

Annual fair back in town

Find games, funnel cakes, shows and more starting today

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter County Fair is taking place this week at the Sumter County Fairgrounds at the corner of West Liberty Street and Artillery Drive.

SUMTER COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

OPENING DAY

Tuesday

- Gates open to the public, 4 p.m.
- All exhibits on display, 4-10 p.m.
- Midway closes, midnight

Wednesday

- Gates open to the public, 4 p.m.
- All exhibits on display, 4-10 p.m.
- Midway closes, midnight

Thursday

- Gates open to the public, 4 p.m.
- All exhibits on display, 4-10 p.m.
- Beef show judging, 6 p.m.
- Midway closes, midnight

Friday

- Gates open to the public, 4 p.m.
- All exhibits on display, 4-10 p.m.
- Midway closes, midnight

Saturday

- Gates open to the public, 10 a.m.
- All exhibits on display, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Midway closes, midnight

Last Day — Sunday

- Gates open to the public, noon
- Commercial exhibits removed, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Individual entries removed, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Premium checks picked up, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Midway closes, 9 p.m.

For additional information, visit www.sumterfair.com or call 775-5200.



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM
Luke Russell hangs stuffed animals at a game booth on Monday at the Sumter County Fairgrounds. The fair begins today with the gates opening to the public at 4 p.m.

ADMISSION

Ages 1-5: Free

Ages 6-64: \$8

Ages 65 and up: \$5

Military/dependants with ID: \$5

TICKETS

Ride all day pass: \$25

- Buy wrist bands at the ticket booth near the Ferris wheel during fair hours.
- Sold until one hour before closing. Saturday only, sold until 6 p.m.

Early bird special: All gate admissions \$5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday

ENTERTAINMENT

Culture Shock Monster Truck

Daniel Aimes races his car-crushing beast out of Lugoff.

Fearless Flores Family

Father Ricardo, mother Arcelia, 13-year-old daughter Cyndel and 8-year-old son Volorian present "Motorcycle Madness" inside the "Globe of Death," an act Ricardo and Arcelia have presented for more than 10 years. Cyndel and Volorian are currently the youngest brother-sister team to race inside the Globe of Death.

Team Rock Ninja experience

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Outdoor Sportsman's Expo

The old poultry building will have displays of boats, 4-wheelers, water craft, deer stands, camping equipment and information from conservation groups in water fowl, fishing, hunting and other outdoor activities.

Reithoffer Shows Midway

"The Aristocrat of Shows," the longest-running carnival show in America, will host the Midway entertainment with rides including a kiddy land, family rides, thrill rides, games, food and rest areas.

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SPORTS

Freshman Trevor Lawrence starting QB for Clemson

Walk with hope

Parents gather for annual Day of Remembrance

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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"I pray that none of you ever have to stand where I stand today," Patricia Holiday said to a small crowd at the front entrance to Central Carolina Technical College's Main Street campus on Thursday.

Holiday was one of two mothers who shared the story of losing their children during the 2018 Day of Remembrance event where families and community members gathered to remember the lives of loved ones who were taken too soon.

As she spoke, Holiday talked about the last time she saw her son, Kemper, and how she is now left with his memories including his last words from an ordinary conversation.

It never leaves, she said about those last moments with her son. "I relive it."

Holiday said her final words to Kemper on Dec. 14, 2009, when she asked him to bring water and juice back to the house. Kemper's last words to his mother were, "Minute Maid or Tropicana."

Holiday noticed her son was up earlier than usual and getting ready to leave the house.

He said he had a lot on his mind, she said. What could he have been going through at 23 years old, she asked.

She told her son, "Whatever is going on, son, I love you."

"I'm so glad I told him, 'I love you,'" she said.

"I wanted to help him," Holiday said. "I want you to know that."

That evening, Holiday received a frantic phone call, and all she could make out was Kemper had been shot.

"I didn't understand," she said. "I was devastated."

Kemper was shot not far from home, at a place Holiday said she didn't even know existed. Later, she learned her son was shot by another young man during a robbery and home invasion.

"I am now a part of a group that I did not ask to join," she said about joining the Sumter Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children.

There's a group of people who

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Blood plasma donation center to open on South Pike

Company to create at least 35 jobs in Sumter

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter will reap the benefits of the growing biotech industry early next year with the planned opening of a blood plasma donation facility that will employ about 35 people

and compensate donors.

Jerome Parnell, president and CEO of ImmunoTek Bio Centers LLC, spoke Thursday about site construction underway at 236 S. Pike, next to Shoney's.

A growing biotech company, ImmunoTek is building a 12,092-square-foot facility at the site that should open in early 2019, Parnell said.

Parnell said a blood plasma

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donation center is different from a traditional blood bank in that at a blood bank, people donate a whole bag of blood

that is then broken down at the bank into its various components, including red cells, platelets and plasma. Then the plasma is shipped to a local hospital or clinic for real-time medical use with patients.

At a blood plasma donation site, medical staff only pull plasma — which is 90 percent water — off the donor in a more efficient operation, Parnell said.

"The plasma we collect is only plasma," Parnell said. "We actually return the red [blood] cells back to the donor. So, it's unique in that way because we have the technology in-house where we don't take a whole unit of blood from you. We actually just pull the plasma off you and recirculate red

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LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Wedgefield home destroyed by fire

A home was destroyed in a fire Monday morning, displacing three adults and one child in Wedgefield.

The Sumter Fire Department responded to a property on S.C. 261 South just before 7 a.m., where a single-wide mobile home was burning, according to an incident report. Firefighters found there had been an electrical short behind the dryer, starting the blaze at the appliance before spreading throughout the kitchen and living room.

About \$15,000 in damage to the structure and \$5,000 worth of contents in the home were reported lost. Nothing was reported to have been saved.

The American Red Cross responded to the scene to provide the residents with assistance.

School board meets on superintendent search

After meeting last night, Sumter School District's Board of Trustees will make it back-to-back nights with another meeting tonight.

A district spokeswoman distributed an agenda Sunday.

Most of the discussion will take place in executive session and behind closed doors, according to the agenda.

After open session remarks, the trustees will enter into executive session to hear contractual proposals from superintendent search firms, the agenda states.

Legal counsel will also provide the board with advice relating to proposed contractual arrangements with a search firm.

The board is considering using a search consultant in its upcoming search for its next full-time superintendent.

A former Richland District 2 superintendent and long-time administrator, Debbie Hamm is in her second and final year as the district's interim superintendent.

Tonight's meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road.

Like all board-related meetings, the public is invited, but public participation is not on the agenda.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTOPHER MALDONADO / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

A U.S. airman assigned to the 20th Force Support Squadron Honor Guard stands at attention during a POW/MIA candlelight vigil at Shaw Air Force Base on Sept. 18. The base honor guard performed the Missing Man Honors Table ceremony during the vigil.

Shaw members pay tribute to POW/MIAs

BY SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTOPHER MALDONADO
20TH Fighter Wing Public Affairs
Special to The Sumter Item

Team Shaw members honored the legacy of prisoners of war, those still missing in action and those who paid the ultimate price during POW/MIA Remembrance Week, Sept. 17-21.

During the week, service members and their families participated in numerous events, such as a candlelight vigil, a 24-hour run and a ceremony to remember those heroes.

"This is our history, it's our heritage," Master Sgt. Tiffany Rankins, 20th Force Support Squadron Airmen and Family Readiness Center noncommissioned officer in charge, said. "We pay homage every single day when we put on this uniform, but it's easy to simply go through the motion. This week provides the opportunity to reflect and bring prisoners of war and missing in action service members to the forefront of our hearts and minds as we are reminded of our duty to never forget."

At the conclusion of the week, Team Shaw members gathered to hear the words of Susan Stephens, the sister of



From left, U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Inman, 20th Fighter Wing vice commander; Susan Stephens, POW/MIA ceremony guest speaker; and Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Hoglund, 20th FW command chief, render honors during a ceremony at Shaw Air Force Base on Friday.

MIA U.S. Army Sgt. Stephen Geist, during the POW/MIA Remembrance Week ceremony. Stephens spoke about her brother's story and current search efforts, as well as provided words of wisdom to the future of the U.S. armed forces.

"Our nation has pledged not to rest until we can get the fullest possible accounting and every American missing in action home," Stephens said. "We remember them in our thoughts and prayers, wherever they are...wherever they have fallen. Remember that dying for freedom isn't the worst that could happen...being forgotten is."

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, more than 82,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the

Cold War, the Gulf Wars, and other recent conflicts around the globe.

"There are only 24 hours in a day; we can't control that, but what we can control is how we spend our time," said Master Sgt. Clyde Rankins, 20th FSS David B. Reid Airman Leadership School commandant. "The mission does not allow the entire base to stop and attend all of the events but those who could, did. And I think that during those brief moments we had the opportunity to slow down and remember why we serve."

By continuing to remember the sacrifices of those who came before them, members of Team Shaw will continue to lead the way in excellence, accomplish the current mission and prepare for future operations.

Restaurant news: Food grade scores

Following are the food grades for Sumter businesses inspected by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in the last 10 days. A "C" grade is failing. For detailed reports, visit www.dhec.com.

- Burger King #1122**, 1132 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Chuck E Cheese #657**, 1121 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- IHOP #3070**, 2485 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Kobe Japanese Steakhouse**, 1121 Broad St. Suite 13, Sumter: **A**
- Logan's Roadhouse**, 2531 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Palmetto Subs**, 15 E. Wesmark Blvd., Sumter: **A**
- Pilgrim's Pride**, 2050 Hwy. 15 South, Sumter: **A**
- Red Lobster #0746**, 1034 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Simply Southern Bistro**, 65 W. Westmark Blvd., Sumter: **A**
- Sumter Stop**, 610 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter: **C**
- Taco Bell #31781**, 1112 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
- Yongs Food Store #36**, 1868 Hwy. 15 South, Sumter: **C**



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Kingsbury invites grandparents



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The Hester grandchildren (Jordan and Kamryn) enjoyed dining with their grandparents, Alonda and Jacquelyn Moses, as Kingsbury Elementary School held its annual Grandparents Breakfasts on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 20-21. Children in preschool, kindergarten, second and fourth grades were delighted to have their second set of parents have breakfast with them last week and share a simple meal while they created life-long memories. The grandparents were treated to items that showed how meaningful their relationships were, and many hugs and kisses were delivered. The school is looking forward to Friday, when it will host grandparents of students in grades one, three and five.

Principal Phillip Jackson meets Hayward Wilson and his granddaughter Melody Wilson, a kindergarten in Mrs. Novak's class.



Steve and Kim Meyer eat with grandchildren Ethan Cox and Riley Mosley.

Lawsuit: Teacher lowered student's grade when he refused to have sex with her

CHARLESTON (AP) — A South Carolina math teacher is accused of lowering a student's grade because he stopped having sex with her. The young man and his mother are suing the Charleston County School District for negligence. The Post and Courier reported that 27-year-old Jennifer Olajire-Aro allegedly "encouraged and coerced" her student, then 17, into having sex with her multiple times. The civil lawsuit filed last week says the teacher would remind him that she controlled his grade if he tried to fend off her advances. The lawsuit says he told his mother after the teacher lowered his grade from a 98 to 89 when he refused her in December. She was arrested that month. Her criminal case is pending. A schools spokesman said the district hadn't seen the lawsuit yet.

Police: Pregnant teen taken in S.C. found safe

EDGEFIELD (AP) — Authorities said a pregnant teen who was forcefully taken from her South Carolina home has been found safe. Edgefield County sheriff's Deputy Robbie Harter said Monday morning that 18-year-old Kerrie Edgerly was found safe in Lexington County late Sunday. Harter said two people were in custody in Lexington County. Harter did not yet have details on how the teen was found or any possible charges against those being held. State Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry said the investigation is continuing. Harter said two men had broken into the home early Sunday and demanded money. Harter said when that failed, the men took Edgerly. Authorities had said she is 36 weeks pregnant.

Coroner: Man fell into lake, broke his neck

SENECA (AP) — Authorities said a South Carolina man who fell off a boat broke his neck when he fell into the lake and died. Oconee County Coroner Karl Addis told news outlets Sunday that 71-year-old Thomas Larry Payne was exiting onto the dock Sept. 20, following a boat ride with his wife. The Seneca resident was found near the dock and was taken to a hospital, where he died about 1 1/2 hours after falling into Lake Keowee. An autopsy performed Sunday found that Payne's death was accidental, the result of a fractured neck.

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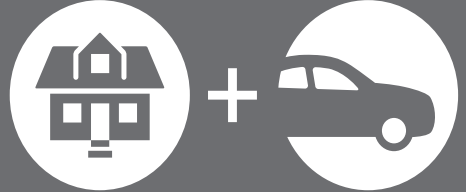
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Hurricane Florence continues to wreck havoc in Carolinas

BLADENBORO, N.C. (AP) — Ten days after Hurricane Florence came ashore, the storm caused fresh chaos Monday across the Carolinas, where rivers kept rising and thousands more people were told to be ready to evacuate.

Authorities urged up to 8,000 people in Georgetown County, on the South Carolina coast, to be prepared to flee from potential flood zones. A "record event" of up to 10 feet of flooding was expected to begin today near parts of the Pee Dee and Waccamaw rivers, county spokeswoman Jackie Broach-Akers said.

Residents along the Waccamaw braced for water predicted to peak today at 22 feet near Conway. That's twice the normal flood stage and far higher than the previous record of 17.9 feet, according to charts published Monday by the National Weather Service.

Pastor Willie Lowrimore and several members of his church spent Saturday sandbagging and spreading plastic sheets around the sanctuary of The Fellowship With Jesus Ministries church on the banks of the Waccamaw in Yauhannah, South Carolina, about 20 miles south of Myrtle Beach.

The nearly black, reeking water seeped around and over the sandbags around 2 a.m. Monday. By noon, it was several inches deep.

With the church pews moved to a flat-bed trailer on higher ground, Lowrimore sat in a rocking chair listening to the normally calm river rush by, ruining the church he built almost 20 years ago.

"I'm going to go one day at a time. Put it in the Lord's hands. My hands aren't big enough," he said.

In North Carolina, the Cape Fear and Neuse rivers remained swollen and were not expected to return to normal levels until October, the charts show.

"Florence continues to bring misery to North Carolina," North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said Sunday evening in a statement.

Most of the Carolinas have seen the worst of the flooding, but people need to remain cautious, said Todd Hamill, a hydrologist at the National Weather Service's Southeast River Forecast Center. With most rivers having crested, that water is moving toward the coast, he said.

Parts of Interstate 40 are expected to remain underwater for another week or more, and hundreds of smaller roads remain impassable. But there was some good news: Interstate 95 was reopened to all traffic Sunday night for the first time since the floods.

Floodwaters already receding on one stretch of Interstate 40 left thousands of rotting fish on the pavement for firefighters to clean up.

Crews conducted about 350 rescues over the weekend, and travel remains treacherous in the southeastern area of the state, the governor added. National Guard members would be shifting to more door-to-door and air-search



Maura Walbourne sits in the front of a canoe looking in at her flooded Long Avenue home as David Covington wades through the wreckage in Conway on Sunday. The Sherwood Drive area of Conway began to look like a lake on Sunday as homes were submerged deeper than ever in flood waters that have already set historic records.

checks on people in still-flooded areas.

The storm has claimed at least 43 lives since slamming into the coast Sept. 14.

On Monday, Republican education leaders in North Carolina announced planned legislation to assure teachers at still-shuttered schools that they will get paid without using vacation time. The proposal was part of broader disaster funding that the General Assembly will consider in an anticipated special session.

In Washington, lawmakers considered almost \$1.7 billion in new money for disaster relief and recovery, even as they face a deadline this week to fund the government before the Oct. 1 start of the new budget year.

The chairman of the House Appropriations Committee said the money would be available as grants to states to help rebuild housing and public works, as well as assist businesses. GOP Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey called it "a first round" and said lawmakers are ready to act quickly if the federal disaster relief agency also needs more money.

The economic research firm Moody's Analytics estimated that Florence has caused around \$44 billion in damage and lost output, which would make it one of the 10 costliest U.S. hurricanes. The worst disaster, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, cost \$192.2 billion in today's dollars. Last year's Hurricane Harvey cost \$133.5 billion.

Help farmers by contributing to SCFB fund

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In the wake of Hurricane Florence, South Carolina farm families and rural communities face estimated damage of \$1.228 billion. In response to this tragedy and the tremendous needs of our farmers and rural communities, South Carolina Farm Bureau has established the "SCFB Agricultural Aid Foundation." Contributions to this fund will be used to help farm families impacted by the flood.

"Farmers in South Carolina are no strangers to hurricanes, flooding and natural disasters, especially after what we've experienced in the last few years," SCFB President Harry Ott said. "They are the backbone of this state, and this fund allows us to show them our support in their time of need."

Donations to the fund should be made to the SCFB Agricultural Aid Foundation which is a 501(C)3 charitable nonprofit foundation established by South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. All contributions to this fund are tax deductible.

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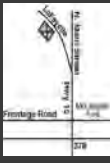
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New accusation rocks Kavanaugh nomination

Trump stands firm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Denouncing his accusers for launching “smears, pure and simple,” Brett Kavanaugh said Monday he’ll continue fighting for Senate confirmation to the Supreme Court, even as Republicans battled to prevent a second woman’s assertion of a long-ago sexual assault from derailing his nomination.

“I will not be intimidated into withdrawing from the process,” Kavanaugh wrote in a letter to leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee. “The coordinated effort to destroy my good name will not drive me out.”



KAVANAUGH

Hours earlier, President Donald Trump led the defense of his embattled nominee against the latest allegation of sexual misconduct, calling the accusations against Kavanaugh “totally political.”

The combative tone by Kavanaugh and Trump came a day after a second allegation emerged. That accusation, in a report by *The New Yorker* magazine, pushed the White House and Senate Republicans onto the defensive and fueled calls from Democrats for further investigation.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, called for the “immediate postponement” of any further action on Kavanaugh’s nomination.

Trump, at the United Nations for his second General Assembly meeting, called the allegations unfair and unsubstantiated, made by accusers who come “out of the woodwork.” He also questioned the political motivations of the attorneys representing the women, saying “you should look into the lawyers doing the representation.”

On Kavanaugh, Trump stressed: “I am with him all the way.”

The new accusation landed late Sunday in a report from *The New Yorker*, just a few hours after negotiators had reached an agreement to hold an extraordinary public hearing Thursday for Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, who accuses him of sexually assaulting her at a party when they were teenagers. Kavanaugh denies the accusation.

Presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway told CBS on Monday that the accusations against Kavanaugh sound like “a vast left-wing conspiracy,” using rhetoric that echoed Hillary Clinton’s 1998 description of allegations that her husband, President Bill Clinton, had had affairs.

Trump is suggesting the timing of the *New Yorker* article is further evi-

dence of what he has been saying privately for days: that the Democrats and media are conspiring to undermine his pick.

The second claim against Kavanaugh dates to the 1983-84 academic year, which was his first at Yale University. Deborah Ramirez described the incident after being contacted by *The New Yorker* magazine. She recalled that Kavanaugh exposed himself at a drunken dormitory party, thrust his penis in her face, and caused her to touch it without her consent as she pushed him away.

Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee said they would investigate Ramirez’s accusation. Taylor Foy, a spokesman, complained that Democrats had “actively withheld information” from the Republicans until now.

The New Yorker said the allegation came to the attention of Democratic senators through a civil rights lawyer.

Ramirez was reluctant at first to speak publicly “partly because her memories contained gaps because she had been drinking at the time of the alleged incident,” *The New Yorker* reported. After “six days of carefully assessing her memories and consulting with her attorney, Ramirez said that she felt confident enough of her recollections” to speak publicly, the report said.

The Associated Press tried reaching Ramirez at her home in Boulder, Colorado. She posted a sign on her front

door, indicating she would have no comment.

Joining the maelstrom, Michael Avenatti, the attorney representing porn actress Stormy Daniels in her legal fight with Trump, claimed to represent a woman with information about high school-era parties attended by Kavanaugh and urged the Senate to investigate. Avenatti told the AP that he will disclose his client’s identity in the coming days and that she is prepared to testify before the committee, as well as provide names of corroborating witnesses.

A White House official not authorized to speak publicly questioned the accusations coming from Avenatti’s client, saying that the presence of the high-profile attorney — who has publicly taken on Trump and is weighing a 2020 Democratic presidential bid — makes the proceedings a “circus.”

The accusation from Ramirez raises the stakes further for a dramatic showdown Thursday, as Kavanaugh and Ford testify in public about an incident she characterizes as attempted rape — and that he says simply never happened.

Kavanaugh’s nomination hangs precariously. A handful of senators in both parties remain undecided on his nomination. Defections among Republicans would likely block his path to the Supreme Court.

Off duty: S.C. ‘Trooper Bob’ retiring from Highway Patrol

COLUMBIA (AP) — After more than two decades as one of the South Carolina law enforcement community’s most visible fixtures, the man known as “Trooper Bob” is hanging up his badge.

Lt. Bob Beres told The Associated Press that he’s retiring this fall after 24 years in the Patrol. His last day on the job will be Nov. 30.

One of the Patrol’s chief spokesmen, Beres is tasked with giving reporters details about traffic accidents, crash investigations and general safety tips. Standing 6 feet, 5 inches, Beres is impossible to miss, a larger-than-life presence at media events and on the job around the state.

But it’s Beres’ innovative use of social media that’s not only won him legions of adoring fans across the state and region — it also landed him an Emmy award earlier this year.

Beres’ journey began in a refugee camp in Austria, where his parents fled from an oppressive Hungarian regime just before he was born. While Beres was still an infant, his parents made the trip to America, where they settled with other ex-pats in Connecticut.

After high school, Beres joined the Navy, serving on an

ammunition ship in the Persian Gulf and traveling throughout the world. After four years of service, Beres says he felt a pull to something bigger as he walked off the ship and down a long pier.

“I left with everything I owned in my bag and that was it,” he says. “I felt like God put his hand on my head and said, ‘I want you to go help people.’”

Starting with a security job in Charleston, Beres eventually worked his way up to a job with the Patrol, despite discouragement from his boss at the security job, who told him, “You’ll never make it” as a trooper.

Beres threw everything he had into his training. On his first day on the job, he made a



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special trip, back to the office of his security job boss.

“I shined my shoes up, I shined my car up,” he said. “I went inside and knocked on the guy’s door. He said, ‘Beres,’ and I said, ‘No sir, it’s ‘Trooper’ Beres with the South Carolina Highway Patrol. I just wanted you to know that I’m stationed in Dorchester, and you let me know if you need anything.”

Ultimately Beres became a community relations officer, one of the faces of the agency that employs more than 900 troopers throughout the state. To handle confusion over how to pronounce his Hungarian last name, Beres began telling people, “Just call me Trooper Bob.”

Beres says he then encouraged other Patrol spokesmen also to use first names only on social media, something that makes them relatable

and accessible.

“Some guy out there, he doesn’t care about our rank,” he said. “I want them to see, we’re human, too.”

Beres was named the 2007 Trooper of the Year, in part because of his work to help a woman who had lost her home in a fire. After the historic flooding that gripped parts of South Carolina in 2015, Beres sought an innovative way to draw attention of the need to heed warnings not to drive around the numerous barricades that blocked off flooded or washed-out roadways.

“Finally, I found emoji in my phone, so I put an emoji

message together,” says Beres, who says the string of pictograms was shared hundreds of thousands of times.

Impressed by the reach of the unique message, the Patrol started using more emoji messaging, crafting an anti-drunk driving campaign based off Beres’ tweets that went up on hundreds of billboards around the state. This year, a 30-second TV ad featuring Beres and emoji won an Emmy award.

“If my mom from Hungary can understand this, then anyone can get this,” Beres says, of the simple, pictorial messaging that got national attention.

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This artist rendering shows what the new Immunotek facility at 236 S. Pike will look like when it opens early next year.

noTek sells and ships it to pharmaceutical companies. Those companies then manufacture the materials into biopharmaceutical products, such as IVIG and Albumin, that recent medical re-

search shows can have new uses in saving lives. The final products are shipped globally. “There are new uses for these very effective products to attack newly dis-

covered diseases and disorders,” Parnell said. Each ImmunoTek site has a medical director on staff, medical technicians, phlebotomists and management staff, Parnell said. Each site conducts in-house service training and certifications. He anticipates the Sumter site to have 35 to 40 employees. ImmunoTek currently has about 30 sites nationally and is growing by about 15 facilities per year, Parnell said. The company already has locations in Anderson and Florence and is also constructing a new site in Columbia. Parnell said his firm is community oriented and is excited about opening the Sumter site. “We’re looking forward to opening in Sumter, hiring employees and recruiting donors in the local community,” Parnell said. “We want the Sumter community to participate with us in saving lives around the world.”

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understand, but there’s a God who knows, she said about how she has been able to keep going. “I still had hope,” Ann Mack said about receiving the first call related to her son, Chauncey, getting shot on Nov. 17, 2012. But on the trip to the hospital, Mack said, she felt a chill and at that moment she knew her son was gone. She said her husband told her she could not know Chauncey had died without being there or hearing from a doctor. “As a mother,” Mack said, “I did.” She said she doesn’t know if her husband was still hopeful himself or if he was just trying to spare her feelings when he told her that. After waiting at the hospital for a few minutes, which felt like a lifetime to Mack, she and her husband were called to a back room. “I’ve been in that room before with other family members,” she said. That is not a room you want to be in, she said. The doctor told the Macks EMS lost Chauncey at the scene and could not revive him. “I was sitting when I got the news, but I fell to the floor screaming,” Mack said. “All I knew was my child was gone from a senseless act of violence at a birthday party for a toddler.” Losing a child, a child that you carried for nine months, is a kind of death that differs from any other, she said. “There are times where I feel like I can’t and don’t want to go on,” she said. Since her son’s death, Mack joined POMC, which she said has brought her a long way since 2012. “There was a time I couldn’t talk about it,” she said.

At the group meetings, she said, everyone vents to each other because each member understands. Though POMC cannot make up for their loved ones’ absences, Holiday and Mack have been able to find ways to cope with their losses and bond with others going through the same grief. After the deaths of their sons, Holiday and Mack became members of a group that has since helped them cope with their losses. POMC leader the Rev. Maggie Richardson — whose son, Michael, was killed at the age of 20 in 2000 — said despite what has happened, the group members do not walk as if they do not have hope. Each year, she said, the theme for this event is hope.



Patricia Holiday, left, holds a photo of her son, Kemper, while Ann Mack holds an album her son, Chauncey, made with his group Certified Kuntry Bois.

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Side effect of trafficking law: More street prostitution?

NEW YORK (AP) — Recent crackdowns targeting the sex-for-hire industry have reduced the number of commercial ads on the internet and helped fight online trafficking. But activists and police say the efforts may have had unintended consequences — landing women and girls back on the streets, where dangers also lurk.

The impact was almost immediate after the seizure of *Backpage.com* by the federal government in April and President Donald Trump's signature the same month on the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, a law meant to hold internet platforms accountable for facilitating sex trafficking.

The number of sex ads online plummeted by 75 percent, an indication that the law was thwarting human traffickers no longer protected by the anonymity of the internet. But sex workers and their advocates say another casualty was the income of escorts who advertised online, along with the ability to vet clients better than on the street.

Statistics establishing a pattern are hard to come by, but police in some of the nation's biggest cities told The Associated Press they are also seeing a shift, if sometimes only in the age of the sex workers they're encountering.

"I have seen a group of fresher faces, so that would make me think that they're new to the street, maybe from the internet," said Lt. Jimmy Sides, of the San Antonio police.

Law enforcement in San Antonio arrested 296 people for prostitution between March 21, when the Sex Trafficking Act passed Congress, and Aug. 14, according to a public records request — a 58 percent increase from the same span the year before, when police made 187 arrests.

Phoenix police said they experienced a surge in street-prostitution arrests in 2018 but did not provide figures. In Houston, levels have remained constant, but more 14- to 17-year-olds have been working outdoors since May, said James Dale, a police captain.

Police in Sacramento, California, noted three street-prostitution arrests between March 21, 2017, and mid-August of that year. During the same period in 2018, they recorded 15.

Police in many big cities, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Seattle, did not grant requests for interviews or data.

In March, there were about 100,000 adult services ads posted per day worldwide, according to researchers at Uncharted Software, which has monitored such ads since 2014. After the trafficking act passed Congress, that number dropped to around 76,000 ads.

Then, when Backpage shut down, numbers fell again to 25,000 ads per day.

The change was not permanent; by July, the numbers had rebounded to more than 50,000 ads per day, researchers said. Still, a fragmented market with



Yvonne Ambrose's 16-year-old daughter, Desiree, was trafficked in Chicago on *Backpage.com* and was killed by a buyer on Christmas Eve 2016. Ambrose joined President Donald Trump at the White House when he signed the legislation, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act.

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no single replacement for Backpage will likely continue to reduce trafficking, according to counter-trafficking consultant Rob Spectre.

But on the internet, sex workers say, they were able to screen a client and check lists for "bad dates." Now, as they are funneled back onto the streets, they are at a buyer's mercy.

Kara Alexander, who lives in Florida, advertised her services on Backpage, Craigslist and other sites before April. When media companies closed down sections hosting adult services ads, she said, she started working on the streets.

In May, she said, a client raped her and poured alcohol in her body in an attempt to destroy evidence. Alexander, 29, said she had faced violence while working online, but never on this scale.

"It's a different kind of danger," she said.

A sex worker who goes by Quinn and didn't want her real name used because she feared arrest and other repercussions said that in the age of the trafficking act, she hasn't been able to rack up enough jobs. Near the end of April, she started selling herself outdoors in Boston for the first time since she was a teenager, she said.

"There's no backup plan for people like us," said Quinn, who said she was raped and beaten in August but could not

afford treatment.

Laura LeMoon, a sex worker and trafficking survivor who co-founded the Safe Night Access Project in Seattle to help protect street sex workers, said she has seen far more women on Seattle's strolls.

Solicitors have gotten younger, too, she said. She used to primarily serve middle-aged sex workers, she said, but now they often appear 25 or younger.

"I think definitely there's a number of girls we've seen who look pretty young," she said.

Along with the rise in street prostitution has come a resurgence in pimping, which had faded in the internet age, according to sex workers and advocates. Alexander said a friend of hers was attacked by pimps who were incensed she was working without them, and Quinn said pimps have become much more aggressive now that they see a market.

Still, even activists who acknowledge a trend of more street prostitution think the trafficking act is better than unchecked online exploitation.

Yvonne Ambrose's 16-year-old daughter Desiree Robinson was trafficked in Chicago on Backpage and was killed by a buyer on Christmas Eve 2016. Ambrose joined Trump at the White House when he signed the legislation.

The law, she said, is the change her daughter would have wanted.

"This law is for the bad actors out there," she said, "and to prevent them from doing more harm to more people."

Credit freeze free now nationwide

BY SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
AP Personal Finance Writer

Consumers can now freeze their credit for free under a new federal law.

A credit freeze restricts access to your credit file, essentially halting anyone from opening any new credit in your name. The rules used to vary by state, but previously it could cost up to \$10 to put a freeze in place. That fee often had to be paid again when someone wanted to unfreeze it for any legitimate uses.

Under a new law that took effect Friday, consumers anywhere in the U.S. can do so quickly and for free.

Congress passed the law in response to last year's massive Equifax hack, which exposed the private information of more than 145 million Americans. President Donald Trump signed it into law in May.

The law requires that credit freezes be free for consumers across the country. If the request is made over the phone or online, the freeze must be completed within a day. If the request is made by mail, the freeze must be completed within three days of receiving the request.

Lifting the freeze is also free and must be done within the hour if the request was made by phone or online, three days if by mail.

Consumers who want to freeze their credit should visit the websites of all three credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — to make their request at each. The FTC also will have links to those pages

on its identity theft information website: www.identitytheft.gov.

Additionally, the law allows for a free credit freeze for children under age 16, something that was not previously allowed in all states. This helps prevent criminals from creating fraudulent accounts under a child's identity, a problem that often goes undetected until they are adults and seek credit of their own.

A credit freeze is considered one of the most effective ways to prevent criminals from opening credit in your name. It is different than credit monitoring, which tracks a person's credit and alerts him or her of changes in activity.

"Think of a credit freeze as a state-of-the art home security system that keeps the bad guys out," said Ted Rossman, industry analyst at *Creditcards.com*. "Versus credit monitoring, which is more like that text message you got from your neighbor after someone already smashed through your living room window and walked off with your big-screen TV."

While it does provide a layer of security, a credit freeze will not protect you from some other forms of identity theft, such as filing a fraudulent tax return in your name or making charges against an existing account.

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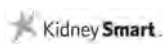
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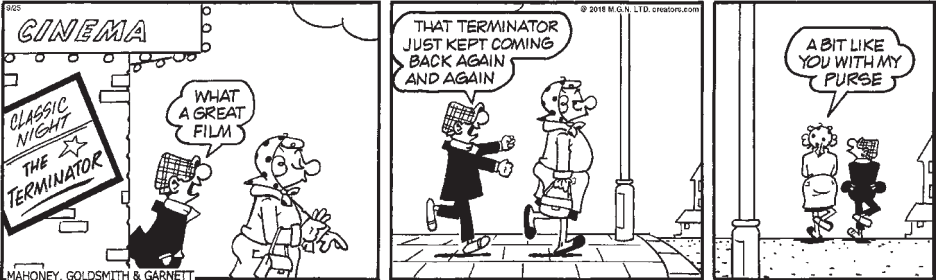
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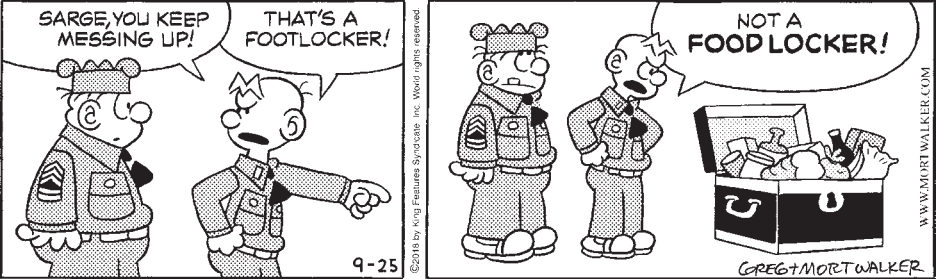
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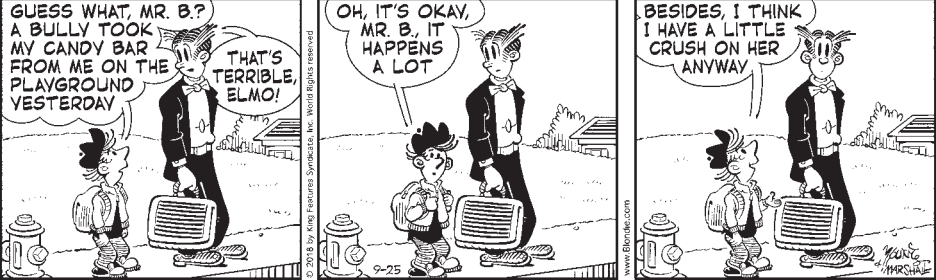
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Woman hurt about not being in bestie's wedding



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She became engaged for the first time recently, and asked me to go out of town with her to check out a potential wedding venue. While we were there, she looked away (wouldn't even look me in the eye) and announced that only

her sister (with whom she doesn't get along) would be in her wedding party.

Although I was deeply disappointed, I said nothing. I was more disappointed about the way she made the announcement.

Since then, she has asked for my advice on everything from invitations to wedding etiquette, etc., instead of asking her sister, who lives out of state. At this point, I just want to be a guest at the wedding and enjoy seeing her get married. How do I bow out of this untitled role she has given me?

Bowing out in the West

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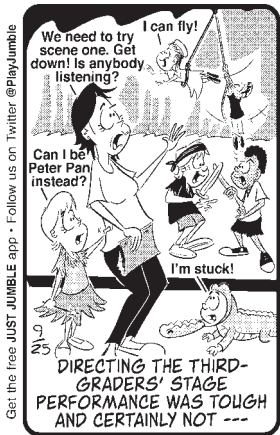
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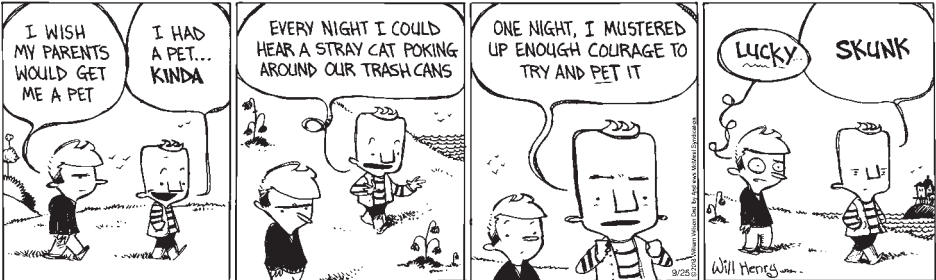
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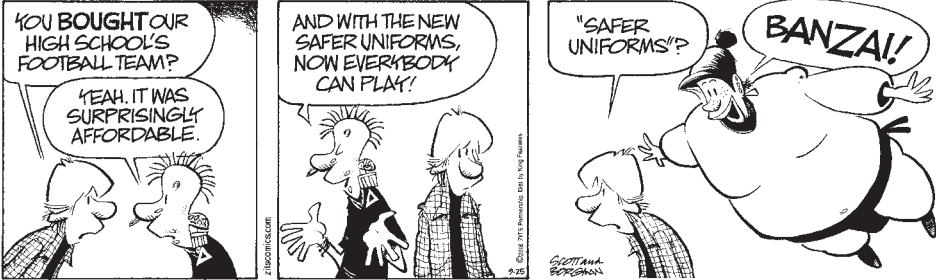
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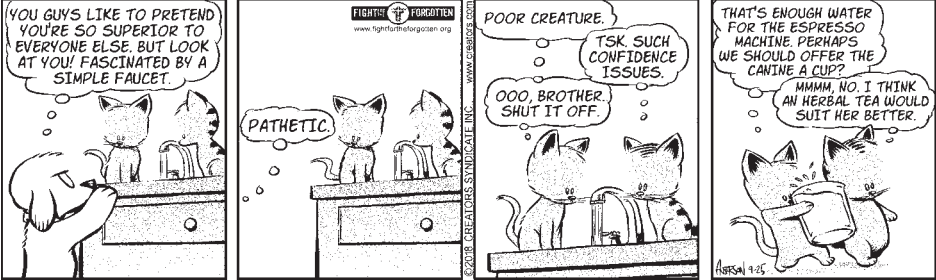
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- Trooper's speed-checking device

- Versailles rulers, once
- Have bills to pay
- Indian spice blend
- See 14-Down
- Finder's cry
- "Fooled you!"
- Overeager student's cry
- Thingamajig
- Set in the right direction
- Like some cows and vows
- Maryland team, briefly
- "Roots" role Kunta
- Rebel Guevara
- Big bird from Down Under
- Stunned state
- Comical Conway

Previous Puzzle Solved

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ALLIS	EMMA	HALE
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AHS	ELS	UPBEATS
TAHINI	INOUT	
COVERT	COVER	
CANE	ELK	LOSERS
LEO	FSU	NOV
ERUPTS	ONO	ATOP
MONTH	TOMONTH	
BRACE	SHALOM	
NODOUBT	OER	EPA
TARA	BACK	TOBACK
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BUMS	DELA	GETS

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COMMENTARY

What Democrats have become

Editor’s note: This column by Daniel Henninger first appeared in The Wall Street Journal on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018.

It is still true: What begins as tragedy can end as farce. So it is with the case of Christine Blasey Ford, who has accused Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of assaulting her when she was 15 and he was 17.

As of the most recent available moment in this episode, Ms. Ford’s lawyer said her client would not appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee until there is a “full investigation by law-enforcement officials.” Like the Mueller excavations, that could run to the horizon, unable to find anything but unwilling to stop until it finds something.

Let us posit that the one thing not at issue here is the truth. As a matter of law and fact, Ms. Ford’s accusation can be neither proved nor disproved. This is as obvious now as it must have been when Dianne Feinstein and the other Democrats came into possession of this incident.

Surely someone pointed out that based on what was disclosed, this accusation could not be substantiated. To which the Democrats responded: So what? Its political value is that it cannot be disproved. They saw that six weeks before a crucial mid-term election, the unresolvable case of Christine Blasey Ford would sit like a stalled hurricane over the entire Republican Party, drowning its candidates in a force they could not stop.

In #MeToo, which began in the predations of Harvey Weinstein, Democrats and progressives finally have found a weapon against which there seems to be no defense. It can be used to exterminate political enemies. If one unprovable accusation doesn’t suffice, why not produce a second, or third? It’s a limitless standard.

The Democrats’ broader strategy is: Delay the vote past the election; win the Senate by convincing suburban women that Republicans are implacably hostile to them; seize power; and — the point of it all — take down the Trump government.

This is the “resistance.” This is what Democrats have become. Resistance is a word and strategy normally found in a revolutionary context, which is precisely the argument made by the left to justify its actions against this presidency since the evening of Nov. 8, 2016. Anything goes. Whatever it takes. Brett Kavanaugh is not much more than a casualty of war.

Rather than try to argue or win public issues on substance, the Democrats have become a party that seems to think it can win with muscle alone. Environmentalism emerged in the 1970s as a worthwhile idea that attracted the interest and support of both parties. From Al Gore onward, it became a

bludgeon to beat up the other party. Now sexual abuse, an issue originating in utmost seriousness, has been quickly captured and fashioned into a political weapon by the Democratic left.

Politics as trench warfare has relieved the Democrats of the burden of thought. Extending the Pelosi Rule — we have to pass the bill to find out what’s in it — we now have the Gillibrand Standard.

Commenting this week on Ford v. Kavanaugh, New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, another 2020 presidential aspirant, said, “I believe it is disqualifying, given what we know.” In other words, what she believes is based on next to nothing.

Put on defense by these accusations, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley unsurprisingly agreed to a hearing in which Ms. Ford would tell her story and Judge Kavanaugh would speak. Then the senators would vote.

Consider the spectacle: Judge Kavanaugh’s nomination for the U.S. Supreme Court, the embodiment of a modern rule of law, is being decided in the Senate by the medieval practice of trial by ordeal, such as surviving immersion in fire or ice. Trial by ordeal was outlawed by the Lateran Council in 1215.

Or worse, the standards of the mob in the Roman Colosseum, turning thumbs up or down on the combatants. Though unlike the Senate Democrats, the Roman mob at least had an open mind.

Incidentally, the standard trope that Donald Trump has degraded our politics? We don’t need to hear that anymore. Or about the moral certitudes of the religious right.

Is there a sadder figure in the modern Democratic Party than Sen. Dianne Feinstein? Elected to the Senate in 1992, Mrs. Feinstein has produced a creditable career. Her above-it-all reputation was never quite deserved, but she has at least performed with dignity.

Now, seeking re-election at 85, she is getting heat from the progressive-dominated Democratic Party in California, the world capital of identity-only politics. By withholding from the committee the accusatory Ford letter that came into her possession nearly two months ago, Sen. Feinstein ensured the nomination’s descent into such a hapless, cynical moment. This will be the most remembered event in Sen. Feinstein’s career.

The Kavanaugh nomination, “given what we know,” has come down to an undiscoverable accusation. The defeat of a Supreme Court nominee on this basis would be a victory for a level of conscious political nullification not seen in the U.S. for a long time. Republicans in the Senate shouldn’t allow it, and voters in November should not affirm it.

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COMMENTARY

Has Russia given up on the West?

By the end of his second term, President Ronald Reagan, who had called the Soviet Union an “evil empire,” was strolling through Red Square with Russians slapping him on the back.

Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive.

And how have we husbands of our Cold War triumph? This month, China’s leader-for-life Xi Jinping stood beside Vladimir Putin as 3,000 Chinese troops maneuvered with 300,000 Russians, 1,000 planes and 900 tanks in Moscow’s largest military exercise in 40 years.

An uncoded message to the West from the East. Richard Nixon’s great achievement in bringing Peking in from the cold, and Reagan’s great achievement of ending the Cold War, are history. Bolshevism may be dead, but Russian nationalism, awakened by NATO’s quick march to Russia’s ancient frontiers, is alive and well.

Russia appears to have given up on the West and accepted that its hopes for better times with President Donald Trump are not to be.

U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley is berating Russia for secretly trading with North Korea in violation of U.N. sanctions, saying, “Lying, cheating and rogue behavior have become the new norm of the Russian culture.”

Cold wars don’t get much colder than defaming another country’s culture as morally debased.

The U.S. has also signaled that it may start supplying naval and anti-aircraft weaponry to Ukraine, as Russia is being warned to cease its inspections of ships passing from the Black Sea through the Kerch Strait into the Sea of Azov.

The three-mile-wide straits between Crimea and Kerch Peninsula. In Russia’s eyes, both banks of the strait are Russian national territory.

With U.S. backing, Ukraine has decided to build a naval base on the Sea of Azov to “create conditions for rebuffing the aggressive actions of the Russian Federation in this region.”

Kiev has several patrol boats in the Sea of Azov, with a few more to be transferred there in coming months. Russia’s navy could sink those boats and wipe out that base in minutes.

Are we going to send our Navy across the Black Sea to protect Ukraine’s naval rights inside a sea that has been as historically Russian as the Chesapeake Bay is historically American?

Poland this week invited the U.S. to establish a major base on its soil, for which Poland would pay two billion dollars, to be called “Fort Trump.”

Trump seemed to like the idea and the name.

Yet, the Bush II decision to install a missile defense system in Poland brought a Kremlin counter-move: the installation of nuclear-capable Iskander cruise missiles in Kaliningrad, the former German territory on Poland’s northern border annexed by Stalin at the end of World War II.

In the Balkans, over Russian protests, the U.S. is moving to bring Macedonia into NATO. But before Macedonia can join, half its voters have to come out on Sept. 30 to approve a change in the nation’s name to North Macedonia. This is to mollify Greece, which claims the birthplace of Alexander the Great as its own.

Where are we going with all this?

With U.S. warships making regular visits into the Eastern Baltic and Black Sea, the possibility of a new base in Poland, and growing lethal aid to Ukraine to fight pro-Russian rebels in the Donbass and the Russian navy on the Sea of Azov, are we not crowding the Russians a bit?

Are we confident the Rus-

sians will always back down?

When Georgia, believing it could kick Russian peacekeepers out and re-annex its seceded province of South Ossetia, attacked in August 2008, the Russian Army came crashing in and ran the Georgians out in 48 hours.

George W. Bush wisely decided not to issue an ultimatum or send troops. He ignored the hawks in his own party who had helped goad him into the great debacle of his presidency: Iraq.

So, what exactly is the U.S. grand strategy with regard to Russia?

What might be called the McCain wing of the Republican Party has sought to bring Ukraine and Georgia into NATO, which would make the containment of Russia America’s policy in perpetuity.

Are the American people aware of the costs and risks inherent in such a policy? What are the prospects of Russia yielding always to U.S. demands? And are we not today stretched awfully thin?

Our share of the global economy is much shrunken from Reagan’s time. Our deficit is approaching \$1 trillion. Our debt is surging toward 100 percent of GDP. Entitlements are consuming our national wealth.

We are committed to containing the two other greatest powers, Russia and China. We are tied down militarily in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen, with the War Party beating the drums for another and larger war — with Iran. And we are sanctioning adversaries and allies for not following our leadership of the West and the world.

In looking at America’s global commitments, greatly expanded since our Cold War victory, one word comes to mind: unsustainable.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, “Nixon’s White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever.”

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AROUND TOWN

The American Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O. Schedule your donation appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, by visiting www.red-crossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Help save a life by participating in one of the following American Red Cross blood donation opportunities: 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St.; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, Shaw Air Force Base Exchange, 370 Rhodes Ave., Building 1403, Shaw Air Force Base; 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, YMCA of Sumter, 510 Miller Road; 7 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Oct. 3, Becton Dickinson, 1575 Airport Road; 1-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, Health Sciences Center, 133 S. Main St.

Clarendon School District One will conduct free vision, hearing, speech and developmental screenings as part of a child find effort to identify students ages 3-5, who may need special education services and are not enrolled in a public school. Screenings will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon at the Summerton Early Childhood Center, 8 South St., Summerton, on the following Tuesdays: Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 2019; Feb. 12, 2019; March 12, 2019; April 9, 2019; and May 14, 2019. Call Robert Collar at (803) 574-2117.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will have a booth inside the Sumter Civic Center at the Sumter County Fair from 4 to 10 p.m. today-Friday, Sept. 28, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29. The chapter will be accepting donations of old eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Sumter Lions Club.

The South Carolina Education Association of Retired Employees (SCEA-R) will meet at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the North HOPE Center.

Pace Scholarship Academy will present a free scholarship informational workshop at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27,

in the auditorium of Sumter High School, 2580 McCrays Mill Road. Sumter County parents and students in grades nine through 12 are encouraged to attend.

A Mesothelioma Awareness Day will be held 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Canty Center, 627 Manning Ave. This event will feature face painting, a bounce house, games, vendors, food truck and silent auction. **“Celebrating Life in Color,” a breast cancer awareness/celebration luau**, will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at Bernie Elks Lodge, 2501 U.S. 15 South. Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$10 for children age 3-12. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Hawaiian luau attire is welcome. Event will feature Hawaiian style cuisine, entertainment, vendors, door prizes, information on breast cancer and much more. Music will be presented by DJ Al Kelly. Proceeds will support breast cancer awareness. Contact Afrika Taylor at (803) 236-7623 or email her at altaylor39@yahoo.com.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. October is blind awareness month. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The Shepherd’s Center will hold its annual spaghetti lunch fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, at Swan Lake Presbyterian Church, 912 Haynsworth St. Cost: \$6 per ticket.

The Lee County Branch of the NAACP will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Dennis Community Center, 410 W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville. Stan Barnhill, director of the Lee County Registration Office, will speak. Ennis Bryant, chairman of the Lee County Democratic Party, will also speak. The public is encouraged to attend to learn about the changes and procedures to expect in the upcoming November election.

PUBLIC AGENDA

MCLEOD HEALTH CLARENDON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Today, 6 p.m., hospital board room, 10 E. Hospital St., Manning

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Today, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Thursday, 7:45 a.m., 10 E. Liberty St.

The last word in astrology
EUGENIA LAST

your emotions take over. Look for a positive response when dealing with others. Whether you are looking for a job or dealing with someone who is difficult, be efficient and take care of your responsibilities first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A change will do you good, but it may not please some of the people you work or live with. If you are upfront about your whereabouts and reasons for doing what you do, it will help ward off interference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Offering to help others is kind, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Get the facts before you lend money or help someone looking for a handout. Don't be too vocal about what you have or what you can do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stay focused on what you are doing. Let your creativity take over. Do things your way and stay out of discussions that could lead to repercussions with someone at work or at home. The less said, the better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel, meetings and educational pursuits are highlighted. Keep an open mind and learn from what you hear, observe and experience. The best change you can make is one that will encourage better relationships. Compliment others, and you'll reap the rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and try something new. It will change your perspective and give you something to consider. A positive change is heading your way, and an improved relationship with someone special looks promising. A change to the way you live is favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotions

can hold you back. You have to think clearly about what you should do next. Make choices based on how they will influence your personal finances, not because someone is pleading with you to do something questionable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a moment to figure out what's best for you. An emotional situation concerning a friend or someone who depends on you should be handled carefully. Don't let anyone take advantage of you, and don't pay for someone else's mistake.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Refuse to let emotional matters interfere with your productivity. Finish what you start and protect your reputation. A change you make to the way you earn your living or to your arrangement at home will be to your benefit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen to instructions and ask questions if something doesn't make sense. How you handle those in charge will make a difference to the way you are treated. Professionalism at work and diplomacy at home will be in your best interest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money matters should be handled smartly. Emotions and joint ventures can lead to loss. Don't feel you have to overdo it to make an impression. Let experience and knowledge be your guides to successful endeavors. You cannot buy love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Concentrate on yourself and how to project your very best into whatever you take on. Working alongside someone with grand ideas can be stimulating but also expensive. Don't be afraid to forgo a joint venture and do your own thing.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					
88°	70°	90° / 70°	88° / 71°	87° / 69°	86° / 69°
Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 55%
NE 4-8 mph	VAR 2-4 mph	SW 4-8 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	SW 3-6 mph	N 4-8 mph

TODAY’S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

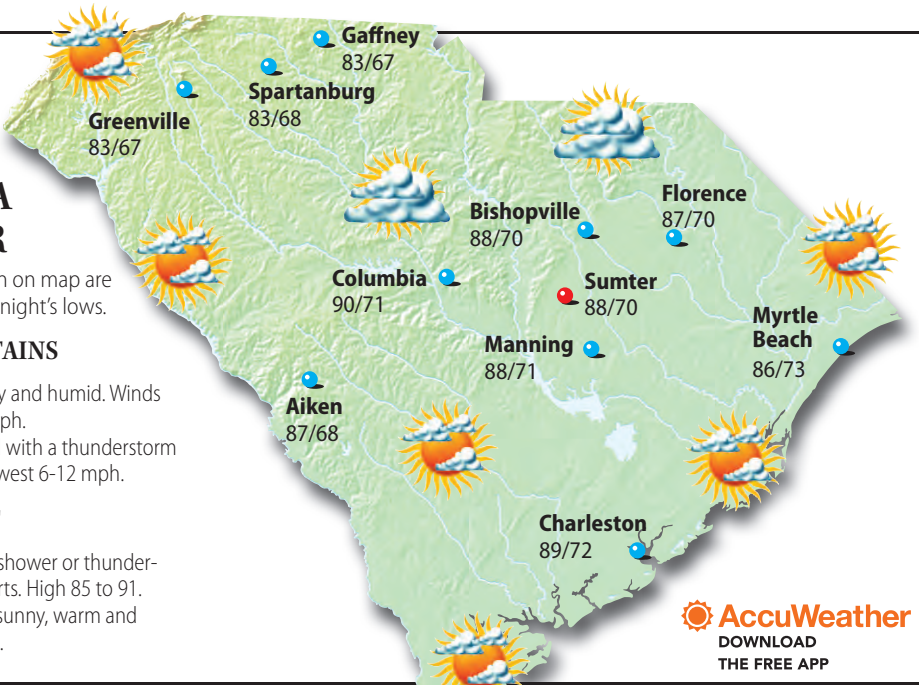
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Rather cloudy and humid. Winds east-southeast 4-8 mph.
Wednesday: Humid with a thunderstorm around. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Some sun; a shower or thunderstorm in northern parts. High 85 to 91.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, warm and humid. High 87 to 92.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	79°
Low	70°
Normal high	81°
Normal low	59°
Record high	95° in 1980
Record low	42° in 1981

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	3.68"
Normal month to date	3.10"
Year to date	30.44"
Last year to date	30.83"
Normal year to date	36.49"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.49	-0.02
Marion	76.8	75.70	+0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.21	+0.35
Wateree	100	97.76	-0.21

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	9.27	-0.22
Congaree River	19	3.62	+0.11
Lynchies River	14	15.48	-1.28
Saluda River	14	2.12	none
Up. Santee River	80	77.99	-0.47
Wateree River	24	12.16	-0.09

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:12 a.m.	Sunset	7:15 p.m.
Moonrise	7:56 p.m.	Moonsset	7:31 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
			
Oct. 2	Oct. 8	Oct. 16	Oct. 24

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	9:49 a.m.	3.3	4:24 a.m.	0.3
	10:16 p.m.	3.3	4:41 p.m.	0.4
Wed.	10:26 a.m.	3.4	5:01 a.m.	0.2
	10:51 p.m.	3.3	5:22 p.m.	0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/71/pc	86/69/t
Chicago	80/51/t	65/46/pc
Dallas	88/67/pc	72/60/r
Detroit	79/60/t	67/47/pc
Houston	89/72/t	85/72/t
Los Angeles	80/63/pc	85/64/pc
New Orleans	88/76/t	86/75/t
New York	72/68/r	81/65/t
Orlando	90/75/t	91/76/pc
Philadelphia	78/71/r	84/60/t
Phoenix	100/77/s	103/79/s
San Francisco	74/52/s	76/53/pc
Wash., DC	81/72/sh	86/61/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	79/64/c	80/64/t
Athens	87/68/pc	87/67/t
Augusta	91/70/pc	92/69/pc
Beaufort	91/74/pc	92/76/pc
Cape Hatteras	85/76/t	86/74/pc
Charleston	89/72/pc	92/75/pc
Charlotte	86/69/c	87/67/t
Clemson	83/70/pc	85/70/t
Columbia	90/71/c	93/71/t
Darlington	87/70/pc	91/72/pc
Elizabeth City	84/72/pc	89/71/pc
Elizabethtown	86/72/t	89/73/pc
Fayetteville	87/71/t	90/71/c

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Florence	87/70/pc	91/72/pc
Gainesville	93/73/t	93/74/pc
Gastonia	85/68/c	86/69/t
Greensboro	86/72/t	89/72/c
Goose Creek	88/72/pc	91/75/pc
Greensboro	82/67/c	85/67/t
Greenville	83/67/c	86/69/t
Hickory	81/66/pc	83/64/t
Hilton Head	88/75/pc	89/78/pc
Jacksonville, FL	91/70/pc	92/72/pc
La Grange	87/72/t	86/71/t
Macon	92/68/pc	92/69/pc
Marietta	84/69/c	83/67/t

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Marion	79/65/c	81/65/t
Mt. Pleasant	88/75/pc	90/77/pc
Myrtle Beach	86/73/pc	89/76/pc
Orangeburg	88/70/pc	90/72/pc
Port Royal	89/75/pc	90/77/pc
Raleigh	84/70/c	87/68/t
Rock Hill	85/68/pc	87/69/t
Rockingham	86/69/c	89/70/t
Savannah	90/72/pc	91/74/pc
Spartanburg	83/68/c	85/69/t
Summerville	88/72/pc	90/74/pc
Wilmington	85/71/t	89/72/pc
Winston-Salem	81/67/c	84/66/t



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Jeff Byer shares this photo of a hummingbird that was visiting the feeder in his backyard.

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

The starter — for now

Lawrence to be behind center for Clemson

BY PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

CLEMSON — Freshman Trevor Lawrence is the new starting quarterback for third-ranked Clemson, replacing senior Kelly Bryant. — for now.

The move doesn't mean Bryant is being benched, or won't regain the starting spot. Though Clemson coach Dabo Swinney isn't saying much about the change.

The team announced the decision Monday, a day after Swinney cut off potential quarterback questions on a teleconference Sunday night.

"I won't get into any rotation or depth chart moves tonight," the coach said.

But actions often speak louder than words.

On Monday morning the team put out a simple statement saying that Lawrence will start



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Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) runs out of the pocket against Georgia Tech during the Tigers' 49-21 triumph on Saturday in Atlanta. Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney said Lawrence will make his first career start this Saturday against Syracuse.

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USC FOOTBALL

Gamecocks answer challenge of Vandy's Mason in 37-14 win

BY TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason talked about needing to be ready for a street fight when his Commodores played South Carolina.

Well, the Gamecocks took that very personally.

Jake Bentley threw for 261 yards and a touchdown, and the South Carolina Gamecocks bounced back from their hurricane-forced break, routing Vanderbilt 37-14 Saturday.

"We heard about it, and yeah we took it personally," Bentley said. "I mean he called us out. He called us to come out and fight, and that's what we did. We can play in the stadium, in a backyard, in the street you know what I mean? And we ran for 270 yards, so yeah I think the O-linemen took it more personally than anyone else."

South Carolina coach Will Muschamp simply pointed to the 273 yards



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South Carolina running back Ty'Son Williams (27) dives into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown run against Vanderbilt on Saturday in Nashville, Tennessee. South Carolina won 37-14.

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KEEPING UP

Former Thomas Sumter standout Hunley proves self for Randolph

Taja Hunley has been the most productive freshman for the Randolph College volleyball team in Lynchburg, Virginia.

The middle blocker out of Thomas Sumter Academy led the freshmen with appearances in the first 11 matches, including seven starts. The lone South Carolinian on the roster, she led the team with 26 blocks and was fourth with 27 kills.

The 6-foot Hunley had a season-high six kills in a win over Piedmont and had a season-high five blocks in consecutive matches against Methodist and Piedmont.

As of Wednesday, she ranked seventh in blocks per set among Old Dominion Athletic Conference players.



Barbara Boxleitner

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PRO GOLF

Woods caps off comeback with a Tour Championship win

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods, in his Sunday red shirt, both arms raised in victory on the 18th green.

For so many years, the scene was familiar.

This time, it was surreal.

"I can't believe I pulled this off," Woods said Sunday during the trophy presentation at the Tour Championship, where he gave thousands of delirious fans at East Lake, and millions more around the world, what they wanted to see, and what they thought they might never see again.

And at that moment, Woods was overcome with emotion and paused.

After two back surgeries six weeks apart, he couldn't lie down, sit or walk without pain. Golf was the least of his concerns, so much that he once said anything else he achieved would be "gravy."

One year ago, while recovering from a fourth back surgery, he still had no idea if he could come back to the highest level of golf.

"Just to be able to compete and play again this year, that's a hell of a comeback," he said.

Woods delivered the perfect ending to his amazing return from back surgeries with a performance out of the past. He left the competition feeling hopeless as he built a five-shot lead early and then hung on for a 1-over 71 and a two-shot victory over Billy Horschel.

It was the 80th victory of his PGA Tour, two short of the career record held by Sam Snead that is now very much in play. And it was his first victory in more than five years, dating to the 2013 Bridgestone Invitational.

And that brought a new version of Tigermania.

After he hit his second shot to the par-5 18th safely in a bunker in front of the green, the crowd came through the ropes and followed behind in a chaotic celebration. It was like that when he walked from the left side of the 18th fairway at the 1997 Masters he won by 12. It was reminiscent of that walk up the 18th fairway later that summer at the

Western Open in Chicago.

This was pure pandemonium. Fans chased after any inch of grass they could find to watch the ending.

"I didn't want to get run over," Woods said with a laugh.

This felt just as big as a major, maybe better considering where Woods had been.

Several players, from Zach Johnson to Rickie Fowler to Horschel, waited to greet him. It was Johnson who unveiled red shirts at the Ryder Cup two years ago in the team room that said, "Make Tiger Great Again."

"They knew what I was struggling with," Woods said. "It was special to see them."

Woods played only one PGA Tour event over two seasons because of his back. Off the golf course, he had to overcome the embarrassment of a DUI arrest in the early morning of Memorial Day in 2017 when he was found asleep at the wheel, later found to have a concoction of pain medication in his system.



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Tiger Woods celebrates on the 18th green after winning the Tour Championship on Sunday in Atlanta. It was his first victory in five years.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Panthers' McCaffrey runs for 184 yards in 31-21 triumph

CHARLOTTE (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals had limited their first two opponents to 141 rushing yards. That made what happened in their third game all the more surprising.

Christian McCaffrey ran for a career-best 184 yards and the Panthers piled up 230 yards on the ground and got two rushing scores from Cam Newton on Sunday in a 31-21 victory.

“This is a different style of offense and attack and you’ve got to adjust and morph and play it and make sure we stay sound in it and play it all the time,” Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. “We had moments where we played it perfectly. Then we had others where we didn’t.”

The Panthers gouged the Bengals with runs up the middle by McCaffrey, who ran free at times behind an offensive line beset with injuries.

“They switched up some run fits that we weren’t expecting,” Bengals defensive tackle Andrew Billings said. “They did a few misdirection plays, screens, throw backs, nothing that we shouldn’t have stopped. We just have to get better defensively and executing.”

Still, Cincinnati’s struggles against the run should be of some concern heading into next Sunday’s game at Atlanta, which traditionally has one of the best running games in the NFL behind running backs Tevin Coleman and Devonta Freeman — although Freeman has missed the last two games with an injury.

“They caught us in a couple bad positions and made plays,” said Bengals defensive end Carlos Dunlap. “This is the NFL and their players are going to make plays, too. You have to eliminate as many of those you can. We did not do a good job of that today.”

Some things to know from Carolina’s win over Cincinnati:

SAFETY HELP NEEDED

The Panthers felt the loss of injured starting strong safety Da’Norris Searcy, as fill-in Colin Jones, a special teams regular, was beat



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Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey (22) runs past Cincinnati defensive back Darqueze Dennard (21) during the Panthers’ 31-21 victory on Sunday in Charlotte.

on two touchdown passes. Jones was replaced by rookie Rashaan Gaulden in the fourth quarter and he could be the starter coming out of the bye week if the Panthers don’t add a veteran safety.

“Colin Jones is a very physical player, a downhill player and Gaulden has some athleticism and range,” coach Ron Rivera said. “We decided down the stretch we were going to give Gaulden some opportunities.”

Searcy is on the IR after sustaining two concussions in five weeks.

ACTION JACKSON

The Panthers said right away they felt like they landed a big-time player when they drafted speedy cornerback Donte Jackson in the second round, and he’s proving GM Marty Hurney correct.

Jackson has three interceptions in the last two games, including two Sunday.

“I was like, ‘I appreciate you (No.) 14,’” Jackson said of Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton. “He was being very generous out there.”

SPORTS ITEMS

Wilson Hall volleyball team goes 3-1-1 in Baron Bash tourney

The Wilson Hall varsity volleyball team went 3-1-1 in the Baron Bash Invitational on Saturday at Nash Student Center.

The Lady Barons, who improved to 8-15-2 on the season, picked up victories over Thomas Sumter Academy, Heathwood Hall and Jefferson Davis and split with The King’s Academy. They lost to Hilton Head Christian in the gold bracket.

Wilson Hall’s Camryn Bate-man was selected to the all-tournament team. She had five aces, 23 service points and 15 assists. Abbie Beatson had 32 digs and Cameron Duffy had 19 digs and eight kills.

CHESTERFIELD 21 LEE CENTRAL 12

CHESTERFIELD — Lee Central High School’s varsity football team lost to Chesterfield 21-12 in its Region IV-2A opener on Saturday at the CHS field.

The Stallions fell to 1-4. Their next scheduled game is Oct. 5 at Lewisville.

GAROPPOLO OUT FOR SEASON

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jimmy Garoppolo’s addition last season immediately turned around the fortunes of the San Francisco 49ers. Now the 49ers will have to go back to life before Garoppolo for

the rest of the season.

The Niners announced Monday that Garoppolo tore the ACL in his left knee while making a cut late in a loss at Kansas City, sidelining him for the rest of the season.

The injury deals a serious blow to the 49ers (1-2), who had planned their rebuild around Garoppolo and now must turn again to C.J. Beathard at quarterback.

The Niners struggled with Beathard and Brian Hoyer last season before the midseason addition of Garoppolo changed their fortunes. San Francisco won the final five games last year after Garoppolo took over as starter and the team rewarded him with a \$137.5 million, five-year contract.

BREES SETS RECORD IN WIN

ATLANTA — On the day he became the NFL’s career leader in completed passes, Drew Brees’ biggest plays came as a runner.

Brees’ 1-yard run capped an 80-yard touchdown drive to open overtime that lifted the New Orleans Saints to a 43-37 win over the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday.

That came after his 7-yard score late in the fourth quarter forced the overtime. After the Saints won the coin toss, Brees and the Saints held the ball for more than seven minutes.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

12:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hertha Berlin vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 2).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — FC Augsburg vs. Bayern Munich (FOX SPORTS 1).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. SC Freiburg (UNIVISION, FOX SPORTS 2).
5 p.m. — Women’s College Tennis: ITA Oracle Masters Women’s Championship from Malibu, Calif. (ESPN).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Tampa Bay (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Men’s College Soccer: Ohio State at Michigan (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at New York Mets (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — NHL Preseason Hockey: Columbus vs. Buffalo from Clinton, N.Y. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — NHL Preseason Hockey: Carolina at Nashville (FOX SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs or Philadelphia at Colorado (MLB NETWORK).
9 p.m. — Women’s College Volleyball: Brigham Young at Pepperdine (ESPN).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona (ESPN).

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Varsity Cross Country
Crestwood in Home Meet, 5 p.m.
Middle School Football
Hillcrest at Alice Drive, 5 p.m.
Bates at Furman, 5 p.m.
Manning at Chestnut Oaks, 5 p.m.
Ebenezer at R.E. Davis, 5 p.m.
Varsity Girls Golf
Sumter at Spring Valley (at Woodlands Golf Club), 4:30 p.m.
Heathwood Hall at Wilson Hall (at Sunset Country Club), 4 p.m.
Varsity Swimming
Thomas Sumter, West Florence, South Florence Wilson, Latta, Carolina Forest, Blythewood at Sumter (at City of Sumter Aquatics Center), 6 p.m.
Varsity Girls Tennis
Irmo at Sumter, 5 p.m.
Mullins at East Clarendon, 5 p.m.
Carolina at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m.
Pee Dee at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Volleyball
Irmo at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
Crestwood at Lakewood, 5:30 p.m.
East Clarendon at Hannah-Pamplico, 5:30 p.m.
Trinity-Byrnes at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
The King’s Academy at Robert E. Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Northside Academy at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
Holly Hill at Clarendon Hall, 5 p.m.
Sumter Christian at Maranatha Christian, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Varsity Cross Country
Sumter at Spring Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.
Varsity Girls Tennis
Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 4 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Girls Tennis
Heathwood Hall at Wilson Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Middle School Volleyball
Ebenezer at Furman (DH), 5 p.m.
at Bates
Chestnut Oaks vs. R.E. Davis
Chestnut Oaks vs. Bates
R.E. Davis vs. Bates

THURSDAY

Varsity Cross Country
Manning at Crestwood, 5 p.m.
East Clarendon at Green Sea-Floyds, 5 p.m.
Junior Varsity Football
Lugoff-Elgin at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Manning at Academic Magnet, 6 p.m.
Lee Central at Gray Collegiate, 6 p.m.
Ben Lippen at Wilson Hall, 7 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Orangeburg Prep, 7 p.m.
B Team Football
Blythewood at Sumter, 6 p.m.
East Clarendon at Hannah-Pamplico, 6 p.m.
Ben Lippen at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Orangeburg Prep, 5 p.m.
Middle School Football
Robert E. Lee at Thomas Sumter, 6 p.m.
Patrick Henry at Clarendon Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Golf
Sumter at Camden (at Camden Country Club), 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Tennis
Sumter at Lugoff-Elgin, 5 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Florence Christian, 5 p.m.
Junior Varsity Girls Tennis
Laurence Manning at Williamsburg, 4 p.m.

Varsity and JV Volleyball
Sumter at Lugoff-Elgin, 5:30 p.m.
Crestwood at A.C. Flora, 5:30 p.m.
Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Lakewood, 5:30 p.m.
Lewisville at Lee Central, 5 p.m.
Kingstree at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.
Florence Christian at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Laurence Manning at First Baptist, 4 p.m.
Palmetto Christian at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
Patrick Henry at Clarendon Hall, 6 p.m.
B Team Volleyball
Patrick Henry at Clarendon Hall, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Varsity Football
Sumter at Lugoff-Elgin, 7:30 p.m.
A.C. Flora at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood at Orangeburg-Wilkinson, 7:30 p.m.
Academic Magnet at Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Hannah-Pamplico at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
Branchville at Scott’s Branch, 7:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Ben Lippen, 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist at Laurence Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Robert E. Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Laurens Academy at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Varsity Cross Country
Thomas Sumter in Low Country Invitational, TBA
Varsity Swimming
Sumter in Region IV-5A Meet (at Harbison Recreation Center in Columbia), TBA
Wilson Hall, Thomas Sumter in Wilson Hall Invitational (at City of Sumter Aquatics Center), TBA
Varsity Volleyball
Sumter, Thomas Sumter in North Central Invitational, TBA

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	88	68	.564	—
Philadelphia	78	77	.503	9½
Washington	78	78	.500	10
New York	73	83	.468	15
Miami	62	93	.400	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	91	64	.587	—
Milwaukee	89	67	.571	2½
St. Louis	87	69	.558	4½
Pittsburgh	78	76	.506	12½
Cincinnati	66	91	.420	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	87	69	.558	—
Colorado	85	70	.548	1½
Arizona	79	77	.506	8
San Francisco	72	84	.462	15
San Diego	62	94	.397	25

SUNDAY’S GAMES

Miami 6, Cincinnati 0
Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 6
Milwaukee 13, Pittsburgh 6
Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 1
St. Louis 9, San Francisco 2
Colorado 2, Arizona 0
L.A. Dodgers 14, San Diego 0

TODAY’S GAMES

Kansas City (Skoglund 1-5) at Cincinnati (Harvey 7-9), 6:40 p.m.
Miami (Brigham 0-3) at Washington (Scherzer 17-7), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Toussaint 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 12-4), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Archer 5-8) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 5-5), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gonzalez 9-11) at St. Louis (Gomber 6-1), 8:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Velasquez 9-11) at Colorado (Gray 11-8), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 7-5) at Arizona (Koch 5-5), 9:40 p.m.
San Diego (Ervin 4-7) at San Francisco (Stratton 10-10), 10:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY’S GAMES

Miami at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	105	51	.673	—
y-New York	95	60	.613	9½
Tampa Bay	87	68	.561	17½
Toronto	71	85	.455	34

Baltimore	45	110	.290	59½
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Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	87	68	.561	—
Minnesota	72	83	.465	15
Detroit	63	93	.404	24½
Chicago	61	94	.394	26
Kansas City	54	102	.346	33½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Houston	98	57	.632	—
Oakland	94	62	.603	4½
Seattle	85	70	.548	13
Los Angeles	75	81	.481	23½
Texas	66	89	.426	32

z-clinched playoff berth

y-clinched division

x-clinched wild card

SUNDAY’S GAMES

Baltimore 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 2
Kansas City 3, Detroit 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 1
Houston 6, L.A. Angels 2
Texas 6, Seattle 1
Minnesota 5, Oakland 1
Cleveland 4, Boston 3, 11 innings

TODAY’S GAMES

Kansas City (Skoglund 1-5) at Cincinnati (Harvey 7-9), 6:40 p.m.
Houston (James 1-0) at Toronto (Gaviglio 3-8), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (TBD) at Boston (Price 15-7), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (TBD) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 12-6) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 7-16), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Turnbull 0-1) at Minnesota (Stewart 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 8-6) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 2-2), 10:07 p.m.
Oakland (Anderson 4-5) at Seattle (Leake 10-10), 10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY’S GAMES

Houston at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
Baltimore at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	75	52
New England	1	2	0	.333	57	77
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	50	84
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	77	58

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	49	50
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	57	44
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	60	63
Houston	0	3	0	.000	59	74

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	89	77
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	97	51
Cleveland	1	1	1	.500	60	59
Pittsburgh	0	1	1	.250	58	63

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	118	92
Denver	2	1	0	.667	61	70
L.A. Chargers	1	2	0	.333	82	93
Oakland	0	3	0	.000	52	81

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	2	1	0	.667	64	44
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	59	55
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	41	53
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	55	62

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	75	61
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	104	103
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	71	60
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	80	85

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	63	55
Green Bay	1	1	1	.500	70	83
Minnesota	1	1	1	.500	59	72
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	70	88

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	3	0	0	1.000	102	36
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	65	64
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	73	89
Arizona	0	3	0	.000	20	74

THURSDAY’S GAMES

Cleveland 21, N.Y. Jets 17

SUNDAY’S GAMES

Tennessee 9, Jacksonville 6
N.Y. Giants 27, Houston 22
Miami 28, Oakland 20
Buffalo 27, Minnesota 6
Carolina 31, Cincinnati 21
Philadelphia 20, Indianapolis 16
Baltimore 27, Denver 14
Washington 31, Green Bay 17
Kansas City 38, San Francisco 27
New Orleans 43, Atlanta 37, OT
L.A. Rams 35, L.A. Chargers 23
Seattle 24, Dallas 13
Chicago 16, Arizona 14
Detroit 26, New England 10

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

Minnesota at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

Cincinnati at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Washington, Carolina

MONDAY, OCT. 1

Kansas City at Denver, 8:15 p.m.

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday
At East Lake Golf Club
Atlanta
Purse: \$9 million
Yardage: 7,346; Par: 70
Final
Tiger Woods (2,000), \$1,620,000
65-68-65-71—269 -11
Billy Horschel (1,200), \$972,000
71-65-69-66—271 -9
Dustin Johnson (760), \$621,000
69-70-67-67—273 -7
Hideki Matsuyama (460), \$372,000
72-66-71-65—274 -6
Justin Rose (460), \$372,000
66-67-68-73—274 -6
Webb Simpson (460), \$372,000
69-70-68-67—274 -6
Rickie Fowler (330), \$279,900
65-72-73-65—275 -5
Rory McIlroy (330), \$279,900
67-68-66-74—275 -5
Xander Schauffele (330), \$279,900
68-70-68-69—275 -

IN-HOUSE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF WEEK

Editor's Note: While The Sumter Item picks four local high school football players for Players of the Week each week for recognition by the Sumter Touchdown Club, most of the local schools pick their own inhouse players of the week. The Sumter Item will be publishing those for the remainder of the season beginning today. Players who have been honored before last week's games and were reported to the sports department are on this list. There will be a list for each week's set of games over the remainder of the season provided by the respective schools.

SUMTER
Game 1: Rock Hill
Offense
Jonathan Henry
32 rush, 166 yards, 2TD
1 reception, 11 yards, 1TD
Defense
Andre Amaker
11 Tackles, 1 TFL
Game 2: Crestwood
Offense
Ontra' Harvin
10/12 passing for 164 yards, 2 TD
Defense
Deontae Farmer-Washington
9 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Special Teams
Dyson Roberts
6/6 PAT
7 KO (5 touchbacks)
3 punts 46.0 average
Offensive line
Kurt Lewis
77 percent 4 knockdown blocks
Game 3: Conway
Offense
Jonathan Henry
23 rush, 205 yards, 3TD
1 reception, 20 yd. TD
4 total TDs, 225 all purpose yards
Special Teams
Melvin Lundy
2 punt returns for 96 yards. Long of 56
Defense

Deontae Farmer-Washington
4 solo, 5 assists, 1.5 sack, 2.5 TFL that included back-to-back TFL on 2nd and 3rd down when Conway was inside of the Sumter 5-yard line after an interception was returned to the 2. Key defensive stand holding Conway to only a field goal, really the turning point in the game.
Offensive Lineman
Tayvian Gass 81 percent, 6 knock downs
Game 4: Lakewood
Offense
Hayden Vasquez - 11/12 passing, 202 yards, 1 TD and 3 rushes for 37 yards and 1 TD
Defense
Kirkland Boone - 5 solo, 2 assists, 1 sack, 1.5 TFL
Offensive Lineman
Zion Nelson - 72 percent, 2 knockdown blocks
Practice Players
Cameron Pearson, Jaquaan Rembert

LAKEWOOD
Game 1: Colleton County
Defense
Amari Martin 12 tackles
Special Teams
Frank Gonzalez 5-for-5 on PATs
Game 2: Lake City
Offense
Travius Epps 14 rushes, 115 yards, 1 TD
Defense
Jamal Anderson 5 solo tackles, 1 assist, 3 sacks
Special Teams
Travius Epps 2 kickoff returns, 84 yards, 1 TD
Game 3: Manning
Offensive Lineman
Omar Holland
Special Teams
Koby Wagner
Game 4: Sumter
None

EAST CLARENDON
Game 1: Scott's Branch
None

Game 2: Aynor
Offense
Tyjhai Calvin 2 receiving TDs, 2 2-point conversion runs

SCOTT'S BRANCH
Game 1: Manning
None
Game 2: East Clarendon
Overall
Amonte' Brown 2 INT returns for TD
Offense
Sean Swearinger 18 rushes, 86 yards
Defense
Treyshawn Moore 7 tackles, 1 TFL
Special Teams
NyQuan Lee 1 PAT
Game 3: Bamberg-Ehrhardt
Overall
Kendrick Lesesne 4 rushes, 17 yards; 1 punt return, 38 yards; 6 tackles
Offense
Sean Swearinger 17 rushes 60 yards
Defense
Marquel Coard 8 tackles, 5 solo, 1 TFL
Special Teams
Kareem Scarborough
Game 4: Edisto
Offense
Treyshawn Moore 1 catch, 65 yards, 1 TD
Defense
Kendrick Lesesne 6 solo tackles, 1 deflection
Special Teams
NyQuan Lee 1 PAT

WILSON HALL
Game 1: Heathwood Hall
Overall
Mitchell Matthews 10 tackles, 1 sack
Game 2: First Baptist
None
Game 3: Porter-Gaud
None

LAURENCE MANNING
Game 1: Lamar Academy
None
Game 2: Augusta Christian

Offense
Wyatt Rowland 11 rushes 200 yards, 2 TDs; 3 catches, 128 yards 2 TDs
Game 3: Florence Christian
Defense
Jake Jordan 11 tackles, 2 INTs, 1 TD
Special Teams
Jackson Lee 6-6 PAT; 16-yard line average start for opponents after kickoff
Game 4: Heathwood Hall
Offense
Brewer Brunson 14 rushes 227 yards 3 TDs
Special Teams
Jackson Lee 6-6 PAT; 28-yard line average start for opponents after kickoff

THOMAS SUMTER
Game 1: Spartanburg Christian
Offense
Mason Warren
Defense
Landen Rose
Special Teams
Matthew Dailey
Game 2: Trinity-Byrnes
Offense
Ethan Lisenby
Defense
Jarrett Nutzer
Special Teams
Mason Warren

CLARENDON HALL
Game 1: Beaufort
Offense
Tyrese Mitchum 13 rushes, 252 yards, 5 TDs
Defense
Wells Robinson 17 tackles
Game 2: Holly Hill
Offense
Tyrese Mitchum 6 rushes 122 yards 2 TDs
Defense
DaQavion Miller 9 tackles 5 sacks
Game 3: Patrick Henry
Offense
Tyrese Mitchum 5 rushes 79 yards 3 TDs
2-point conversion
Defense
Entire Unit

KEEPING UP

FROM PAGE B1

MORE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Paige Billings of Piedmont International University had five kills and five digs against Appalachian Bible College. The Crestwood High School graduate tied for the team's game high in each.

Freshman outside hitter Anita Cookey-Gam led USC Aiken with a season-high eight kills in a win over Paine College. The Thomas Sumter alumna had a season high nine digs.

Florida Atlantic University redshirt junior Zuri Smith had three kills against Central Florida. The former Sumter High Lady Gamecock is a middle blocker.

Senior outside hitter Courtney Price of Southern Wesleyan University tied her season high of five kills against Clark Atlanta. She competed for Sumter High.

Another past Gamecock, Southern Wesleyan senior defensive specialist Holly Richardson, had a season-high six digs against LeMoyne-Owen.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Crestwood High product Destinee Jamison is a freshman guard for Winthrop University.

Also from Crestwood, Jah'che Whitfield is a freshman forward for Winthrop.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Manning High graduate Andrea Liddell led Francis Marion University by placing 13th in the Coastal Carolina 5K. The junior transferred from Spartanburg Methodist, where she competed as a freshman but not as a sophomore.

Wilson Hall graduate Anna Lyles finished the Eye Opener 5K in 26th place, fifth among Wofford College entries.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Previously at Laurence Manning Academy, Jerrel Kelly is a freshman forward for Gulf Coast State College.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanddoc@gmail.com.

TIGER

FROM PAGE B1

He was becoming a legend on in video highlights.

And then he brought it back to life this year, especially the last four days at East Lake. The players who have turns at No. 1 during his absence caught the full brunt of Woods in control. McIlroy faded early. Justin Rose faded late.

All that was left was the 42-year-old Woods in that red shirt, blazing brighter than ever, and a smile he couldn't shake walking up the 18th to collect another trophy.

"The 80 mark is a big number," he said. "It's a pretty damned good feeling."

CLEMSON

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for the Tigers (4-0, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) against Syracuse (4-0, 1-0) on Saturday.

Lawrence's improvement and production, particularly in last week's 49-21 victory at Georgia Tech, could not be ignored, according to Clemson co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott.

"It just came down to, you've got to reward productivity," Elliott said. "If you look at (Lawrence's) opportunities, he's taken advantage of them. Kelly didn't do anything wrong."

Elliott cautioned that Lawrence's elevation is just for this week and the competition with Bryant for playing time will continue.

"Kelly has done a lot for this team," Elliott said. "Again, this is just this week."

The 6-foot-6 Lawrence was the country's top quarterback prospect this past year. He enrolled in January, went through spring drills and competed with Bryant throughout the off-season for the starting spot.

Bryant came out on top to start the season, though, as Lawrence played all four games as the second QB in in Clemson's two-player rotation.

But Lawrence has been the most effective of the two since the season started.

He completed 13 of 18 passes for 176 yards and a career-high four touchdown throws to rally the Tigers offense after a slow start with Bryant behind center.

GAMECOCKS

FROM PAGE B1

rushing by his Gamecocks when asked if they came with a street fight, physical style.

"I think so," Muschamp said.

South Carolina (2-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) had its game against Marshall canceled by Hurricane Florence, leaving the Gamecocks looking for a 12th game this season. The Gamecocks hadn't played since being routed 41-17 by now-No. 2 Georgia on Sept. 8.

They showed no rust as South Carolina won its 10th straight and 17th in the last 19 years against Vanderbilt.

The Gamecocks scored the game's first 10 points and then reeled off 20 straight after Vanderbilt got within 17-14 late in the first half. South Carolina could have had a bigger margin of victory but lost two fumbles inside the Vandy 30 in the fourth quarter after a 39-minute lightning and rain delay.

"They won the street fight,"

Mason said. "There's no doubt about that. It was going to be a street fight ... But when you don't land any punches, you can get knocked out."

Rico Dowdle ran for a TD and 112 yards, and Mon Denson and Ty'Son Williams each ran for touchdowns. Parker White kicked three field goals for South Carolina.

Vanderbilt (2-2, 0-1) felt pretty confident coming into its SEC opener after coming up just short in a 22-17 loss at No. 8 Notre Dame last week. The Commodores couldn't match Bentley and the Gamecocks who outgained them 149-32 in the first quarter and finished 534-284 in total offense.

Ke'Shawn Vaughn scored on a 2-yard TD run after an interception. Kyle Shurmur added a 2-yard TD pass for Vanderbilt. The Commodores struggled with snapping the ball and even switched right

AP TOP 25			
By The Associated Press			
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:			
	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Alabama (60)	4-0	1523	1
2. Georgia	4-0	1422	2
3. Clemson (1)	4-0	1409	3
4. Ohio St.	4-0	1363	4
5. LSU	4-0	1238	6
6. Oklahoma	4-0	1201	5
7. Stanford	4-0	1143	7
8. Notre Dame	4-0	1067	8
9. Penn St.	4-0	1001	10
10. Auburn	3-1	987	9
11. Washington	3-1	946	10
12. West Virginia	3-0	923	12
13. UCF	3-0	727	16
14. Michigan	3-1	698	19
15. Wisconsin	3-1	662	18
16. Miami 3-1	571	21	
17. Kentucky	4-0	541	NR
18. Texas 3-1	308	NR	
19. Oregon	3-1	297	20
20. BYU	3-1	270	25
21. Michigan St.	2-1	256	24
22. Duke	4-0	244	NR
23. Mississippi St.	3-1	241	14
24. California	3-0	118	NR
25. Texas Tech	3-1	106	NR
Others receiving votes: Colorado 83, Boise St. 58, Virginia Tech 55, South Florida 50, Oklahoma St. 44, Texas A&M 41, Iowa 31, South Carolina 31, Florida 29, NC State 28, Syracuse 25, TCU 24, North Texas 10, Cincinnati 10, Utah 9, Mississippi 7, Missouri 7, Buffalo 6, Maryland 6, San Diego St. 5, Arizona St. 4.			

TOP 25 SCHEDULE	
By The Associated Press	
Thursday No. 16 Miami vs. North Carolina, 8 p.m.	
Saturday No. 1 Alabama vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, noon No. 2 Georgia vs. Tennessee, 3:30 p.m. No. 3 Clemson vs. Syracuse, noon No. 4 Ohio State at No. 9 Penn State, 7:30 p.m. No. 5 LSU vs. Mississippi, 9:15 p.m. No. 6 Oklahoma vs. Baylor, 3:30 p.m. No. 7 Stanford at No. 8 Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m. No. 10 Auburn vs. Southern Miss., 4 p.m. No. 11 Washington vs. No. 20 BYU, 8:30 p.m. No. 12 West Virginia at No. 25 Texas Tech, noon No. 13 UCF vs. Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m. No. 14 Michigan at Northwestern, 4:30 p.m. No. 17 Kentucky vs. South Carolina, 7:30 p.m. No. 18 Texas at Kansas State, 3:30 p.m. No. 19 Oregon at No. 24 California, 10:30 p.m. No. 21 Michigan State vs. Central Michigan, noon No. 22 Duke vs. Virginia Tech, 7 p.m. No. 23 Mississippi State vs. Florida, 6 p.m.	

guard Bruno Reagan over to center late. It didn't help with a bad snap on third down and Vanderbilt trying to chip away at the Gamecocks' lead late.

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MARLYN M. BANZON

Marlyn Manlangit Banzon, 44, wife of Col. Roy Dominguez Banzon, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.



Mrs. Banzon was born on March 17, 1974, in Tambo, Philippines, a daughter of Sotaro Manlangit Sr. and Ladevina Abenido

Manlangit. After graduating from Tambo National High School, she worked abroad in South Korea, where she met her husband, Roy Banzon, who is currently in the United States Army. They married in 1998 and were stationed overseas in South Korea, Japan and Qatar. Their stateside duty stations included Fort Lee, Virginia, and Shaw Air Force Base. Marlyn worked as a cosmetologist in Japan and a Zumba instructor in South Korea. She was a dedicated mother to her seven children and a supportive wife to her husband in the U.S. Army. She enjoyed running 5Ks, Crossfit, swimming and traveling. Marlyn completed a sprint Iron Man event and a full marathon in Doha, Qatar. She loved cooking and growing her own fresh fruits and vegetables. She was very involved in volunteering in support of church activities, which included soup kitchens and orphanages. Marlyn loved planning and executing huge family reunions and events. Even though she was diagnosed with cancer early this year, she went waterfall jumping, swam with whale sharks and also went scuba diving for the first time. Marlyn was a loving wife, an amazing mother, a supportive sister, an honorable daughter and a loyal friend.

Surviving in addition to her husband and parents are four sons, Michael Banzon and his wife, Frechiel, of the Philippines, Ryan Banzon of Las Vegas, Romar Banzon of Charleston and Nicasio Banzon of Sumter; three daughters, Mandy Menzimer and her husband, Lee, of Korea, Michelle Banzon of Charleston and Nicole Banzon of the Philippines; four brothers, Max Manlangit and his wife, Keli, of Houston, Sotaro Manlangit Jr. and his wife, Lilim, of the Philippines, Gohnjose Manlangit and his wife, Enel, of the Philippines and Peter Manlangit of the Philippines; four sisters, Marley Busgano and her husband, Venerando, Margie Dimson and her husband, Dioscoro, Merci Manlangit and Buen Moraga and her husband, Renaldo, all of the Philippines; and one grandson, Michael Banzon Jr.

Mrs. Banzon was preceded in death by one brother, Marlon Manlangit.

A funeral mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday at Our Lady of the Skies Catholic Church, Shaw AFB, with Monsignor Mark Rowan officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Bullock Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. on Friday at Our Lady of the Skies Catholic Church.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



CAROL ANN HEISHMAN

Carol Ann Dillon Heishman passed peacefully away on Sept. 22, 2018, in the



HEISHMAN

presence of her loving family at home in Sumter. She was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Iris Dillon; her darling son, Mark; her brother, Jerry; and sisters,

Lorraine Whatley and Brenda Johnson.

Surviving to mourn: her devoted son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Beth; brother, Kevin (Alma); sisters, Ruby (the late James), Mary Gallina (Tony), Loretta Mahalak (Chuck Worsham), Rose Ann Walker (Doug), Verna Learning (Fred), Edna Maddicks (John), Yvonne Dillon, Debbie Constantine (Boyd) and Connie Fitzgerald (Bill); and many relatives and friends in Newfoundland.

In accordance with her wishes, she will be cremated and interred in Rio, West Virginia.

Her family and friends will be attending 5 p.m. mass on Saturday at Corpus Christi Church, Waterford Bridge Road, St. John's Newfoundland.

Memorials may be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in memory of Mark Heishman and Patrick McDonough at AFSP S.C. Chapter, 530 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce, SC 29033.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



CHESTER B. HACKETT JR.

Graveside services with military honors for retired Air Force Col. Chester B. Hackett Jr., 99, of 100 Ott



HACKETT

Road, Columbia, will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Evergreen Memorial Park, Sumter. Col. Hackett died on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018.

Born on Sept. 3, 1919, in Meridian, Mississippi, he was a son of the late Fannie Yerger Julianne and the late Chester B. Hackett Sr. He attended Spartanburg city schools and Clemson College, entering the U.S. Army Air Corps in June 1940. After completing flying school, he remained at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, as a flight instructor. Following this assignment, he was transferred to Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, to assist in forming the 448th Bomb Group, 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, subsequently leading, as squadron commander, the 713th Bomb Squadron overseas to RAF Seething, East Anglia, United Kingdom, and then flying B-24 Liberator heavy bombers over enemy targets. Hit by enemy fire on his 24th mission over Germany as deputy lead pilot, then Maj. Hackett successfully crash-landed his disabled aircraft and was interned in Germany as a prisoner of war. He was awarded a number of decorations citing outstanding valor, flying skill and leadership ability in both war and peace. Col. Hackett's military career included service as commander of combat squadrons in both the strategic and tactical air commands stationed at bases in Texas, Idaho, Florida, Maryland, District of Columbia, Kansas, Arkansas, Iceland, South Africa and England.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Col. Hackett was associated with the U.S. Weather Bureau in Cleveland, Ohio, then with the University of Florida as a statistician while residing with his family in St. Petersburg, Florida, returning to South Carolina in 1982. He enjoyed all sports, especially hunting and fishing, and was noted for his ability to hit those long golf shots into his 80's.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Betty Beaty Hackett; three sons, retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Stephen Beaty Hackett and his wife, Beth, and her daughters, Sara and Aliya Boozari, and Roy Thomas Hackett and

James Beaty Hackett; two daughters, Dr. Lynn Hunter Hackett and Betsy Julianne Hackett-Davis and her husband, Fred Shepard Davis, all of Columbia; cousins, the Rev. Charles Scott May of Atlanta and Marietta and Paul S. Julianne of Fairfax, Virginia; and a brother-in-law, James S. Beaty and his family of Bluffton and Beaufort. Also surviving are the families of his sister, Betty Hackett Smith and her husband, Arthur F. Smith; sister-in-law, Ruth H. Beaty and her husband, Wilson W. Garrison; and brother-in-law, Dr. Robert W. Beaty and his wife, Alice B. Beaty.

Col. Hackett was predeceased by his parents; a daughter, Harriett Julianne Hackett; sisters, Frances Johnston Hackett and Betty Hackett Smith; sisters-in-law, Patsy H. Beaty, Ruth B. Garrison and Alice B. Beaty; brothers-in-law, Robert W. Beaty, Arthur F. Smith and Wilson W. Garrison; and cousin, John Albert Snelling.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice or to the American Red Cross, an organization Col. Hackett credited with helping him and his comrades survive while interned as prisoners of war during World War II.

The family is very grateful for the comforting, compassionate care Col. Hackett received from the Community Living Center and the Warriors Walk at the Dorn VA Medical Center, Columbia.

Honorary pallbearers will be nephews, Glen W., Lewis A., Neil O. and Arthur F. Smith, Robert H., Paul W., Lee S., Robert H. Jr. and Benjamin P. Beaty and James R. Garrison, as well as Wesley M. Blanding and Robert S. Wilson Jr. and members of the Ex-POWs of America, Palmetto Chapter, Columbia.

Arrangements are being made by Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter.

The family will be at the graveside and other times at the home at 100 Ott Road, Columbia.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



THERESA G. TYLER

Theresa G. Tyler, 63, wife of Anthony R. Tyler, was born on April 24, 1955, in Brooklyn, New York, to the late James Otis and Vera Garnett Gibbs.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Teona Y. Tyler; her grandparents, Charlie and Bertha Gibbs; and sister, Vanessa Gibbs.

Theresa departed this life on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, in Sumter.

Theresa leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Anthony Tyler; her children, Anthony R. Tyler Jr., Raven Tyler and Byron Tyler; four grandchildren; her siblings, Arlesa (James), Rampart, Randy (Karen) James, Larry Gibbs and Richard L. (Sonia) Oden; in-laws, Jettie Delaney, Beverly Ealy (Preston), Keith Tyler, Lisa Maxie (Barry) and Sharon Tyler; as well as a host of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and treasured friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad St., Sumter, with the Rev. H. Albert Sims Jr., pastor, officiating.

A public viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

The family is receiving friends at 1880 Escallonia

Drive, Sumter.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

GLORIA JEAN P. DAVIS

Gloria Jean Petrucci Davis, widow of James "Red" Orian Davis Sr., died on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on May 14, 1934, in New Castle, Delaware, she was a daughter of the late Anthony and Jennie Petrucci and the youngest of eight children.

She was employed as an electric rewinder in Delaware before meeting and marrying the love of her life and making their home in Sumter in 1952. She was a stay-at-home mother until her children were grown and then she worked for a number of years for Hickory Farms and Shuler's Drive-In. She was a member of and attended Westside Baptist Church.

Gloria was a warm, gentle person with a passionate Italian heart. She was loving and caring in all facets of her life — wife, mother, sister, aunt, great-aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was a mother figure to so many others besides her own children. She was so much to so many people. She was an avid Words with Friends / Scrabble player and played countless games with friends and family at her kitchen table. She very much enjoyed talking and visiting with friends, watching game shows, crocheting and reading her Bible.

Survivors include her children, Jeane Brown, Beverly Bilton (Al), Jimmy Davis Jr. and Beth Coker (Clint), all of Sumter; six grandchildren, Kelly Ardis (Jeff), Jason Bilton (Bridget), Jimmy Davis III (Savannah), Randi Coker, Kyle Coker and Taylor Davis; seven great-grandchildren, Sydney Ardis, Emmitt Bilton, Haleigh Bilton, Gracie Ardis, Lexi Bilton, Nada James Davis and Abram Redd Davis; a special niece, Lena Mae Damiano; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph Petrucci, Christian Petrucci and David Petrucci; four sisters, Florence Drummond, Mildred Sayers, Elizabeth Logue Marney and Esther DeMoss; a son-in-law, Jack Gibbs; and a grandson, Justin Gibbs.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday at Westside Baptist Church, 554 Pinewood Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Aaron Reed officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at her home, 3435 Widman Drive. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



JULIUS STARKS

GREELEYVILLE — Julius Starks, 74, husband of Schylever Randolph Starks, died on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon hospital, Manning.

He was born on Dec. 19, 1943, in Greeleyville, a son of the late Taylor Starks Sr. and Carro Causewell Starks.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 16 Mahogany Road, Greeleyville.

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

LINDA M. GETER

Linda McBride Geter, 56, wife of Willie Geter, depart-

ed this life on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on April 25, 1962, in Mayesville, a daughter of James Parrot and Minnie McBride Scott.

The family will receive friends at the home, 3960 Third St., Mayesville, SC 29104.

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

JIM H. AVINS

MANNING — Jim H. Avins, 84, died on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, at the home of his son and daughter-in-law.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

JOHN D. PLAYER

LYNCHBURG — John D. "J.D." Player, 77, husband of Juanita Matthews Player, died on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, at his home.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

BEATRICE B. FLETCHER

Beatrice Charlotte Brown Fletcher, age 89, beloved wife of the late James Felix Fletcher, died on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, at the Gardens of Sumter.

Born in Bradford, New Hampshire, she was a daughter of the late George Edward Brown Sr. and Beatrice May Rodenhizer Stevens Brown. She served for three years in the Women in the Air Force. She worked in several positions over the years, to include banking, the Internal Revenue Service and Civil Service at Shaw Air Force Base. Mrs. Fletcher was a member of Shaw Heights Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, James E. Fletcher and his wife, Susan, of Merritt, North Carolina; three daughters, Hallie F. Gainey and husband, Larry, of Dalzell, Denise A. Fletcher of Fairdale, Kentucky, and Eileen F. Byrd and husband, Jack, of Granbury, Kentucky; two brothers, Robert E. Brown and his wife, Hazel, of Newport, New Hampshire, and Wallace R. Brown of Bradford, New Hampshire; three grandchildren, Ashley A. Fletcher, Kelsey Cunningham and Erin Cunningham; and one great-grandchild, Cora Fletcher.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Shaw Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert White officiating.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the church.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



HEATHER T. FROTEN

Heather Marie Tennant Frotten, age 28, died on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, at Palmetto Heath Tuomey.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



JANETTE HICKSON

It is with regret and profound sorrow that Samuels and Richardson Funeral Home announces the passing of Janette Hickson, 59, who passed away on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, at Carolinas Hospital System, after an illness.

Funeral services are incomplete.

Visitation is being held at 1840 Bozy Road, lot 102, Scranton, SC 29591.

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	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)		Entertainment Tonight (N)		The Voice "The Blind Auditions Premiere, Part 2" (N)				This Is Us "Ave Maria" (Season Premiere) Randall, Kate and Kevin celebrate. (N)				(:01) New Amsterdam "Pilot" (Series Premiere) Goodwin tries to overhaul his hospital. (N) (DVS)				WIS News 10 at 11 (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon "Taraji P Henson; BTS" Taraji P Henson; BTS performs. (N)												
WLTX		19		9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)		Inside Edition (N)		NCIS "Destiny's Child" (Season Premiere) Gibbs becomes acting director. (N) (DVS)				FBI "Pilot" (Series Premiere) FBI agents investigate an explosion. (N)				NCIS: New Orleans "See You Soon" (Season Premiere) Pride fights for his life in the ICU. (N) (DVS)				News 19 at 11pm (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "America Ferrera; Nas" Actress America Ferrera; Nas performs. (N)												
WOLO		25		5	12	Wheel of Fortune "California Coast" (N)		Jeopardy! (N)		Dancing With the Stars "Premiere: Night 2" (N) (Live)								(:01) 20/20 "The Real Rookies: A Special Edition of 20/20" (N)				ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)												
WRJA		27		11	14	Making It Grow Host Amanda McNulty and Clemson Extension Agents answer viewers' gardening questions.				The Great American Read "Heroes" Books include "1984" and "Catch-22." (N)				The Mayo Clinic: Faith -- Hope -- Science: The 150-year history of the Mayo Clinic. (DVS)				Amanpour and Company (N)						The Great American Read "Heroes"												
WACH		57		6	6	The Big Bang Theory Wolowitz gets jealous.		The Big Bang Theory		The Gifted "eMergence" (Season Premiere) Reeva becomes the Inner Circle's leader. (N) (DVS)				Lethal Weapon "In the Same Boat" (Season Premiere) Wesley Cole becomes Murtaugh's partner. (N)				WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)				Sports Zone		DailyMailTV (N)		TMZ (N)										
WKTC		63		4	22	Last Man Standing Mandy is accepted by two colleges.		Last Man Standing Kyle is distracted by a new interest.		The Flash "Think Fast" DeVoe assaults an A.R.G.U.S. facility.				The Outpost "The Vex Rezicon" The Book of Names is lost to the enemy. (N)				Chicago P.D. "Stepping Stone" A series of brutal slayings. (Part 1 of 2)				Chicago P.D. "Wrong Side of the Bars" The unit looks for Antonio's son. (Part 2 of 2)				The Game Derwin's playoff performance.										
CABLE CHANNELS																																				
A&E		46		130	The First 48 Fatal gambling dispute; double murder.				The First 48 "Blood on Bourbon" Mass shooting in the French Quarter.				The First 48 "Killer Contact" A young man shot dead in his van.				(:01) The First 48 "Lost Boys" A grandmother is gunned down.				(:04) The First 48 "Bloodline" A stolen bicycle leads to a shooting.				(12:03) The First 48											
AMC		48		180	(5:00) ** "XXX" (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.				* "Gods of Egypt" (2016, Fantasy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. A mortal forms an alliance with the god Horus to save Egypt.				Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. A mortal forms an alliance				** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004) Vin Diesel, Colm Feore. A fugitive fights an invading ruler and his army.																			
ANPL		41		100	River Monsters "River of Blood"				River Monsters Specials				Jeremy Wade's Mighty Rivers				Jeremy Wade's Mighty Rivers				River Monsters "Deep Sea Demon"				Mighty Rivers											
BET		61		162	(6:00) ** "ATL" (2006, Comedy-Drama) son. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.				Tip Harris, Lauren London, Mykelti Williamson. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.				* "Obsessed" (2009, Suspense) Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles, Ali Larter. A stalker threatens a married				The Grand Hustle "Family Values" T.I.'s family tests the hustlers.																			
BRAVO		47		181	Below Deck "50 Shades of Ben" Ben crosses a line with Kate.				Flipping Out Jeff focuses on flipping properties.				Flipping Out "Furniture Porn" Gage lands a photo shoot.				Flipping Out "A Very Lewis Christmas" The team heads to New York. (N)				Watch What Happens Live				Flipping Out											
CNBC		35		84	Shark Tank				Shark Tank				Shark Tank Hometown T-shirt.				Shark Tank (DVS)				Shark Tank (DVS)				Shark Tank											
CNN		3		80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)				Anderson Cooper 360 (N)				Cuomo Prime Time (N)				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)				Anderson Cooper											
COM		57		136	South Park "The Cissy"		South Park "Handicar"		South Park "The Magic Bush"		South Park		South Park		South Park "C... Magic"		Tosh.0 (N)		The Jim Jefferies Show (N)		The Daily Show With Trevor Noah		(:31) The Office "Business School"		(12:01) South Park "Rehash"											
DISN		18		200	Bunk'd		Bunk'd		Raven's Home		Raven's Home		Stuck in the Middle		Stuck in the Middle		Bunk'd		Bunk'd		Raven's Home		Raven's Home		Jessie											
DSC		42		103	Vegas Rat Rods Resurrected (N)				Vegas Rat Rods Resurrected (N)				Vegas Rat Rods Resurrected (N)				Vegas Rat Rods Resurrected (N)				Vegas Rat Rods "Ditch Digger"				Vegas Rat Rods											
ESPN		26		35	MLB Baseball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)										MLB Baseball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)																					
ESPN2		27		39	NFL Live				DRL Drone Racing (Taped)				Basketball: A Love Story (N)				(10:46) Basketball: A Love Story (N)																			
FOOD		40		109	Chopped "Chopped Catwalk"				Chopped "Sweet Heat"				Chopped "Tacos and Tequila" (N)				Chopped "Bowled Over"				Chopped "A Frog Leg Up"				Chopped											
FOXN		37		90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)				Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)				Hannity (N)				The Ingraham Angle (N)				Fox News at Night with Shannon				Tucker Carlson											
FREE		20		131	(6:30) ** "Baby Mama" (2008) Tina Fey. A career woman hires a surrogate mother to have her baby.				A career woman		** "Just Go With It" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman. A man's careless lie spins out of control.				Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman. A man's				The 700 Club				** "Daddy Day Care" (2003)													
FSS		21		47	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)										Braves Live! Post. Cooperstown										MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets.											
HALL		52		183	(6:00) "The Wedding March" (2016) Jack Wagner, Josie Bissett.				"Love on the Slopes" (2018, Romance) Katrina Bowden, Thomas Beaudoin. A copy editor meets an extreme sports enthusiast.								The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls											
HGTV		39		112	Fixer Upper				Fixer Upper Gayle and Tim need help.				Desert Flippers (N)		Desert Flippers		House Hunters (N)		Hunters Int'l		House Hunters		Hunters Int'l		Desert Flippers											
HIST		45		110	American Pickers "Picker's Code"				American Pickers				American Pickers (N)				(:03) American Pickers "40 Acre Pick"				(:05) American Pickers (DVS)				American Pickers											
ION		13		18	Criminal Minds Tornadoes expose bodies in Kansas. (DVS)				Criminal Minds "Hope" A woman Garcia knows goes missing. (DVS)				Criminal Minds Investigating an apparent mass suicide. (DVS)				Criminal Minds A series of beatings in Philadelphia. (DVS)				Private Eyes "The Six" A 14-year-old witness must be protected.				Private Eyes "The Two-minute You"											
LIFE		50		145	Married at First Sight A couple makes a life-changing decision.				Married at First Sight (N)		Married at First Sight (N)		Married at First Sight "A Future to Believe In" One couple does not see eye to eye. (N)				(:36) Married at First Sight "A Future to Believe In" One couple does not see eye to eye.				(12:01) Married at First Sight															
MSNBC		36		92	Hardball With Chris Matthews				All In With Chris Hayes (N)				The Rachel Maddow Show				The Last Word				The 11th Hour With Brian Williams				Rachel Maddow											
NICK		16		210	Henry Danger		Henry Danger		I Am Frankie (N)		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends											
PARMT		64		153	Friends				Friends				Friends				Friends				Ink Master (N)				** "Tron: Legacy" (2010) Jeff Bridges.											
SYFY		58		152	(5:00) *** "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007) (DVS)				*** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. New dangers lurk for Harry, Dumbledore and their friends. (DVS)				Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. New dangers lurk for Harry, Dumble-				(:32) Futurama (Part 1 of 4)				(12:02) Futurama															
TBS		24		156	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		Wrecked (N) (DVS)		Drop the Mic		Conan Actor Norm Macdonald; actor Judy Greer. (N)		Wrecked (DVS)		Wrecked (DVS)											
TCM		49		186	(6:00) *** "Pat and Mike" (1952, Comedy) Spencer Tracy. (DVS)				*** "Hollywood Shuffle" (1987, Comedy) Robert Townsend, Anne-Marie Johnson, Starletta DuPois.				*** "Stir Crazy" (1980, Comedy) Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor, Brown. Two innocent inmates spend their days plotting escape.				Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor, Georg Stanford Brown. Two innocent inmates spend their days plotting escape.				** "Watermelon Man" (1970, Comedy) Godfrey Cambridge.															
TLC		43		157	Outdaughters (N)				Outdaughters "Busby Birthday Bash" Birthday celebrations are planned. (N)								(:04) Sweet Home Sextuplets (N)				(:09) Outdaughters Birthday celebrations are planned.															
TNT		23		158	(6:00) ** "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (2016) Nia Vardalos. (DVS)				** "The Intern" (2015, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway, Rene Russo. A 70-year-old intern devel-				** "How to Be Single" (2016, Romance-Comedy) Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson. A wild woman shows her newly single friend how to have fun. (DVS)																							
TRUTV		38		129	Impractical Jokers				Impractical Jokers				Impractical Jokers				Impractical Jokers				Paid-Torpey				Adam Ruins				Adam Ruins				Impractical Jokers			
TV LAND		55		161	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		The Goldbergs		The Goldbergs		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		Adam Ruins		Adam Ruins		Adam Ruins											
USA		25		132	Modern Family (DVS)		Modern Family (DVS)		WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)								The Purge "Release the Beast" Jane must leave the office. (N)				(:04) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A video-game player goes missing.				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit											
WE		68		166	Law & Order A man is found strangled.				Law & Order Car-chase hero targeted.				Law & Order "Dining Out"				Law & Order "Sects"				Law & Order "Tombstone"				Law & Order											
WGNA		8		172	M*A*S*H "Pilot"		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H "Tuttle"		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Carter "Voiceover" (N)		Married ... With				Married ... With		Married ... With											

NBC launches medical drama ‘New Amsterdam’

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Is there anything new in “**New Amsterdam**” (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14)? Based on the book “Twelve Patients: Life and Death at Bellevue Hospital” by Eric Manheimer, the NBC drama follows Dr. Max Goodwin (Ryan Eggold, “The Blacklist”) as the indefatigable new medical director of the public institution known as “The Dam” to patients and ambulance drivers alike.

In a crowded pilot, Goodwin is seen shaking up every part of the massive institution, firing the entire cardiac surgery team, revolutionizing the lunch room and reining in the fetching Dr. Hana Sharpe (Freema Agyeman) because she’d rather be a fund-raiser than a brilliant doctor.

Meanwhile, Goodwin seems to take a personal interest in every single patient in the massive facility, all the while stressing over the troubled pregnancy of his estranged wife and battling an annoying sore throat that (spoiler alert) may or may not be serious.

With so much focus on the crusading medical director, there’s hardly any time for frisky frolics between surgeons and nurses. There are a few moments of this, but they seem perfunctory.

Goodwin’s savior complex (he gives a damn about the “Dam”!) is matched by the series’ use of soaring architecture as a backdrop. In real life, the Bellevue facility that inspired this show is the product of centuries of piecemeal expansion. Its reputation as a gloomy struc-

ture is legendary. Scenes from the “The Godfather” were shot at Bellevue because director Francis Ford Coppola thought it looked ancient and rather scary. And that was nearly 50 years ago.

The folks behind “New Amsterdam” obviously thought we couldn’t handle gazing at a facility that looked like less than a billion bucks, or couldn’t follow a central character who wasn’t a two-dimensional superhero.

• For the first minute or two, “**FBI**” (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) features actual, believable dialogue between three young people returning from school. Then things start blowing up, reminding us we are in a CBS police procedural, where moments without talk of bombs, forensics, 9-11, MS-13 gangs, wounded warriors, fallen comrades or terrorism are considered just too much for us to take in.

To be fair, “FBI” does work as an entertaining hour-long thriller, following a series of crimes in one direction only to find the real bad guy somewhere out in left field early in the third act. If that pattern seems familiar, it’s because “FBI” is from producer Dick Wolf, behind at least a generation of “Law & Order” episodes.

Just as “Law & Order” asked us to believe that super-gorgeous Angie Harmon fit right into the law enforcement world, “FBI” stars former model Melissa Peregrym as FBI agent Maggie Bell. She’s haunted by the death of her husband, something



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Ryan Eggold, left, stars as Dr. Max Goodwin and Jason Kisare as Alain in the pilot episode of “**New Amsterdam**,” premiering at 10 p.m. today on NBC.

she’s just not ready to talk about. Perhaps because every male agent seems ready to offer a shoulder to cry on. Peregrin is best known for her role in the Canadian cop drama “Rookie Blue.”

TV ON DVD

TV-themed DVDs available today include “Midsummer Murders Season 20.”

TONIGHT’S SEASON PREMIERES

- The search for Vance continues on “**NCIS**” (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Reeva purges the inner circle on “**The Gifted**” (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- The gang takes their 38th birthdays very seriously on “**This Is Us**” (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Murtaugh adjusts to a

new partner on “Lethal Weapon”

- (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Pride recovers as his team hunts for his attacker on “**NCIS: New Orleans**” (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

TONIGHT’S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- BBC America begins a 13-day “**Doctor Who**” (6 a.m.) marathon to lead up to the arrival of the new Doctor (Jodie Whittaker).
- “**The Great American Read**” (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) tackles heroes.
- New rivals and opportunities on “**Mayans M.C.**” (10 p.m., FX, TV-14).
- “**20/20**” (10 p.m., ABC)

promotes the ABC series “The Rookie.”

CULT CHOICE

Director Robert Townshend sends up black film stereotypes in the 1987 satire “**Hollywood Shuffle**” (8 p.m., TCM).

SERIES NOTES

Blind auditions on “**The Voice**” (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * “**Dancing With the Stars**” (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * David Ramsey guest-stars on “**The Flash**” (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) * The Prime Order sets the agenda on “**The Outpost**” (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Norm Macdonald, Judy Greer and Nick Nemeroff appear on “**Conan**” (11 p.m., TBS) * America Ferrera and Nas are booked on “**The Late Show With Stephen Colbert**” (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Taraji P. Henson and BTS on “**The Tonight Show**” (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Ted Danson, Interpol and Ben Sesar visit “**Late Night With Seth Meyers**” (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Ben Howard appears on “**The Late Late Show With James Corden**” (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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per Article 3, Section 3.5.b.5; a variance from Article 4, Section 4.1.3.b. Building Separation Standards; and a variance from Article 8, Section J, Exhibit 8-9 of the City of Summit Zoning Ordinance to allow a 10 foot rear setback in order to construct 5 tiny-house structures to be used as homeless shelters, and to reduce the number of required on-site parking spaces to 31. The property is located at 26 Arroyo Dr., and is represented by Tax Map #228-15-02-038, and zoned LC (Limited Commercial).

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