped government of Puerto Rico keep functioning in the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Maria. The bipartisan 353-69 vote sent the measure to the Senate.

OFFICIAL: VEGAS HOTEL DELAYED GUNFIRE REPORT

Mandalay Bay hotel officials didn't notify police about a shooting in a hallway inside the high-rise until after Stephen Paddock opened fire on the crowd outside at a country music festival, a federal official told the Associated Press. The disclosure means there might have been a delay of about six minutes in summoning police to the scene of what became the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. The official was briefed by law enforcement and spoke on condition of anonymity.

U.S., ISRAEL TO EXIT UNESCO OVER ALLEGED BIAS

The United States announced Thursday that it is pulling out of the U.N.'s educational, scientific and cultural agency because of what Washington sees as its anti-Israel bias and a need for "fundamental reform" in the agency. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel plans to follow suit. While the Trump administration had been preparing for a likely withdrawal from UNESCO, the timing of the statement was unexpected. The U.S. stopped funding UNESCO after it voted to include Palestine in 2011, but the State Department has maintained a UNESCO office.

PROBE: CHANCE TO DETAIN BERLIN ATTACKER MISSED

The Tunisian man who carried out last year's deadly truck rampage at a Christmas market in Berlin could have been detained and possibly deported months before the attack, a special investigator said Thursday. Anis Amri killed 12 people when he drove a truck into a Christmas market Dec. 19. Public inquiries and German media have since uncovered a series of mistakes by officials who had been tracking Amri.

PARIS WANTS BAN ON GAS-POWERED CARS

Paris City Hall wants gasoline-powered cars off the roads by 2030. The move follows Mayor Anne Hidalgo's plan to ban all diesel cars from the city by 2024, when Paris will host the Summer Olympics.

Staff and wire reports

Piece by piece, Trump tries to unravel Obamacare

President acts on his own after failures in Congress

Heidi M. Przybyla and Jayne O'Donnell
USA TODAY

NEWS ANALYSIS WASHINGTON When it comes to health care, President Trump says he's doing "the right thing" for Americans. He's willing to work with Democrats on a bipartisan plan, he says, after three failed attempts by the Republican-controlled Congress to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.



President Trump issued an executive order on health care plans. MICHAEL REYNOLDS, EPA

At the same time, he's using the power of the presidential pen to unravel the ACA piece by piece — which could affect health care

coverage for more than 11 million Americans. Trump took his most concrete step to dismantle the ACA on Thursday, when he signed an executive order that would allow insurers to sell short-term plans that don't meet ACA guidelines. "Since I became president of the United States, I just keep hearing 'repeal and replace, repeal and replace.' Well, we're starting that process," Trump said, promising the order would be the first of many steps. Under the order, consumers could purchase short-term health plans that would cover people for

"I just keep hearing 'repeal and replace, repeal and replace.' Well, we're starting that process."

President Trump up to a year as part of associations of small businesses or individuals and across state lines. ACA supporters are concerned that if Obamacare alternatives are made more available and at-

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Lorna Fraguada, who has no running water or power in her home, washes clothes in the Espiritu Santo river. MARIO TAMA, GETTY IMAGES

The young in Puerto Rico pin their hopes elsewhere

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USA TODAY

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO A graduate student here plans to abandon her thesis and seek a doctorate in psychology at Stanford or the University of Michigan. A mechanical engineer with Honeywell is leaving for Arizo-

Three weeks after Hurricane Maria, students and professionals are abandoning the island, leaving yet another obstacle to recovery

na. And an accountant is asking friends on the U.S. mainland for a place to stay to look for a job. Three weeks after Hurricane Maria left a path of destruction that brought Puerto Rico's economy to a virtual halt, students, young professionals and many others are seeking to rebuild their lives elsewhere. And the move has many worried that the exodus, particularly of educated and accomplished res-

idents, could further hamper the island's slow recovery from last month's storm and leave a population dominated by older people. Viviana Quiñones, 28, was working on a thesis at the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan about community theater as a tool in psychological therapy. But now there's no theater, no therapy, and "school is suspended until

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USA TODAY NETWORK INVESTIGATION

VA vows better reporting on bad health workers

Agency was covering history of problems

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WASHINGTON The Department of Veterans Affairs pledged to overhaul its reporting policies for bad medical workers, and a group of lawmakers introduced regulatory legislation after a USA TODAY investigation

found the VA routinely concealed shoddy care and staff mistakes. VA Secretary David Shulkin directed agency officials to expand a nearly 30-year-old policy that limited what medical providers the agency would report to a national database created by Congress to prevent problem medical workers from crossing state lines to escape their pasts and keep practicing. The agency will report all clinicians going forward, VA spokesman Curt Cashour said. Shulkin asked staff to rewrite 10-year-old guidelines for reporting workers to state licensing

"VA's new direction is to hold employees accountable and to be transparent."

VA spokesman Curt Cashour

boards in an effort to speed up the process. "VA's new direction is to hold employees accountable and to be transparent with our findings and actions," Cashour said. The legislation from Rep. Cathy McMorris Rogers, R-Wash.; Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn.; and Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-

Maine, would require VA doctors to report directly to state licensing boards within five days of witnessing unacceptable behavior from fellow doctors. The USA TODAY investigation found the VA frequently failed to ensure its hospitals reported problem health care providers to state licensing boards. The investigation found the VA policy on reporting to the national database left out thousands of providers. The agency reported only physicians and dentists — no nurses, physicians' assistants or podiatrists.

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Supporters fear ACA set up to fail

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tractive, they'll lead to the kind of bare-bones policies the Affordable Care Act outlawed. If young, healthy consumers helping to subsidize older, sicker patients pull out of state exchanges, that will result in even higher premiums for the Obamacare plans.

The administration has refused to commit to paying insurance companies subsidies to reduce the cost of buying insurance for Americans who don't make much money. There is uncertainty about whether the government will continue to require people to buy insurance or pay a penalty on their taxes.

Insurance companies could raise the cost of insurance for those who can pay. If the companies can't find the money to break

even on their expenses, they could stop selling insurance in parts of the country.

Trump halved the time in which people can buy health insurance, starting Nov. 1, and cut the national advertising budget and grants for "navigators," who help show people how to buy insurance. The federal website used to buy insurance for 39 states will be closed for maintenance for up to 12 hours every Sunday, a peak shopping day.

"It's hard to look at that series of decisions, which is entirely in the hands of the administration, and say they want anything other than this to be a miserable failure," said Kathleen Sebelius, Obama's first Health and Human Services secretary.

Trump said his order will make cheaper health insurance avail-

able to more consumers. It will give self-employed people who earn more than 400% of the federal poverty limit — about \$65,000 for a family of two — a chance to buy insurance that doesn't cover things they don't want. Many women past child-bearing age, for instance, have complained about having to buy plans that cover childbirth, said Gail Willensky, who headed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under President George H.W. Bush.

The order will cut the market in pieces, said Eliot Fishman, senior director of health policy at Families USA, which supports the ACA. People who need more expensive coverage will be forced into one market, while those who don't want to buy it will go into another market. That would un-

dermine the entire system, which depends on young, healthy people paying to offset the costs of insuring those with various medical conditions.

Trump could help stabilize the market and lower likely premium increases by guaranteeing to pay the subsidies that insurers use to cut out-of-pocket costs for customers. He could emphasize that the Internal Revenue Service is enforcing the law requiring those who don't buy insurance to pay the tax penalty.

The administration decides each month whether to pay the subsidies. A report on insurance rates in 20 states by the non-partisan Kaiser Family Foundation found that uncertainty about the individual mandate and subsidies is the biggest reason for companies raising prices.

Options few, and 'we don't have that time to waste'

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further notice," she said. "We're trying to find a flight."

Her boyfriend, Luis Enrique, 26, who works as an accountant and is also a grad student, pointed out that electricity and telecommunications are still down across much of the U.S. territory. "Nothing is telling us everything will be OK in one or two years. We don't have that time to waste," he said.

The trend of young people leaving Puerto Rico began before Hurricane Maria and Hurricane Irma two weeks earlier. But the devastation is now accelerating a process of migration that could trigger a future financial crisis, said Carlos Méndez, an associate administrator at the Auxilio Mutuo Hospital, one of the island's top medical facilities.

"Younger people are leaving the island and older people stay," Méndez said. "There's not going to be enough (young workers). Eventually the structure will fail."

Atabey Nuñez, 25, who lost her job as an accountant with a TV series because of Maria, said her plan is "to finish this month's rent and go to the States." She's bilin-



Luis Enrique, 26, and Viviana Quiñones, 28, have seen their graduate studies interrupted by Maria and its aftermath. "We're trying to find a flight," Quiñones says. OREN DORELL, USA TODAY

gual and hopes to stay with whichever friend can put her up the longest.

"I was going to look for a job here, but there's no electricity," Nuñez said. "It's hard to find In-

ternet, so it's hard to find a job."

She had planned to backpack across Europe next summer, but that prospect is dashed because she has been dipping into savings to survive.

There's still a stigma to leaving. Melisa Gonzalez, 34, and her husband, Gabriel Viera, 32, are affluent bankers in the capital who continue working despite the destruction.

"I think those who leave the island are not proud," Viera said. "They just leave and disappear."

He said that if he lost his job at the bank, he would work for a coffee plantation doing manual labor, and others should seek farm or construction jobs to rebuild the commonwealth.

Gonzalez said she wants to leave. "But if we abandon the situation, we're not going to help the island move on," she said. "We have the finances to leave, but we don't want to because we're part of the solution. But —"

"We don't judge," her husband interrupted.

"— when the going gets tough, the Puerto Rican people stay," Gonzalez finished.

Quiñones, the psychology student, rejected that way of thinking.

"No one should tell me I'm not doing enough for my country," she said. "Actually, my country is not doing enough for me."

Presidents dig into their executive action toolbox

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WASHINGTON The first two times President Trump imposed a travel ban, he used an executive order. The third time, he wrote it as a proclamation.

He's signed 48 executive orders and dozens of presidential memoranda. Once, he used a memorandum to change an executive order.

He's created a form of directive known as a national security presidential memorandum.

All modern presidents have used these tools to manage the executive branch and set policy. As Congress has become more deadlocked, presidents have turned to executive action as a substitute for legislation.

► Proclamations are the oldest form of presidential directive, and theoretically the most sweeping. They're often directed at citizens — not just government officials — and may call on them to take a specific action.

► Executive orders have the force of law — but only on the executive branch. They're numbered and published in the Federal Register.

► Traditionally, presidents have used memoranda to give formal orders to Cabinet secretaries. That order could be as routine as preparing a report or as significant as drawing up regulations on wage and hour laws, firearms or coal power plants.

► National security presidential memoranda generally operate like executive orders but in the area of national security.

Trump pledges great care as opponents cry sabotage

President orders series of health insurance tweaks that could cause market tremors

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WASHINGTON President Trump signed an executive order Thursday that he said will lower health insurance premiums by allowing more consumers to buy health insurance through association health plans across state lines.

The order could help reach the millions of uninsured people who don't have access to employer plans but find Obamacare beyond reach because of its skyrocketing premiums and scattered availability. It would allow more small businesses to pool their resources into associations that would use their purchasing power to buy group plans for their employees.

The move could put people into less-regulated plans without the same minimum coverage requirements or consumer protections.

Trump's order proposes other policy changes that he said will fill the gaps left by Obamacare's exchange plans, which have no competition in one-third of U.S. counties. He wants regulators to expand the use of health reimbursement arrangements, or HRAs, and to allow short-term health plans to be offered for up to a year for people who are in between jobs, missed the enrollment deadline or have few other insurance options.

"This is something that millions and millions of Americans will be signing up for. They'll be very happy, and they'll get great health care," Trump said as he signed the order in a White House ceremony attended by members of Congress, administration officials and small-business owners.

None of the changes takes effect immediately, requiring regulations from the Labor, Health and Treasury Departments.

Those regulations will need to take into account public comments on the proposals. Brian Blase, a Trump adviser on health care policy, said that process would "provide the opportunity for broad participation by the American people."

The executive action follows a string of legislative defeats in Trump's crusade to have Congress repeal the Affordable Care Act, which set up a series of state health insurance exchanges known as Obamacare.

Trump is turning to a variety of smaller adjustments that he said

plans. "The requirements to adopt an HRA today are complicated and involved," said David Kautter, an assistant Treasury secretary. Simplifying those regulations would turn HRAs into a "useful tool in expanding the range of health care options available."

ACA supporters worry young, healthy consumers who help subsidize older, sicker patients will pull out of state exchanges, resulting in even higher premiums for the Obamacare plans.

"You'll have one part of the market that's offering garbage insurance at cut-rate prices and another part of the market that's very vulnerable to a death spiral," said Eliot Fishman, senior direc-

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would increase competition, choice and access to high-quality health insurance:

► Expand the availability of association health plans, or AHPs, to allow more employers to participate.

Federal rules limit association health plans to employees of small businesses with a "commonality of interest." Trump will ask federal agencies to rewrite the rules to make plans available across state lines. Because those plans won't have the same minimum coverage requirements as Obamacare, the premiums may be cheaper.

► Lengthen the term of short-term limited duration insurance, or STLDIs, up to one year. Currently, insurance companies can offer these Obamacare replacement plans for only three months at a time.

► Modify the regulations on HRAs to allow employers to cover more out-of-pocket health care expenses outside Obamacare

tor of health policy at Families USA, which supports the ACA.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she hadn't seen the finer points of the executive order, "but I do know it's a sabotage of the Affordable Care Act."

Like many of Trump's more ambitious executive orders, the health insurance directive is fuzzy on the details and instructs his administration to change the regulations "to the extent permitted by law and supported by sound policy."

The order gives agencies deadlines of 60 to 120 days to "consider proposing regulations or revising guidance" on health plans. That means the new policy could run into legal roadblocks, although regulators are generally reluctant to defy a policy directive from the president.

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California fires: 'Worse before it gets better'

Another blast of high winds expected through weekend

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CALISTOGA, CALIF. Thousands of firefighters battling two dozen deadly fires in Northern California faced another round of rapidly deteriorating conditions Thursday with a forecast of low humidity and winds gusts of up to 45 mph — with no hint of rain.

Conditions were not expected to improve. Winds, including a new round expected late Friday into Sunday, may not only hamper the efforts of firefighters but also increase the risk of new hot spots, forecasters warned.

The death toll increased to at least 28. About 3,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed.

"Red flag" warnings of dangerous conditions were in effect for much of Northern California and have been extended from Big Sur to the Santa Cruz mountains.

Gov. Jerry Brown has issued emergency declarations for Napa, Sonoma and Yuba Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada, Orange and Solano counties.

"It's going to continue to get worse before it gets better," state fire chief Ken Pimlott warned.

The biggest blaze, called the Tubbs Fire, was only 10% contained on Thursday.

Chaotic evacuations and poor communications have made finding friends and family difficult. Sonoma County Sheriff Robert Giordano said hundreds were still missing, although officials believe many of those — almost 400 — will be found. The death toll could climb, he said: "The devastation is enormous. We can't even get into most areas."

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Pot farmers fear crops may go up in smoke

The secretive nature of the business, remote locations make tracking and helping growers a complex problem

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CALISTOGA, CALIF. Marijuana farmers and dispensary owners across Northern California are nervously watching as wildfires burn through some of the state's prime cannabis growing areas and destroy valuable crops, which could drive up prices for consumers across the country.

"This is right smack in the middle of people's harvests," said Eli Melrod, the CEO of Solful Dispensary in Sebastopol, in northern California. "It couldn't have been worse timing, frankly."

A single marijuana plant can be worth up to \$5,000, but pot growers can't get crop insurance like traditional farmers or the vintners whose grapevines tend to get most of the attention here.

Wildfires are burning across parts of Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties, which are known for both wine and marijuana, particularly among high-end consumers willing to pay a premium for the name.

Complicating matters: Marijuana farms are built in remote areas with poor road access and don't necessarily appear on firefighters' maps of buildings to be protected. The growers often live largely off the radar, without health insurance or access to traditional job support systems such as unemployment insurance. Black-market growers may be reluctant to tell friends and family members of the losses they've suffered.

"It's just sad that we live in this underground world where we can't discuss the true extent of the damage," said Jessica Lilga of Alta Supply, a statewide wholesale cannabis distribution based in Oakland. "All remaining growers who did not literally lose their crops will be affected."

It's unclear exactly how many people work in the cannabis industry in northern California and how many cultivation operations



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exist. Lilga said she's aware of "thousands" of grow operations but was reluctant to speculate, given the industry's secretive nature.

But any interruption could have widespread implications for American marijuana consumers, legal or otherwise.

Millions of Californians consume medical marijuana, but even more pot is illegally shipped across state lines for black markets around the U.S. California's legal cannabis market is worth an estimated \$2.76 billion, according to marijuana analytics firm New Frontier Data, while the state's black market is worth \$13.5 billion, according to GreenWave Advisors.

GreenWave estimates that nearly \$11 billion worth of the

state's black-market cannabis is grown in Northern California, with a "significant" amount of that shipped to neighboring states. In comparison, the California wine industry is worth an estimated \$114 billion nationally, although the two industries are hard to compare side-by-side because one is illegal.

Lilga, who lives in Santa Rosa, was evacuated when the wildfire overran her neighborhood. She's not sure she has a home to return to: "That cash that all these growers should be bringing in next month would help rebuild our burning cities if it were not all taken away."

Lilga predicted that an otherwise good crop year means the state's overall supply should be enough to meet demand without

having a significant impact on the price. Still, many cannabis dispensaries and distributors are setting up GoFundMe accounts to help growers.

Farmer Kim Tate of One Feather Ranch in Mendocino's Redwood Valley said wildfires forced her to evacuate with her horses, leaving behind her entire year's crop that was expected to yield about 350 pounds of cannabis. About two-thirds of the crop had been harvested and stored before the fire broke out, she said, but the rest remained in the fields and growing rooms.

As with wine, marijuana contaminated by wildfire smoke may leave behind an unpleasant taste for consumers, Melrod said. Tate said she hoped to use ozone to flush her organically raised plants of any toxins. Every bit will matter: A pound of high-quality marijuana is worth about \$1,200 on the wholesale market.

"We're going to see have to see how smoky it is," she said Thursday.

A helicopter drops water on a wildfire in Sonoma County outside of Geyserville, Calif. PAUL KITAGAKI JR., THE SACRAMENTO BEE, VIA AP

Family held by Taliban-linked terrorists freed after 5 years

Pakistani army rescue was based on U.S. intelligence

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This image made from a 2013 video shows Caitlan Coleman and her husband, Joshua Boyle, who were freed after five years of captivity by a group affiliated with the Taliban. AP

"The Pakistani government's cooperation is a sign that it is honoring America's wishes for it to do more to provide security in the region."

President Trump

with the Haqqani network.

President Trump said in a statement Thursday: "Yesterday, the United States government, working in conjunction with the Government of Pakistan, secured the release of the Boyle-Coleman family from captivity in Pakistan."

"Today they are free. This is a positive moment for our country's relationship with Pakistan."

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson expressed the United States' "deep gratitude" to Pakistan's government and army.

The couple appeared in two videos in 2013 in which they asked the U.S. government to free them. In a Dec. 2016 video, they urged the U.S. and Canada to help secure their release.

"They were captured by terrorists from Afghanistan during 2012 and kept as hostages there. U.S. intelligence agencies had been tracking them and shared their shifting across to Pakistan on 11 Oct 2017 through Kurram Agency border," a statement by the Pakistani army said.

It added that "all hostages were recovered safe and sound and are being repatriated to the country of their origin."

A U.S. national security official said the family members were taken to "a safe but undisclosed location in Pakistan," and Boyle did not want to board a U.S. transport plane, the AP reported.

Coleman's parents told the Circa News service last summer that they received a letter from their daughter in November 2015, and she wrote she had a second child in captivity. "I pray to hear from you again, to hear how everybody is doing," their daughter said.

Trump called on Pakistan to do more to tackle militant groups on its soil in a speech in August announcing his strategy for Afghanistan.

In his statement Thursday, Trump said: "The Pakistani government's cooperation is a sign that it is honoring America's wishes for it to do more to provide security in the region."

"We hope to see this type of cooperation and teamwork in helping secure the release of remaining hostages and in our future joint counterterrorism operations."

Sarah Flood, 31, Coleman's childhood friend, learned the news via a text message.

"It's one of those things you keep telling yourself will happen," she said, "because you need to. You can't give up hope."

Deal between Palestinian rivals could alter Mideast

Tentative pact between Fatah, Hamas a first step

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Special for USA TODAY

TEL AVIV Rival Palestinian factions Fatah and Hamas announced a deal Thursday that could end a decade-long rift and give new life to their long-dormant drive for an independent state.

The preliminary agreement between moderate Fatah, which governs the West Bank, and militant Hamas, which rules Gaza, also could help relieve mass suffering in Gaza and reduce chances of another war between Hamas and Israel.

Under the terms of the agreement, announced in Cairo, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas could resume governing Gaza a decade after Hamas overran the territory of 2 million people along Israel's western border.

A deal that puts Abbas in charge of Gaza has the support of Israel and the United States, which both consider Hamas to be a terrorist group. Hamas' military branch, which seized Gaza in 2006, has waged three wars with Israel.

To contain the radical group and prevent it from building up an offensive military arsenal, both Israel and Egypt have maintained blockades that have left most Gaza residents destitute.

Egyptian-led talks between Fatah and Hamas have been taking place since September.

Kobi Michael, former head of Palestinian affairs at the Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs, said the tentative agreement may prompt Hamas "to move away from terrorism."

"We will remain optimistic, but with so many significant obstacles, I'm afraid that all the in-

involved parties will find themselves frustrated in the near future," he said of issues to be resolved by the two factions, as well as the barriers to an agreement with Israel on the creation of an independent state.

The biggest obstacle to the two groups' reconciliation is the extensive arsenal of Hamas' military wing, which includes thousands of rockets, missiles and drones as well as a network of tunnels used to get around the blockades by smuggling goods and people in an out of Israel and Egypt. Hamas previously said it would not relinquish its arsenal.

Since April, the Palestinian Authority has tried to squeeze Hamas by refusing to transfer electricity into Gaza, worsening already dire conditions there.

Israel's government said Fatah and Hamas would be required to recognize Israel and ensure the disarmament of Hamas, according to the Israeli news site Ynet.

Last week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the Palestinian political unity process for failing to demand that Hamas demilitarize.

Netanyahu also demanded that Hamas end its recently revived relationship with its benefactor and Israel's top adversary, Iran.

Israel "won't accept faux reconciliations in which the Palestinian side reconciles at the expense of our existence," Netanyahu said during a meeting with his right-wing Likud party in the West Bank settlement of Maaleh Adumim.

Eran Lerman, the former deputy director of Israel's National Security Council, said that Hamas' collaboration with the Palestinian Authority could lead to meaningful change in the region.

"Hamas as a government has come to terms with things that Hamas as a terrorist organization has refused to come to terms with: It needs to serve the needs of Gazans, who don't want another war with Israel," he said.

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LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	40	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight John Travolta and Shania Twain.	The Brave "The Greater Good" Received intel points to an arms deal. (DVS)		Dateline NBC (N)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Blake Lively, Gabrielle Union. (N)		
WLTX	49	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	MacGyver "Roulette Wheel & Wire" Mac and the team must steal diamonds. (N)		Hawaii Five-0 "Kau Pahi, Ko'u Kua. Kau Pu, Ko'u Po'O." A murdered crime boss creates trouble. (N)	Blue Bloods "The Enemy of My Enemy" A case against a human trafficker. (N) (DVS)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Conan O'Brien; magician Derek DelGaudio. (N)		
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Salute to Texas" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Once Upon a Time "A Pirate's Life" A mission to find Cinderella. (N) (DVS)		(:01) Marvel's Inhumans "Make Way for... Medusa" The search for Black Bolt continues. (N)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley (Part 2 of 2)	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week (N)	Third Rail With Ozy Debates covering national topics.	Great Performances "Grammy Salute to Music Legends 2017" Lifetime Achievement Award recipients. (N)			Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N)	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Home business.	The Big Bang Theory "The Focus Attenuation"	Hell's Kitchen "Tower of Terror" Teams must make a shellfish tower. (N) (DVS)		(:01) The Exorcist "Unclean" Marcus and Tomas travel to help a girl. (N) (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		5th Quarter (N)	DailyMailTV (N) TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Ryan winds up impressing Mike.	Last Man Standing Mandy is accepted by two colleges.	Crazy Ex-Girlfriend "Josh's Ex-Girlfriend Wants Revenge" Rebecca plots revenge against Josh.		Jane the Virgin "Chapter Sixty-Five" (Season Premiere) Jane reunites with her first love. (N)		American Ninja Warrior "Baltimore Qualifying Part 2" Competitors in Baltimore face obstacles. (Part 2 of 2)		American Ninja Warrior "Miami Qualifying" The competitors tackle new obstacles. (Part 1 of 2)	The Game Malik invites Blue to a party.	
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 10.07.17" Riding along with law enforcement.			(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 50" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 10.13.17" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)					Live PD "Live PD -- 10.13.17"	
AMC	48	180	(5:00) *** "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman.			★ "Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday" (1993, Horror) Jon D. LeMay, Kari Keegan, Kane Hodder. Slasher Jason goes after blood relatives.		(9:59) ★★ "Freddy vs. Jason" (2003, Horror) Robert Englund, Ken Kirzinger, Monica Keena. Razor-clawed Freddy battles masked killer Jason.			(11:58) ★ "Jason X" (2002)			
ANPL	41	100	Tanked			Tanked: Unfiltered (N)		Tanked "San Francisco Giants Tank"		Insane Pools: Second Splash (N)		Tanked "San Francisco Giants Tank"		
BET	61	162	★★ "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith, Tea Leoni. Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.			Face Value		50 Central		Lip Sync Battle: Hip Hop Special: Remy Ma; T-Pain; Jay Pharoah.		Tales "Trap Queen"		
BRAVO	47	181	Don't Be Tardy ...		Don't Be Tardy ... "Mi Chiamo Kim"	Don't Be Tardy ... (N)	Don't Be Tardy ... (N)	Don't Be Tardy ...	Don't Be Tardy ...	★★ "Sex and the City 2" (2010, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis. Carrie Bradshaw and the gals visit Abu Dhabi.				
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank			Shark Tank A workout program.		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)			Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N) Anderson Cooper		
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park		(:25) South Park "Probably"	South Park "Hell on Earth 2006"	South Park	*** "Zombieland" (2009, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone. Survivors of an apocalypse join forces against zombies.			Dave Chappelle: Killin' Them Softly		Comedy Central Stand	
DISN	18	200	Bizaardvark		Raven's Home Nia gets chickenpox.	Raven's Home "Dream Moms" (N)	Stuck in the Middle (N)	"Disney's Descendants 2" (2017, Children's) Dove Cameron, Cameron Boyce, Sofia Carson. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal.			(:05) Raven's Home		Stuck in the Middle Bizaardvark	
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush: Face Off (N)			Gold Rush "Live Kickoff" (N)		Gold Rush "Wagers and Wars" Todd and Parker make a bet.			(:02) Gold Rush Todd and Parker make a bet.			
ESPN	26	35	College Football Clemson at Syracuse. (N) (Live)			Scoreboard		College Football		Washington State at California. (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	27	39	CFL Football Calgary Stampeders at Hamilton Tiger-Cats. From Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton, Ontario. (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)		
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)			Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		Fox News Tonight (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight Hannity		
FREE	20	131	(4:00) *** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002)			*** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black.			The 700 Club		★★ "Nanny McPhee" (2005)			
FSS	21	47	Women's College Soccer Oklahoma State at Texas Tech. (N) (Live)			Atlanta United		Power of Sports		3 Wide Life (N)	Raceline (N)	Auburn Football	The Season ACC All-Access	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Perfect on Paper" (2014) Lindsay Hartley, Drew Fuller.			"Bridal Wave" (2015, Drama) Arielle Kebbel, Andrew W. Walker. Just before her wedding, a woman meets a man who truly understands her.			The Middle "Pam Freakin' Staggs"	The Middle "A Quarry Story"	The Golden Girls "Charlie's Buddy"	The Golden Girls "The Artist"		
HGTV	39	112	Dream Home		Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Dream Home	
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "The Visionaries"			Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Alien Fusion" The "greys;" angels. (N)			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A travel writer is murdered.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An attorney defends a known pedophile.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A wife has an affair with her stepson.	
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Birthright" An abusive mother dies.			Law & Order "House of Cards" Murdered mother, kidnapped infant.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A wife has an affair with her stepson.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A woman who truly understands her.			
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) *** "Jumping the Broom" (2011, Comedy) Angela Bassett.			*** "Hitch" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith, Eva Mendes, Kevin James. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress.			The Last Word		(:02) Little Women: Dallas Amanda embarks on a new career.		(12:02) *** "Hitch" (2005)	
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)			All In With Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N) Rachel Maddow		
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob		The Loud House	★★ "Shrek Forever After" (2010, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers.			Fresh Prince		Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	
SPIKE	64	153	(4:30) *** "The Shining" (1980)			Stephen King's It: Maine friends struggle with the embodiment of evil.			Z Nation "The Vanishing" 10K and the group make a tough decision. (N)		★★ "Priest" (2011, Fantasy) Paul Bettany, Karl Urban, Cam Gigandet. A warrior priest sets out to save his niece from a pack of vampires.			Z Nation "The Vanishing"
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) *** "Blade" (1998, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff, Kris Kristofferson. A vampire hunter does battle with a vicious bloodsucker.			ELEAGUE CS:GO Premiere 2017: Grand Finals. From G FUEL ELEAGUE Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)		ELEAGUE CS:GO Premiere 2017: Grand Finals. From G FUEL ELEAGUE Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)		ELEAGUE CS:GO Premiere 2017: Grand Finals. From G FUEL ELEAGUE Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)				
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	ELEAGUE CS:GO Premiere 2017: Grand Finals. From G FUEL ELEAGUE Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)					
TCM	49	186	(6:45) *** "The Curse of the Cat People" (1944) Simone Simon.			*** "Five Miles to Midnight" (1963, Drama) Sophia Loren, Anthony Perkins, Gig Young. American plays dead, sends wife to collect insurance in Paris.			(:15) ★★ "Phaedra" (1962, Drama) Melina Mercouri, Anthony Perkins, Raf Vallone. A shipping magnate's wife has an affair with her stepson.		Evil Things (N)			
TLC	43	157	Kindred Spirits "Trapped in the Attic"			Kindred Spirits "Home Sweet Holmes"		Kindred Spirits "The Strangler" (N)		Evil Things (N)		Kindred Spirits "The Strangler"		Evil Things
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Fact in the Fiction" An eccentric new intern.			NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Houston Rockets. From the Toyota Center in Houston. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)			NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)			
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers	Hack My Life		Hack My Life		Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H "Payday"	Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		Mom		King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	Chicago P.D. Two teenage girls disappear. (DVS)			Chicago P.D. "An Honest Woman" Voight is attacked and abducted.		Chicago P.D. "Prison Ball" Ruzak and Atwater become prison inmates.		Chicago P.D. Investigating a pedophilia ring. (DVS)		Modern Family Alex tours Caltech.	Modern Family "The Cold"	
WE	68	166	CSI: Miami "Murder in a Flash"			CSI: Miami A woman is hit by a bus.		Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars		Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars		Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Eat Pray Love	
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H "Crisis"		M*A*S*H "George"	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H "O.R."	M*A*S*H Rules/Engagement	

Underwatched ‘Crazy Ex-Girlfriend’ returns on CW

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

“Crazy Ex-Girlfriend” (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) returns for a third season. Rebecca (Rachel Bloom) has every reason to be even more unhinged. Season two ended with her wedding ruined when she was left at the altar by her band-camp boyfriend and obsessive crush, Josh (Vincent Rodriguez III). The fiasco also allowed her a chance to confront her father and all the abandonment issues he embodied.

While “normal” comedies have characters returning from such disastrous cliffhangers eager to move on as if nothing ever happened, “Crazy” is committed to Rachel’s vow to absolutely destroy Josh, a goal worthy of her plus-sized compulsions.

And, yes, there will be musical numbers.

“Crazy Ex-Girlfriend” is a perfect example of a growing trend: a show that receives near-universal critical praise while at the same time attracting a microscopic network audience.

A hybrid comedy/musical, “Crazy” debuted to viewership numbers that barely cracked a million, and the second season ended with an audience that reached three quarters of that low number. Those ratings would probably spell cancellation on every other network (and quite a few cable outfits). “Crazy” seems like a show all but made to be streamed and binged. Its first two seasons can be found on Netflix.

• Also streaming on Netflix, “Mindhunter” explores the

early days of criminal profiling at the FBI. Jonathan Groff (“Glee”) stars as a handsome FBI agent who, in the late 1970s, tries to understand the thinking of serial killers, at no little cost to his own peace of mind.

A darkly lit, brooding series, this may appeal to fans of the serial-killer-profiling genre that stretches from “Silence of the Lambs” to CBS’s “Criminal Minds.”

“Mindhunter” also complements “Manhunt,” the limited series about the profiler who helped find the Unabomber back in the 1990s.

• Netflix also begins streaming “The Meyerowitz Stories.” Directed and written by Noah Baumbach (“The Squid and the Whale”), the film follows an estranged brood gathering to offer testimonials to its patriarch (Dustin Hoffman). An impressive cast includes Ben Stiller, Adam Sandler, Emma Thompson and Candice Bergen. The film was acclaimed at the Cannes film festival. Critics have singled out Sandler’s performance as a departure from his usual routine and worthy of attention.

• Also streaming, Amazon launches “Lore,” an anthology series based on a popular podcast that dramatizes real-life events that have inspired scary stories, urban legends and campfire tales.

CULT CHOICE

The second wife (Melina Mercouri) of a Greek tycoon embarks on a doomed affair with her stepson (Anthony Perkins) in the 1962 melodra-



GREG GAYNE / THE CW

From left, Donna Lynne Champlin stars as Paula, Rachel Bloom as Rebecca, Vella Lovell as Heather and Gabrielle Ruiz as Valencia in the season three premiere episode of “Crazy Ex-Girlfriend,” airing at 8 p.m. on CW.

ma “Phaedra” (10:15 p.m., TCM), directed by Jules Dassin. And you thought Perkins’ mommy issues were confined to “Psycho.”

TONIGHT’S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- “SpongeBob SquarePants” (7 p.m., Nickelodeon, TV-Y7) celebrates Halloween with the special “The Legend of Boo-Kini Bottom.”
- Shellfish motivations on “Hell’s Kitchen” (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG).
- Shiver me timbers on “Once Upon a Time” (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- A scary figure from childhood returns in the 1990 miniseries adaptation of “Stephen King’s It” (8 p.m., Spike).
- Carlos Watson hosts a topical conversation on “Third Rail With Ozy” (8:30 p.m., PBS,

- check local listings).
- A Seattle girl seems possessed on “The Exorcist” (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Rival teams place a friendly wager as “Gold Rush” (9 p.m., Discovery, TV-14) returns with a two-hour eighth-season opener. This is the network’s most-watched series.
- A judge’s death throws Erin’s case into doubt on “Blue Bloods” (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Arms bartering and jewel thieves on “MacGyver” (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * An arms deal seems imminent on “The Brave” (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) * A botched drug bust leaves a canine witness on “Hawaii Five-0” (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Medusa tracks down Black Bolt on “Marvel’s Inhumans” (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG)) * Jane meets her first crush on “Jane the Virgin” (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Conan O’Brien, Tig Notaro and Derek DelGaudio are booked on “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Blake Lively, Gabrielle Union and Wu-Tang Clan on “The Tonight Show” (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Tina Fey, Kevin Millar & Sean Casey, Matt Goldich and Gene Hoglan visit “Late Night With Seth Meyers” (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Lin-Manuel Miranda and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau appear on “The Late Late Show With James Corden” (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING OCTOBER 14

		SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS															
WIS	10	3	10	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Will & Grace Jack takes on a new job. (DVS)	Superstore Amy's daughter gets a job at Cloud 9.	Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Kumail Nanjiani; P!nk" Host Kumail Nanjiani; P!nk performs. (N) (Live)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	SEAL Team "Other Lives" The team finds innocents to rescue.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Crazy Train" Callen looks for a missing NSA agent. (DVS)		48 Hours (N)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "Home Sweet Home" A teenager claims his aunt was murdered.		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "National Parks"	Jeopardy!	(:07) College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						Gamecock Saturday Night		(12:05) American Ninja Warrior (Part 1 of 2)	
WRJA	27	11	14	Great Estates Scotland "Kincardine" The 70-room Kincardine Castle.		Father Brown "The Kembleford Boggart" The father of a writer is found dead.		The Doctor Blake Mysteries "The Open Road" A mechanic is found dead.		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries "Death at Victoria Dock" A brutal slaughter.		Austin City Limits "The Pretenders" A career-spanning set by The Pretenders. (N)		Bluegrass Underground "Parker Millsap" (N)	
WACH	57	6	6	MLB on FOX Post Game (N) (Live)	Boxing Premier Boxing Champions. Leo Santa Cruz battles Chris Avalos for the WBA Super World featherweight title. From Carson, Calif. (N) (Live)						WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Panthers Huddle With Ron Rivera	Ring of Honor Wrestling	Hell's Kitchen A dinner service with chef tables.	
WKTC	68	4	22	Last Man Standing "Big Shots"	Last Man Standing "Risky Behavior"	Rookie Blue "The Rules" Dov's relationship takes a dark turn.		Saving Hope "Contact" Alex treats a boy with strange symptoms.		Leverage "The Grave Danger Job" The crew targets a funeral director.		Impractical Jokers Online dating with humiliating profiles.	Impractical Jokers The Jokers are challenged.	Impractical Jokers Striking out at a bowling alley.	
CABLE CHANNELS															
A&E	46	130	(:500) Live PD "Live PD -- 10.06.17" Riding along with law enforcement.			(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 51" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 10.14.17" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)						Live PD "Live PD -- 10.14.17"	
AMC	48	180	** "Thinner" (1996, Horror) Robert John Burke, Joe Mantegna, Michael Constantine. A lawyer's body begins wasting away under a Gypsy's curse.					Halt and Catch Fire "Search; Ten of Swords" (Series Finale) Donna celebrates a milestone. (N)				(:14) Halt and Catch Fire "Search; Ten of Swords" Donna celebrates a milestone.			
ANPL	41	100	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet			Dr. Jeff: Extra Dose (N)		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (N)		(:01) My Big Fat Pet Makeover (N)		(:01) Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet		My Big Fat Pet	
BET	61	162	(:500) *** "Boyz N the Hood" (1991) Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube.			** "Above the Rim" (1994, Drama) Duane Martin, Leon, Tupac Shakur. Turmoil clouds the life of a talented young athlete.				2017 BET Hip-Hop Awards: Show-stopping performances.		Lip Sync Battle: Hip Hop Special			
BRAVO	47	181	(:600) *** "Sex and the City 2" (2010, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall. Carrie Bradshaw and the gals visit Abu Dhabi.					*** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike White. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher.				* "Big Daddy" (1999) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams.			
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "Tilted Kilt"			Undercover Boss "Fatburger"		Undercover Boss "Family Dollar"		Undercover Boss "Maaco"		Undercover Boss "Loehmann's"		Undercover Boss	
CNN	3	80	The Axe Files With David Axelrod (N)			CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		The Wonder List With Bill Weir (N)		"Legion of Brothers" (2017, Documentary)		The Wonder List With Bill Weir			
COM	57	136	(:6:50) South Park			(:25) *** "Superbad" (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera. Teens hope to score booze and babes at a party.		Christopher Mintz-Plasse. Co-dependent		*** "Superbad" (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera, Christopher Mintz-Plasse. Co-dependent teens hope to score booze and babes at a party.					
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd			Bizaardvark "Hal-loveenvark"		Stuck in the Middle "Raven's Home "Dream Moms"		"Descendants" (2015, Children's) Dove Cameron, Kristin Chenoweth, Sarah Jeffery. A teenage king must deal with the offspring of numerous villains.		(:05) Stuck in the Middle		K.C. Undercover	
DSC	42	103	Fast N' Loud: Monkey Talk (N)			Fast N' Loud: Monkey Talk (N)		Fast N' Loud: Monkey Talk (N)		Fast N' Loud: Monkey Talk (N)		Fast N' Loud "Cutlass Lowrider, Part I"		Fast N' Loud	
ESPN	26	35	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)							Scoreboard		College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	27	39	College Football Texas A&M at Florida. (N) (Live)							(:15) College Football Nevada at Colorado State. (N) (Live)					
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive	Halloween Wars "Infestation"		Halloween Wars "Hybrid Horror"		Halloween Wars "Grave Robber"		Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars	
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report (N)			Watters' World (N)		Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		Watters' World		Justice Judge	
FREE	20	131	(:540) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Voldemort lays a trap for Harry at the Triwizard Tournament.					(:20) *** "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry prepares a group of students to fight Voldemort.							
FSS	21	47	3 Wide Life		Raceline	Power of Sports		Atlanta United		College Football Kansas at Iowa State.				Wm. Soccer	
HALL	52	183	"All of My Heart: Inn Love" (2017, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Brennan Elliott. Brian and Jenny work hard to open their bed and breakfast.					"Love Struck Cafe" (2017, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Jane Morris, Andrew Walker. Premiere. An aspiring architect gets the opportunity of a lifetime.		The Golden Girls "Blind Date"		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls "Love Me Tender"	
HGTV	39	112	Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation			Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation		Lakefront Bargain Hunt: Renovation (N)		House Hunters Renovation (N)		Log Cabin Living		Lakefront	
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars			(:05) Pawn Stars: Pumped Up "Big Ticket Buys" A 1969 Triumph Motorcycle. (N)				Pawn Stars		(:31) Pawn Stars		Pawn Stars	
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Contact" Sexual attacks on subways.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Remorse" Television news reporter.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A piano instructor molests his students.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Corporate lawyer suspected of murder.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Stabler probes a crime scene.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
LIFE	50	145	NWSL Soccer		Killer Kids "Poisoned"	"A Neighbor's Deception" (2017, Suspense) Ashley Bell, Gates McFadden, Tom Amandes. A woman regrets indulging a therapist's offer of treatment.		(:02) "Stalked by My Neighbor" (2015, Suspense) Kelcie Stranahan, Amy Pietz, Katrina Norman. A rape victim tries to learn the identity of a killer.						(12:02) "A Neighbor's Deception"	
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show			The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams		Lockup: Maricopa County		Lockup: Maricopa County		Lockup: Raw	
NICK	16	210	The Thundermans		Henry Danger	Haunted House		Game Shakers (N)		Full House		Fresh Prince		Friends	
SPIKE	64	153	Friends			Friends		Friends		*** "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006) Will Ferrell. Premiere.		*** "The Longest Yard" (2005)			
SYFY	58	152	** "Insidious: Chapter 3" (2015, Horror) Sampson. Psychic Elise Rainier helps a haunted teenager.			Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott, Angus Sampson. Psychic Elise Rainier helps a haunted teenager.		"The Sandman" (2017, Horror) Haylie Duff, Tobin Bell, Shaun Sipos. Premiere. A monster from a little girl's nightmares comes to life.				** "John Carpenter's Vampires" (1998, Horror) James Woods, Daniel Baldwin, Sheryl Lee.			
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory		MLB Postseason Pre-Game (N)	MLB Baseball TBA at Los Angeles Dodgers. National League Championship Series, Game 1. (N) (Live)						MLB Postseason Post Game (N)		Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	
TCM	49	186	(:545) *** "The China Syndrome" (1979) Jane Fonda.			*** "Gilda" (1946, Romance) Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford, George Macready. A temptress pits her husband against her former lover.				(:15) *** "Blood and Sand" (1941, Drama) Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Rita Hayworth. A matador's affair jeopardizes his career and family.					
TLC	43	157	Cake Boss		Cake Boss	Cake Boss A cake for Brazilian Capoeira. (N)				(:02) Cake Boss		(:02) Cake Boss A cake for Brazilian Capoeira.			
TNT	23	158	(:4:30) *** "Superman Returns" (2006) Brandon Routh. (DVS)			*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.						(:01) *** "Superman Returns" (2006, Adventure) Brandon Routh. The Man of Steel faces Lex Luthor. (DVS)			
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers		Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout	Comedy Knockout	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls		Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	(:5:35) ** "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (2013) Dwayne Johnson. (DVS)			** "Tomorrowland" (2015, Science Fiction) George Clooney, Hugh Laurie, Britt Robertson. Premiere. A scientist and a young woman explore a mysterious city. (DVS)						(:10:55) *** "Gladiator" (2000) Russell Crowe. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome.			
WE	68	166	Law & Order "DNR"			Law & Order "Merger"		Law & Order "Justice"		Law & Order Briscoe and Green feud.		Law & Order "Patsy"		Law & Order	
WGNA	8	172	Blue Bloods A police officer disappears.			Blue Bloods "Help Me Help You"		Blue Bloods "The Greater Good"		Blue Bloods "Good Cop, Bad Cop"		Person of Interest "The High Road"		Person of Interest	

‘Tokyo Project’ could only be worse if it were longer

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Elisabeth Moss has had a scary run of success. She's best known for "The Handmaid's Tale" and "Mad Men," as well as Jane Campion's acclaimed series "Top of the Lake," seen on Sundance. It's easy to forget that, as a young actress, she played President Bartlet's daughter on "The West Wing."

Given all that, it's with some degree of relief, if not schadenfreude, that I report that Moss appears in the short, bad movie "Tokyo Project" (10 p.m. Saturday, HBO, TV-MA). How short? It's about 31 minutes. How bad? It feels like three hours.

Executive produced by Lena Dunham of HBO's "Girls" and written and directed by Richard Shepard, also associated with "Girls," "Tokyo Project" is an art film that relies on references to other art films to tell its story.

Ebon Moss-Bachrach ("Girls") stars as Sebastian, a representative from a Brooklyn men's grooming product company who has flown to Japan to make a presentation. Along the way, he comes down with major jet lag, wanders about a hotel in a near-zombie state, makes cryptic calls back home to announce his fractured married life and inform us that, not unlike Bill Murray in "Lost in Translation," he's knee-deep in a midlife crisis.

"Tokyo" literally sleepwalks viewers through touristy areas as Sebastian eats alone and orders some fancy cocktails that get mixed for us in real time. When not staring at menus, Sebastian hunts down vintage film posters like some Tarantino wannabe.

An awkward reference to director Nicolas Roeg's dark 1973 screen adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's "Don't Look Now" offers a revealing insight to Sebastian's inner torment. If you don't know that movie, you're left without a clue.

Miserable Sebastian runs into a mysterious American (Moss) wandering aimlessly with a camera and uttering stilted dialogue. "Tokyo is a city of ghosts," she says.

There are reasons for her spectacularly affected performance, reasons one can't reveal without giving away a

twist ending. But that surprise does not redeem this precious little movie, or explain why it takes from you the longest half-hour of your life.

Perhaps the most pleasant takeaway from "Tokyo Project" is seeing Moss appear in a dud. She's human after all.

We're told that the new comedy "White Famous" (10 p.m. Sunday, Showtime, TV-MA) is "based on the life of" actor/comedian Jamie Foxx. Such inspirations rarely translate well on screen.

Jay Pharoah ("Saturday Night Live") stars as young comedian Floyd Mooney, who appears happy enough inspiring laughter in minor comedy clubs in black neighborhoods. His agent, Malcolm (Utkarsh Ambudkar), has other ideas and gets him a lunch with a hot white director with whom Floyd shares awkward conversations about race.

"White Famous" is long on such contrived and uncomfortable moments and very short on scenes showing us why people think Floyd is so funny.

A chance encounter with a super-producer (Stephen Tobolowsky, "Groundhog Day") results in an opportunity for Floyd to land a part in a big movie starring Jamie Foxx (as himself). Not to mention heart-to-hearts between the big star and his alter ego. They discuss the tensions between the desire to make it big and the need to keep it real. Like the "brilliant" comedy routines that we don't see, Floyd's "realness" has to be taken on faith.

At the same time, it's difficult to watch "White Famous" without finding parallels in contemporary conversations. Its focus on reaching a wider (whiter) audience without selling out has echoes in the current NFL "controversy" arising from players who have taken a stand against police brutality.

Both the show and the controversy arise from the attitudes of some who believe that it's fine for black people to "play" and "entertain," but they go too far when they dare to make white people uncomfortable.

The new series "Make It Out Alive" (9 p.m. Sunday, Smithsonian) features interviews with

people who escaped natural disasters and man-made catastrophes, from the Mount St. Helens volcano to the 1945 sinking of the USS Indianapolis. First up: living through the 1989 San Francisco earthquake.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- College football action includes Arkansas at Alabama (7 p.m., ESPN) and Utah at USC (8 p.m., ABC).
- A neighbor's offer of free therapy may be less generous than it seems in the 2017 shocker "A Neighbor's Deception" (8 p.m., Lifetime).
- Donna celebrates as Joe faces uncertainty on the series finale of "Halt and Catch Fire" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-14).
- "Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency" (9 p.m., BBC America, TV-14) begins a second season.
- A 24-pound cat gets cranky on "My Big Fat Pet Makeover" (10 p.m., Animal Planet).
- Kumail Nanjiani hosts "Saturday Night Live" (11:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14), featuring musical guest Pink.

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7:30 p.m., CBS): the DEA and the opioid crisis; a jailhouse lawyer who has argued before the Supreme Court.
- Louisa's cuisine fails to impress on the second season premiere of "The Durrells in Corfu" on "Masterpiece" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).
- The Los Angeles Dodgers face a team to be announced in Game 2 of the National League Championship Series (8 p.m., TBS).
- The Denver Broncos host the New York Giants in "Sunday Night Football" (8:20 p.m., NBC).



HBO

Elizabeth Moss stars as Claire in the short film "Tokyo Project," debuting at 10 p.m. Saturday on HBO.

- NFL star Rob Gronkowski pitches away on "Shark Tank" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown" (9 p.m., CNN, TV-PG) explores Lagos, Nigeria.
- Nick uncovers a new threat on the season finale of "Fear the Walking Dead" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- The espionage series "Berlin Station" (9 p.m., Epix) enters a second season.
- A court ruling opens new avenues of income on "The Deuce" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Civil war in Libya on "Madam Secretary" (10:30 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- The show's production team faces questioning on "Ten Days in the Valley" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- On the season-ending episodes of "Survivor's Remorse" (Starz, TV-MA), a reunion (10 p.m.) and a rebuff (10:30 p.m.).
- Jane Goodall appears on "Startalk With Neil deGrasse Tyson" (11 p.m., National Geographic).

CULT CHOICE

Interior decorators purchase a coffin containing the undead remains of an African prince in the 1972 shocker "Blacula" (2:15 a.m. Sunday,

TCM). Followed by "Scream Blacula Scream" (4 a.m.).

SATURDAY SERIES

Jack's past revealed on "MacGyver" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Emergency contacts on "Will & Grace" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) * "Premier Boxing Champions" (8 p.m., Fox) * Amy's daughter joins the team on "Superstore" (8:30 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Callen goes undercover on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * A vintage helping of "Saturday Night Live" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

SUNDAY SERIES

A killer stalks Silicon Valley on "Wisdom of the Crowd" (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Maggie shows talent on "The Simpsons" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Cat videos on "America's Funniest Home Videos" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Love blooms on "Ghosted" (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Counterfeit bills on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (9:30 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Domestic bliss on "Family Guy" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Mexico-bound on "The Last Man on Earth" (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

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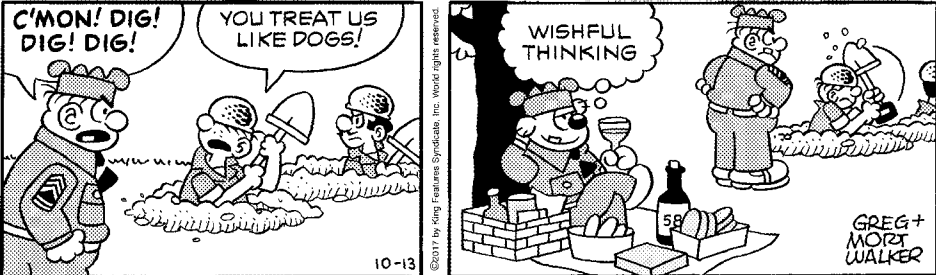
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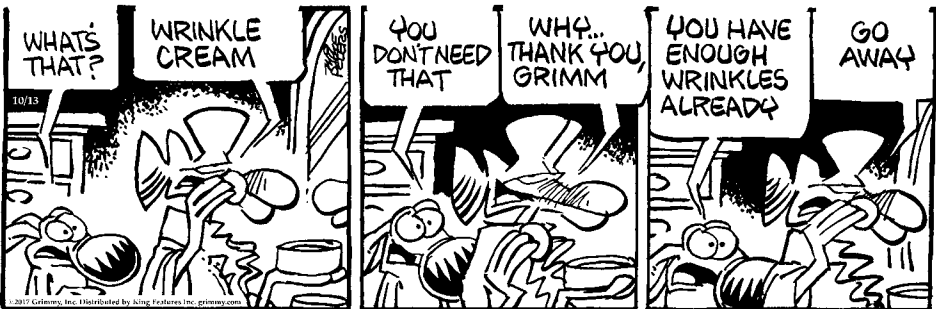
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Clerk gets lesson in privacy from owner of service dog



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL
VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — Yesterday I was in a retail store with my service dog. The clerk asked me what kind of service dog she was and I replied, “She’s my service dog.” She kept pressing me as to exactly why I have one, so I asked her if she was inquiring about my disability. When she said, “Yes,” I politely informed her that federal HIPAA laws protect my right to privacy. She then said — loud enough for everyone in the store to hear — “I don’t know what the big deal is. I just want to know what the

dog does for you.” Please let your readers know how to be around a person and their service animal:

1. You do NOT have the right to ask about the person’s disability. To do so is rude. Most people prefer strangers not know their medical condition. The dog may be for PTSD, a hearing or seeing dog, or to alert the person to a medical emergency.
2. Children (and adults) need to understand that when service animals’ jackets go on, the dogs know it’s time to go to “work,” and they take their job seriously. At that point, they are not pets and should not be treated as such. If a child rushes a service dog, the animal may react badly because it is there to protect its person.
3. You may ask to pet the

dog, but don’t assume it will be allowed. If given permission, the dog should be scratched under the chin ONLY.

Service animals know their place. It’s a shame that most people are not as polite.

None of your business

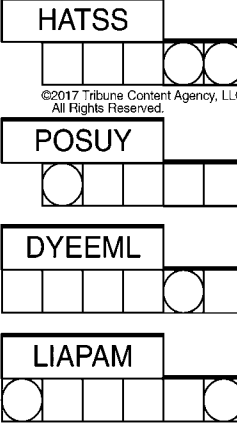
DEAR N.O.Y.B. — Thank you for sharing this information. According to the Americans With Disabilities Act website (ada.gov): “Businesses may ask if an animal is a service animal or ask what tasks the animal has been trained to perform, but cannot require special ID cards for the animal or ask about the person’s disability.”

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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.

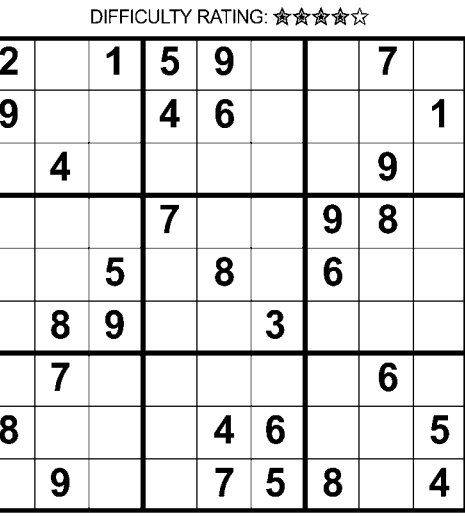


Print answer here: “ ” (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: RUMMY BLEND SPOTTY INDOOR
Answer: Thanks to the success of his firewood business, the owner had — MONEY TO BURN

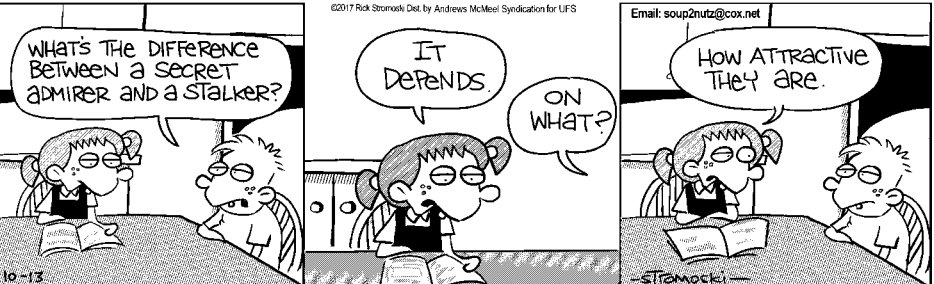
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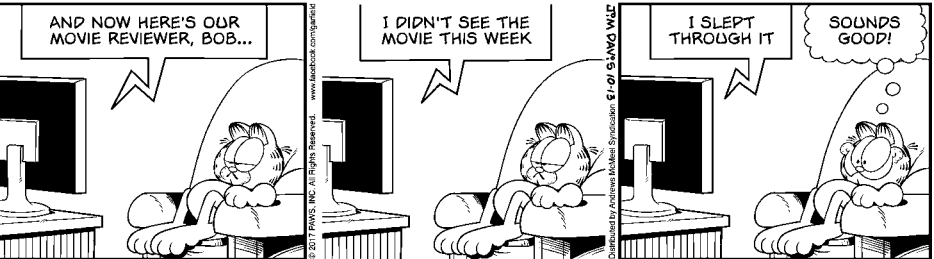


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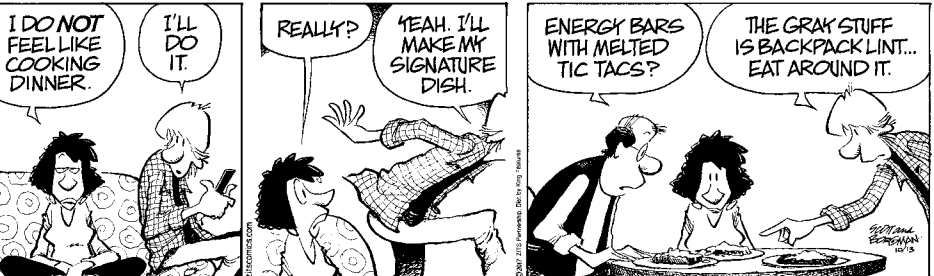
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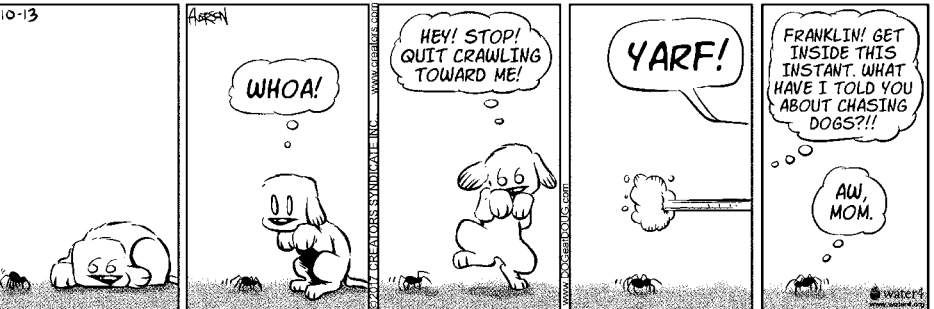
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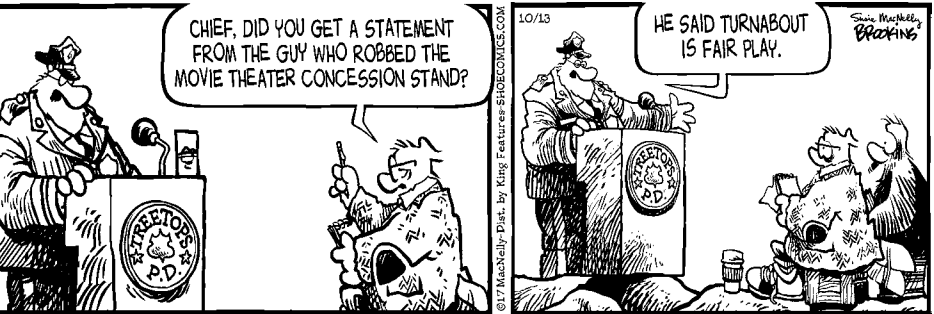
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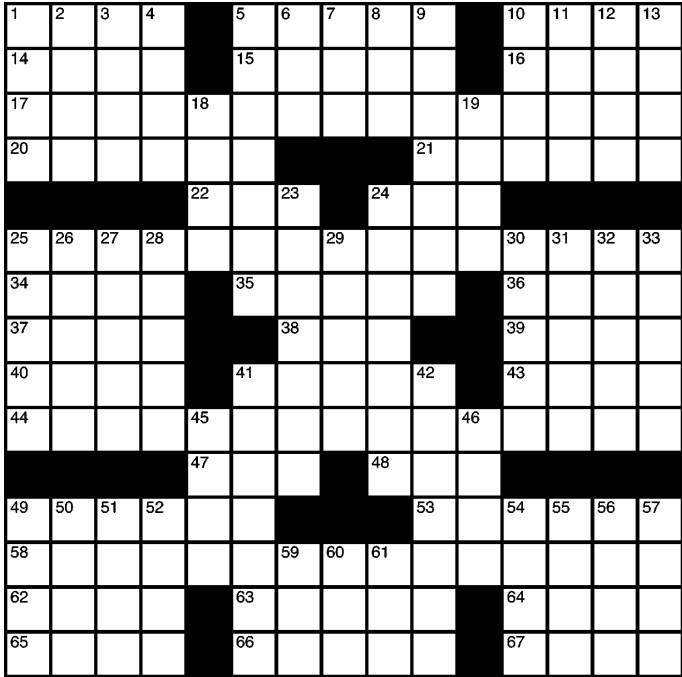
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Morton J. Mendelson 10/13/17

ACROSS

1 Yanks' foes possibly
5 Operation designed to hurt
10 Shipboard resident
14 CFO, e.g.
15 Not as likely to mess up
16 Walk without getting anywhere?
17 TW ...
20 Shoelace site
21 Shipboard chums
22 Tenn. neighbor
24 Apartment listing abbr.
25 DCYC ...
34 Nice with?
35 Gobs and gobs
36 Cart for heavy loads
37 Filly's brother
38 Fighter eulogized by Bill Clinton, among others
39 Old-time teacher
40 "The Grapes of Wrath" figure
41 Beams
43 Prime real estate?
44 CI ...
47 Downed a sub, say

DOWN

1 "Star Wars" warrior
2 Nerve cell part
3 Cravings
4 Ewan McGregor, for one
5 They're often free
6 Sched. question mark
7 Kind
8 Once called
9 Sir Georg Solti's record 31
10 Rotating rod
11 Conduct
12 Hurting

48 In-law's wife, possibly
49 Refrigerates
53 One of a biblical ten
58 AGT ...
62 Like quality beef
63 One "sitting lonely on the placid bust," in a classic poem
64 Course with relevant tangents
65 Regular guys
66 Finals, e.g.
67 Spot

13 Puts money (on)
18 Dash
19 Not at all reflective
23 On the lam
24 Backs up a videotape
25 Cobb salad ingredient
26 Bring to mind
27 Composer Mendelssohn
28 Good-sized wedding band
29 Prefix for "sun"
30 Madison Ave. pitchers
31 Carpentry, e.g.
32 Worries
33 Church numbers
41 Reacted to an arduous workout
42 Shoes without laces
45 Gymnast's powder
46 Ibiza, por ejemplo
49 Key of the finale of Brahms' Symphony No. 1
50 "Les Misérables" author
51 "Now it's clear"
52 Old Fords
54 Hard-working colonizers
55 Spice Girl Halliwell
56 Second, e.g.
57 Sharp side
59 Reach capacity, with "out"
60 Actress Mendes
61 President pro

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Breast CANCER

STRENGTH

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What you need to know and how you can help

*the
battle
against
breast
cancer*

FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Thanks to earlier detection — through screening and increased awareness — and better treatments, a woman's risk of dying of breast cancer dropped 38 percent between the late 1980s and 2014, translating into 297,300 fewer breast cancer deaths during that time.

However, there's much more to be done. Breast cancer is still the second leading cause of cancer death in women. Only lung cancer kills more women each year. And there remains a large racial gap in mortality, with black women having 42 percent higher death rates compared to whites. The chance that a woman will die from breast cancer is about 1 in 37 (about 2.7 percent).

If you or someone you love is concerned about developing breast cancer, have been recently diagnosed, are going through treatment or are trying to stay well after treatment, the American Cancer Society can help you find the answers you need.

The Facts:

The American Cancer Society's estimates for breast cancer in the United States for 2017 are:

- About 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women.
- About 63,410 new cases of carcinoma in situ (CIS) will be diagnosed (CIS is non-invasive and is the earliest form of breast cancer).
- About 40,610 women will die from breast cancer.
- While black and white women get breast cancer at roughly the same rate, black women are more likely to die from it.

At this time, there are more than 3.1 million people with a history of breast cancer in the United States. (This includes women still being treated and those who have completed treatment.)

Risk Factors:

- Limited but accumulating research indicates that smoking may slightly increase breast cancer risk, particularly long-term, heavy smoking and among women who start smoking before their first pregnancy.
- Obesity increases the risk of postmenopausal breast cancer. The risk is about 1.5 times higher in overweight women and about 2 times higher in obese women than in lean women.
- Growing evidence suggests that women who get regular physical activity have a 10 percent -25 percent lower risk of breast cancer compared to women who are inactive, with stronger evidence for postmenopausal than premenopausal women.
- Numerous studies have confirmed that alcohol consumption increases the risk of breast cancer in women by about 7 percent -10 percent for each one drink of alcohol consumed per day on average.

Women who have 2-3 alcoholic drinks per day have a 20 percent higher risk of breast cancer compared to non-drinkers.

What You Can Do to Help

From investing in research, providing free rides to treatment, giving insurance advice and providing a free place to stay during chemotherapy, the American Cancer Society is attacking cancer from every angle.

Join us and help save lives from breast cancer: Fundraise and participate in one of more than 250 Making Strides events or participate virtually at makingstrideswalk.org.

Take action with The American Cancer Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), and help make fighting breast cancer a national priority at acscan.org/makingstrides.

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SURVIVOR STORY: Betty Reese



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Betty Reese is known for her sense of humor. That trait served her well when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2016.

Retired from *The Sumter Item* for several years and now a member of Elephant Ear Gallery cooperative, where she and Clyde, her husband of 54 years, have a booth for her artwork and where he “takes in framing,” Reese said she discovered a small tumor following a mammogram. It was her “first experience with cancer,” she said, adding that she “never knew of anyone (in her family) who had had cancer until after I was diagnosed, when a cousin told me his mom (my aunt) had it years ago.”

Reese’s diagnosis, scheduled by her doctor, E.M. DuBose, with surgeon Henry Moses, revealed through a needle biopsy “a small, hormone-driven tumor that Dr. Moses totally removed.”

Fortunately, no lymph nodes were involved.

Reese said the type of cancer she had is judged on five criteria, all of which she had good results on — except one. That was “a genetic test that gives the possibility of its return within the next 10 years.” It was this

test that necessitated her follow-up treatment, chemotherapy and radiation.

She had four chemo treatments, one every three weeks, then rested for a month before undergoing 36 radiation treatments that targeted the area of the surgery. Reese’s only side effect was fatigue, she said.

Through all the treatments, she retained her sense of humor.

“They recommend you take precautions not to lose any weight,” she said. “First time a doctor ever told me that. I lost a total of 4 ounces through the chemo process.”

There were some side effects — “food taste issues, tiredness, strange feelings in my feet and legs (that persist), vision issues that came and went and hair loss — a big issue with women.” Reese received a wig from the American Cancer Society and had it styled at a local salon. That, along with the thorough and thoughtful treatment from medical personnel, kept her spirits high. In addition, there were grants available to offset the costs of “onPro” Neulasta treatment, she said.

Radiation in Sumter administered by radiation oncologist Dr. Edward Duffy had no side effects, Reese said, adding “This was like ‘Star Wars’ in action with high-tech radiation zapping you.”

Currently, she is having follow-up mammograms every six months for the next two years and a daily hormone-reducing pill called Letrozole. While it reduces the chances of tumors returning, the pill pulls calcium

from the bones, so Reese gets bone-strengthening shots twice a year.

Support from “family, church and good friends who bring you food, call you and pray for you (gave her) blessings and strength,” she said. “My first reassurance came from Dr. Moses who said ‘you are young and healthy and you’ll be fine.’ I took him at his word. ...

“I love to draw, paint and teach art,” she said. “I was not able to do any of that for at least a year during my treatments. I just didn’t feel like it. Today I am back with a vengeance, and I ‘create’ every day now.”

What has Reese learned from her experience?

“I guess I learned that I can tackle almost anything and that hair is really really important,” she said. “I know that sounds trivial, but it is true for me. God gave me back my hair and curls to boot.”

For other women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, Reese advised, “Rely on your doctors, as they are up to date on cutting edge (no pun intended) medicine and the cures and treatments that are better and better each day. Rely on your faith, it helps you sleep at night without so much worry; rely on your friends, especially the ones who cook good, they give you the warmth you need to carry on, and rely on the one you love most to be there for everything — thanks, Clyde.

“Keep a good sense of humor ‘cause things will happen, and you’d better be willing to laugh.”

SURVIVOR STORY: Becky Nettles



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Becky Nettles has had breast cancer twice — and has beaten it twice. She said the story of her experiences is a cautionary one.

The original January 2001 diagnosis of stage 2 invasive ductal carcinoma in her right breast was a shock for the then 32-year-old woman whose son was only 1 year old. Nettles said she had believed she had an infected milk duct. Her mother and aunt “pushed me to go to the doctor.”

She, thinks that was God “saying ‘Get to the doctor,” she said, noting that she had not yet reached the age of 45 to 50, when it is recommended that women get their first mammogram. Her treatment was rather drastic, she said.

Because of her right-side mastectomy and aggressive chemotherapy for lymph node involvement, Nettles said she “missed a whole

year of my son’s life.”

She had good support from family and “a dear friend who went through it with me,” Nettles said.

Her husband, Jimmy, and children — now grown — Abbye Price, Kayla Welch and Riley Nettles — her mother and her aunt were a “wonderful support system,” she said.

Once her treatment was completed, and she was considered cured, Nettles returned to work as a financial analyst at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Years went by, but in November 2016 she was diagnosed with cancer again. Even though she’d had a total right breast mastectomy, Nettles did not suspect she could get cancer on that site again.

This time she detected the lump in the center of her chest herself.

“It felt like a little piece of paper rolled up,” she said.

Her doctors “never looked at the right side,” she said. “My mammograms only looked at the left breast. I really thought I couldn’t get breast cancer back in that breast again.”

That’s one reason that she wanted to tell her story, Nettles said. “I want women to know cancer can come back after a mastectomy.”

While it was “very hard to go through the treatment again,” she found that, rather than becoming angry, she found her faith strengthened because of the ordeal.

“God wanted a special relationship with me,” Nettles said. “That is what I took out of

it. He kept telling me to ‘be still’ and let him do his work in me. He will bring you peace.”

Once again, Nettles said, she had “an incredible support system.” She particularly wanted to thank her family, friends, co-workers, who created “Team Becky,” doctors Samuel Riddle, Mark Crabbe, oncologists William Kellogg, Billy Clowney; Anna Payne and Abbye Price, “who were always with me at chemo”; chemo nurses Mary Baird and Amanda Tindal; Wedgefield Baptist Church family; and many others.

Just last week, Nettles had her final treatment and will have to see her oncologist just once every three months.

She has a message about what she’s learned from her two battles with cancer, Nettles said.

“I want people to know I had to hit my lowest in order for me to surrender all to God,” she said. “I prayed to God through the years to help me break down barriers that were keeping me from having the relationship that I needed to have with him. I feel as this was the only way for him to truly get my attention.”

Now, she said, “I have a complete understanding of faith. You hear all the time, ‘have faith’. Having total faith in God to bring you through your battles, no matter what the outcome is, is easier said than done.”

Nettles is philosophical about her suffering.

“I have read before that suffering is like a muscle,” she said. “If you stretch it to its limit, it gets stronger. God will test that, and I pray I passed his test.”

Together we stand up to breast cancer

Women can make mammograms more comfortable

FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Mammograms help to detect breast cancer early, improving women’s prognosis as a result. Susan G. Komen states that mammography is the most effective breast cancer screening tool in use today.

When women should begin getting mammograms remains open to debate. The American Cancer Society now recommends that women between the ages of 45 and 54 receive annual mammograms.

Despite the benefits of mammograms, many women avoid them out of fear of the pain and discomfort associated with the procedure. But researchers are examining

how much pressure mammogram machines need to apply to get accurate breast images.

Until widespread customized mammograms are offered, women can take various steps to reduce the amount of discomfort they feel while undergoing these important screening procedures.

Apply a topical numbing gel. *BreastCancer.org* says a study found that applying a numbing gel an hour before having a mammogram resulted in less discomfort when compared to placebo and other pain-reduction techniques. Be sure to discuss application of the gel with your physician prior to your procedure.

Schedule your procedure

for the right time. Do not schedule a mammogram right before or during a menstrual cycle, when breasts already are very tender due to hormonal changes. Waiting until seven to 14 days after a period is a better bet.

Take pain relief pills. A physician may suggest taking ibuprofen or acetaminophen prior to the appointment to reduce discomfort before and after the procedure.

Speak with the technician. Women can express their concerns about pain to the mammogram technician, who might suggest various ways to minimize discomfort.

Avoid caffeine. Some women find that caffeine contributes to breast tenderness. Avoid caffeine the week

before the procedure.

Mammograms are an important health care tool.

Reducing discomfort may encourage women to follow guidelines regarding mammograms more closely.



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Should I consider surgery to lower my risk of breast cancer?

FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

For some women who have a very high risk of breast cancer, preventive surgery to remove the breasts (prophylactic mastectomy) or surgery to remove the ovaries (prophylactic oophorectomy) may be options to lower their risk.

- You might consider preventive surgery if you:**
- Have a mutation in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene (or certain other genes that increase breast cancer risk) that is found by genetic testing
 - Have a strong family history of breast cancer (such as breast cancer in several close relatives, or breast cancer in at least one relative at a young age)
 - Have a history of lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS)
 - Had radiation therapy to the chest before age 30
 - Have (or have had) cancer in one breast (especially if you also have a strong family history)

Like any type of surgery, these operations have risks and side effects, some of which could affect your quality of life. Because of this, preventive surgery is not usually a good option for women who are at average risk of breast cancer, or for those who are at only slightly increased risk.

Prophylactic mastectomy

A prophylactic mastectomy is surgery to remove one or both breasts to lower the chances of getting breast cancer. While a prophylactic mastectomy can lower this risk by 90 percent or more, it doesn't guarantee that you will not get breast cancer. This is because it's not possible to remove all breast

cells, even with a mastectomy. The breast cells that are left behind might still go on to become cancer.

There are two main situations in which a prophylactic mastectomy might be considered.

For women at very high risk of breast cancer

For women in this group, removing both breasts (known as a bilateral prophylactic mastectomy) before cancer is diagnosed can greatly reduce (but not eliminate) the risk of getting breast cancer.

Unfortunately there's no way to know for sure ahead of time if this surgery will benefit any particular woman. For example, most women with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation will develop breast cancer at some point. Having a prophylactic mastectomy before the cancer occurs might add many years to their lives. But not all women with BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations develop breast cancer. For some women the surgery might not have been helpful. Although they might still get some important benefits from the surgery such as peace of mind, they would also have to deal with its aftereffects.

For women already diagnosed with breast cancer

Some women who have already been diagnosed with breast cancer choose to have the other breast removed (known as a contralateral prophylactic mastectomy, or CPM) at the same time to help lower their risk of developing a second breast cancer.

This is more likely to be a good option for women who have other factors that increase their risk of getting another breast cancer, such as a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation or a strong family history of breast cancer.



But for women without a family history of breast cancer or other risk factors, the benefit of a CPM is less clear. Having breast cancer does raise your risk of getting cancer in the other breast, but this risk is still usually low, and many women overestimate this risk. And while CPM lowers the risk of getting cancer in the other breast, for most women it does not increase the chances of living longer.

It's very important to talk with your health care provider so that you understand how much this type of surgery is likely to benefit you, versus the likelihood of risks and side effects. You might also want to get a second medical opinion, as well as talk to other women who have had this surgery, before deciding if it's right for you.

Prophylactic oophorectomy (removal of the ovaries)

The ovaries are the body's main sources of estrogen, a

hormone that can help some breast cancers grow. Women with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation can reduce their risk of breast cancer by about half by having a prophylactic oophorectomy, which removes the ovaries (and usually the attached fallopian tubes as well). Some women have this surgery done along with a prophylactic mastectomy.

Women with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation also have a high risk of developing ovarian cancer. Most doctors recommend that women with one of these mutations have their ovaries surgically removed once they finish having children to lower this risk.

Removing the ovaries causes a woman to go into menopause. This can lead to symptoms such as hot flashes, trouble sleeping, vaginal dryness, loss of bone density and anxiety or depression.

Again, it's important to talk to your health care provider so that you're well informed about the possible benefits,

risks, and side effects of this type of surgery. You might also want to talk to other women who have had this surgery before deciding if it's right for you.

Other options to reduce breast cancer risk

If you're concerned about your breast cancer risk, talk to your health care provider. They can help you estimate your risk based on your age, family history, and other factors. If you are at increased risk, you might consider taking medicines that can help lower your risk. Your health care provider might also suggest you have more intensive screening for breast cancer, which might include starting screening at an earlier age or having other tests in addition to mammography.

There are also other things that all women can do to help lower their risk of breast cancer, such as being active, staying at a healthy weight, and limiting or avoiding alcohol.

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Breast Cancer

IN THEIR LIFETIME

Breast cancer signs and symptoms

FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Knowing how your breasts normally look and feel is an important part of breast health. Finding breast cancer as early as possible gives you a better chance of successful treatment. But knowing what to look for does not take the place of having regular mammograms and other screening tests. Screening tests can help find breast cancer in its early stages, before any symptoms appear.

The most common symptom of breast cancer is a new lump or mass. A painless, hard mass that has irregular edges is more likely to be cancer, but breast cancers can be tender, soft or rounded. They can even be painful. For this reason, it is important to have any new breast mass, lump or breast change checked by a health care professional experienced in diagnosing breast diseases.

Other possible symptoms of breast cancer include:

- Swelling of all or part of a breast (even if no distinct lump is felt)

- Skin irritation or dimpling (sometimes looking like an orange peel)
- Breast or nipple pain
- Nipple retraction (turning inward)
- Redness, scaliness, or thickening of the nipple or breast skin
- Nipple discharge (other than breast milk)

Sometimes a breast cancer can spread to lymph nodes under the arm or around the collar bone and cause a lump or swelling there, even before the original tumor in the breast is large enough to be felt. Swollen lymph nodes should also be checked by a health care provider.

Although any of these symptoms can be caused by things other than breast cancer, if you have them, they should be reported to a health care professional so that the cause can be found.

Because mammograms do not find every breast cancer, it is important for you to be aware of changes in your breasts and to know the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

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How inherited fitness may affect breast cancer risk

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The Conversation

Repeated studies have shown that physical inactivity, and the occurrence of obesity to which it is linked, increases the risk for many chronic diseases, including breast and other cancers.

In fact, the evidence is so compelling that the lifestyle guidelines of most health agencies, both in the United States and abroad, include a recommendation for obesity prevention via maintenance of an appropriate body weight for height and a physically active lifestyle.

However, what if the science behind these recommendations were only about half the story? What if your fitness were influenced not only by your activity level, but also by your genes? And, focusing specifically on breast cancer, what if one's risk of getting breast cancer were influenced by one's inherited capacity for fitness?

A team of investigators, including me, explored these questions in a recently published study and found a surprisingly large role for genetics in fitness and breast cancer.

Fit as you can be?

We frequently associate a physically active lifestyle and maintenance of an appropriate weight for a given height (measured as body mass index) with fitness, which is sometimes referred to as cardio-respiratory fitness. And individuals with high fitness generally fare better not only in having a lower risk for chronic diseases such as cancer. Even when they are diagnosed and treated, they have a more favorable prognosis for recovery.

However, what has generally been overlooked is that aerobic fitness, broadly defined as the ability to transport oxygen and nutrients to the muscles, has a heritable component. That explains why individuals engaged in the same training program have a wide range of improvement in their fitness in response to the same amount of exercise.

This inherited capacity for fitness led us to consider whether this capacity affects breast cancer risk.

Our question, while simple, would be problematic to study in people because it requires a lifetime of sedentary behavior, which is contrary to medical advice for health and well-being. So, the team decided to investigate this question in the laboratory. We worked to isolate the effects

of inherent fitness and then studied how they affected breast cancer rates.

The fitness model was developed by selecting rats over multiple generations with low or high running activity on a treadmill. Those rats that ran the farthest before tiring were mated with one another and those rats that tired of running early likewise were bred together. This procedure was repeated for many generations, ultimately resulting in pups with large differences in inherited fitness.

To study the effects of these differences in inherent fitness, we took female pups born to mothers with high or low fitness and maintained the pups so that we could assess primarily the effects of fitness related to genetics, not to exercise. Before reaching sexual maturity, the pups were exposed to a chemical that triggers the development of breast cancer.

The animals were then monitored for the occurrence of palpable tumors throughout their lives and for tumors too small to detect without the use of a magnifying glass at the time of their death. What we found was striking.

Born fit, and born unfit

Rats born with low fitness were four times more likely to

develop breast cancer, whereas rats born with high fitness not only had fewer cancers, but the cancers also occurred later in their lives and were smaller in size.

These effects were traced, at least in part, to a network of sensors that occur in essentially every cell in the body.

This system, referred to as mammalian target of rapamycin, senses the availability of energy and of various nutrients within the cell. When energy and nutrient availability is high, the system is active and promotes the ability of a cell to proliferate; excessive cell division is a hallmark of cancer.

We found that this signaling activity in cells in the breast was high in rats born with low fitness, whereas it was reduced in rats with high inherent fitness.

Efforts to identify hormones or growth factors in the blood that explained this difference were not successful, suggesting that the responses are coming from deep within the cell.

Next steps: Moving from lab to clinic

A growing number of studies in women have shown a link between exercise and

breast cancer risk, and these findings seem to indicate that aerobic fitness alters the inner workings of cells to confer its protective effects.

However, our study suggests that there is an inborn component to protection that affects one's exercise performance as well as risk for breast cancer.

Many questions have been raised by this research. Recognizing that our experiment was done in rodents and that rodents are not people, the stage is set for extending these observations from the laboratory to the clinic.

A great amount of work also remains to be done using the rats with low and high inherent fitness. Current studies are focused on how to reduce breast cancer risk in rats born with low fitness. Key questions revolve around identifying the amount and type of exercise needed to break the link between low inherent fitness and the development of breast cancer, because most of us have the ability to raise our innate fitness capacity with exercise.

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Lifestyle-related breast cancer risk factors

FROM AMERICAN
CANCER SOCIETY

A risk factor is anything that affects your chance of getting a disease, such as breast cancer. But having a risk factor, or even many, does not mean that you are sure to get the disease.

Certain breast cancer risk factors are related to personal behaviors, such as diet and exercise. Other lifestyle-related risk factors include decisions about having children and taking medicines that contain hormones.

Drinking alcohol

Drinking alcohol is clearly linked to an increased risk of breast cancer. The risk increases with the amount of alcohol consumed. Compared with non-drinkers, women who have one alcoholic drink a day have a very small increase in risk. Those who have two to three drinks a day have about a 20 percent higher risk compared to women who don't drink alcohol. Excessive alcohol consumption is known to increase the risk of other cancers, too.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women who drink have no more than

one drink a day.

Being overweight or obese

Being overweight or obese after menopause increases breast cancer risk. Before menopause your ovaries make most of your estrogen, and fat tissue makes only a small amount. After menopause (when the ovaries stop making estrogen), most of a woman's estrogen comes from fat tissue. Having more fat tissue after menopause can raise estrogen levels and increase your chance of getting breast cancer. Also, women who are overweight tend to have higher blood insulin levels. Higher insulin levels have been linked to some cancers, including breast cancer.

Still, the link between weight and breast cancer risk is complex. For instance, risk appears to be increased for women who gained weight as an adult, but may not be increased among those who have been overweight since childhood. Also, excess fat in the waist area may affect risk more than the same amount of fat in the hips and thighs. Researchers think that fat cells in various parts of the body have subtle differences that may explain this.

Weight might also have different effects on different types of breast cancer. For example, some research suggests that being overweight before menopause might increase your risk of triple-negative breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society recommends you stay at a healthy weight throughout your life and avoid excess weight gain by balancing your food intake with physical activity.

Not being physically active

Evidence is growing that regular physical activity reduces breast cancer risk, especially in women past menopause. The main question is how much activity is needed. Some studies have found that even as little as a couple of hours a week might be helpful, although more seems to be better.

Exactly how physical activity might reduce breast cancer risk isn't clear, but it may be due to its effects on body weight inflammation, hormones, and energy balance.

The American Cancer Society recommends that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous intensity

activity each week (or a combination of these), preferably spread throughout the week.

Not having children

Women who have not had children or who had their first child after age 30 have a slightly higher breast cancer risk overall. Having many pregnancies and becoming pregnant at an early age reduces breast cancer risk. Still, the effect of pregnancy seems to be different for different types of breast cancer. For a certain type of breast cancer known as triple-negative, pregnancy seems to increase risk.

Not breastfeeding

Some studies suggest that breastfeeding may slightly lower breast cancer risk, especially if it's continued for 1 1/2 to 2 years. But this has been hard to study, especially in countries like the United States, where breastfeeding for this long is uncommon.

The explanation for this possible effect may be that breastfeeding reduces a woman's total number of lifetime menstrual cycles (the same as starting menstrual periods at a later age or going through early menopause).

Birth control

Some birth control methods use hormones, which might increase breast cancer risk.

Oral contraceptives: Most studies have found that women using oral contraceptives (birth control pills) have a slightly higher risk of breast cancer than women who have never used them. Once the pills are stopped, this risk seems to go back to normal over time. Women who stopped using oral contraceptives more than 10 years ago do not appear to have any increased breast cancer risk.

Birth control shot: Depo-Provera is an injectable form of progesterone that's given once every 3 months for birth control. Some studies have found that women currently using birth-control shots seem to have an increase in breast cancer risk, but it appears that there is no increased risk in women 5 years after they stop getting the shots.

Birth control implants, intrauterine devices (IUDs), skin patches, vaginal rings: These forms of birth control also use hormones, which

Pregnancy possible after breast cancer

FROM METRO CREATIVE

More women are diagnosed with breast cancer than any other cancer. For many women, one of the more frightening aspects of a breast cancer diagnosis is the potential impact the disease can have on an area of the body often associated with femininity and motherhood.

Cancer.net indicates the five-year survival rate for breast cancer if the cancer is only in one breast is 95 percent. That rate dips to 85 percent if the cancer has spread to the lymph nodes. Even though this is great news, women may worry about the long-term implications of post-cancer life, particularly how they relate to future pregnancy plans.

Early detection and improvements in treatment have markedly decreased the numbers of breast cancer-related fatalities. However, the therapies used to treat breast cancer can affect fertility and a woman's ability to

have a successful pregnancy. While pregnancy after cancer treatment is often safe for both the baby and mother, women should still educate themselves about the potential effects of breast cancer treatment with regard to pregnancy.

Infertility risks and preserving fertility

One of the main concerns women have after surviving a breast cancer diagnosis is the risk of infertility. Susan G. Komen says both chemotherapy and hormone therapy can impact fertility and decrease the window of time a woman has to have children. This is a particular concern for young women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Chemotherapy can damage the ovaries, while tamoxifen, a commonly used hormone therapy, can cause irregular periods or stop the menstrual cycle altogether. Both of these treatments also may bring on natural menopause earlier

than usual, according to the International Breast Cancer Study Group.

Young women can opt to have their unfertilized eggs or embryos frozen and stored prior to starting cancer treatment. It's important to meet with a fertility specialist early on to discuss options.

Waiting game

According to the American Cancer Society, some doctors advise breast cancer survivors to wait at least two years after finishing treatment before they try to get pregnant. No research yet indicates that getting pregnant will make women more susceptible to the cancer coming back, nor will pregnancy increase the risks of birth defects or other long-term health concerns in children born to women who have had breast cancer.

Breastfeeding after cancer

Depending on the type of



Having a child and breastfeeding are possible even after undergoing breast cancer treatment.

breast cancer treatment they receive, many women are still able to breastfeed. However, if radiation or surgery has affected breast health, milk production may be affected and the baby may have difficulty latching on. Using a breast pump to express milk may be an option. However, commercially produced infant formulas also can provide the nutrition growing babies need.

Choosing to have children after breast cancer is a personal decision. Thanks to medical advancements, the possibility to conceive and raise a family is strong.

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in theory could fuel breast cancer growth. Some studies have shown a link between use of hormone-releasing IUDs and breast cancer risk, but few studies have looked at the use of birth control implants, patches, and rings and breast cancer risk.

When thinking about using hormonal birth control, women should discuss their other risk factors for breast cancer with their health care provider.

Hormone therapy after menopause

Hormone therapy with estrogen (often combined with progesterone) has been used for many years to help relieve symptoms of menopause and help prevent osteoporosis (thinning of the bones). This treatment goes by many names, such as post-meno-

pausal hormone therapy (PHT), hormone replacement therapy (HRT), and menopausal hormone therapy (MHT).

There are two main types of hormone therapy. For women who still have a uterus (womb), doctors generally prescribe estrogen and progesterone (known as combined hormone therapy or HT). Progesterone is needed because estrogen alone can increase the risk of cancer of the uterus. For women who've had a hysterectomy (who no longer have a uterus), estrogen alone can be used. This is known as estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) or just estrogen therapy (ET).

Combined hormone therapy (HT): Use of combined hormone therapy after menopause increases the risk of breast cancer. It may also increase the chances of dying

from breast cancer. This increase in risk can be seen with as little as 2 years of use. Combined HT also increases the likelihood that the cancer may be found at a more advanced stage.

The increased risk from combined HT appears to apply only to current and recent users. A woman's breast cancer risk seems to return to that of the general population within five years of stopping treatment.

Bioidentical hormone therapy: The word bioidentical is sometimes used to describe versions of estrogen and progesterone with the same chemical structure as those found naturally in people. The use of these hormones has been marketed as a safe way to treat the symptoms of menopause. But because there aren't many studies comparing "bioidentical" or "natural" hormones to syn-

thetic versions of hormones, there's no proof that they're safer or more effective. More studies are needed to know for sure. The use of these bioidentical hormones should be considered to have the same health risks as any other type of hormone therapy.

Estrogen therapy (ET): The use of estrogen alone after menopause does not seem to increase the risk of breast cancer much, if at all. But when used long term (for more than 15 years), ET has been found to increase the risk of ovarian and breast cancer in some studies.

At this time there aren't many strong reasons to use post-menopausal hormone therapy (either combined HT or ET), other than possibly for the short-term relief of menopausal symptoms. Along with the increased risk of breast cancer, combined HT also appears to increase the

risk of heart disease, blood clots, and strokes. It does lower the risk of colorectal cancer and osteoporosis, but this must be weighed against the possible harms, especially since there are other ways to prevent and treat osteoporosis, and screening can sometimes prevent colon cancer. ET does not seem to increase breast cancer risk, but it does increase the risk of stroke.

The decision to use HT should be made by a woman and her doctor after weighing the possible risks and benefits (including the severity of her menopausal symptoms), and considering her other risk factors for heart disease, breast cancer, and osteoporosis. If they decide she should try HT for symptoms of menopause, it's usually best to use it at the lowest dose that works for her and for as short a time as possible.



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McLeod Health promotes breast cancer awareness

FROM STAFF REPORTS

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and McLeod Health Clarendon has sent out a news release reminding women of the importance of early diagnosis to combat the disease.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, except for skin cancer, the release said. According to the American Cancer Society, there are more than 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States today.

Numerous studies have shown that when breast cancer is diagnosed at an early, localized stage, it has a high cure rate of greater than 90 percent, the release said.

The American Cancer Society provides the following breast cancer screening guidelines:

Mammogram: Women age 40 and older should have a mammogram every year and keep on doing so for as long as they are in good health.

Clinical breast exam: Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam as part of a regular exam by a health expert, at least every three years. After age 40, women should have a clinical breast exam by a health expert every year.

Breast self-exam: Beginning in their 20s, women should be told about the benefits and limitations of BSE. Women should know how their breasts normally look and feel and report any changes to a health care provider right away.



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Although risks for breast cancer include factors that cannot be changed, such as age and family history, there are some actions that may reduce a woman's risk of getting breast cancer, according to the release. Staying at a healthy weight throughout life, adopting a physically active lifestyle and limiting alcohol consumption may help reduce breast cancer risk.

Mammography is one of the most important techniques used to detect breast

cancer. A large benefit of a mammogram is its ability to detect problem areas even before they can be felt in a breast self-exam. Finding breast cancer earlier means much lower levels of lymph node involvement, and that means more women being treated for cancer are eligible for breast conservation, the news release said.

While standard film mammography creates an image directly on film, digital mammography takes an electronic

image and stores it directly in a computer. Digital mammography holds many benefits: the images captured by a digital system are extremely clear and detailed with improved contrast, digital mammography allows a physician to see a spot as small as a grain of sand, and digital imaging also reduces patient waiting time and administers a lower radiation dose, according to the release. In addition, radiologists can use computer software to help interpret

digital mammograms, the release said.

According to the release, all women age 40 and above are encouraged to schedule an annual digital mammogram, the release said.

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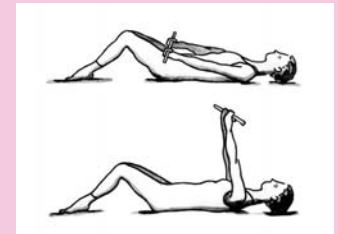
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Exercises After Breast Cancer Surgery

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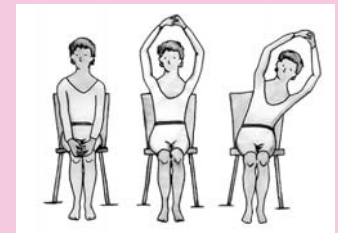
Here are some of the more common exercises that women do after breast surgery. Talk to your doctor or therapist about which of these are right for you and when you should start doing them. Do not start any of these exercises without talking to your doctor first.

Here are just a few examples:



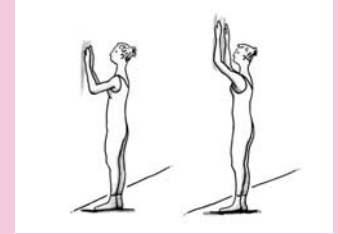
WAND EXERCISE

This exercise helps increase your ability to move your shoulders forward. You will need a broom handle, yardstick, or other stick-like object to use as the wand in this exercise. Do these exercises on a bed or the floor. Lie on your back with your knees bent and your feet flat.



SIDE BENDS

This exercise helps increase movement of your trunk and body.



SHOULDER STRETCH

This exercise helps increase your mobility in your shoulder.

To learn more, visit www.cancer.org and look for Exercises After Breast Cancer Surgery.

EXPERT CANCER CARE *got her back to* CARING FOR OTHERS.

Forty-five year old Melanie Rollings, a dedicated McLeod Radiology Technologist, never dreamed she'd be the one in need of serious medical care. What began as severe, debilitating back pain quickly became a tough fight against cancer. After being referred to McLeod Regional Medical Center, Melanie underwent tests that showed metastatic cancer to the liver and spine that had started in her breast.

The diagnosis left Melanie shocked and scared, but an introduction to the highly-skilled McLeod Oncologist Dr. Sreenivas Rao changed all that. Dr. Rao began an aggressive chemotherapy program and customized treatment plan specifically designed to fight Melanie's breast cancer. It was a complete success, and Melanie has been cancer-free for three years. Today, Melanie is grateful for the ability to do what she loves most - caring for others.

"Cancer will change your life," says Melanie. "I experienced an amazing outcome, and, I could not have done it without God, Dr. Rao, and my family."

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Melanie Rollings and her patient.