

# School board still debating committees

Trustees may seek legal counsel on whether the groups should be able to hold executive sessions

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The subject of board committees and members of the public serving on them continues to draw special attention from Sumter School District's Board of Trustees.

At Monday night's meeting, some

trustees wrangled again on whether its committees should be allowed to go into executive session behind closed doors and also discussed a new potential conflict of interest policy for committee members and board members.

Debate on the board's committees has existed since the first meeting of the revamped school board nine



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months ago in November. The nine-member board had a five-member changeover with the November mid-term election.

It's been mentioned several times by trustees that the board's Finance Committee is basically at the center of the discussion because it's currently the only committee that has voting members of the public serving on it. The committee serves in an advisory role

to the board.

On the subject of executive sessions for committees, Policy Committee Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney reported to the full board that legal counsel recently advised board administrative manager and district staff member Amy Hansen for the board not to disrupt committees from going into executive session because it's a common practice throughout the state.

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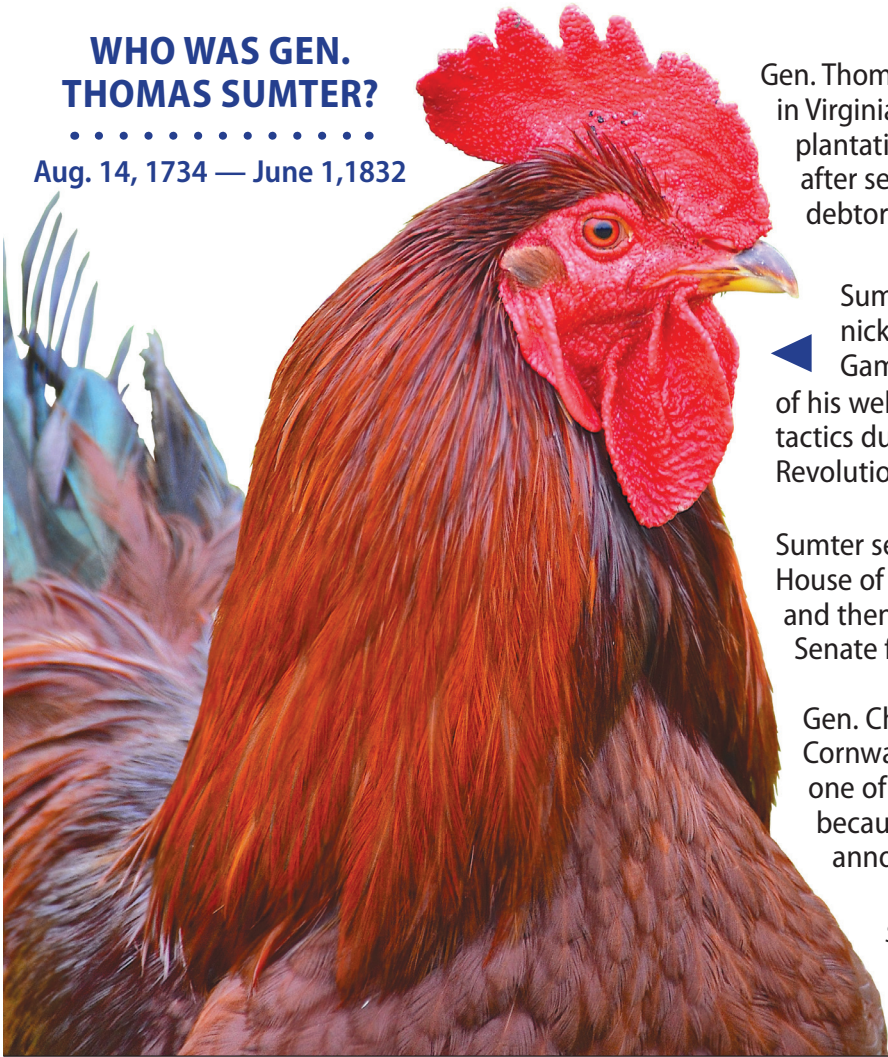
## HONORING OUR NAMESAKE

# City celebrates 285th birthday of Gen. Sumter



Sumter County Communications Coordinator Joe Perry, portraying Gen. Thomas Sumter, is seen next to the city's statue of the Revolutionary War soldier and Congressman during a celebration of Sumter's birthday on Wednesday. Community members, some in period dress, gathered to celebrate the man who is our city's namesake.

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### WHO WAS GEN. THOMAS SUMTER?

Aug. 14, 1734 — June 1, 1832

Gen. Thomas Sumter was born in Virginia and established a plantation in South Carolina after serving time in debtors' prison.

Sumter was given the nickname "Carolina Gamecock" because of his well-known fighting tactics during the American Revolution.

Sumter served in the U.S. House of Representatives and then served S.C. in the Senate from 1801-1810.

Gen. Charles Lord Cornwallis called Sumter one of his "great plagues" because he became annoyed by the soldier.

Source: American Battlefield Trust

## Community gathers for celebration at courthouse to keep his history alive

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Outside the Sumter County Courthouse, community members surrounded Gen. Thomas Sumter's statue as balloons were tied around its hand to celebrate his 285th birthday on Wednesday morning.

The celebration opened with Mayor Joe McElveen and Jim McCain, chairman of Sumter County Council, talking about the history of Gen. Sumter and how the city of Sumter is rich in history.



A portrait of Gen. Thomas Sumter hangs in the Sumter County Museum.

Born in Virginia on Aug. 14, 1734, Thomas Sumter was a family man. He married a wealthy widow, Mary

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# Shaw airman dies, fourth since May

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An airman stationed at Shaw Air Force Base died this week, according to a social media post from the 20th Fighter Wing's commander. Col. Derek J. O'Malley appeared on Facebook as the sun rose Wednesday morning saying "we lost another airman yesterday" but not revealing the circumstances or identity of the deceased.

"Here we are again. I can't believe it," he said. "I wake up every day to try to make this place a better place. There's so much we try to do, so much more we need to do, but none of that matters right now because we lost another one of our own."

Technical Sgt. William Banton with 20th FW Public Affairs said the process of notifying the airman's next of kin is underway and that his or her identify will be released after that is completed.

This airman is the fourth to die this summer while stationed in the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, which is the Air Force's largest combat F-16 wing.

Two airmen in their 30s who worked together in the 20th Component Maintenance Squadron died suddenly of health complications within one week after completing separate official Air Force physical fitness assessments.

A week before those deaths, a 28-year-old airman who served as a 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron aircraft parts store journeyman was found dead of what was thought to be suicide from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

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O'Malley did not mention how the airman died this week but did talk in the social media video about the Air Force's Resilience program, which is a new initiative to support readiness and leadership by talking about suicide, depression, sexual assault and other crisis prevention, intervention and postvention topics.

"For the last five years, suicide has been the leading cause of death among our airmen. This internal threat to our total force is often silent, hiding among our formations, endangering the lives of our airmen and their families. The Air Force is facing an internal threat that knows no boundaries," the AF Resilience website says.

O'Malley said the 20th Fighter Wing will continue with the program's Resilience Tactical Pause but that it is not what the main focus is this week.

"Remember that we're all on the same team, and there is a family that is really hurting right now. That's where our focus is going to be," he said in the video. "I wish that I could know every one of your names and know your stories and know your problems and be there for you."

## WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING: SUMTER CITY COUNCIL

# 1 commercial rezoning underway, 2 commercial rezonings approved

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One rezoning request brought before Sumter County Council that would pave the way for general commercial space had a public hearing and passed first reading at council's regular meeting on Tuesday.

Mayester Caper's request to rezone 2.12 acres of land into future tentative retail commercial space at 1040, 1050 and 1060 Concord Circle passed first of three readings necessary for approval with a 6-1 vote. Councilman Charles Edens voted against, voicing concerns it could support other uses rather than

general commercial.

The planning department staff and commission both recommended denial of the rezoning request because the commercial rezoning isn't supported by the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, the blueprint of land use throughout the county, and lacks significant infrastructure for community development.

## FINAL READINGS PASSED

Unanimously approved, the third readings of rezoning property at 828 Bethel Church Road for general commercial and 3909, 3901, 3875 and 3855 Camden Highway for limited commercial were finalized.

# Sumter Mall partners with elementary schools for community reading program

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The Sumter Mall started Sumter READS, a program designed to promote reading through special events held at the mall to inspire students and give back to local school libraries.

"This is a great annual event that brings people together in the mall in support of local reading success," said Coles Doyle, marketing director for Hull Property Group, in a news release.

He said their goal is to use the mall common area for events to inspire shoppers, families and the community.

"The READS events are special family outings that publicly encourage and recognize students. They are



uplifting, fun and aim to inspire and motivate local students in a unique way outside of the classroom and the home."

Sumter READS features two events for partnering elementary schools.

The first is a READS Spirit Night, which encourages reading and supports local libraries. The event will feature games for students who can use their reading skills to win prizes.

For every student that attends, the program will donate \$1 for his or her school's library.

The second event is a

READS Recognition Night, which celebrates students' reading achievements at the end of the school year. The event will feature a presentation of certificates by local leaders and a wall of recognition displaying the names of student readers.

"We are excited to work with local elementary schools to host events that motivate students to read," Doyle said.

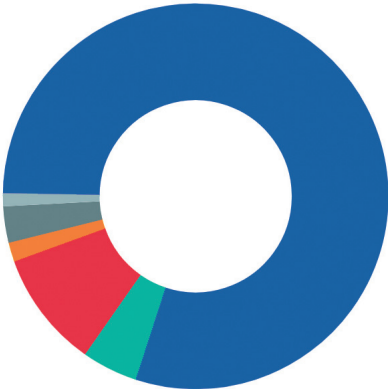
Sumter READS costs nothing to participating schools.

For more information or to sign up, visit [www.ourcityreads.com/spiritnight](http://www.ourcityreads.com/spiritnight).

## Poll of the week

How many of the Democratic debates have you watched?

- Zero 80% | 325 VOTES
- 2 10% | 40 VOTES
- 1 5% | 19 VOTES
- 4 3% | 12 VOTES
- 3 2% | 7 VOTES
- 5 1% | 4 VOTES



Next week's question: How are you going back to school on Tuesday?

My child is in elementary school

My child is in middle school

My child is in high school

I have children in multiple public schools

I'm a teacher

I work for a school but am not a teacher

I don't have children and am not affiliated with a K-12 school

Answers are combined from our poll on [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com). Have a question you want us to ask? Email [pressrelease@theitem.com](mailto:pressrelease@theitem.com).

## Richland County deputy caught in child sex sting

COLUMBIA (AP) — A South Carolina sheriff's department says it caught one of its own deputies last week in a child sex sting that netted over a dozen other people.

*The State* reports Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott announced the arrest of Deputy Derek Vandenharm on Tuesday. Twelve other law enforcement agencies assisted in "Operation Relentless Guardian,"

during which deputies pretended to be 13- to 15-year-old girls and chatted with men online.

The men who solicited sex from the "girls" were arrested at an agreed upon meeting site. Lott says the meetup site was changed so Vandenharm wouldn't know he was about to be arrested, and the uniformed deputy arrived in his patrol car. He was immediately fired.

## Hilton Head Island woman attacked by alligator

HILTON HEAD ISLAND (AP) — A South Carolina woman is recovering after being bitten by an alligator near her home in Hilton Head Island.

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources spokesman David Lucas tells news outlets that it happened in the Sun City retirement community on Monday night.

Lucas says a 68-year-old woman was walking her dog about 10 p.m. near her house, which is also near several ponds. He says the 8- to 9-foot-long gator bit the woman on the wrist and leg. She was treated at the scene and later transported to Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia.

The dog ran away during the attack and was not harmed. An alligator control agent was called in, and the gator was captured and euthanized.

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# Carbs belong on your plate for good health and energy

Carbohydrates are a popular yet controversial topic among dieters, nutritionists and weight-loss experts. For decades, a low-carb, no-carb diet has been promoted as the “go-to” for weight loss, but the fact is that carbohydrates are essential and vital to good health.

Without carbohydrates, we miss out on vital nutrients that only carbohydrates can provide. The three main types of carbohydrates are sugar, starches and fiber. Often, many foods contain more than one type of carbohydrate, which can make it tricky knowing what to eat, especially if you



Missy Corrigan

are trying to watch your weight, your waist or your health. Fruits, vegetables, breads, pastas, cookies and cakes are all carbohydrates. However, the impact they have on the body is different. Refined carbohydrates are processed carbohydrates, or simple sugars like sucrose or high-fructose corn syrup. Refined grains have been stripped of almost all fiber, vitamins and minerals. Foods such as white bread, white rice and white flour, sodas, pasta, sweets, cereals and sugary snacks, candy, pastries and desserts get digested quickly, raising blood sugar after eating. Refined carbohydrates are mostly

empty calories because they have very little nutritional value. Because of their lack of fiber, it takes a lot to feel full and can lead to increased cravings for more, setting the stage for a highly processed diet. Regular consumption of these low-fiber, non-nutritive foods has been linked to overeating and an increased risk for many metabolic disorders and chronic diseases such as heart disease and type 2 diabetes. Unrefined carbohydrates, or complex carbs, are those that are in their natural state, containing their original nutrients and fiber. Unrefined sugars are those found naturally in fruits and vegetables. Unrefined grains, or whole grains, retain the fiber, vitamins and minerals. Whole grain or multigrain bread, brown rice, quinoa and non-starchy vegetables such as leafy greens, fruits,

beans and lentils are healthy unrefined carbohydrates that digest slowly, leave a feeling of fullness and promote good health.

Carbohydrates are part of a healthy diet. They are the body’s primary energy source, and experts recommend consuming the majority of carbohydrates in the complex form — whole foods that are high in fiber and nutrients but low in sugar. It may be unrealistic to completely eliminate processed foods or foods containing added sugars, so aim to reduce refined carbohydrate intake and consume fruits, vegetables and whole grains to meet your carbohydrate needs.

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# Stocks fall sharply after bond market warns of recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — Financial markets are flashing a key warning sign of a recession, and the global economy is weakening as the U.S.-China trade war intensifies.

All of which is heightening fear about the U.S. economy and about whether the 10-year expansion, the longest on record, is nearing an end.

On Wednesday, a rare realignment in interest rates intensified those worries: The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note briefly fell below the yield on the 2-year Treasury for the first time since 2007.

Normally, investors earn higher interest on longer-term bonds than on short-term ones. Put another way, the government will usually pay more to investors who are willing to lend their money for longer periods.

So when that equation reverses itself — when longer-term Treasuries pay less than shorter-term ones — economists call it an “inverted yield curve.” An inverted

curve suggests that bond investors expect growth to slow so much that the Federal Reserve will soon feel compelled to slash short-term rates to try to support the economy.

In short, it’s a sign of economic pessimism. Inverted curves are, in fact, remarkably reliable harbingers of recessions: They have occurred before each of the past five downturns.

The inversion sent stocks plunging Wednesday, with the Dow Jones tumbling 800 points, or 3%. Still, an inversion says little about timing of a forthcoming recession. On average, an inversion occurs roughly two years before a downturn.

**SO ARE WE NEARING A RECESSION?**

Many economists worry that recession odds are rising. Julia Coronado, chief economist at MacroPolicy Perspectives, sees a 40% probability of a downturn within the next 12 months, up from 30% last month.



Specialist Jay Woods works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday.

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half those imports to avoid raising prices for holiday shoppers.

Still, for now, most economic signs appear solid. Employers are adding jobs at a steady pace, the unemployment rate remains near a 50-year low, and consumers are optimistic.

“I wouldn’t forecast a recession just on the yield curve,” said Eric Winograd, senior economist at AllianceBernstein. “I would want to see other signals that point to that, but we’re not seeing them right now.”

Those concerns stem in part from the U.S.-China trade war, which appears to have discouraged many businesses from expanding and investing in new buildings and equipment. It is also harming Germany’s export-led economy, which shrank in the second quarter. A chaotic British exit from the European Union looms this fall. Japan and South Korea are also engaged in a trade fight.

And the Trump administration has essentially acknowledged that its planned 10% tariffs on \$300 billion of mostly consumer goods from China would hurt U.S. shoppers. That’s because many retailers would raise prices to account for the higher tariffs on Chinese imports they would have to pay.

On Tuesday, Trump said he would delay, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15, the tax on more than

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# Flooded Mississippi a threat as hurricane season heats up

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The river that drains much of the flood-soaked United States is still running higher than normal, menacing New Orleans in multiple ways just as the hurricane season intensifies.

For months now, a massive volume of water has been pushing against the levees keeping a city mostly below sea level from being inundated. The Mississippi River ran past New Orleans at more than 11 feet above sea level for more than 200 days, dropping below that height only Monday.

“The big threat is water getting through or underneath,” said Nicholas Pinter, an expert on river dynamics and flood risks who’s studied levee breaches across the nation. “The longer the duration, the greater the threat.”

Locals walked up levees from Baton Rouge to New Orleans to see the river for themselves as Tropical Storm Barry briefly menaced Louisiana last month, but the real damage runs underneath, experts say: All that rushing floodwater can scour levees along their foundations, causing damage in places that can’t easily be seen.

“That ultimately could undermine the levee as well and cause a breach or a failure,” said Cassandra Rutherford, assistant professor of geotechnical engineering at Iowa State University.

The federal agency that maintains the levees is aware of the risks. But Ricky Boyett, spokesman for the New Orleans office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said the corps is confident that South Louisiana river levees are in great condition, with improvements made since 2011.

“If there’s a silver lining going into hurricane season with the river this high for this long, we’re entering the hurricane season having done 200 inspections of the levee since February,” Boyett said.

Inspectors were looking for parked barges, stuck debris or other potential trouble, such as tire ruts or damage from feral hogs on grassy surfaces. They also looked for water seeping through, and for sand boils — spots where water tunneling below a levee seems to bubble out of the ground.

Concrete mats armor underwater areas likely to be eaten away by the river’s current, Boyett said. Sand boils get ringed with sandbags until the



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In this May photo, workers open bays of the Bonnet Carre Spillway to divert rising water from the Mississippi River to Lake Pontchartrain, upriver from New Orleans, in Norco, Louisiana. The river that drains much of the flood-soaked United States is running far higher than normal this hurricane season, menacing New Orleans in multiple ways. One continuing concern is the massive volume of water that for months has been pushing against levees protecting a city that’s mostly below sea level.

water pressure on both sides equalizes, stopping the flow. And because some permanent repairs can’t be made during high water, dangerous seepage gets stopgap coverage: About 63,000 large sandbags have been used since March on one 300-foot-long seepage area upriver of Baton Rouge, he said.

Even so, experts who study flowing water say there’s a risk the river could rise above the tops of some levees in the New Orleans area, if a hurricane pushes enough storm surge up the swollen river. The city’s levees held the river back in the great flood of 1927 and haven’t been topped since then, Boyett said.

A Category 4 hurricane striking the Louisiana coastline can produce a 20-foot storm surge, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says. However, that surge’s size at New Orleans, more than 100 winding river miles up from the coast, would be reduced by the Big Muddy’s push seaward.

The levees range in height from 20 to 25 feet. While river levels are finally falling, the National Weather Service

projects the Mississippi will remain above average at New Orleans as hurricane season heats up.

“We really have a heightened concern this year,” said Scott Hagen, of Louisiana State University’s Center for Coastal Resiliency.

For most of the past three decades, the Mississippi has run about 3 to 5 feet high in mid-August at New Orleans’ Carrollton gauge. The last time it was this high was 11.4 feet in August 2015, a year when no significant tropical weather reached Louisiana’s coast. It was 12.2 feet in 1993, another year Louisiana’s coast escaped harm.

When Katrina formed as a tropical storm in the Bahamas on Aug. 24, 2005, the river stage in New Orleans was just 2.44 feet above sea level. It rose to 3.6 feet the day before Katrina devastated the city in 2005.

Katrina knocked out an automatic station that would have measured peak surge at the river’s mouth, but an analysis by the Federal Emergency Management Agency indicates the surge reached nearly 28 feet at Pass Christian, Mississippi. Surge pushed the Mississippi River up to 11.6 feet at

New Orleans — not a threatening height with the river low. But surge from the brackish lakes to the city’s north and east reached 19 feet, overtopping or breaching those levees and flooding 80 percent of the city with water as much as 20 feet deep in places.

“I would assume major problems on the river if we had a high river with a Katrina event,” said Jeffrey Grascchel, with the National Weather Service’s Lower Mississippi River Forecast Center.

The vast majority of the \$14.6 billion spent on flood controls as a result of Katrina went not to the river levees, but to shore up and block areas that failed.

The possibility of a punishing storm surge meeting a swollen Mississippi in New Orleans is a different threat, one that could become more common as the planet warms, spawning longer-lasting floods and earlier hurricanes.

Barry was the first hurricane to menace when the river was as high as it was in July, Boyett said.

In 1929, the year construction started on the spillway that caps the river’s height at New Orleans, the Mississippi topped at 19.99 feet in June, Boyett said. But that year saw only five Atlantic tropical systems, with two hurricanes in the Gulf, National Hurricane Center data show — and both stayed away from Louisiana. NOAA forecasters now expect 10 to 17 named storms this year, including five to nine hurricanes.

Opening spillways upriver from New Orleans can’t fix this, because they were designed to keep water flowing at a manageable rate, not to quickly drop river levels, which could cause mudslides when levees don’t dry out as fast as the water falls, Boyett said.

The changing climate means this problem could become an annual threat.

“Flooding is never a one-time thing. We’re just waiting for the next one,” said Pinter, an associate director of the University of California Davis Center for Watershed Sciences.

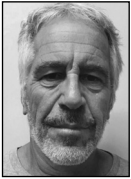
“Given model predictions for climate change and rising sea levels and suggestions that hurricanes are maybe getting more intense, it’s something we have to keep an eye on.”

# Epstein accuser sues, jail guards suspected of falsifying log entries

NEW YORK (AP) — Jail guards on duty the night Jeffrey Epstein apparently killed himself are suspected of falsifying log entries to show they were checking on inmates every half-hour as required, according to a person familiar with the investigation into the financier’s death.

Surveillance video shows guards never made some of the checks noted in the log, said the person, who was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday.

Those details came amid



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new developments Wednesday in the fight over Epstein’s estate, with a woman filing a lawsuit claiming he forcibly raped her when she was a teenager in 2002.

Jennifer Araoz sued Epstein’s former girlfriend Ghislaine Maxwell and three unidentified members of his staff — the first of many lawsuits expected to be filed by Epstein’s accusers as a new state law went into effect Wednesday that opens up a one-year window for victims of long-ago sex crimes to take legal action.

“Today is my first step toward reclaiming my power Jeffrey Epstein and his enablers stole from me,” Araoz said. The AP names alleged victims of sexual offenses

only if they consent to being identified, as Araoz has done.

The lawsuit accuses Maxwell of helping Epstein recruit teenage girls and providing “organizational support to Epstein’s sex trafficking ring.”

Maxwell’s publicist and lawyers did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment. She previously denied wrongdoing.

Federal prosecutors in New York are investigating whether any Epstein associates will face charges.

Epstein, 66, is thought to have killed himself early Saturday at the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York, where he was awaiting trial on sex traffick-

ing charges.

The cause of the death has not been announced, but a person familiar with operations at the lockup said Epstein was discovered in his cell with a bedsheet around his neck.

His death prompted the Justice Department to place two guards on leave and remove the jail’s warden pending the outcome of investigations by the FBI and the department’s inspector general. Falsifying log entries can be a federal crime.

The case has thrown a spotlight on chronic understaffing at the jail, which has long been used to house some of the world’s most notorious criminals, including mobsters, drug lords and

terrorists.

A person familiar with the jail’s operations told the AP that a guard in Epstein’s unit was working a fifth straight day of overtime and another guard was working mandatory overtime. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because he lacked authorization to publicly discuss jail operations.

Last month, Epstein had been put on suicide watch, with 24-hour monitoring and daily psychiatric evaluations, after he was found on the floor of his cell with bruises on his neck. But he was taken off suicide watch at the end of July and returned to the jail’s special housing unit, for inmates requiring close supervision.

# ICE raids raise question: What about the employers?

HOUSTON (AP) — The images of children crying after their parents were arrested in a massive immigration raid in Mississippi revived a longstanding complaint: Unauthorized workers are jailed or deported, while the managers and business owners who profit from their labor often go unprosecuted.

Under President Donald Trump, the number of business owners and managers who face criminal charges for employing unauthorized workers has stayed almost the same, even as almost every other enforcement measure has surged.

Last week’s raids at seven chicken-processing plants were the largest worksite operation conducted under the Trump administration. The operation led to 680 arrests of people in the U.S. illegally, with expected criminal charges to follow for some. But no plant owners or top managers were immediately charged, following the pattern of other recent sweeps.

Lawyers and experts agree that investigating managers

takes longer and is far more difficult than arresting workers. A key hurdle that predates the Trump administration is that federal law makes it a crime to “knowingly” hire workers who are in the U.S. illegally.

“The ‘knowingly’ term has proved to be a huge defense for employers,” said Muzafar Chishti, a senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute. “The employer says, ‘I’m sorry, I didn’t know they were unauthorized.’”

In a statement Tuesday, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Acting Director Matthew Albence said that anyone found to have broken the law in the Mississippi case would be held accountable, including “the employers who profit off their crimes.” Warrants unsealed after the Mississippi arrests allege that managers at two processing plants participated in fraud.

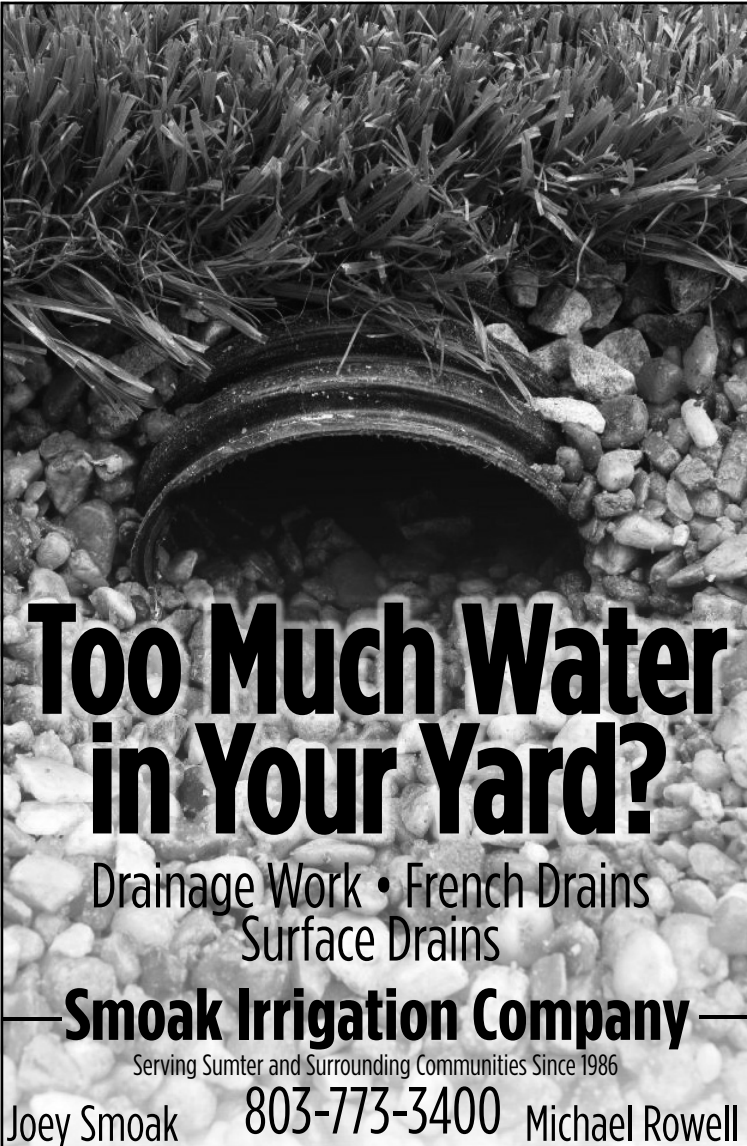
After Trump took office, then-Acting Director Thomas Homan declared that ICE would try to increase all worksite enforcement ac-

tions by 400%.

ICE succeeded almost across the board in just one government fiscal year. According to statistics the agency released in December, it quadrupled the number of investigations it opened and audits of paperwork submitted by employees to get hired. And it made 2,304 arrests in worksite cases, seven times as many as the previous year.

The major exception was for managers. ICE arrested just 72 managers in the 2018 fiscal year, compared with 71 the year before. And 49 managers were convicted of crimes, down from 55 the previous year.

Congress first created criminal penalties for employers in 1986. According to researchers at Syracuse University, prosecutions under the law banning employers from knowingly employing unauthorized workers have rarely exceeded 15 a year since then. Between April 2018 and this March, just 11 people were prosecuted in seven cases.



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Sumter Item archivist and historian Sammy Way speaks about Sumter's namesake, Gen. Thomas Sumter, during a 285th birthday celebration for the Revolutionary War soldier on Wednesday at the Sumter County Courthouse. Jim McCain, chairman of Sumter County Council, looks on in front of a statue of Sumter.

## GEN. SUMTER

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Cantey Jameson, and had a son, Thomas Sumter Jr. Sumter commanded South Carolina militia in many battles in the American Revolution, including the battles of Hanging Rock, Fishing Creek, Fishdam Ford and Blackstock's Plantation. He was a statesman, serving eight terms in the General Assembly between 1776 and 1790. Elected by the Camden District to the U.S. House of Representatives, he served five terms in Congress between 1789 and 1801. Sumter then served in the

U.S. Senate until 1810. Local historian and *The Sumter Item's* archivist, Sammy Way, shared history about the University of South Carolina's mascot, Cocky, a gamecock (fighting rooster), and its relations to Sumter. Community members dressed in early 1800s fashion to celebrate the history of the area and the era of Sumter, who died in 1832. At the event, a descendant of Sumter attended and also dressed in the early 1800s fashion. "I'm related to him through his great-grandson, who had a relationship with an African woman," said Tiffany Buccì of Dalzell. "It's really significant

because we believe it was a relationship based on love, and he took care of his children." Buccì said she found out her family's legacy through a cut-out her grandmother sent to her mother from the 250th anniversary of Gen. Sumter's birth. Her grandmother wrote that her mother was an eighth descendant, and Buccì was a ninth descendant. She has admired her family's history ever since. Buccì said she felt nothing but joy, pride and thankfulness about the legacy her family has and continuing that legacy with her own children, a daughter and son, to let them know where they came from.



Mayor Joe McElveen speaks next to the statue of Thomas Sumter in front of the Sumter County Courthouse on Wednesday.



Sumter County Council Chairman Jim McCain gestures during his speech to a crowd about Gen. Thomas Sumter.



A group in period clothing stands with the statue of Thomas Sumter.

## COMMITTEES

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"If we try to stop that, we might find ourselves in some sort of legal waters," McGhaney said. "And we can have some further conversation later on if we still want to pursue that. But what I am saying, as far as the chairman, we need to be careful with that." Board member Frank Baker, who has said previously he's against committees going into executive session, raised concerns with legal counsel's advice on the matter. He said minutes are not taken in the Finance Committee's executive sessions, and he's concerned whether and when relevant issues from those sessions are being shared by trustees on the committee to the full board. "It [the executive session] is not recorded in the minutes, so when does the board get it?" Baker said. "So, what you are doing as a committee is you're leaving the board holding the bag because if it's a

legal situation, it's going to come back on the school board and not the committee." He also said he thinks Finance Committee agendas often don't accurately state the reason for entering into executive session, and that's required by law. Fellow trustee and Finance Committee Chairman Johnny Hilton countered Baker and said the committee system is common for most school boards, and they meet and discuss items in executive session, and they sometimes bring recommendations to the full board. "If a committee can't meet in executive session, then it can't function," Hilton said. "You can't have a facilities committee meeting and discuss plans for future facilities out here in public in front of everybody. You just can't do that, and you know that, Dr. Baker." Baker responded to Hilton: "No sir, I don't know that." For the record, in the spring

of 2017, Baker was the district's superintendent and regularly met with the advisory Finance Committee in executive session, and closing low-enrollment schools was a regular topic of discussion. Baker mutually agreed with the board in July 2017 to retire as superintendent after a financial crisis and \$6.2 million in overspending was revealed in December 2016 in the district's official audit report. Last year, he ran for and won an at-large seat on the board. Hilton then said Monday he didn't understand why the board now wants to deviate from the committee system. "The committee system is part and parcel of how school districts operate," Hilton said. "I don't know of any problems that have occurred, other than some people got personally upset about things. But I don't know of any problems that occurred for the district or the school board as a result of committees having an executive session." Trustees Sherril Ray and Brian Alston added comments

about transparency and trust and limiting the executive sessions. Near the close of the report, McGhaney said the board is considering asking legal counsel if it can come to a future board meeting and discuss the matter, along with others, with the full board. On the subject of a new conflict of interest form for committee members and board members to sign annually, Hilton said he would like to see a version of the form before voting on it. Chairman Ralph Canty advised McGhaney that he can probably obtain an appropriate form to use from the state Department of Education.

Later in the meeting, the board voted unanimously to postpone second reading on the two board committee policies until a later date. Initially, when the revamped board assumed leadership last year, there was discussion on removing the public from serving on any board committees. But in April, the board gave first reading approval to allow the public to serve on committees — on the condition they individually receive at least a majority vote from the nine-member board to serve. Previously, full board approval was not necessary for a member of the public to serve on a committee.

## Several officers shot in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — At least one gunman opened fire on police Wednesday as they were serving a warrant in a Philadelphia neighborhood, wounding six officers and triggering a standoff that extended into the evening, authorities said. None of the officers' injuries were considered life threatening, Philadelphia police Sgt. Eric Gripp said. They were being treated at hospitals. A shooter remained active as of 7 p.m. in Nicetown, a neighborhood of brick and stone rowhomes, Gripp tweeted. The shooting began about 4:30 p.m. as officers went to a home. Two officers became

trapped inside the house amid the gunfire, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported. Live video from news stations showed a massive police presence, with dozens of squad cars and officers, many of them with guns drawn. Gunshots continued to be heard late Wednesday afternoon. Dozens of officers on foot lined the streets. Others were in cars and some on horses. One officer appeared injured and was taken away in a police car. Video also showed two other officers carrying a man and putting him in the back of a police car. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explo-

sives said its agents responded to the scene to assist Philadelphia police. President Donald Trump and Attorney General William Barr were briefed on the shooting, a Justice Department spokeswoman said. **BUYING GOLD EVERY DAY** Paying Top Dollar in Sumter **JEWELRY WHOLESALE** 41 E. Wesmark Blvd. • 778-1031

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# Monarch symbol of species in crisis as U.S. protections shrink

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — Hand-raising monarch butterflies in the midst of a global extinction crisis, Laura Moore and her neighbors gather round in her suburban Maryland yard to launch a butterfly newly emerged from its chrysalis. Eager to play his part, 3-year-old Thomas Powell flaps his arms and exclaims, “I’m flying! I’m flying!”

Moore moves to release the hours-old monarch onto the boy’s outstretched finger, but the butterfly, its wings a vivid orange and black, has another idea. It banks away, beginning its new life up in the green shelter of a nearby tree.

Monarchs are in trouble, despite efforts by Moore and countless other volunteers and organizations across the United States to nurture the beloved butterfly. The Trump administration’s new order weakening the Endangered Species Act could well make things worse for the monarch, one of more than 1 million species that are struggling around the globe.

Rapid development and climate change are escalating the rates of species loss, according to a May United Nations report. For monarchs, farming and other human development have eradicated state-size swaths of native milkweed habitat, cutting the butterfly’s numbers by 90% over the past two decades.

With its count falling 99% to the low tens of thousands in the western United States last year, the monarch is now under government consider-

ation for listing under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. But if the Trump administration’s latest action survives threatened legal challenges, there will be sweeping changes to how the government provides protections and which creatures receive them.

Administration officials say the changes, expected to go into effect next month, will reduce regulation while still protecting animals and plants. But conservation advocates and Democratic lawmakers say the overhaul will force more to extinction, delaying and denying protections.

The administration will for the first time reserve the option to estimate and publicize the financial cost of saving a species in advance of any decision on whether to do so. Monarchs compete for habitat with soybean and corn farmers, whose crops are valued in the low tens of billions of dollars annually. For mountain caribou, sage grouse, the Humboldt marten in California’s old-growth redwoods and other creatures, it’s logging, oil and gas development, ranching and other industry driving struggling species out of their ranges.

Another coming change will end across-the-board protections for creatures newly listed as threatened. Conservation groups say that will leave them unprotected for months or years, as officials, conservationists and industries and landowners hash out each species’ survival plan, case by case.

The rule also will limit consideration of threats facing a species to the “foreseeable” future, which conservation groups say allows the administration to ignore the growing harm of global warming. Along with farming, climate change is one of the main drivers of the monarch’s threatened extinction, disrupting an annual 3,000-mile migration synched to springtime and the blossoming of wildflowers. In 2002, a single wet storm followed by a freeze killed an estimated 450 million monarchs in their winter home in Mexico, piling wings inches deep on a forest floor.

A decision on whether the monarch will be listed as threatened is expected by



December 2020.

In the meantime, volunteers like Moore grow plants to feed and host the monarchs, nurture caterpillars, and tag and count monarchs on the insects’ annual migrations up and down America. While wildlife experts encourage the growing of milkweed, some are doubtful about the common practice of raising monarchs from their chrysalis out of concern it al-

lows less healthy butterflies to survive.

For Moore, a tutor who has turned her 20-by-20-foot yard over to milkweed, fleabane and other butterfly nectar and host plants, the hope is that grass-roots efforts of thousands of volunteers loosely connected in wildlife organizations, schools, and Facebook groups will save the monarch, at least.

## the Sumter ITEM

# Sumter Item to premier Weekend Edition paper in August

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In order to provide timely high school football results and same-day mail delivery for print subscribers, as well as to improve value for advertising customers, The Sumter Item will premier its new Weekend Edition paper beginning Saturday, Aug. 3.

“When we began thinking about this possibility, it became a no-brainer,” Publisher Vince Johnson said. “It’s better for our readers, better for our advertisers, better for our mail delivery customers. We’re trying to create the best local news experience we can for our community in print and online, and this is certainly a step in that direction.”

The Sumter Item Weekend Edition will be delivered on Saturday, complete with Friday night football coverage and all the regular articles, features, sale inserts and more that readers are accustomed to seeing in the Sunday paper.

“The post office doesn’t deliver on Sunday, and so especially for our mail delivery customers in the more rural parts of our area, they currently aren’t getting their Sunday edition until Monday,” Johnson said. “I share their frustration with that, and we’re going to change it so they get the Weekend Edition in the mail on Saturday.”

The other major reason for the change is to create timely high school football coverage in the newspaper. It’s one of the complaints we hear about most, Johnson said, and though results can be found on www.theitem.com on Friday nights, adding them to the print product is appealing. Our newsroom puts most of the paper together on Friday for the Sunday paper anyway, so having it come out on Saturday just makes sense.

“We’re the main source of information on local high school football, and people really care about their football in the Sumter area,” he said.

The Saturday-Sunday, or Weekend Edition, will be in local stores and newspaper racks across the region Saturday, Sunday and Monday of each week. Daily newspaper delivery will continue Tuesday through Friday, with The Sumter Item continuing to print a total of five days per week.

Theitem.com, which currently gets more than 150,000 unique visitors each month, will continue to be regularly updated daily throughout the week.

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The Sumter Item is one of the nation’s oldest continuously family owned newspapers in the country and is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2019. Earlier this year, Editor and Publisher magazine named The Sumter Item one of America’s “10 Newspapers That Do It Right.”

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## As world gets hotter, consequences worsen

BY CHRIS CARNEVALE

Something notable just happened that cannot be ignored: July may have been the hottest month globally since record-keeping began in the 1800s, according to an initial analysis by a top meteorological organization.

Looking at the broader climate trends, the new record hot month is unfortunately unsurprising. July was the 415th consecutive month of above-20th-century-average temperatures. The five warmest years on record were from 2014-18, and this year is on track to join those ranks. Nine of the 10 warmest years on record have occurred since 2005, and every year since 2001 has been in the top 20 warmest years on record.

Those are the observable facts.

As the world gets hotter, so does the United States, and in

an already steamy place like coastal South Carolina, that is very bad news. According to a new report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, Charleston is going from having 14 days per year above a 100-degree heat index on average in the late 20th century to 68 such days by the mid-21st century to 102 such days by the end of the century, if pollution that causes global warming is not reduced.

In these dog days of summer, as we Southerners dash between air-conditioned buildings and air-conditioned cars, the thought of three entire months' worth of 100-degree-plus heat index days every year is hard to contemplate. Such hot weather is a drain on our quality of life, but it's also dangerous for our health and has serious economic consequences.

The health impacts of such hot weather include heat exhaustion, heatstroke and

heart attacks and are particularly risky for older adults, pregnant women and children, as well as outdoor workers, who comprise much of South Carolina's rural economy. A 2016 scientific assessment of climate change impacts to human health in the U.S. found that climate change is very likely to increase the number of premature heat-related deaths by thousands or tens of thousands each summer by the end of the century.

Of course, rising temperatures would not only degrade public health, but would also hurt our economy. All those hot days would mean less time that people can safely work outside. The U.S. National Climate Assessment, released last November, states that without action to reduce pollution, by 2090, "the Southeast is projected to have the largest heat-related impacts on labor productivity in the country, resulting in average annual losses of 570

million labor hours, or \$47 billion." As temperatures increase and people need to use more air conditioning to stay comfortable and safe, the Southeast is expected to experience the highest energy costs of any U.S. region, a burden most cannot afford.

However, there is good news: This wildly hot future is not guaranteed. Future warming will be largely determined by how quickly our economy transitions from climate-polluting fossil energy fuels like coal, oil and natural gas and replaces them with clean renewable energy such as solar and wind. A study recently released by my organization, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, shows that great progress has been achieved in reducing power plant pollution in recent years with much more solar energy coming online over the next few years. But it also underscores that we need to do

more to avoid the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

Rising to this challenge is not only doable, but it can also grow our prosperity. Renewable energy is typically the cheapest energy on the market, and clean, electric vehicles continue to become more practical and available while decreasing in price. We are at an amazing time in our economy, where the least-cost energy resources are also the best for the environment — a true win-win scenario. But we must work quickly together — individuals, businesses, power utilities and policymakers alike — to embrace renewable energy and electric transportation in order to preserve our quality of life, public health and thriving economy for generations to come.

*Chris Carnevale is coastal climate and energy manager for Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

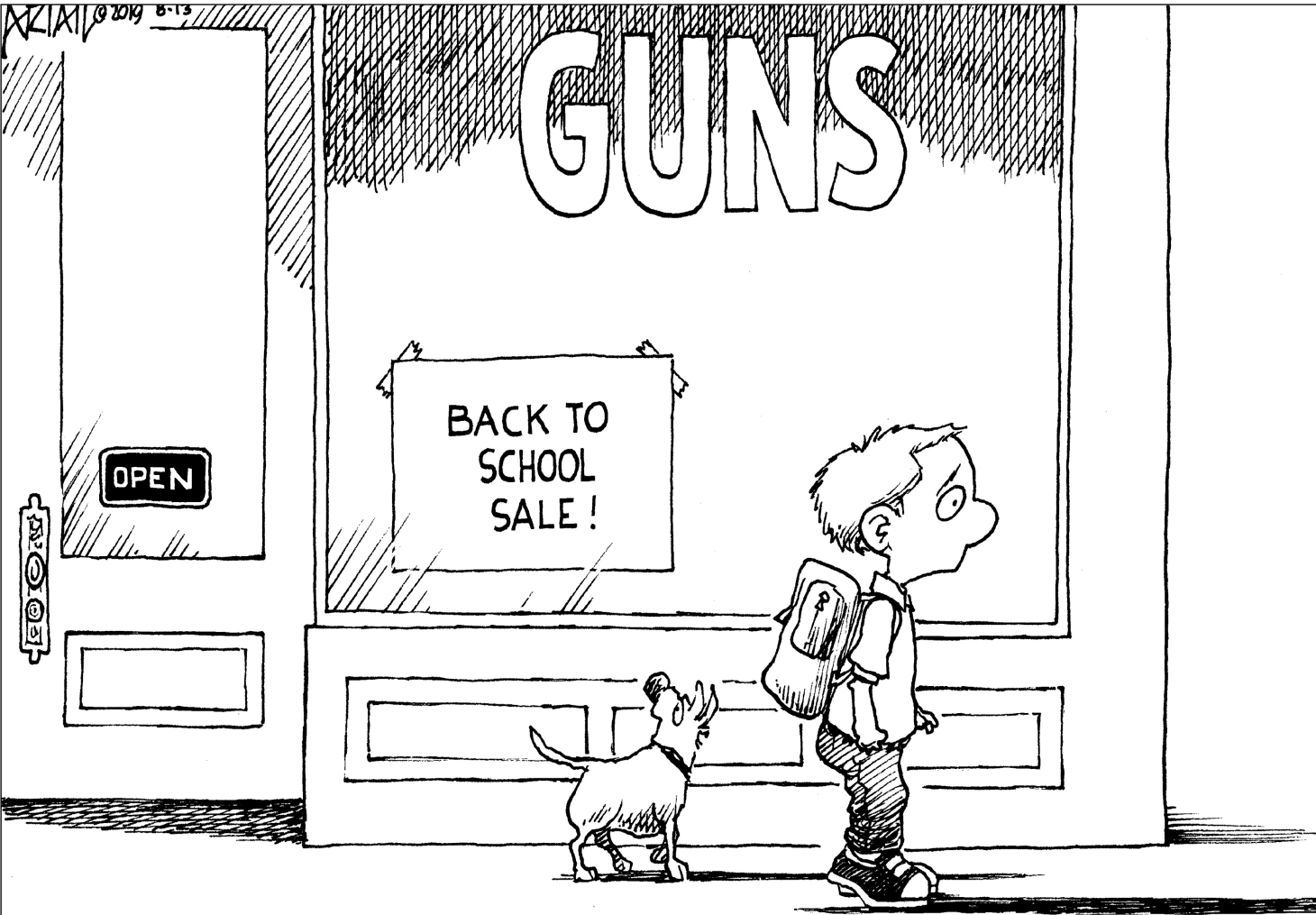
#### IS YOUNGER GENERATION FILLED WITH SUCH HATE THEY CAN'T SEE STRAIGHT?

I look back now and wonder how I ever voted for the Democratic Party? Were they always like this and hiding in the weeds? Or is this just a younger generation that has been filled with so much hate, they cannot see straight. They have veered so far left that Kennedy, Humphrey, Carter, heck, even Bill Clinton would be laughed out of their own party now. They are nuts. Guys like me? Middle-aged white guys? In their myopic little heads, we are the enemy ... not because of simple political differences, but true hate because of the color of my skin ... Huh, you know, like a racist. HAHA. I would never vote Democrat again because that party that I agreed with on many social issues in the past is dead.

The Democratic Party is not even called that anymore ... they are openly socialists. A bunch of whiny, self-absorbed millennials that get upset when they don't get a trophy ... for showing up.

God help this country.

JOHN SELLAR  
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### COMMENTARY

## How many bullets?

Terrorists proved on Sept. 11, 2001, that guns are not necessary to kill 2,753 people. Timothy McVeigh proved that a truck load of explosives can kill 168 people and injure 680 while destroying one third of a building and damaging many others in Oklahoma City. A man with a knife killed four people and wounded two others in Los Angeles last week.

A weapon of mass destruction can be a plane, an automobile, a knife, a gun or whatever an evil person chooses to utilize at a certain moment.

By and large, the weapon of choice has been an automatic weapon capable of holding a high-capacity magazine. Whether it was Las Vegas, Columbine, Charleston, El Paso, Dayton or sadly too many other locations to name, the weapon of choice has been an automatic rifle with high-capacity bullet magazines. A truck can kill people, but normally you can hear and see a truck coming. A knife can kill people but not as many as a rifle with a magazine clip

holding 70 or more bullets.

An evil person can walk into a church, theater, Walmart or school and immediately have a couple of hundred people huddled together as a target. He doesn't have to aim. He just points the weapon and pulls the trigger. The gun acts like a sprayer of bullets, hitting people so fast that running or dodging is almost impossible. The shooter looks for scenarios where people are trapped with limited escape door opportunities. Thus a shooter with a bullet clip of 50, 70 or more has a potential of killing many people in just a minute or less.

This is why Congress must enact background checks, strict licensing for high-powered rifles and limit the number of bullets a clip can hold at one time. However, here is the problem. What is the magic number? My ordinary pistols hold six shells, and my automatic ones hold more, so what is the magic number of bullets that Americans will be limited to in one clip? Will it be 10 or 15 or 20? Honestly, there is no right number because a skilled marksman will still be able to kill. The hope is that maybe the ending of one clip or emptying of one pistol would give someone a chance to tackle the monster if anyone is still alive. Hopefully someone in the room will have

a gun and be able to stop the shooter.

I'm for limiting magazine capacity, but it won't eliminate terrorism and mass shootings. It's a Hail Mary, and our Congress has to do something, but we have to do more. All gatherings must take security measures. Hollywood and network TV have to change. Universal Studios/NBC TV is the biggest hypocrite of all. They constantly bark gun control and are negative toward the National Rifle Association while coming out with a movie titled "The Hunt," which is supposedly about liberals hunting deplorables and killing them. This kind of junk is a huge part of the problem. Hollywood, the music industry and video games must dramatically change their tone. Barney Fife in the Andy Griffith show carried a gun, but he never made any of us want to kill anyone or hate people.

Guns, knives, trucks and airplanes can all kill, and there are many other weapons that will kill massive numbers of people. We can't eliminate them. Our greatest need is a culture change.

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AROUND TOWN

**Job search workshops will be offered** at Paxville Community Development Center, 10183 Lewis Road / S.C. 261, Paxville, as follows: 10-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. today; 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20; 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22; 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27; 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29; and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29. Topics covered include: job search strategies, resume and cover letter writing, effective interviewing, dressing for success and much more. To register, call (803) 452-5141 or (803) 452-5124.

**A domestic violence candlelight vigil in memory of Sharee Bradley** will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, in front of the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin St.

**Hats Around the World**, presented by the YWCA of the Upper Lowlands Inc., will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St. This free public event will be held to promote unity and non-violence in our communities as we share friendship, food, music, art and our cultural experiences. Attendees are encouraged to wear a favorite hat or cultural attire to represent your heritage.

**A “Back 2 School Bash,”** presented by Save the Children and the Summerton Literacy Council, will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Clarendon One Community Resource Center, 1154 Fourth St., Summerton. Call (803) 485-2043.

**A back-to-school bash**, presented by Birnie Elks Lodge 1195, will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at 2501 U.S. 15 South.

**The 13th annual back to school event for Mayesville area youth**, sponsored by the Mayesville Area Community Coalition, will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Mayesville Community Center. Event will begin with a field day of activities for ages 3-18 from 10 a.m. until noon. Sign up for activities 10-10:30 a.m. Activities will include an egg race, basketball shoot, sack race, tunnel crawl and more. Event winners will be awarded ribbons and prizes. Participants will qualify for prize drawings of a flat screen TV, com-

puter, tablet, CD player and more. School supplies will be given out from noon to 3 p.m. for those who have filled out a back to school form. Forms are available at Mayesville churches, through coalition members and at the Mayesville Gas Station. Call (803) 453-5441, (803) 453-6078 or (803) 983-7221.

**A “Back 2 School Drive”** will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at New Orleans Style Seafood, 1029 Broad St. School supplies will be given out.

**The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association** will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at 26 Council St. Call (803) 775-0444 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday or Wednesday.

**The Carolina Coin Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Parks and Recreation Department building, 155 Haynsworth St. The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month and visitors are always welcome. Call (803) 775-8840 for information.

**The Sumter Branch NAACP** will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25, at Goodwill Presbyterian Church, 295 N. Brick Church Road.

**Computer classes will be offered** at Paxville Community Development Center, 10183 Lewis Road / S.C. 261, Paxville, beginning Aug. 26. Adult readiness classes will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and senior citizen classes will be 12:30-1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Classes will cover basic computer skills, parts and functions, Microsoft Office, email / gmail, Windows, surfing the web and more. To register, call (803) 452-5141 or (803) 452-5124.

**McLeod Hospice will offer a “Hospice Volunteering 101” class** for persons interested in helping hospice patients and/or assisting hospice support staff in Clarendon and Sumter counties. The volunteer training program will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the volunteer services office of McLeod Health Clarendon, 10 Hospital St., Manning. Advance registration is required by calling Stacy Mosier, volunteer coordinator, at (803) 435-5287.

PUBLIC AGENDA

**CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1**  
Monday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m., district office, Summerton

**MANNING CITY COUNCIL**  
Monday, Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m., second floor of Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

**LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Monday, Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

**SUMTER CITY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, Aug. 20, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

**CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

**CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2**  
Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m., district office

The last word in astrology

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can fill in the blanks, and together, you will come up with a plan that works. Stick close to those you trust to help you make the right decision. Once you decide, forge ahead in earnest.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take a deep breath, look at whatever situation you face logistically and refuse to let stubbornness or ego get in the way of making the right decision. Dealing with friends, peers, children or your lover will be emotional.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): A chance to get ahead will be yours. Mix business with pleasure, and keep those you love well-informed about your plans and the options that lay ahead. Knowing where everyone you care about stands will make it easier to move forward.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You may not like to disrupt your daily routine, but you stand to prosper if you are open to trying something new. Don't pay into something you don't believe in or cannot afford. Choose wisely.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't feel you have to make a move because someone else does. Look at the logistics of staying put and what it will save you financially. Do what works best for you. Concentrate more on your relationships with loved ones.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make changes that ease stress and make you feel comfortable with the people and decisions you make. Don't feel pressured to do something you don't want to do because someone is trying to manipulate you. Just say no.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Participate in functions that allow you to use your skills and meet people who can offer something in return. Your input and hands-on help will put you in a good position that can lead to a timely suggestion.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Personal or professional problems will mount if you let your emotions take over. Be practical, and only implement or agree to changes that will play out in everyone's favor. Personal and spiritual growth should be priorities.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Explore your options. Set up an interview or business trip, or attend a conference, and you'll gain the experience you need to step up a notch or two professionally. Romance is highlighted.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't hesitate to make a change at home if it will bring you closer to your personal goal. Taking a different approach to an old problem will help you eliminate what's been stopping you from getting what you want.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look at an offer you receive. Any deal that appears to be too good to be true probably isn't worthwhile. Get what you want in writing before you agree to move forward. Romance is on the rise. Partnerships look promising.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't offer help expecting something in return. Have a set amount of time or money you want to contribute in mind. Someone is likely to take advantage of you if you are accommodating.

DAILY PLANNER

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

| TODAY                      | TONIGHT                    | FRIDAY                     | SATURDAY                   | SUNDAY                     | MONDAY                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>88°</b>                 | <b>75°</b>                 | <b>90° / 74°</b>           | <b>90° / 73°</b>           | <b>91° / 73°</b>           | <b>89° / 72°</b>           |
| Chance of rain: <b>60%</b> | Chance of rain: <b>25%</b> | Chance of rain: <b>40%</b> | Chance of rain: <b>40%</b> | Chance of rain: <b>55%</b> | Chance of rain: <b>65%</b> |
| <b>WSW 4-8 mph</b>         | <b>SSW 3-6 mph</b>         | <b>ESE 4-8 mph</b>         | <b>ESE 4-8 mph</b>         | <b>SSE 4-8 mph</b>         | <b>SSW 4-8 mph</b>         |

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

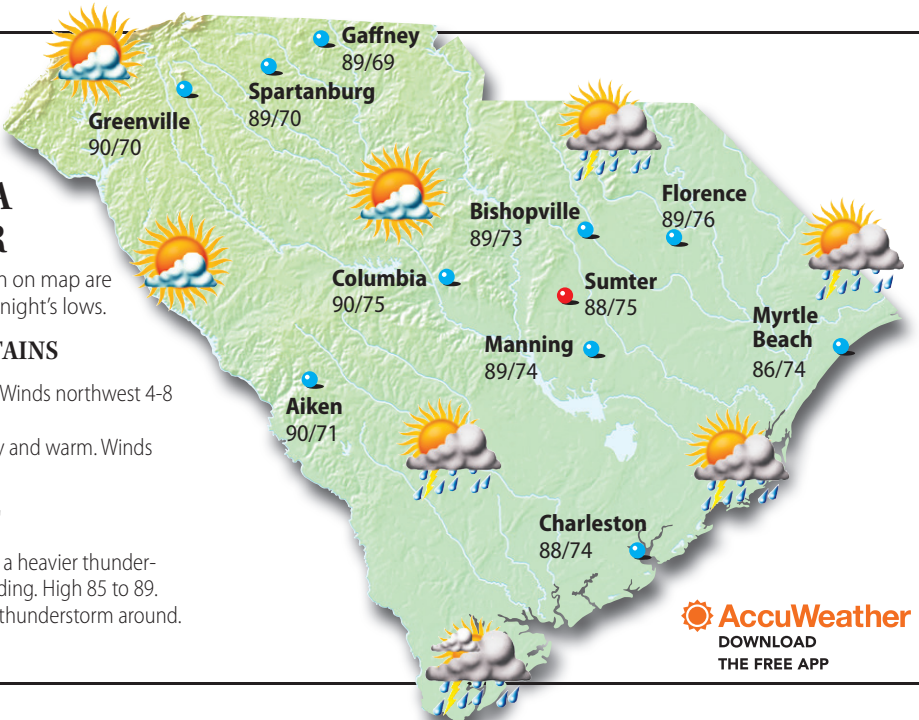
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Partly sunny. Winds northwest 4-8 mph. Mainly clear.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny and warm. Winds southeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

**Today:** Showers and a heavier thunderstorm; watch for flooding. High 85 to 89.  
**Friday:** A shower or thunderstorm around. High 84 to 88.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

| Temperature |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| High        | 95°          |
| Low         | 78°          |
| Normal high | 89°          |
| Normal low  | 69°          |
| Record high | 100° in 1995 |
| Record low  | 58° in 1964  |

| Precipitation              |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. | 0.00"  |
| Month to date              | 2.02"  |
| Normal month to date       | 2.58"  |
| Year to date               | 23.72" |
| Last year to date          | 26.20" |
| Normal year to date        | 30.92" |

LAKE LEVELS

| Lake     | Full pool | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Murray   | 360       | 357.60       | -0.01     |
| Marion   | 76.8      | 75.07        | -0.02     |
| Moultrie | 75.5      | 74.85        | -0.12     |
| Wateree  | 100       | 97.13        | +0.10     |

RIVER STAGES

| River            | Flood stage | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Black River      | 12          | 2.32         | -0.05     |
| Congaree River   | 19          | 2.53         | -0.11     |
| Lynches River    | 14          | 2.37         | -0.21     |
| Saluda River     | 14          | 2.32         | -0.18     |
| Up. Santee River | 80          | 76.03        | -0.04     |
| Wateree River    | 24          | 7.76         | -1.96     |

SUN AND MOON

|          |           |          |           |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Sunrise  | 6:43 a.m. | Sunset   | 8:09 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 8:35 p.m. | Moonsset | 6:38 a.m. |

| Full    | Last    | New     | First  |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|
|         |         |         |        |
| Aug. 15 | Aug. 23 | Aug. 30 | Sep. 5 |

TIDES

| AT MYRTLE BEACH |            |     |           |     |
|-----------------|------------|-----|-----------|-----|
|                 | High       | Ht. | Low       | Ht. |
| Today           | 9:39 a.m.  | 2.8 | 4:26 a.m. | 0.3 |
|                 | 10:13 p.m. | 3.3 | 4:26 p.m. | 0.3 |
| Fri.            | 10:19 a.m. | 2.9 | 5:04 a.m. | 0.3 |
|                 | 10:51 p.m. | 3.3 | 5:06 p.m. | 0.4 |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City          | Today Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Atlanta       | 94/72/pc      | 96/72/s      |
| Chicago       | 79/64/pc      | 77/66/t      |
| Dallas        | 97/76/s       | 100/78/s     |
| Detroit       | 81/64/t       | 80/66/t      |
| Houston       | 95/78/pc      | 97/79/pc     |
| Los Angeles   | 87/63/pc      | 84/63/pc     |
| New Orleans   | 90/80/t       | 93/80/pc     |
| New York      | 80/68/pc      | 78/69/sh     |
| Orlando       | 89/76/t       | 88/73/t      |
| Philadelphia  | 83/70/t       | 86/72/t      |
| Phoenix       | 113/83/s      | 111/84/s     |
| San Francisco | 85/60/pc      | 81/60/pc     |
| Wash., DC     | 85/72/t       | 89/75/pc     |

REGIONAL CITIES

| City           | Today Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W | City             | Today Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Asheville      | 85/65/pc      | 87/65/s      | Florence         | 89/76/t       | 90/73/pc     |
| Athens         | 94/70/pc      | 95/71/s      | Gainesville      | 86/74/t       | 82/72/t      |
| Augusta        | 93/70/t       | 95/71/pc     | Gastonia         | 91/70/pc      | 93/71/s      |
| Beaufort       | 89/75/t       | 88/75/t      | Goldsboro        | 87/74/t       | 89/73/pc     |
| Cape Hatteras  | 89/75/t       | 86/76/c      | Goose Creek      | 88/74/t       | 87/74/c      |
| Charleston     | 88/74/t       | 87/73/c      | Greensboro       | 88/71/t       | 90/70/s      |
| Charlotte      | 91/72/pc      | 92/72/s      | Greenville       | 90/70/pc      | 92/70/s      |
| Clemson        | 91/70/pc      | 92/70/s      | Hickory          | 89/68/pc      | 89/69/s      |
| Columbia       | 90/75/t       | 92/75/pc     | Hilton Head      | 87/77/t       | 86/76/c      |
| Darlington     | 88/74/t       | 90/73/pc     | Jacksonville, FL | 90/76/t       | 85/75/t      |
| Elizabeth City | 85/74/t       | 88/72/pc     | La Grange        | 94/68/pc      | 95/68/s      |
| Elizabethtown  | 89/74/t       | 88/73/pc     | Macon            | 92/70/pc      | 95/72/pc     |
| Fayetteville   | 88/74/t       | 89/73/pc     | Marietta         | 92/68/pc      | 93/69/s      |

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Elaine Byrd comments on her photo submission, “What a way to propose! Zachary Byrd took Emily Brunson for a fly over a corn field that he had planted on the Brunson farm especially for Emily, his high school sweetheart. Zachary chartered the plane and pilot Tommy Phillips flew the plane for this special event on Sunday, July 14.” For those who may be wondering, Emily said yes.

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# Crestwood changes basketball coaches



Tony Wilson, kneeling, will be the head coach of Crestwood High School girls basketball program after two years serving as the boys head coach. Wilson was the girls coach for 11 years before taking on the boys. Former Hartsville High head coach Aric Samuel is the new boys head coach.

## Wilson to return to girls program he built

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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After two difficult seasons as the boys basketball head coach at Crestwood High School, Tony Wilson is going back to the girls program that he built into a power in the 3A classification.

Wilson, who coached the Lady Knights for 11 seasons before moving to the boys program when Dwayne Edwards stepped down, went 8-38 in his two seasons with the boys. The Knights were 4-19 each year and was winless in region play both years.

Wilson is being replaced by Aric Samuel, who led Hartsville High to consecutive 3A state titles in 2012-13.

“I just think it’s a better fit for me to coach the girls,” Wilson said. “I think I can help get it to the next level. I feel pretty good about it, going back to

what I was doing, coaching girls.”

And Wilson did a tremendous job in building the Crestwood girls program. He posted a 208-75 record, making the state playoffs in his last nine years in charge.

The Lady Knights went 6-14 in his first season and 10-12 his second year. After going 13-10 and having the Lady Knights make their first playoff appearance in his third season, Crestwood went 23-5 in his fourth season and won his first playoff game. The Lady Knights won 20 or more games in seven of his last eight seasons.

Crestwood won or shared the region title the last seven years. The Lady Knights played for the state title in the 2013-14 season.

Wilson took the boys job when Dwayne Edwards

SEE **WILSON**, PAGE B3

## Former Hartsville head coach Samuels takes over boys team

BY J. SCOTT SEWELL  
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Crestwood High School has officially landed a very big name in its search for a new boys basketball head coach.

Crestwood athletic director Dwayne Edwards has confirmed that Aric Samuel will be the next head coach for the Knights.

Samuel comes to Crestwood with three South Carolina state titles. He led Hunter-Tyler-Kinard to a 1A championship in 2005 and won back-to-back 3A titles at Hartsville in 2012 and 2013.

Most recently, Samuel was the head coach for Coker College, an NCAA Division II program in the ultra-competitive South Atlantic Conference.

“It’s very exciting,” Samuel said of coming to Crestwood. “I had the opportunity to work with the guys over the summer. I have a mature senior class. It’s a group of young men that are excited that I’m here and are ready to work extremely hard.”

Samuel takes over for Tony Wilson, who

is moving back to run the girls program. Wilson went 4-19 in both of his seasons as the boys head coach after coaching the girls program the previous 11 seasons.

Samuel inherits a senior-laden class led by center Mark Huffman and point guard Mitchell Pollard.

“We have some interesting pieces,” said Samuel. “Huffman is a 6-(foot)-9(-inch) center, and if he really engages himself he’s got an opportunity to play at the college level. I was also really surprised with Mitchell Pollard. He’ll be our senior point guard. He’s definitely a leader, and a wonderful kid. I think the seniors can help me establish this new program, get off to a good start, and put ourselves in a position to have a good year.”

Samuel brings with him his trademark, full-court pressing

SEE **SAMUEL**, PAGE B3



Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (13) and his Crimson Tide teammates are again the favorites to win the Southeastern Conference title.

## Georgia leads SEC pack in hot pursuit of Alabama

BY JOHN ZENOR  
AP Sports Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama is still king in the Southeastern Conference, if not nationally. Nothing that happened in the national championship game changed that, beyond serving as a heartening reminder that Nick Saban’s Crimson Tide isn’t in fact invulnerable.

The pursuit continues in the SEC, with Georgia again leading the chase pack after coming ever so close the past two seasons — in league and national championship games.

So Tide players are motivated by the mantra “never be satisfied.” For Georgia, the catchphrase is “do more.” Mean-

SEE **GEORGIA**, PAGE B3

## Sumter High No. 7 in 5A in preseason football poll

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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When Sumter High School meets Dutch Fork in the 38th Annual Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree on Friday at Memorial Stadium, it will be a matchup of two top 10 teams in the S.C. Prep Media Football Polls. Dutch Fork, of course, is the unanimous choice at No. 1 in 5A as it is the 3-time defending state champion. The Gamecocks are No. 7 in the poll that was re-

leased on Wednesday. The Silver Foxes, who went undefeated while scoring more than 50 points in all but one game last season, picked up all 12 first-place votes. They are followed by Gaffney, Fort Dorchester, Byrnes, Dorman and T.L. Hanna before getting to Sumter. The Gamecocks went 10-1 last year, going undefeated in the regular season before losing to Byrnes in the second round. Sumter and Dutch Fork are sched-



Sumter High School linebacker Kirkland Boone answers questions at the 2019 Sumter Item Media Day Fan Fest held recently. Sumter is ranked seventh in the preseason 5A poll.

uled for the second 2-quarter scrimmage on Friday, beginning at approximately 8 p.m. The remainder of the 5A top 10 is Blythewood, Sumter’s Region IV foe, River Bluff and Greenwood. Sumter is the only local school ranked in the five classifications. However, two other local schools did receive votes – Manning in 3A and Lee Central in 2A. The defending state champions in 4A, 3A and 2A are all preseason No. 1 choices. Myrtle Beach in 4A and

Abbeville in 2A are unanimous selections. Chester received only eight of the 12 votes in the 3A poll. Dillon, which was runner-up to Chester last season and is second in the poll, picked up three of the first-place votes. Chapman, which is third gained the other vote. Green Sea-Floyds is the only defending state champion that is not ranked No. 1. GSF is ranked second in the 1A poll despite picking up eight first-place votes.

### S.C. PREP MEDIA FOOTBALL POLLS

- CLASS 5A**  
1. Dutch Fork (12)  
2. Gaffney  
3. Fort Dorchester  
4. Byrnes  
5. Dorman  
6. T.L.Hanna  
7. Sumter  
8. Blythewood  
9. River Bluff  
10. Greenwood  
**Others receiving votes:** West Florence, Carolina Forest, Summerville, Berkeley, Conway, Boiling Springs
- CLASS 4A**  
1. Myrtle Beach (12)  
2. Greer  
3. Hartsville  
4. Daniel  
5. Ridge View  
6. North Myrtle Beach  
7. South Pointe  
8. North Augusta  
9. Belton-Honea Path  
10. Wilson  
**Others receiving votes:** Westwood, Bluffton, Wren, York, Brookland-Cayce, Greenville, Marlboro County, Eastside
- CLASS 3A**  
1. Chester (8)  
2. Dillon (3)  
3. Chapman (1)  
4. Union County  
5. Strom Thurmond  
6. May River

7. Fairfield Central  
8. Wade Hampton (H)  
9. Camden  
10. Woodruff  
**Others receiving votes:** Newberry, Gilbert, Pendleton, Hanahan, Southside, Aynor, Cheraw, Broome, Manning
- CLASS 2A**  
1. Abbeville (12)  
2. Barnwell  
3. Timberland  
4. (tie) Gray Collegiate, Southside Christian  
6. Bamberg-Ehrhardt  
7. Carvers Bay  
8. Oceanside Collegiate  
9. Saluda  
10. Hannah-Pamplico  
**Others receiving votes:** Pageland Central, Cheraw, Woodland, Ninety Six, North Central, Mullins, Whale Branch, Lee Central, Fox Creek, Blacksburg
- CLASS 1A**  
1. Lamar (3)  
2. Green Sea Floyds (8)  
3. Wagener-Salley (1)  
4. Lake View  
5. Baptist Hill  
6. Hemingway  
7. Ridge Spring-Monetta  
8. Dixie  
9. (tie) Blackville-Hilda, McBee  
**Others receiving votes:** Williston-Elko, McCormick, C.E. Murray, Bethune-Bowman, Great Falls, St. John’s, Cross, Whitmire



# Acuña homers, shines defensively as Braves beat Mets

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ATLANTA — Ronald Acuña Jr. heard chants of "MVP! MVP! MVP!" as he trotted off the field in the sixth inning, tipping his cap to the crowd when he reached the dugout.

Maybe the Atlanta fans are on to something.

It was another dazzling all-around night for the 21-year-old phenom, who scored his 100th run after smashing one off the wall, hit another one into the seats, and showed off his dazzling arm with a bullet of a throw to the plate.

Acuna's heroics carried Max Fried to his fifth straight win, leading the Braves past the New York Mets 5-3 on a sweltering Tuesday night.

"It's kind of normal for me now," Fried said. "He's a tremendous player and he plays hard every night."

With Atlanta under a heat alert and the temperature at 94 degrees for the first pitch, the Braves cooled down a New York team that had won 15 of its last 17 games to surge into playoff contention.

Acuña sparked a two-run first against Zack Wheeler by leading off with a long single off the wall in right-center, coming around to score his 100th run of the season on Josh Donaldson's single. In the fourth, the youngster lined a 409-foot drive into the left-field seats for his 34th homer.

He wasn't done, either. Acuña ended the sixth by scooping up a single to left by Juan Lagares and rifling a one-hop throw to the plate to get Todd Frazier trying to



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Atlanta Braves relief pitcher Mark Melancon (36) and catcher Brian McCann (16) celebrate after the Braves defeated the New York Mets 5-3 in a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019, in Atlanta. Melancon earned the save.

score from second.

"His arm is a weapon," manager Brian Snitker said.

The Mets have lost two in a row for the first time since July 18-19 at San Francisco.

Wheeler (9-7) took the blame. The suburban Atlanta native was pounded for 12 hits and all five Atlanta runs before he was lifted after the fifth.

"I just didn't have it," Wheeler said. "It stinks. We're on this run and I really didn't give us a chance. This one's on me."

Fried (14-4) went six strong innings, surrendering his lone run in the second after plunking Wheeler with a two-out, two-strike pitch. Jeff McNeil followed with a

run-scoring single.

That was it for the Mets against Fried, who threw exactly 100 pitches, surrendering six hits and three walks.

The Braves' shaky bullpen, coming off a grim weekend in Miami, protected the lead even though Shane Greene was charged with two more runs while retiring just one hitter in the eighth. The former Detroit closer has a 14.55 ERA since coming to Atlanta in a trade-deadline deal.

Luke Jackson worked a perfect seventh and Mark Melancon, another trade-deadline acquisition, went 1-2-3 in the ninth for his first save with the Braves and second of the season.

"It was cool," said Melancon, who was coming off an awful outing against the Marlins. "I had goosebumps coming out of the bullpen."

Atlanta maintained a six-game lead over Washington in the NL East, while the Mets dropped nine games back.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Mets: A tough night got even worse for New York in the ninth inning. Hustling down the line on an infield grounder, All-Star second baseman Jeff McNeil pulled up with a left hamstring injury just as he reached the bag. McNeil slammed down his helmet in obvious frustration and trudged slowly

off the field accompanied by a trainer. "I didn't feel it pop," McNeil said. "Just a little snag. Nothing crazy." One of the NL's top hitters with a .332 average, McNeil will undergo an MRI on Wednesday to determine the seriousness of the injury. "Hopefully it's not too bad," he said. "Maybe it's just a cramp."

Braves: Rookie slugger Austin Riley will not need surgery on his injured right knee and expects to return to the Braves' lineup in about two weeks. The outfielder went on the 10-day injured list Aug. 5 after spraining his knee during a workout. ... The outlook is not as promising for Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson, who continues to rehab a bruised right foot that already has kept him out far longer than expected. He went on the IL retroactive to July 24 and still is not sure when he'll be able to return.

### ROSTER MOVES

New York recalled RHP Drew Gagnon from Triple-A Syracuse for this third stint with the team this season.

Gagnon is 3-1 with a 7.65 ERA in the big leagues. The Mets returned RHP Chris Mazza (0-1, 5.19 ERA in four games) to Syracuse.

The Braves also made a roster move before the game. OF Rafael Ortega was called up from Triple-A Gwinnett, where he was hitting .285 with 21 homers.

To make room for Ortega, the Braves optioned RHP Patrick Weigel to Gwinnett. He has been with Atlanta for eight days over two brief stints, but has yet to make his major league debut.

## SCOREBOARD

### TV, RADIO

**THURSDAY**  
**5 a.m.** – Professional Golf: European PGA Tour D+D Real Czech Masters First Round (GOLF).  
**9 a.m.** – Professional Golf: European PGA Tour D+D Real Czech Masters First Round (GOLF).  
**11 a.m.** – Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Mason, Ohio (TENNIS).  
**11:30 a.m.** – Professional Golf: Korn Ferry Tour Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship First Round from Columbus, Ohio (GOLF).  
**1 p.m.** – Youth Baseball: Little League World Series First-Round Game from Williamsport, Pa. – Curacao vs. Sydney (ESPN).  
**1 p.m.** – Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Mason, Ohio (ESPN2).  
**1 p.m.** – Horse Racing: Races from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**3 p.m.** – Youth Baseball: Little League World Series First-Round Game from Williamsport, Pa. – Barrington, R.I., vs. South Riding, Va. (ESPN).  
**3 p.m.** – PGA Golf: BMW Championship First Round (GOLF).  
**3 p.m.** – Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Miami (MLB NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** – Amateur Golf: U.S. Amateur Round-of-32 and Round-of-16 Matches from Pinehurst, N.C. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**4:30 p.m.** – Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Mason, Ohio (TENNIS).  
**5 p.m.** – Youth Baseball: Little League World Series First-Round Game from Williamsport, Pa. – South Korea vs. Venezuela (ESPN).  
**6:05 p.m.** – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** – Youth Baseball: Little League World Series First-Round Game from Williamsport, Pa. – Coon Rapids, Minn., vs. Bowling Green, Ky. (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** – NASCAR Racing: Gander Outdoors Truck Series UNOH 200 Pole Qualifying from Bristol, Tenn. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7 p.m.** – Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia or Cleveland at New York Yankees (MLB NETWORK).  
**7:15 p.m.** – Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**8 p.m.** – NFL Preseason Football: Oakland at Arizona (ESPN).  
**8:30 p.m.** – NASCAR Racing: Gander Outdoors Truck Series UNOH 200 from Bristol, Tenn. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**9 p.m.** – Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Mason, Ohio (ESPN2).  
**Midnight** – NFL Preseason Football: Green Bay at Baltimore (NFL NETWORK).  
**4 a.m.** – NFL Preseason Football: Cincinnati at Washington (NFL NETWORK).  
**5 a.m.** – Professional Golf: European PGA Tour D+D Real Czech Masters Second Round (GOLF).

## MLB STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

|           | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| New York  | 80 | 41 | .661 | —   |
| Tampa Bay | 71 | 50 | .587 | 9   |
| Boston    | 63 | 59 | .516 | 17½ |
| Toronto   | 51 | 72 | .415 | 30  |
| Baltimore | 39 | 81 | .325 | 40½ |

### Central Division

|             | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Minnesota   | 72 | 47 | .605 | —   |
| Cleveland   | 72 | 48 | .600 | ½   |
| Chicago     | 53 | 65 | .449 | 18½ |
| Kansas City | 43 | 77 | .358 | 29½ |
| Detroit     | 35 | 81 | .302 | 35½ |

### West Division

|             | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Houston     | 78 | 42 | .650 | —   |
| Oakland     | 67 | 52 | .563 | 10½ |
| Texas       | 59 | 60 | .496 | 18½ |
| Los Angeles | 58 | 63 | .479 | 20½ |
| Seattle     | 49 | 71 | .408 | 29  |

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Houston 6, Chicago White Sox 2, 1st game  
N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 3  
Toronto 3, Texas 0  
Boston 7, Cleveland 6, 10 innings  
Seattle 11, Detroit 6  
Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 5  
St. Louis 2, Kansas City 0  
Chicago White Sox 4, Houston 1, 2nd game  
San Francisco 3, Oakland 2  
Pittsburgh 10, L.A. Angels 7  
Tampa Bay 7, San Diego 5

### TODAY'S GAMES

Seattle (Milone 1-7) at Detroit (Turnbull 3-10), 1:10 p.m.  
Cleveland (Plutko 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 8-6), 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Smeltzer 1-2) at Texas (Payano 1-1), 8:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Lopez 7-9) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 1-3), 10:07 p.m.  
Houston (Sanchez 5-14) at Oakland (Fiers 11-3), 10:07 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
Seattle at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
Baltimore at Boston, 7:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
Minnesota at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.  
Houston at Oakland, 10:07 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

|              | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Atlanta      | 71 | 50 | .587 | —   |
| Washington   | 64 | 55 | .538 | 6   |
| New York     | 61 | 58 | .513 | 9   |
| Philadelphia | 61 | 58 | .513 | 9   |
| Miami        | 44 | 74 | .373 | 25½ |

### Central Division

|            | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|----|
| Chicago    | 64 | 55 | .538 | —  |
| St. Louis  | 62 | 55 | .530 | 1  |
| Milwaukee  | 62 | 58 | .517 | 2½ |
| Cincinnati | 56 | 62 | .475 | 7½ |
| Pittsburgh | 50 | 69 | .420 | 14 |

### West Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Los Angeles   | 80 | 41 | .661 | —   |
| Arizona       | 61 | 59 | .508 | 18½ |
| San Francisco | 60 | 60 | .500 | 19½ |
| San Diego     | 55 | 64 | .462 | 24  |
| Colorado      | 53 | 67 | .442 | 26½ |

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 2  
Washington 3, Cincinnati 1  
L.A. Dodgers 15, Miami 1  
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 3  
Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 5  
St. Louis 2, Kansas City 0  
Arizona 9, Colorado 3  
San Francisco 3, Oakland 2  
Pittsburgh 10, L.A. Angels 7  
Tampa Bay 7, San Diego 5

### TODAY'S GAMES

L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 10-2) at Miami (Smith 7-6), 3:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Darvish 4-6) at Philadelphia (Smyly 2-6), 7:05 p.m.  
St. Louis (Wacha 6-5) at Cincinnati (Gray 7-6), 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Stroman 6-11) at Atlanta (Teheran 7-7), 7:20 p.m.  
San Francisco (Samardzija 9-9) at Arizona (Young 4-2), 9:40 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
San Diego at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.  
Miami at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

## MLB LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**BATTING** — LeMahieu, New York, .337; Devers, Boston, .325; Brantley, Houston, .323; Alberto, Baltimore, .320; Martinez, Boston, .312; Merrifield, Kansas City, .306; Lindor, Cleveland, .303; Altuve, Houston, .303; Gurriel, Houston, .302; Bogaerts, Boston, .302  
**RUNS** — Betts, Boston, 109; Devers, Boston, 97; Trout, Los Angeles, 92; Bogaerts, Boston, 91; Bregman, Houston, 90; Semien, Oakland, 87; CSantana, Cleveland, 85; LeMahieu, New York, 84; Merrifield, Kansas City, 83; Kepler, Minnesota, 80.  
**RBI** — Devers, Boston, 93; Trout, Los Angeles, 92; Bogaerts, Boston, 88; Soler, Kansas City, 87; Abreu, Chicago, 84; Gurriel, Houston, 81; LeMahieu, New York, 81; Kepler, Minnesota, 78; Rosario, Minnesota, 78; 2 tied at 76.  
**HITS** — Devers, Boston, 158; Merrifield, Kansas City, 155; LeMahieu, New York, 149; Bogaerts, Boston, 142; Brantley, Houston, 141; Martinez, Boston, 139; Polanco, Minnesota, 139; Betts, Boston, 134; Gurriel, Houston, 133; Semien, Oakland, 132.  
**DOUBLES** — Devers, Boston, 43; Bogaerts, Boston, 40; Castellanos, Chicago, 37; Benintendi, Boston, 35; Brantley, Houston, 33; Merrifield, Kansas City, 33; Gurriel, Houston, 32; Polanco, Minnesota, 31; Ramirez, Cleveland, 31; 3 tied at 30.  
**TRIPLES** — Merrifield, Kansas City, 9; Mondesi, Kansas City, 9; Dozier, Kansas City, 7; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 7; Meadows, Tampa Bay, 7; Smith, Seattle, 7; Gardner, New York, 6; DSantana, Texas, 6; 3 tied at 5.  
**HOME RUNS** — Trout, Los Angeles, 39; Soler, Kansas City, 35; Cruz, Minnesota, 32; Kepler, Minnesota, 32; Encarnacion, New York, 30; Mancini, Baltimore, 29;

Bregman, Houston, 28; Martinez, Boston, 28; CSantana, Cleveland, 27; 5 tied at 26.  
**STOLEN BASES** — Smith, Seattle, 32; Mondesi, Kansas City, 31; Villar, Baltimore, 26; Ramirez, Cleveland, 24; Andrus, Texas, 23; Hamilton, Kansas City, 18; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 18; Lindor, Cleveland, 18; 3 tied at 16.  
**PITCHING** — German, New York, 16-2; Verlander, Houston, 15-4; Cole, Houston, 14-5; Lynn, Texas, 14-8; Morton, Tampa Bay, 13-4; Odorizzi, Minnesota, 13-5; Rodriguez, Boston, 13-5; Bieber, Cleveland, 12-4; Giolito, Chicago, 12-6; Gonzales, Seattle, 12-9.  
**ERA** — Verlander, Houston, 2.82; Cole, Houston, 2.87; Morton, Tampa Bay, 2.90; Minor, Texas, 2.90; Stroman, New York, 2.96; Miley, Houston, 2.99; Bieber, Cleveland, 3.28; Berrios, Minnesota, 3.29; Fiers, Oakland, 3.30; Giolito, Chicago, 3.42.  
**STRIKEOUTS** — Cole, Houston, 226; Sale, Boston, 218; Verlander, Houston, 217; Bieber, Cleveland, 193; Boyd, Detroit, 192; Bauer, Cincinnati, 185; Lynn, Texas, 184; Morton, Tampa Bay, 184; Giolito, Chicago, 171; Minor, Texas, 159.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**BATTING** — Reynolds, Pittsburgh, .338; Yelich, Milwaukee, .333; McNeil, New York, .332; Blackmon, Colorado, .325; Tatis Jr., San Diego, .317; Rendon, Washington, .316; Bellinger, Los Angeles, .316; KMarte, Arizona, .315; Freeman, Atlanta, .311; Dahl, Colorado, .302.

**RUNS** — Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 101; Freeman, Atlanta, 94; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 93; Blackmon, Colorado, 88; Bryant, Chicago, 86; Story, Colorado, 86; Bell, Pittsburgh, 84; Rendon, Washington, 84; Yelich, Milwaukee, 83; 2 tied at 82.

**RBI** — Bell, Pittsburgh, 98; Freeman, Atlanta, 96; Escobar, Arizona, 94; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 90; Rendon, Washington, 90; Arenado, Colorado, 88; Alonso, New York, 85; Yelich, Milwaukee, 85; Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 81; Baez, Chicago, 81.

**HITS** — Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 147; KMarte, Arizona, 146; Albies, Atlanta, 144; Freeman, Atlanta, 144; Blackmon, Colorado, 141; Baez, Chicago, 136; Arenado, Colorado, 135; Yelich, Milwaukee, 134; 3 tied at 132.

**DOUBLES** — Bell, Pittsburgh, 36; Blackmon, Colorado, 32; Baez, Chicago, 32; Story, Colorado, 32; Albies, Atlanta, 31; Bryant, Chicago, 31; McNeil, New York, 31; 4 tied at 30.

**TRIPLES** — Escobar, Arizona, 9; KMarte, Arizona, 8; Albies, Atlanta, 7; Blackmon, Colorado, 7; Eaton, Washington, 6; Rosario, New York, 6; Tatis Jr., San Diego, 6; 5 tied at 5.

**HOME RUNS** — Bellinger, Los Angeles, 39; Yelich, Milwaukee, 39; Alonso, New York, 38; Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 34; Suarez, Cincinnati, 33; Bell, Pittsburgh, 31; Renfro, San Diego, 31; Freeman, Atlanta, 29; Baez, Chicago, 28; Muncy, New Angeles, 28.  
**STOLEN BASES** — Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 28; Dyson, Arizona, 25; Turner, Washington, 25; Yelich, Milwaukee, 23; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 19; Robles, Washington, 17; Story, Colorado, 16; Tatis Jr., San Diego, 16; Margot, San Diego, 15; Wong, St. Louis, 15.

**PITCHING** — Fried, Atlanta, 14-4; Strasburg, Washington, 14-5; Ryu, Los Angeles, 12-2; Castillo, Cincinnati, 11-4; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 11-2; Marquez, Colorado, 11-5; Woodruff, Milwaukee, 11-3; 8 tied at 10.  
**ERA** — Ryu, Los Angeles, 1.45; Soroka, Atlanta, 2.32; Scherzer, Washington, 2.41; deGrom, New York, 2.68; Castillo, Cincinnati, 2.69; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.77; Greinke, Houston, 2.90; Buehler, Los Angeles, 3.08; Gray, Cincinnati, 3.10; Teheran, Atlanta, 3.35.  
**STRIKEOUTS** — Scherzer, Washington, 189; deGrom, New York, 189; Ray, Arizona, 185; Strasburg, Washington, 181; Castillo, Cincinnati, 172; Corbin, Washington, 172; Nola, Philadelphia, 166; Marquez, Colorado, 163; Buehler, Los Angeles, 160; Darvish, Chicago, 158.

## NFL PRESEASON STANDINGS

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

#### East

|             | W | L | T | Pct   |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Buffalo     | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| New England | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Miami       | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| N.Y. Jets   | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |

#### South

|              | W | L | T | Pct   |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Tennessee    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Houston      | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |
| Jacksonville | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |

#### North

|            | W | L | T | Pct   |
|------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Baltimore  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Cleveland  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Cincinnati | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |

#### West

|               | W | L | T | Pct   |
|---------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Kansas City   | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Oakland       | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Denver        | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500  |
| L.A. Chargers | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE East

|              | W | L | T | Pct   |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|
| N.Y. Giants  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Dallas       | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |
| Washington   | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |

#### South

|             | W | L | T | Pct   |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Carolina    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Tampa Bay   | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |
| Atlanta     | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000  |
| New Orleans | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |

#### North

|           | W | L | T | Pct   |
|-----------|---|---|---|-------|
| Minnesota | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Green Bay | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Chicago   | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |
| Detroit   | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |

#### West

|               | W | L | T | Pct   |
|---------------|---|---|---|-------|
| San Francisco | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Seattle       | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Arizona       | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| L.A. Rams     | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000  |

### TODAY'S GAMES

Buffalo 24, Indianapolis 16  
Baltimore 29, Jacksonville 0  
New England 31, Detroit 3  
Cleveland 30, Washington 10  
Tennessee 27, Philadelphia 10  
Miami 34, Atlanta 27  
N.Y. Giants 31, N.Y. Jets 22  
Carolina 23, Chicago 13  
Green Bay 28, Houston 26  
Arizona 17, L.A. Chargers 13  
Seattle 22, Denver 14

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh 30, Tampa Bay 28  
Minnesota 34, New Orleans 25

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

Oakland 14, L.A. Rams 3  
Kansas City 38, Cincinnati 17  
San Francisco 17, Dallas 9

### TODAY, AUG. 15

Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.  
Green Bay at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Washington, 7:30 p.m.  
Oakland at Arizona, 8 p.m.  
Friday, Aug. 16  
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.  
Miami at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 17

Cleveland at Indianapolis, 4 p.m.  
New England at Tennessee, 7 p.m.  
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Dallas vs L.A. Rams at Honolulu, Hawaii, 10 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 18

New Orleans at L.A. Chargers, 4 p.m.  
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Monday, Aug. 19  
San Francisco at Denver, 8 p.m.

## WNBA STANDINGS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

|             | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Washington  | 17 | 7  | .708 | —   |
| Connecticut | 16 | 8  | .667 | 1   |
| Chicago     | 14 | 10 | .583 | 3   |
| Indiana     | 9  | 16 | .360 | 8½  |
| New York    | 8  | 16 | .333 | 9   |
| Atlanta     | 5  | 20 | .200 | 12½ |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

|             | W  | L | Pct  | GB |
|-------------|----|---|------|----|
| Las Vegas   | 17 | 9 | .654 | —  |
| Los Angeles | 15 | 8 | .652 | ½  |



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style of play that has helped his teams have so much success over his career. “Hopefully my style will apply a bit better to this level,” said Samuel. “I think at the high school level it’s a great style of play. We want to pick up full court man-to-man, and make the game as difficult as possible for our opponent to move the ball up and down the court.”

Samuel sees himself in Crestwood for the long haul. “Dr. (principal Shirley) Gamble and Coach Edwards have been wonderful. I’m very loyal to them, and I really appreciate the opportunity that they provided for me and my family. I hope and pray this will be my last stop as a basketball coach. I think Crestwood gives me a chance to put together a program that can sustain success for years to come.”

While Samuel didn’t achieve the same success at the college level that he did at his high school stops, he still sees the experience in a positive light. He earned his Master’s degree while at Coker, and that has afforded him the opportunity to teach a business education course in conjunction to his coaching duties. “I gained a lot of experience off the court and really learned the value of the kids’ education,” said Samuel.

His biggest challenge at Coker was simply juggling the massive roster sizes that come with coaching at an enrollment-driven institution. Last year’s team fluctuated between 20 to 25 players throughout the season. Small private schools like Coker are dependent on large numbers of student-athletes to meet enrollment numbers, but that strategy is often detrimental to the student-athletes that get stuck on the end of the bench of their respective teams.

“You have these large rosters to enhance enrollment, and I ran into a lot of problems and dissatisfaction from kids because of playing time,” said Samuel. “The kids want to play and you have a lot of turnover and then form bad relationships. I think it just got to a point where (some of the players) decided, if they aren’t going to play, then they just aren’t going to participate with the team.”

Crestwood represents a chance at a fresh start for Samuel.

“I told the kids right away our goal is to win a state championship,” said Samuel. “I look forward to being very, very, very strong at home. I think that’s the first step to turning the program around, winning at home and then being competitive on the road. We’re geared up for a comeback year.”

Little League World Series features first girl in 5 years

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Maddy Freking’s left foot points back toward home plate as she assumes her stance inside a mesh batting cage on the grounds of Little League headquarters. The bat head swivels slightly as she stands tall, with that angled left foot helping her stay square to the pitch when it comes.

Details like that are what Freking focuses on.

Another one — the long, blonde ponytail poking out from her helmet as she rips liners into the netting — may pique fans’ interest over the next week or so.

Freking is the starting second baseman on a team from Coon Rapids, Minnesota, that will represent the Midwest Region in the Little League World Series, which starts Thursday.

She’ll become just the 19th girl in history to play in the 72-year history of the Little League World Series, and the first since 2014, the year Mo’ne Davis pitched her way onto the cover of Sports Illustrated.

Minnesota will play opening day against a team from Bowling Green, Kentucky, representing Great Lakes.

“Some people say, ‘Woah,’”

Freking said of the reaction she’s received. “Some think it’s cool, some not so much.”

Freking’s gender hasn’t attracted too much attention yet, and she seems indifferent to whether it ever does. She doesn’t like having her picture taken, she said. And in interviews, she’s concise and to the point — like a lot of 12-and-under Little League players.

Still, Freking and Minnesota manager Greg Bloom have formulated a plan of action as the attention ramps up.

“She’s done well so far,” Bloom said. “We told her if it gets to be too much, just let us know, us coaches, and we’ll try to tell people to take a break. But I’ve warned her to expect to get a lot of attention. This doesn’t happen very often.”

Bloom said he’s coached Freking since she was 10, so this is nothing new for him.

What’s also become somewhat routine is Freking’s excellence on the diamond. Bloom called her the best defensive second baseman he’s seen.

“She’s a vacuum,” he said.

With Minnesota trailing a team from Iowa 5-1 in the fourth inning of the Midwest Regional championship in a

bases-loaded, no out situation, Freking snared a line drive and alertly fired a strike across the diamond to third, where an Iowa runner had strayed too far down the line.

Iowa didn’t score in the inning, and Minnesota rallied for three runs in the fifth and four in the sixth to make it to South Williamsport.

When the ESPN cameras panned to Freking after the play, she remained stone-faced and silent. Actions like that one — not words — are what make Freking one of the leaders on Minnesota’s team, Bloom said.

“She does it by not saying too much,” Bloom said. “It’s how she acts. I know the boys pay attention, which is good.”

Freking, who also plays volleyball and basketball, said baseball is her favorite sport because of the travelling she gets to do.

And, despite the occasional inquiry from one of her female friends, asking if she wants to make the change over to softball, Freking has a simple rationale for sticking with baseball.

“I feel like it’s easier than softball because I’ve been playing it for longer,” Freking said,

and several other good players. I knew it would take some time to build it, but it was an opportunity for me.

“I just looked at it, and I think it is now better for me coaching the girls.”

The Crestwood girls went 19-4 in their first year under Larry Crosby, sharing the Region VI title with Hartsville before losing in the second round of the 4A state playoffs.

Crestwood went 11-13 last year, having its string of region titles snapped at eight.

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while, both can eye each other throughout the regular season just in case they meet again in the SEC title game.

An Alabama team that won every regular-season game by at least 22 points, had to rally to beat the Bulldogs in Atlanta with the SEC title on the line before ultimately getting pummeled 44-16 by Clemson in the national championship game.

“Our mantra now for our guys that we have as a leadership group is to never be satisfied,” said Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, last season’s runner up for the Heisman Trophy. “Early in the season, we’d been beating teams by a lot. Of course you’re going to get satisfied, because you feel invincible as a team. But never being satisfied is the way to go for us. We’ve just got to keep going until we get what we want.”

Georgia safety J.R. Reed says the Bulldogs can’t focus on a potential SEC title game rematch with the Tide.

“We can’t look ahead way down the line, because we might not make it there if we look way down there,” Reed said. “We can’t count our eggs before they hatch.”

Teams like Florida, LSU and Texas A&M are ready to pounce if either favorite falters. All three, like Georgia and Alabama, have high hopes and veteran quarterbacks .

In fact, eight SEC quarterback starters return and four other teams could start graduate transfers.

While Alabama’s nonconference schedule is less formidable than usual, other potential SEC contenders have some big ones. Auburn opens with Oregon in Arlington, Texas. Then on Sept. 7, Texas A&M visits Clemson and LSU is at Texas before Georgia hosts Notre Dame on Sept. 21.

So there should be plenty of drama on the road to Atlanta.

Here are some things to know about the SEC this season:

THE FAVORITES

East: If any team is threatening the SEC supremacy of Alabama’s program, it’s Georgia. The Bulldogs have not only challenged the Tide on the field but on the recruiting trail.

Led by quarterback Jake Fromm , Georgia is the clear favorite to win a third consecutive division title. The Florida Gators are coming off Dan Mullen’s 10-win debut season and Missouri is boosted by the addition of quarterback Kelly Bryant , a former Clemson starter.

West: Alabama remains the favorite, as usual. But

LSU’s Ed Orgeron and Texas A&M’s Jimbo Fisher are trying to build on solid 2018 seasons when the Tiggers won 10 games and the Aggies went 9-4. Auburn, Arkansas, Mississippi and Mississippi State are breaking in new quarterbacks.

TOP PLAYERS

Derrick Brown, DT, Auburn: Opted to return for his senior season though he’s a highly rated NFL prospect. Centerpiece of what could be one of the nation’s top defensive lines.

Grant Delpit , DB, LSU: A unanimous All-American and finalist for the Nagurski Award as the nation’s top defender. Delpit led the league with five interceptions but also had 74 tackles and five sacks.

Fromm, QB, Georgia: One of the nation’s most efficient passers, ranking fifth last season. Has 54 touchdown passes against just 13 interceptions in two seasons as starter.

C.J. Henderson, CB, Florida: The latest standout defensive back for the Gators. Has six interceptions over the past two seasons and returned a pair of them for touchdowns in 2017.

Jerry Jeudy , WR, Alabama: Tagovailoa’s favorite target won the Biletnikoff Award last season and is a bigtime deep threat. Hard to double team because the Tide has so many weapons in the passing game.

Tagovailoa, QB, Alabama: Was the SEC offensive player of the year and lost out on the Heisman to Oklahoma’s Kyler Murray in his first season as the starter. He set Alabama single-season passing records with 43 touchdowns and 3,966 yards.

Andrew Thomas, LT, Georgia: A second-team AP All-American last season, he’s one of the nation’s better offensive linemen. Helps protect Fromm and pave the way for a running game led by D’Andre Swift.

NEW FACES

Sure, every SEC head coach returns for the first time since 2006, but there was plenty of change among coordinators. The league has 11 new offensive and defensive coordinators , with Alabama and Georgia each replacing the play callers on both sides of the ball.

ON THE HOT SEAT

It might be too much to ask for all 14 coaches to survive for a second straight year. The warmest seat going into the season belongs undoubtedly to Auburn’s Gus Malzahn, who’s set to start a freshman quarterback — either Joey Gatewood or Bo Nix — against a difficult schedule.

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stepped down to solely handle athletics director duties. Wilson knew it wasn’t going to be an easy task because of the players that were lost.

“I knew we’d be in a rebuilding process,” Wilson said. “We lost Ja (Morant, who was recently the No. 2 overall pick in the National Basketball Association draft) from that team,

OBITUARIES

ROSA M. WELLS WALKER

Rosa M. Wells Walker, widow of Luther Walker, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Eston Sr. and Rosalie Cook Wells. Rosa received her formal education in the public schools of Sumter County. She was a graduate of Lincoln High School Class of 1961. Mrs. Walker moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she was employed as a nurse technician, until her retirement in 2008. In 2018, she returned to Sumter.

Rosa M. Wells Walker leaves to cherish precious memories: several siblings, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family will be having a private memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials in her name to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 421 S. Main St., SC 29150 or to House of God Church, 414 N. Heyward St., Bishopville, SC 29010.

Condolences may be made on her tribute page found at [www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com](http://www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com).

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MELVIN MULDROW JR.

GABLE — Melvin Muldrow Jr., 72, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019, at his residence, 6285 Trailer Lane, Gable.

He was born March 21, 1947, in Gable, a son of the late Melvin Muldrow Sr. and Ada Burgess Muldrow.

Funeral services for Mr. Muldrow will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Goodwill Presbyterian Church (USA), 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, with the Rev. Dr. Richard Dozier officiating and

Elder Elijah Washington, the Rev. Dr. Franklin Colclough Sr. and the Rev. Dr. Ella F. Busby assisting. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his brother, Herman Muldrow, 6305 Trailer Lane, Gable.

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

DOROTHY MAE MCBRIDE MCCANTS

SUMMERTON — Dorothy Mae McBride McCants, widow of the Rev. Franklin McCants, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2019, at Prisma Health Baptist Hospital, Columbia.

She was a daughter of the late James and Victoria James McBride.

Funeral services for Mrs. McCants will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Spring Hill AME Church, 4309 Bill Davis Road, Summerton, with the Rev. Benjamin Dwight, pastor, presiding, Presiding Elder Eddie L. Gadston Jr. officiating and the Rev. Emma J. Mellerson and the Rev. Marie Harvin assisting. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.



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The family is receiving friends at the home of her sister, Catherine Pearson, 2947 William Brunson Road, Summerton.

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

WILLIE PEE ERVIN JR.

Willie Pee Ervin Jr., 68, widower of Brenda E. Ervin, departed this life on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019, at Atrium Health Pineville in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1950, in Florence a son of the late Willie Sr. and Etta Wingate Ervin.

The family will receive friends at 409 Dorado Drive, Florence, SC 29505.

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

WILLIAM EDMOND LING

William Edmond Ling, age 82, beloved husband of Urusla Ling, died on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

You may go to [www.bullock-funeralhome.com](http://www.bullock-funeralhome.com) and sign the family’s guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



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| LOCAL CHANNELS |    |     |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |              |
| WIS            | 10 | 3   | 10                                                                                                                                                       | WIS News 10 at 7 (N)                           | Entertainment Tonight (N)                                                                                                                        | The Wall "Tomeka and Andre"                                                               |                                                                                                                                                              | Ellen's Game of Games "The Stink Tank Strikes Back" Contestants play for a chance to win.    |                                                                        | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Blackout" A defense attorney is raped. (DVS)          |                                                                                                                                         | WIS News 10 at 11 (N)                                                 | (;34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon John Travolta; Marlon Wayans. (N)     |                                                                                                           |              |
| WLTX           | 19 | 9   | 9                                                                                                                                                        | News 19 at 7pm (N)                             | Inside Edition (N)                                                                                                                               | The Big Bang Theory "The Donation Oscillation" (N) (DVS)                                  | (;31) Young Sheldon (DVS)                                                                                                                                    | Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N) (Live)                                              |                                                                        | Elementary "Their Last Bow" (Series Finale) Holmes receives word of his former love. (N) |                                                                                                                                         | News 19 at 11pm (N)                                                   | (;35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Kirsten Dunst; Adam Devine; Lee Pace. (N) |                                                                                                           |              |
| WOLO           | 25 | 5   | 12                                                                                                                                                       | Wheel of Fortune "Wheel Across America"        | Jeopardy! "Teachers Tournament Week 1"                                                                                                           | Holey Moley "Everyone Can Be Terrible!" An experienced player; a casual player. (N) (DVS) |                                                                                                                                                              | Family Food Fight "The Finale" (Season Finale) The final two family teams compete. (N) (DVS) |                                                                        | Reef Break "The Comeback" A women's surf competition. (N) (DVS)                          |                                                                                                                                         | ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)                                           | (;35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Gerard Butler; David Alan Grier. (N)                       |                                                                                                           |              |
| WRJA           | 27 | 11  | 14                                                                                                                                                       | Rick Steves' Europe                            | Palmetto Scene Cecil Williams; Gullah Songs.                                                                                                     | Reconnecting Roots "Chain of Events"                                                      | Our American Family: The Clarks                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              | Grantchester on Masterpiece Will struggles with a decision. (DVS)      |                                                                                          | Dream With Me: A woman's fight for DACA recipients.                                                                                     |                                                                       | Professor T. "The Legacy" A businessman vanishes.                                  | The This Old House Hour                                                                                   |              |
| WACH           | 57 | 6   | 6                                                                                                                                                        | The Big Bang Theory "The Robotic Manipulation" | The Big Bang Theory                                                                                                                              | MasterChef "Pigging Out" The cooks work with homemade sausage. (N) (DVS)                  |                                                                                                                                                              | Spin the Wheel "Harrole Family" Contestant Angela Harrole. (N) (DVS)                         |                                                                        | WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)                                                           |                                                                                                                                         | Sports Zone                                                           | DailyMailTV (N)                                                                    | TMZ (N)                                                                                                   |              |
| WKTC           | 63 | 4   | 22                                                                                                                                                       | Last Man Standing "House of Tutor"             | Last Man Standing Eve's boyfriend hurts her feelings.                                                                                            | The Outpost "Because She's Worth It" A quest to Talon's childhood home. (N)               |                                                                                                                                                              | Two Sentence Horror Stories "Legacy" (N)                                                     | Two Sentence Horror Stories "Hide" (N)                                 | The Good Wife "Killer Song" Eli tries to help Natalie Flores.                            |                                                                                                                                         | The Good Wife "Wrongful Termination" Cary makes a shocking discovery. |                                                                                    | The Game Brittany's pre-prom party.                                                                       |              |
| CABLE CHANNELS |    |     |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |              |
| A&E            | 46 | 130 | The First 48 A parking lot drug deal turns deadly.                                                                                                       |                                                | The First 48: Drugs Kill A police detective's cousin is murdered. (N)                                                                            |                                                                                           | 60 Days In: Narcoland The drug crisis in America's heartland.                                                                                                |                                                                                              | (:01) 60 Days In: Narcoland "Wired Up"                                 |                                                                                          | (:04) 60 Days In: Narcoland "Undercover Hustle"                                                                                         |                                                                       | (12:03) The First 48: Drugs Kill                                                   |                                                                                                           |              |
| AMC            | 48 | 180 | *** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse, Michael Clarke Duncan. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.             |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       |                                                                                    | ** "The Taking of Pelham 123" (2009, Action) Denzel Washington. Criminals hijack a New York subway train. |              |
| ANPL           | 41 | 100 | Man-Eating Super Croc                                                                                                                                    |                                                | Devoured: Super Snake                                                                                                                            |                                                                                           | Man-Eating Super Squid: Monster                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              | Killer Whales: The Mega Hunt                                           |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       | Super Squid                                                                        |                                                                                                           |              |
| BET            | 61 | 162 | (6:30) ** "Big Momma's House" (2000, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, Paul Giamatti. An FBI agent goes under cover to protect a woman and her son.     |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           | ** "Shaft" (2000, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa L. Williams, Jeffrey Wright. A former cop vows to bring a murderous racist to justice.                  |                                                                                              | A former cop vows to                                                   |                                                                                          | Martin "Martin Returns"                                                                                                                 |                                                                       | (12:04) Martin "I've Got Work to Do"                                               |                                                                                                           |              |
| BRAVO          | 47 | 181 | (6:30) Million Dollar Listing New York Fredrik may need to go back in time.                                                                              |                                                | Million Dollar Listing New York Steve's event features ax throwing.                                                                              |                                                                                           | Million Dollar Listing New York Ryan pitches a smart-home paradise. (N)                                                                                      |                                                                                              | Flipping Exes "Hell on Heels" The exes work with an iffy investor.     |                                                                                          | Watch What Happens Live                                                                                                                 |                                                                       | Million Dollar Listing New York Ryan pitches a smart-home paradise.                |                                                                                                           |              |
| CNBC           | 35 | 84  | Shark Tank All-inclusive project kits.                                                                                                                   |                                                | Shark Tank                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                           | Shark Tank                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                              | Shark Tank (DVS)                                                       |                                                                                          | Shark Tank                                                                                                                              |                                                                       | Shark Tank                                                                         |                                                                                                           |              |
| CNN            | 3  | 80  | Erin Burnett OutFront (N)                                                                                                                                |                                                | Anderson Cooper 360 (N)                                                                                                                          |                                                                                           | Anderson Cooper 360: The Stephen                                                                                                                             |                                                                                              | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)                                         |                                                                                          | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)                                                                                                          |                                                                       | Anderson Cooper                                                                    |                                                                                                           |              |
| COM            | 57 | 136 | (6:50) The Office "Lecture Circuit"                                                                                                                      | (;25) The Office "Blood Drive"                 | The Office "Golden Ticket"                                                                                                                       |                                                                                           | The Office "New Boss"                                                                                                                                        | The Office "Two Weeks"                                                                       | The Office "Dream Team"                                                | The Office                                                                               | The Office "Heavy Competition"                                                                                                          | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah                                       | (;35) Lights Out With David Spade                                                  | (12:05) South Park "The Losing Edge"                                                                      |              |
| DISN           | 18 | 200 | (6:05) "Descendants 3" (2019) Dove Cameron, Sofia Carson.                                                                                                |                                                | Bunk'd                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                           | Bunk'd                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                              | Raven's Home                                                           |                                                                                          | Coop & Cami Ask the World                                                                                                               | Coop & Cami Ask the World                                             | Raven's Home                                                                       | Bunk'd                                                                                                    |              |
| DSC            | 42 | 103 | Naked and Afraid "Eye of the Storm"                                                                                                                      |                                                | Naked and Afraid "The Hunted"                                                                                                                    |                                                                                           | Naked and Afraid "Haunted and Hostile" A rainforest punishes survivalists. (N)                                                                               |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       |                                                                                    | Naked and Afraid                                                                                          |              |
| ESPN           | 26 | 35  | Monday Night Countdown (N)                                                                                                                               |                                                | NFL Preseason Football Oakland Raiders at Arizona Cardinals. From State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. (N) (Live)                               |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         | SportsCenter (N) (Live)                                               |                                                                                    | SportsCenter (N)                                                                                          |              |
| ESPN2          | 27 | 39  | 2019 Little League World Series                                                                                                                          |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           | ATP/WTA Tennis Western & Southern Open, Round of 16. From Cincinnati. (N)                                                                                    |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         | ATP Tennis Western & Southern Open, Round of 16.                      |                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |              |
| FOOD           | 40 | 109 | Chopped Epic burger masterpieces.                                                                                                                        |                                                | Chopped "Grilled: Big Barbecue Bout"                                                                                                             |                                                                                           | BBQ Brawl: Flay V. Symon "Winging It"                                                                                                                        |                                                                                              | Beat Bobby Flay                                                        |                                                                                          | Beat Bobby Flay                                                                                                                         | Beat Bobby Flay                                                       | Beat Bobby Flay                                                                    | BBQ Brawl                                                                                                 |              |
| 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) *** "Matilda" (1996) Mara Wilson. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.                                                     |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           | *** "Pitch Perfect" (2012, Musical Comedy) Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Rebel Wilson. College students enter an a cappella competition.                      |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          | The 700 Club                                                                                                                            |                                                                       | ** "Sweet Home Alabama"                                                            |                                                                                                           |              |
| FSS            | 21 | 47  | (:15) MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)                                                            |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              | (:15) Braves Live! Postgame (N) (Live)                                 |                                                                                          | MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves.                                                                                           |                                                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |              |
| HALL           | 52 | 183 | "Love Under the Rainbow" (2019, Romance) Jodie Sweetin, David Haydn-Jones, Dakota Guppy. A teacher finds herself falling for a widowed architect.        |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           | "My Summer Prince" (2016, Romance) Taylor Cole, Jack Turner, Lauren Holly. A prince lands in hot water for his partying ways.                                |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          | The Golden Girls                                                                                                                        |                                                                       | The Golden Girls                                                                   | The Golden Girls "Once, in St. Olaf"                                                                      |              |
| HGTV           | 39 | 112 | Flip or Flop                                                                                                                                             |                                                | Flip or Flop                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                           | Flip or Flop                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                              | House Hunters (N)                                                      |                                                                                          | Hunters Int'l                                                                                                                           |                                                                       | Going for Sold (N)                                                                 | House Hunters                                                                                             | Flip or Flop |
| HIST           | 45 | 110 | Ax Men "The Longest Road"                                                                                                                                |                                                | Ax Men "Whiteout" (N) (DVS)                                                                                                                      |                                                                                           | Mountain Men "All or Nothing" (N)                                                                                                                            |                                                                                              | (:03) Alone "Thin Ice" The lake freezes.                               |                                                                                          | (:05) Alone "Thin Ice" The lake freezes.                                                                                                |                                                                       | (12:03) Ax Men                                                                     |                                                                                                           |              |
| ION            | 13 | 18  | Chicago P.D. Halstead is faced with a robbery crew.                                                                                                      |                                                | Chicago P.D. "Kasual With a K" Looking for an abducted woman.                                                                                    |                                                                                           | Chicago P.D. "If We Were Normal" The team searches for a kidnapper.                                                                                          |                                                                                              | Chicago P.D. "In a Duffel Bag" A cold and unmoving baby is discovered. |                                                                                          | Chicago P.D. "Justice" Burgess stands accused after a shooting.                                                                         |                                                                       | Chicago P.D. "She's Got Us"                                                        |                                                                                                           |              |
| LIFE           | 50 | 145 | Wife Swap "Bailey/Downs" Workaholic; overprotective.                                                                                                     |                                                | Little Women: LA Terra finalizes plans for her retreat. (N)                                                                                      |                                                                                           | Little Women: LA "Big Little Retreat" Christy seeks advice from Tonya. (N)                                                                                   |                                                                                              | (:03) Little Women: LA Christy shares dark marriage secrets.           |                                                                                          | (:03) Little Women: LA "Big Little Retreat" Christy seeks advice from Tonya.                                                            |                                                                       | (12:01) Little Women: LA                                                           |                                                                                                           |              |
| MSNBC          | 36 | 92  | Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)                                                                                                                         |                                                | All In With Chris Hayes (N)                                                                                                                      |                                                                                           | The Rachel Maddow Show (N)                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                              | The Last Word                                                          |                                                                                          | The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)                                                                                                   |                                                                       | Rachel Maddow                                                                      |                                                                                                           |              |
| NICK           | 16 | 210 | American Ninja Warrior                                                                                                                                   |                                                | ** "Tooth Fairy" (2010) Dwayne Johnson. A hockey player must serve time as a real tooth fairy.                                                   |                                                                                           | Friends                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                              | Friends                                                                |                                                                                          | Friends                                                                                                                                 |                                                                       | Friends                                                                            |                                                                                                           |              |
| PARMT          | 64 | 153 | Mom                                                                                                                                                      |                                                | Mom                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                           | *** "The Dark Knight Rises" (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane.                               |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       | Star Trek Beyond                                                                   |                                                                                                           |              |
| SYFY           | 58 | 152 | (6:00) ** "Blade 2: Bloodhunt" (2002) Wesley Snipes. A vampire hunter unites with his prey against a new threat.                                         |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           | *** "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device.                                |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          | Krypton "The Alpha and the Omega" Seg faces off against General Zod.                                                                    |                                                                       | ** "Blade" (1998, Horror)                                                          |                                                                                                           |              |
| TBS            | 24 | 156 | The Big Bang Theory                                                                                                                                      | The Big Bang Theory                            | The Big Bang Theory                                                                                                                              | The Big Bang Theory                                                                       | Chasing the Cure "Chasing the Cure 102" Doctors diagnose medical mysteries. (N) (Live)                                                                       |                                                                                              | The Big Bang Theory                                                    |                                                                                          | Conan Orlando Bloom; Cara Delevingne.                                                                                                   |                                                                       | Brooklyn Nine-Nine                                                                 |                                                                                                           |              |
| TCM            | 49 | 186 | (6:00) *** "Al Capone" (1959) Rod Steiger, Fay Spain.                                                                                                    |                                                | *** "In the Heat of the Night" (1967, Crime Drama) Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger. A Southern sheriff and a black detective team up on a case.      |                                                                                           | *** "A Fistful of Dynamite" (1971, Western) Rod Steiger, James Coburn, Romolo Valli. An Irish explosives expert brings a Mexican bandit into the revolution. |                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |              |
| TLC            | 43 | 157 | Dr. Pimple Popper                                                                                                                                        |                                                | Dr. Pimple Popper "Mic Drop Pop!"                                                                                                                |                                                                                           | Dr. Pimple Popper "This is Zit" (N)                                                                                                                          |                                                                                              | (:02) Untold Stories of the E.R. (N)                                   |                                                                                          | (:02) My Crazy Birth Story (N)                                                                                                          |                                                                       | Dr. Pimple Popper                                                                  |                                                                                                           |              |
| TNT            | 23 | 158 | (6:00) *** "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth. The Avengers reassemble to battle a technological villain. (DVS) |                                                |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                           | Chasing the Cure "Chasing the Cure 102" Doctors diagnose medical mysteries. (N) (Live)                                                                       |                                                                                              | Doctors diagnose                                                       |                                                                                          | ** "Jack Reacher" (2012, Action) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike, Robert Duvall. A former military investigator probes a sniper attack. (DVS) |                                                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |              |
| TRUTV          | 38 | 129 | Impractical Jokers                                                                                                                                       | Impractical Jokers                             | Impractical Jokers                                                                                                                               | Impractical Jokers                                                                        | Impractical Jokers "Fraudway" (N)                                                                                                                            |                                                                                              | Impractical Jokers                                                     |                                                                                          | Impractical Jokers                                                                                                                      |                                                                       | Impractical Jokers                                                                 |                                                                                                           |              |
| TV LAND        | 55 | 161 | Andy Griffith Show                                                                                                                                       | Andy Griffith Show                             | Love-Raymond                                                                                                                                     | Love-Raymond                                                                              | Love-Raymond                                                                                                                                                 | Love-Raymond                                                                                 | Two and Half Men                                                       | Two and Half Men                                                                         | King of Queens                                                                                                                          | King of Queens                                                        | King of Queens                                                                     | King of Queens                                                                                            |              |
| USA            | 25 | 132 | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit                                                                                                                        |                                                | ** "San Andreas" (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. (DVS) |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              | Queen of the South Teresa's closest allies make decisions. (N)         |                                                                                          | (:01) Pearson Kerl's past comes back to haunt her.                                                                                      |                                                                       | (12:01) Queen of the South                                                         |                                                                                                           |              |
| WE             | 68 | 166 | Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta                                                                                                                               |                                                | Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta                                                                                                                       |                                                                                           | Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta (N)                                                                                                                               |                                                                                              | Beyond the Pole (N)                                                    |                                                                                          | Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta                                                                                                              |                                                                       | Beyond the Pole                                                                    |                                                                                                           |              |
| WGNA           | 8  | 172 | Last Man Standing                                                                                                                                        |                                                | Last Man Standing                                                                                                                                |                                                                                           | Last Man Standing                                                                                                                                            | Last Man Standing                                                                            | Last Man Standing                                                      | Last Man Standing                                                                        | Last Man Standing                                                                                                                       | Last Man Standing                                                     | Last Man Standing                                                                  | Married ... With                                                                                          |              |

# ‘Why Women Kill’ is fun, over-the-top dramedy

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

TV creator Marc Cherry has one story, and he’s sticking to it. While promoting his hit ABC series “Desperate Housewives,” Cherry recalled speaking with his mother about a ghastly news report of a mother drowning her children. While he couldn’t understand how anyone could do that, his mother, he recalled, understood too well.

Her insight into how seemingly placid domestic scenes could turn homicidal inspired “Housewives,” as well as the new drama-comedy “**Why Women Kill**,” streaming today on CBS All Access.

“Kill” offers three overlapping tales set in the same Pasadena mansion, decades apart, each resulting in a marriage ending in death. In 1963, Beth Ann (Ginnifer Goodwin, “Big Love”) discovers that her cold engineer husband (Jack Davenport) takes her for granted and has begun to stray. Dressed to the hilt in 1984 fashions, Lucy Liu plays Simone, a diva of a wife shocked to find out about her husband’s attraction to other men. Present-day lawyer Taylor (Kirby Howell-Baptiste) enjoys a bisexual open marriage with her screenwriter husband (Reid Scott) until he

becomes a bit too familiar with her latest sapphic fling.

Nobody who has ever watched “Desperate Housewives” or Cherry’s Lifetime series “Devious Maids” should expect subtlety here. The emphasis is on the obvious, stylishly delivered with a bit of a wink. The producers had great fun evoking period fashion, accessories, cars, furniture and other details.

It’s refreshing to find Liu having fun in this over-the-top production. Her turn as Watson in “Elementary,” ending its run on CBS tonight, had become a tad too glum.

• On two helpings of “**Two Sentence Horror Stories**” (CW, TV-14), an abusive father returns from the grave (9 p.m.), a nanny drops the ball (9:30 p.m.).

This horror anthology, along with every other CW series, can be streamed on the CW app. Unlike apps for many network and cable channels, the CW app is an ad-supported streaming site that requires no password or proof of cable subscription. Simply download it to a smart TV device like Apple TV or a Roku or your tablet or PC, and you can watch CW series beginning the day after they are broadcast.

## TONIGHT’S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Arizona Cardinals host the Oakland Raiders in **NFL pre-season action** (8 p.m., ESPN).
- Moriarty may return on the series finale of “**Elementary**” (10 p.m., CBS, TV-PG).
- A lawyer’s rape at a police banquet shocks Benson on “**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**” (10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).
- A women’s surfing competition turns deadly on “**Reef Break**” (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- Christine suffers pie-baking-contest anxiety on “**Baskets**” (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

## SERIES NOTES

Donor anxiety on “**The Big Bang Theory**” (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) \* A trip back in time on “**The Outpost**” (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) \* Mary’s crisis of faith on “**Young Sheldon**” (8:30 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG).

## CULT CHOICE

A daylong salute to Rod Steiger sees him playing a Mexican revolutionary in the 1971 spaghetti Western “**A Fistful of Dynamite**” (10 p.m., TCM, TV-14), directed by Sergio Leone. The film was also released as “Once Upon A Time ... the Revolution”



ALI GOLDSTEIN / CBS

Ginnifer Goodwin, left, stars as Beth-Ann and Alicia Coppola as Sheila in the “Murder Means Never Having to Say You’re Sorry” episode of “**Why Women Kill**,” now streaming on CBS All Access.

and “Duck, You Sucker!”

## LATE NIGHT

Mark Sanford is booked on “**The Daily Show With Trevor Noah**” (11 p.m., Comedy Central) \* Orlando Bloom and Cara Delevingne are on “**Conan**” (11 p.m., TBS, r) \* Todd Glass, Robin Thede and Jeff Garlin appear on “**Lights Out With David Spade**” (11:30 p.m., Comedy Central) \* Kirsten Dunst, Adam Devine and Lee Pace are booked on “**The Late Show With**

**Stephen Colbert**” (11:35 p.m., CBS) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes John Travolta, Marlon Wayans, Mary Beth Keane and Caroline Jones on “**The Tonight Show**” (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Gerard Butler, David Alan Grier and the Avett Brothers appear on “**Jimmy Kimmel Live**” (11:35 p.m., ABC) \* Michael Douglas, Will Forte and Nicole Byer appear on “**The Late Late Show With James Corden**” (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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# ‘Chrisley Knows Best’ stars charged with federal tax evasion

BY KATE BRUMBACK

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A federal grand jury in Atlanta on Tuesday indicted reality television stars Todd and Julie Chrisley on charges including tax evasion, alleging among other things that they tried to hide their income from “Chrisley Knows Best” from the IRS.

The 12-count indictment also accuses the pair of conspiracy, bank fraud and wire fraud.

“The allegations contained in the indictment are based on complete falsehoods. The Chrisleys are innocent of all charges,” Chrisley attorneys Bruce H. Morris and Stephen Friedberg said in an emailed statement.

Accountant Peter Tarantino, 56, was charged in the indictment with conspiracy to defraud the United States and aiding the filing of a false tax return. A woman who answered the phone at his office outside Atlanta on Tuesday afternoon said he was with a client and would have no comment.

“Chrisley Knows Best” follows the tight-knit, boisterous family living in the Nashville area. Much of the series emphasizes Todd Chrisley’s obsessive yet comedic efforts to keep tabs on three of his kids, two of whom are in their 20s, and his mother.

The series has aired on USA for seven seasons and recently premiered a spinoff called “Growing Up Chrisley,” featuring his kids Chase and Savannah, who move to Los Angeles. Todd Chrisley also briefly hosted a talk show, “According to Chrisley,” for the network. Todd, 51, and Julie Chrisley, 46, also have a podcast called “Chrisley Confessions.”

A representative for NBCUniversal, which owns USA, declined to comment. The family moved to Tennessee a few years ago, but the criminal charges stem from when they lived in Atlanta’s northern suburbs, U.S. Attorney Byung J. BJay Pak said.

Todd Chrisley denied any wrongdoing in a lengthy Instagram post Monday. He said he was aware that he and his wife

were going to be named in a federal indictment for tax evasion “and probably a bunch of other financial crimes as well.”

In his post, Chrisley said the charges stem from a dispute with an unidentified former employee who he said was fired after the Chrisleys discovered in 2012 that he was stealing from them. The former employee then retaliated by bringing phony documents to the U.S. attorney’s office and told prosecutors the Chrisleys had committed financial crimes, Chrisley wrote.

“I’m telling you all this now because we have nothing to hide and have done nothing to be ashamed of,” he wrote. “Not only do we know we’ve done nothing wrong, but we’ve got a ton of hard evidence and a bunch of corroborating witnesses that proves it.”

Pak said at a news conference Tuesday that he was aware of Chrisley’s post and that the former employee is identified in the indictment as “Co-conspirator A.” Pak said Chrisley “directed the falsifying or creation of false documents

and directed Co-conspirator A to submit them” to banks.

The scheme, which lasted from 2007 to 2012, involved submitting fake bank and financial statements to financial institutions to get loans worth millions, “much of which they used for their own personal benefit,” the indictment says.

The Chrisleys also sent a fabricated credit report and bank statements showing far more money than was actually in their accounts to a California property owner in July 2014 when they were trying to rent a home, the indictment says. They submitted documents that had been “physically cut and then glued or taped together.”

They got the lease and began using the property but then refused to pay the October 2014 rent, prompting the property owner to threaten them with eviction, the indictment says.

“It’s clear that Mr. and Mrs. Chrisley were starring in a TV show and they were compensated handsomely as a result,” Pak said. “That money was hidden from the IRS.”



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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2019-CP-43-00984**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Kevin Bennett, Plaintiff,  
-v-  
Shannon J. Brown, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: SHANNON J. BROWN:

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, on the 16th day of May 2019, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm L.L.C., at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for

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an Order declaring you, the Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the Complaint filed with this Court on May 16, 2019. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

**John D. Clark, Esquire**  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
22 East Liberty Street  
P.O. Drawer 880  
Sumter, SC 29151

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2019-CP-43-01037**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Jeremiah Ford, Plaintiff,  
-v-  
Catherina L. Ballard, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: CATHERINA L. BALLARD:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

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and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, on the 22ND day of May 2019, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm L.L.C., at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for an Order declaring you, the Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the Complaint filed with this Court on May 22, 2019. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

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