

Experts: Rain won't ease drought much

NWS says this week's weather won't put significant dent in state's worsening conditions

BY JIM HILLEY jim@theitem.com Rain predicted to fall in South Carolina beginning tonight will do little to offer long-term drought relief in the eastern portion of the Palmetto State, said Rich Okulski, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service in Columbia. "Just because it's going to rain, it doesn't mean it's going to put a significant dent in the ongoing drought," he said. On Nov. 22, NWS issued a statement saying drought conditions continue to worsen across the western Midlands and north-central Savannah River area in Georgia. The drought has led to numerous forest fires in the region, NWS said. Very dry conditions continue over much of Georgia with much of northern, central SEE DROUGHT, PAGE A6

SHS grad breaks into movie industry



John DeLuca, as "Chet," and Maddy Curley as "Apple" talk in a scene from the movie "Chalk It Up," produced and co-written by Sumter High graduate Brooke Buffington.

Buffington helped write the script for film she produced

BY JIM HILLEY jim@theitem.com

Sumter High School graduate Brooke Buffington said filming an entire 90-min-



BUFFINGTON

ute movie in 12 days can be "maddening." "A lot of people have to work together to make what you see on screen," she said. Buffington, who accepted an athletic scholarship to join the gymnastics team at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill after gradu-

ating from SHS in 1997, has long had an interest in screen writing, she said. Eventually, she partnered with actress and screen writer Maddy Curley to work on the script which became "Chalk it Up," a movie about a rejected college "girly girl" who begins a gymnastics team at her college to impress her ex-boyfriend. Curley has appeared in numerous TV series such as "Olympia" and "Cold

Case" and the movie "Stick It" starring Jeff Bridges. Together, Buffington and Curley had produced two short films and a portfolio of pilot scripts for TV, Buffington said. When she is not teaming up with Curley to write, Buffington is the associate director of career services at Elon University, a private, liberal arts school in Elon, SEE MOVIE, PAGE A5

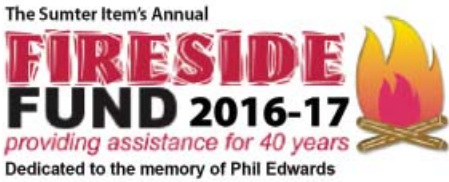
Mulvaney says Trump policies are uncertain

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U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney said he has "no idea" what policies Donald Trump will pursue as president. "You can look at some things he said on the campaign trail and find instances where he said the exact opposite," Mulvaney said as he addressed Sumter Rotary Club on Monday during a luncheon at the O'Donnell House in Sumter. He said he did expect the new president to spend his first hours in office rescinding executive orders issued by President Obama. "Those are easy for an incoming president to undo," he said. The Republican representing the Fifth Congressional District said he will be able to get a lot of things done for his constituents he couldn't do during the Obama administration. "If you have something that is impacting your business, let me know," he said. Now re-elected for a fourth term in the House of Representatives, Mulvaney said to expect the House to be in session "non-stop" from Jan. 3, 2017, into March. He said Congress will make heavy use of the 1996 Congressional Review Bill, which was part of former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America." The act allows Congress to SEE POLICIES, PAGE A6

Heating fuel can be an immediate need for many in the area

BY JIM HILLEY jim@theitem.com Though some people in Sumter County have heating that is 100 percent electric and paid on a monthly basis, many residents use heating sources which are paid on an "as-needed" basis, said Sumter United Ministries Director's Assistant Kathy Hunter.



"Many of our clients use kerosene for true, radiant heat in mobile homes and older houses that are drafty,"

Hunter said. "Some clients even use portable propane tanks that connect to a pipe inside to heat their homes." In each case, when the supply has been used, the need becomes immediate. "Unlike monthly utility bills, these customers will have no heat source without urgent assistance," Hunter said. She said the charity's Crisis Relief

Ministry interviews clients for every type of heat source imaginable. "In most cases, we are readily available to assist in a short time span to ensure that clients will have the heat they need," Hunter said. "Without financial assistance, many Sumter County residents would go without heat for periods of time."

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Friday house fire victim in critical condition

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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REMBERT — One of the victims of a house fire in the 4100 block of Victoria Pol-lard Road in Rembert on Fri-day is in critical condition at Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Georgia, after she was burned during the early morning blaze.

Alpha Clea, 74, and her husband, 78-year-old David Clea, were flown to the burn center for their injuries that also include smoke inhala-

tion. David Clea has since been treated for his injuries and released, according to Lynthia Owens, a represen-tative in the Joseph M. Still Burn Center media depart-ment.

According to an incident report from Sumter Fire De-partment, Sarah Benjamin, the Cleas’ daughter, removed the couple from the resi-dence after she discovered the house was on fire. She then took her parents to Kershaw County Medical Center in Camden before

they were flown to Georgia.

Benjamin was transported from the scene by Sumter County Emergency Medical Services and received treat-ment for minor burns and smoke inhalation from local health care professionals.

When firefighters arrived at 3:18 a.m., the 1,200-square-foot mobile home was heav-ily involved, and a portion of the structure had collapsed. Firefighters had the blaze under control about 6:45 a.m.

The structure is consid-

ered a total loss with approx-imately \$12,000 in damage and \$10,000 in lost contents.

According to the report, the cause of the fire is unde-termined.

Another house fire on Fri-day in the 2000 block of Goodman Road in Lynch-burg resulted in approx-imately \$15,000 in damage to the structure and about \$2,000 in lost contents, ac-cording to an incident re-port.

Approximately \$25,000 of the 1,600-square-foot mobile

home and \$23,000 in contents were saved, according to the incident report.

The call for the fire came in about 8:30 p.m., and fire-fighters arrived about 8:55 p.m. and had the fire under control at approximately 9:45 p.m.

It was determined that the blaze started as a grease fire in the kitchen that later spread to a portion of the attic.

No injuries were reported at the time the incident re-port was completed.

STATE BRIEF

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS

Church shooting suspect will act as his own attorney

CHARLESTON — The white man ac-cused of fatally shooting nine black pa-rishioners at a church was allowed Monday to act as his own attorney, opening the door to courtroom specta-cles at his death penalty trial, includ-ing Dylann Roof questioning survivors of the attack and relatives of the dead.

Roof’s decision to represent himself comes months after he offered to plead guilty in exchange for the promise of life in prison.

But federal prosecutors have refused to take the death penalty off the table in the slayings at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

Until now, Roof has been represented by one of the nation’s most respected capital defenders.

CORRECTION

In Sunday’s edition of *The Sumter Item*, in the story “Hoping for a mira-cle,” it was incorrectly reported that Denny Stevens is on dialysis and that he is no longer employed. Stevens is not on dialysis and is still employed. It was also incorrectly reported that Ste-vens’ son is Preston Anderson. Ander-son is Stevens’ grandson.

1 injured in rollover wreck



Sumter County Emergency Medical Services load a victim into a flight-for-life helicopter Monday after a rollover wreck on Mc-Crays Mill Road near Santa Fe Trail. No other details were available Monday.

Sunday’s free Festival of Choirs ushers in sacred season

BY IVY MOORE
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Forty-six years have passed since the Woman’s Afternoon Music Club started its annual Festival of Choirs. The pro-gram of Christmas music held on the Sunday afternoon nearest the first Sunday of Advent has become known through the years as the har-binger of the sacred Christ-mas season in Sumter.

Beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church, choirs from several local churches, as well as the Sumter Civic Chorale and the Woman’s Afternoon Music Club Ensemble, will each per-form a specially selected piece of music for the season of Ad-vent, the period Christians recognize as the beginning of the church year. Advent be-

gins on the fourth Sunday be-fore Christmas — Nov. 27 this year — and ends on Christ-mas Eve.

The four weeks, especially the Sundays, preceding Christmas are special times to meditate not only on Christ’s birth more than 2,000 years ago, but also on his second coming, or advent, at an un-known point in the future.

The 47th Annual Festival of Choirs concert will open with a prelude by Trinity United Methodist Church organist Beth Lewallen, who will play Trinity’s new harpsichord; she will be followed by the Trinity Ringers, directed by Charles Haraway, playing “Bells Ringing Angels Sing-ing,” which incorporates “Ding, Dong Merrily on High,” a traditional carol, along with “Angels from the

Realms of Glory” by Henry T. Smart, all arranged by Dan Edwards.

Spirituality and great hap-piness in anticipation of the second coming are reflected in the hymns and carols per-formed by each ensemble.

Sunday’s program will in-clude the following choirs and selections:

- First Baptist Church, di-rected by Jake Ferrell, pre-senting “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” by Tom Fettke, with accompaniment by Michael Baier on cello, Debbie Hudson on piano and Walter S. Wilson Jr. on organ.
- The Sumter Civic Cho-rale, directed by Paul Frey, will perform “All on a Starry Night,” with words by J. Paul Williams and music by Jo-seph Graham. Anne Dave will accompany the chorale

on piano.

- The Woman’s Afternoon Music Club Ensemble, direct-ed by Betty Shofner, will pres-ent “A La Nanita Nana (with Coventry Carol),” a tradition-al Spanish melody joined with a traditional carol, all ar-ranged by Greg Gilpin. Piano accompaniment is by Susan Hutson.
- The Church of the Holy Comforter choir, directed by Danielle Sekel, will present “Sanctus,” a Latin piece ar-ranged by Sherri Porterfield. Floride McKoy will accompa-ny the choir on piano.
- The St. James Lutheran Church choir, directed and ac-companied on the organ by William Scobee, will present “Bell Carol” by William Math-ias.
- The First Presbyterian Church choir, directed by Joni

Brown, will present “Morning of Promise (Veni, Emmanu-el)” by Joseph M. Martin. Ac-companists will be Barbara Rearden on flute and Hamil-ton Stoddard on piano.

- Trinity United Methodist Church choir will be directed by Charles Haraway in sing-ing the traditional carol “In Dulci Jubilo,” arranged by Matthew Culloton.

As has been customary for many years, the final selec-tion in the program will be the joyous Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah, sung by all the choirs and directed by Charles Haraway. They will be accompanied by Beth Lewallen on organ and Ste-phen Winn on timpani.

The public is invited to the 3 p.m. concert at Trinity UMC, 226 W. Liberty St. Admission is free.

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Say Y.E.S. to a student

Opera House launches education fund

A pirate taught 10-year-old Crystal about cloud formations and nautical terms.

Jackie, 16, discovered that Shakespeare “liked to write about the same stuff I do.”

And Samantha, just 5, stayed behind at her school because her family couldn’t afford a field trip.

In Sumter, as in other school districts, there are children who must miss the opportunity to experience and learn through the arts because their families simply cannot pay for them. Most teachers must ask students to bring money from home to attend a performance with their class. For some students, this is simply not an option, and they are unable to go.

Sumter Opera House understands the power of the arts, and we passionately believe that all children should have access to the arts regardless of their economic status.

In an effort to increase access to the arts, Sumter Opera House is excited to launch our Youth Education Scholarship Fund.

This new program will provide tickets to students with economic hardships to offset some of the costs associated with seeing a performance. Donors to the Y.E.S. Fund would then make it possible for thousands of children in the Pee Dee region to experience the arts regardless of economic circumstances.

A donation means everything to a child who wants to go on a field trip with his or her class. All it takes is \$10 to say “Yes” to a child like Samantha. It is even possible to sponsor an entire classroom for \$250.

Why are live performances important? Bringing students to a live theatrical performance challenges them to

watch and reflect critically — and to connect personal experience to universal themes, via the arts. Exposure to live theater ignites a child’s imagination in a unique way, opening the door to a



Seth Reimer

greater understanding of the world and a life-long love of the arts.

In addition, live arts are a remarkable carrier of delight and excitement. These and other positive emotions are among humans’ most vital resources: They attract others, lift our mood and protect us from sadness and illness. In a world where families and children experience trauma from violence, war and natural disasters, music and the other arts can play a powerful role in their healing.

Donations to the Y.E.S. Fund would also help us send artists into local classrooms to lead workshops for teachers and students. This double exposure between live performances and in-school workshops deepens learning, provides students with positive role models and expands the arts experience beyond the walls of the theater.

When asked whether this process of double exposure works, an R.E. Davis Elementary School teacher responded: “Wonderful, educational performance; this is the way kids need to learn.”



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Sumter Opera House has begun a unique scholarship to fund field trips and tickets to cultural events for young students whose parents cannot afford to pay for them. The Youth Education Scholarship fund will enrich not just the students’ appreciation of the arts, but can also improve reading, writing, math and science skills, improve school attendance and provide other benefits.

Arts education develops the very talents that business leaders, educators and parents feel are needed for students to be creative problem solvers, analytical thinkers, collaborative workers and discerning in their relationships with others. For example, children who study the arts are:

- Four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement;
- Elected to class office within their schools three times as often;
- Four times more likely to participate in math and science fairs;
- Three times more likely to win an award for school attendance; and
- Four times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem.

(Source: NGA Center for Best Practices’ Impact of Arts Education on Workforce Preparation)

For many children in Sum-

ter County, a field trip to Sumter Opera House is their first exposure to a live performing arts event. We don’t want it to be their last.

Sumter Opera House is dedicated to building an arts community throughout the county and will seek to strengthen relationships with community partners such as Sumter School District and Sumter County Cultural Commission in order to continue providing these arts education opportunities for students. Collaborative efforts combined with the Y.E.S. Fund will make it possible for thousands of students to experience the arts.

Today, Nov. 29, is Giving Tuesday (#GivingTuesday). Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-the-year giving. Support #GivingTuesday by saying “yes” to a field trip, “yes” to artists in school and “yes” to a student.

If you wish to make a donation to the Y.E.S. Fund, stop by Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., call the box office at (803) 436-2616, or simply check the box and add a donation during your next online ticket purchase at www.SumterOperaHouse.com. Your donation will help say “YES” to children like Samantha.

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Japanese woman reclaims U.S. identity in 6-decade journey

KASHIWA, Japan (AP) — At a public bath in a Yokohama slum in the 1950s, a red-haired girl scrubs her skin with a pumice stone, hard, to try to get the white out.

Other kids sometimes taunt her. “American, American.” She yells back, “I’m Japanese!”

She is told she was abandoned. Only much later would she learn that her family had been a casualty of anti-Asian immigration policy in the United States. Her American father got Congress to pass a special bill that would have allowed her to enter the U.S., yet she went most of her 67 years without knowing that.

“So many coincidences happened in my life,” she said in an interview at her house outside Tokyo. “But altogether, you know, I managed to put the whole story, that now I’m settled, and I have peace of mind. Thank goodness that I don’t have to live with two people anymore.”

Those two people are Mary Ann Vaughn, the girl she was born as, and Marianne Wilson, the girl that fate made her.

Her father, Texas-born James Vaughn, arrived in Japan in early 1946. The 20-year-old civilian was assigned to a U.S. military base in Yokohama. He met 16-year-old Vivienne Wilson working in the PX to help support her family. Their daughter, Mary Ann Vaughn, was born in a Yokohama hospital on April 17, 1949.

It was an ill-fated romance. The military denied Vaughn permission to marry Wilson, based on U.S. immigration



Marianne Wilson Kuroda offers flowers to her family graves Sept. 17 at the Yokohama Foreign General Cemetery in Yokohama, near Tokyo. Red-haired girl Marianne in a Japanese slum knew she was different, but she didn’t know why; six decades later, she finally put the last piece of her shattered identity into place. Marianne Wilson was torn from her parents — by U.S. immigration policy and by fate — before she was old enough to remember them. It took her decades to learn the truth and decades more to reclaim her family.

law, because she was half-Japanese. Back in the U.S., he wrote to Congress, which passed a law allowing Wilson and her daughter to enter the U.S. It was dated Aug. 5, 1950.

That very day Vivienne Wilson died of tuberculosis. Mary Ann was 16 months old.

Wilson’s family asked her nanny to take care of Mary Ann until her father returned. He never did.

She didn’t know she was

American. In fact, she was taught to be terrified of Americans. But ultimately, an organization set up to help orphans left behind by American soldiers found her.

In letters to the Swedish consul in Tokyo in 1955, the group reported that Mary Ann’s nanny wanted to adopt her but questioned whether that was advisable, given her impoverished circumstances.

Sweden decided it should find a home for her, and a cus-

tody battle ensued. The court ruled in Sweden’s favor in 1958.

Under a compromise with the Swedish Embassy, the child would go to an international school, live with a foreign host family during the week and stay with her nanny Fumi Yamaguchi on weekends.

That wasn’t the only change the deal required. Until then, the girl had been known as Mary Ann Yamaguchi. “From now on,” Yamaguchi told her, “your name is going to be Marianne Wilson.”

It was a name she hated. Marianne is the Swedish version of Mary Ann, and in her 9-year-old mind, it was the source of all her troubles. She struggled to learn English, and while she met other mixed-race children, it didn’t help her understand her own family.

On her deathbed in 1975, Yamaguchi told Marianne everything. James Vaughn was her father, and he hadn’t abandoned her but had tried to find her. She gave her old photos and said, these are your parents.

Marianne did not investigate further until after she had a family of her own and had become Marianne Wilson Kuroda. Even then it took years to get answers. In 2004, the Japanese Red Cross told her: We found James Vaughn, but unfortunately he died 11 months ago. And you have a younger brother in America.

Three months later, she was flying to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She and her 56-year-old half-brother, Steve Vaughn,

compared photos. They found they had similar ones of their father. They visited the grave of their father, who had died on Feb. 3, 2003, at the age of 77.

“I had to give him respect, you know. But, um, hmm, it was like, you know, ‘Why did you die 11 months ago?’” Marianne said. “You could have lived a little bit longer after all these years.”

She decided to claim her U.S. citizenship, in his honor. It would take 12 years. U.S. officials had questions about the law and about why someone who did not intend to move to America wanted citizenship.

“Her case is a consequence of this history of discrimination from immigration law and citizenship law that I thought really needed to be corrected,” said Rose Cuison Villazor, a professor at the Immigration Law Clinic at the University of California, Davis, who helped Marianne. “There was ... this awful history that I felt needed to be addressed as a matter of justice.”

The U.S. ultimately granted Marianne citizenship. A photo posted this June on Facebook shows a smiling Marianne standing outside the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, holding up the oath of allegiance she had just signed.

She says she has one more task. She wants to visit the cemetery in the west Texas city of Spur where her paternal grandparents are buried.

“I want to show them my American passport and say, ‘Grandpa, Grandma. I’m home.’”

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MOVIE

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North Carolina.

She is the daughter of Patricia and Ron Wilson. Ron Wilson is a partner at Wilson MacEwen and Co. of Sumter.

After many re-writes, Buffington and Curley looked for funding to produce “Chalk it Up” through Kickstarter, an internet fundraising site for creative projects.

“We didn’t get the funding through Kickstarter,” Buffington said. “But we did get in touch with the people who funded it through the site.”

By December 2013, they had secured the funding, and the film was shot in September 2014 in Riverside, California.

Hisonni Johnson directed the movie, and Curley was cast as the lead role. The movie also stars John DeLuca.

During filming, Buffington said she

‘There are a lot of small parts of post-production that people don’t take into consideration. ... Everything takes longer than it needs to.’

BROOKE BUFFINGTON

Movie co-writer, producer

worked doing project management.

“Making sure people were where they needed to be,” she explained.

The filming was followed by nine months of post-production, she said.

“There are a lot of small parts of post-production that people don’t take into consideration,” Buffington said. “For example, if you watch our film when an actress is looking at some-

thing on a computer screen, that’s special effects; you can’t actually shoot a computer screen. It won’t work.”

Once the movie was made, a company called Gravitas Ventures helped them market it and make it available on Netflix. It is also available on Amazon, she said.

Buffington said it is a family friendly movie.

“I would definitely encourage anybody with a family to watch it; it is definitely a family film, especially for young girls,” she said.

What did she learn about making movies?

“Everything takes longer than it needs to,” she said.

She and Curley are not done screen-writing, she said.

“We are working on a pilot that is an inside look at an NCAA Division I athletics department through the eyes of the athletic director,” Buffington said. “What really happens behind the scenes.”

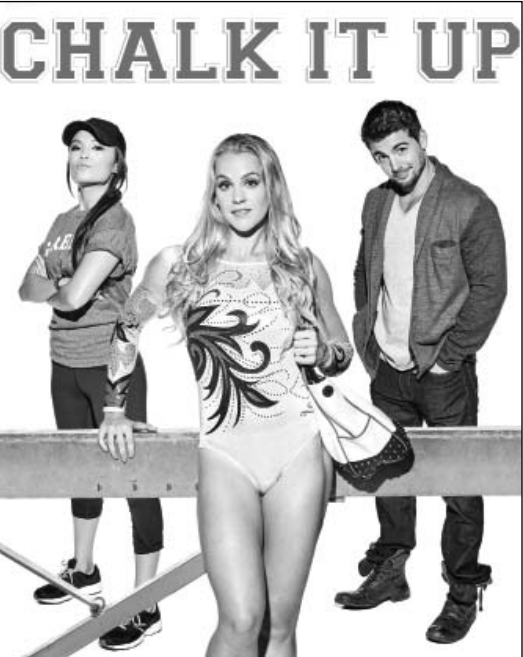


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Chalk it Up is a family friendly movie available on Netflix and Amazon and was produced by Sumter High School graduate Brooke Buffington.

Senate leader says he won’t be No. 2 if Haley goes to UN

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina’s most powerful politician is refusing to become lieutenant governor — a job no one seems to want — if Gov. Nikki Haley becomes am-



LEATHERMAN

bassador to the United Nations.

Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman said Monday he will not leave his Senate seat “under any circumstances.”

“I would like to make it very clear that I have no ambition for statewide office,” said the 85-year-old Florence Republican, who was re-elected in November to a 10th term after winning a three-way primary in which Haley backed the second-place finisher. “I will not leave my Senate seat to serve as lieutenant governor. For me, there is no greater honor than serving in the South Carolina Senate.”

Leatherman’s unwillingness to give up his role as Senate leader to temporarily occupy a largely ceremonial position comes as no surprise. Mon-

day’s statement makes it official without indicating any of the political chess moves that could occur in the coming weeks to fill a job considered part-time.

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will replace Haley as South Carolina’s governor if the U.S. Senate confirms Donald Trump’s pick for his Cabinet. It’s a job that McMaster — the nation’s first statewide officeholder to endorse Trump — has long wanted. Haley says she’ll remain governor until then.

The state constitution has called for the Senate president pro tem to become lieutenant governor.

But some argue a 2014 referendum approved by voters allows McMaster to choose his replacement. The question may ultimately be decided by the state Supreme Court.

When former Lt. Gov. Ken Ard pleaded guilty to campaign violations in 2012, then-Senate President Pro Tem Glenn McConnell reluctantly resigned his Charleston seat of 32 years to fulfill what he called his constitutional duties. A stickler for the rules, McConnell said then he could not have looked at himself in the mirror if he tried to circumvent the Constitution’s line of succession.

But when McConnell later

quit the lieutenant governor job to be president of the College of Charleston, his successor as pro tem, Sen. John Courson, resigned the post rather than be forced to leave the Senate. The GOP-controlled Senate then chose a Democrat as pro tem, immediately pushing him into the lieutenant governor’s spot because no Republican wanted that job. The voters elected McMaster five months later.

To prevent another such scenario, the Legislature asked voters in 2014 whether the governor and lieutenant governor should run on the same ticket, and, if the No. 2 spot becomes vacant, the gov-

ernor should choose the replacement.

While voters approved the changes, many point to the opening clause of the ballot question, which specified changes were to begin “with the general election of 2018.” It was the Senate that required the delay before approving the question.

The stipulation infuriated Haley, who said at the time that it ensured the restructuring she’d pushed for since her 2010 campaign won’t take effect until she’s out of office. If confirmed as ambassador, the term-limited governor will be leaving office two years before her tenure expires.

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Fireside Fund was established in 1969 to help needy families and individuals pay heating bills, buy firewood or heating fuels and stay warm during the winter months.

Since its founding, Fireside Fund has brought in more than \$1.4 million in donations from generous readers.

Anyone in need of assistance with heating costs may call Sumter United Ministries at (803) 775-0757.

Donations can be mailed to *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29151 or dropped off at the office, 20 N. Magnolia St. Names, including groups, should be spelled completely. When making a donation in someone's honor, the names will be printed as given.

Sumter United Ministries provided the following crisis relief during the week of Nov. 14 through Nov. 17: financially assisted 26 families with utilities/heating, at a total of \$3,619.01.

Donations received through Nov. 21: Scott and Tammy Mickey, \$675; Edmunds Class of 1950, \$500; Golfers Association, \$500; in memory of Nancy Smith Fiset from Robert Fiset, \$500; a second donation in memory of Nancy Smith Fiset from Robert Fiset, \$500; and Presbyterian Women of Concord, \$465.

Total this week: \$3,140
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Total last year: \$52,959.60
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DROUGHT

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and western Georgia in extreme to exceptional drought, NWS said.

Okulski said the weather system moving in Wednesday should allow firefighters battling the Pinnacle Fire in the Upstate to better control that fire.

The Pinnacle fire, in Pickens and Greenville counties, was 50 percent contained as of Sunday night, according to the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

Much of the state is running 6 inches behind normal climatic conditions, and parts of the Upstate are a foot or more behind normal, Okulski said.

"They are still in exceptional drought," he said. "The worst you can have (using NWS terminology)."

Okulski said it would take a prolonged pattern of wet systems to significantly change conditions.

"We are looking at some systems over the next 10 days," he said. "However, I don't see a really wet pattern."

"At least it won't make things worse," he said.

A weak La Nina pattern in the Pacific Ocean is contributing to the drought, he said, because it pushes the storm track farther to the north.

La Nina usually means warm, dry weather in the Southeast states, Okulski said.

At the last meeting of the South Carolina Drought Response Committee on Oct. 26, the committee upgraded the drought status of much of the Upstate and Piedmont and declared

Oconee, Pickens and Anderson counties in severe drought.

A thin line from Aiken County northward through Fairfield County and into York County was declared in moderate drought, and incipient drought was declared from Barnwell County northward to Lancaster County. Most areas to the east were in normal conditions.

The SC Drought Response Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, and drought conditions will be updated at that time.

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permanently rescind regulations passed by government agencies during the last 60 legislative days of a previous administration.

"It was a pushback against rules being passed as administrations are going out the door," Mulvaney said.

In particular, he cited the new overtime rules from the Department of Labor and rules the U.S. Corps of Engineers proposed regulating who has authority to govern water resources.

In response to a question, Mulvaney said he does not expect the Federal Reserve Board to be abolished.

"Abolishing the Fed would be traumatic," he said. "I think we will look for middle ground, such as a more rule-based system."

Under such a system, the Fed would look at certain metrics to decide when to raise, lower or maintain interest rates, he explained.

Mulvaney said there are differing views on what changes to pursue in the military.

"You have the isolationists, the non-interventionists and the neo-conservatives," he said. "We all agree on the need for fiscal responsibility."



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U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney speaks to Sumter Rotary Club on Monday at the O'Donnell House.

Concerning Shaw Air Force Base, Mulvaney said he does not think it is likely to be closed during any future Base Re-alignment and Closure actions because he thinks big bases will get bigger.

"If there is one BRAC-proof base in the country, it is Shaw," he said, "particularly after they added the Third Army."

Mulvaney also said he does not think Congress will allow Trump to increase deficit spending.

"If Donald Trump comes to us and says, 'I want to spend \$1 billion on infrastructure, and I don't want to pay for it,' he and I are going to have some difficulty getting along on that issue," Mulvaney said.

He said he does not think Congress will get "deficit amnesia," a term critics have used in speculating the Republican Party could suddenly forget its aversion to deficit spending.

"One of the things I said when I first got to Washington is, 'You can't be deficit and debt hypocritical,'" he said.

"You can't like your spending but believe the other party's spending leads to deficits. Either you are for balanced budgets or you are not," Mulvaney added.

Mulvaney said cutting taxes is a different part of the equation, however.

He said he thinks many of the tax changes Trump is proposing will lead to greater economic growth and thereby reduce the deficit.

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COMMENTARY

New GOP end of ‘checklist conservatism’

BY F.H. BUCKLEY

There was a telling moment in the middle of the Republican primaries when a reporter asked Donald Trump to comment on charges that he really wasn’t a conservative.

“It’s called the Republican Party,” he answered. “Not the conservative party.”

Understand that, and you’ll understand the path Trump took to victory — through Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan, not through the Conservative Political Action Conference or K Street. It’s something nearly everyone on the left missed, from the academy to fake-news sites like the *Washington Post*. They painted him as an arch-reactionary, at best Barry Goldwater but more likely George Wallace. He’s neither of them, of course.

He’s a proud New Yorker, at ease with modern society, with same-sex marriage, with Social Security, with the idea that our health care laws should look after the most vulnerable Americans.

He’s not in any way a bigot, and the only blinkered folks who would think he is are people who can understand the world only through the prism of race and gender and who moreover are eager to smear their opponents.

Here’s what Trump isn’t: a right-wing ideologue, a member of the Republican Party of Mitt Romney and Ted Cruz, of checklist conservatism and of the idea that 47 percent of Americans are “takers.” That party died in 2012, a victim in part of its own heartlessness. It took with it the right-wing intellectuals who, after all, aren’t so very intelligent and the right-wing thinkers who aren’t well read either and who so closely resemble the left in their contempt for Trump’s supporters.

What unites those at the extremes of our politics is a belief in the rottenness of ordinary Americans.

For the left, it’s a story of racial prejudice, of misogyny and gay-bashing. For the right, it’s a story of moral decay, of shiftless, Oxy-sniffing degenerates from broken homes. For both, it has spawned a redneck-porn literature in which the upper-class reader is encouraged to hug himself in delight as he contemplates the awfulness of those beneath him, the coal miner, the struggling housewife, the laid-off worker.

Trump wasn’t having any of that. He didn’t think that Americans were bigots or that anyone lost his job because he sniffed Oxy. Instead, if anyone sniffed Oxy, it’s because he was demoralized because he didn’t have a job. Trump trusted in the basic goodness of Americans and thought that fixing the job situation is the only moral rearmament crusade we need or could have. The voters got it, and so did extremists on the right and left, which is why they hated him.

Trump bids to create a different kind of Republican Party. As America’s natural governing party, it would be one that more closely resembles Eisenhower’s Republican Party, with its interstate highway and Great Lakes Seaway programs, or John F. Kennedy’s Democratic Party, with its space exploration and tax-reform policies.

Those were parties that took pride in America and would not have been satisfied with anything less than American Greatness.

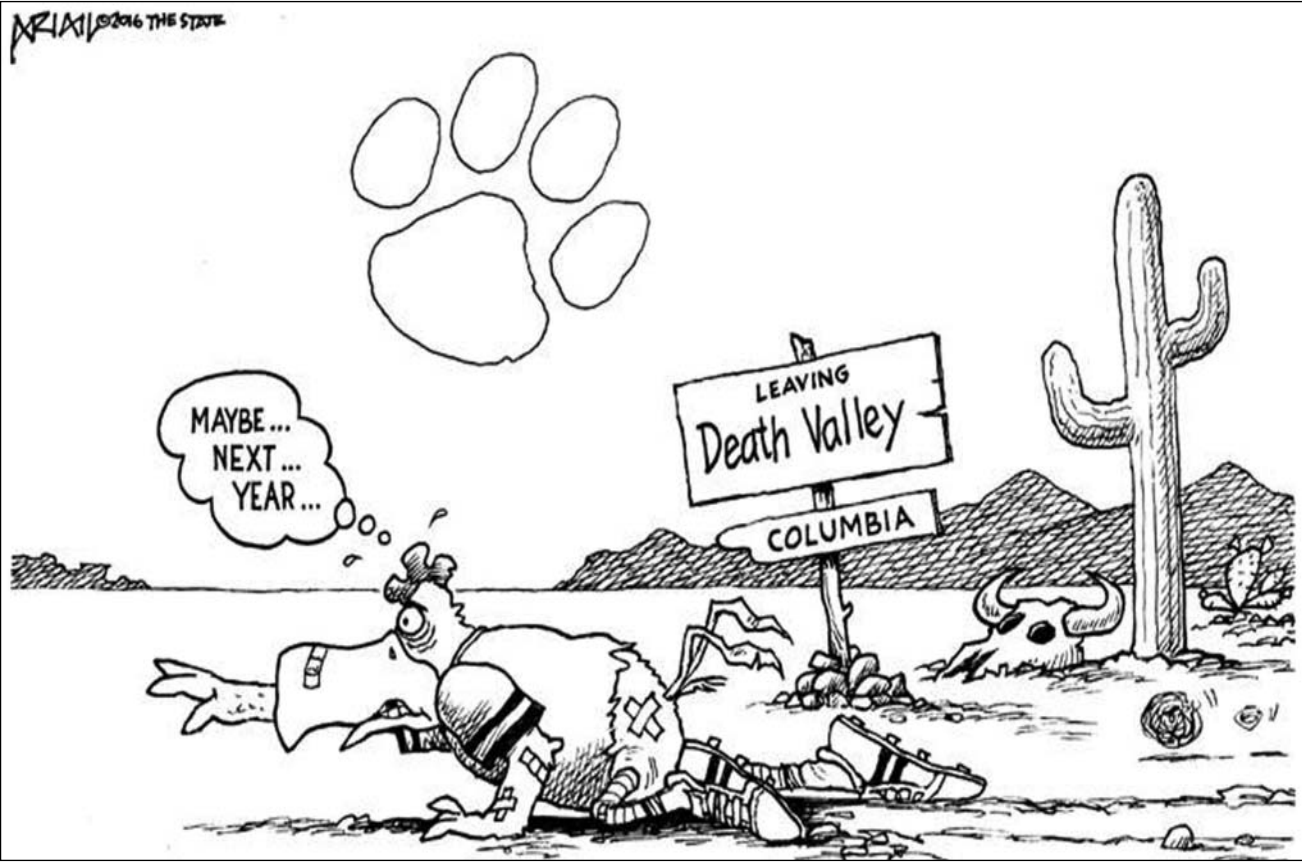
The Democratic Party used to be one of noble ideals, best articulated in Kennedy’s Inaugural Address, a speech one can’t read today without feeling a tremendous sense of loss. One heard an echo of it from President Obama in 2008, but these were themes he quickly abandoned in favor of identity politics, divisiveness and a supercilious contempt for his opponents.

That left a hole in American politics, a hole filled by Trump and by a new Republican Party that bids to render obsolete all the former distinctions in American politics. The old right-left axis is dead. In its place, new ones will arise — between political virtue and the corruption of crony capitalism, between compassion and the callousness of right-wing ideologues and left-wing haters, and between great- and small-souled people, those who believe in American Greatness and those content with mediocrity.

Trump is a shape-shifter, the agent of transformation who utterly changed one political party and confounded the other. He is the artist of Trump Tower and will shortly be the artist of the White House.

Trump’s faith in the American people earned him the contempt of extremists on the right and left. That’s as it should be. As Oscar Wilde noted, when critics disagree, the artist is in accord with himself.

F.H. Buckley’s most recent book is “The Way Back: Restoring the Promise of America.”



COMMENTARY

Credulous Western dupes and Castro

BY JOHN FUND

Mexico City — Fidel Castro was a remarkably lucky dictator. Unlike many — Romania’s Ceausescu and Libya’s Qaddafi come to mind — he wasn’t executed by his own people and instead died in bed at age 90. During the Cuban missile crisis, he wrung a secret promise from the U.S. that it would never invade Cuba. He then survived dozens of assassination attempts by the Kennedy administration until a Castro sympathizer named Lee Harvey Oswald put a stop to them and to the life of President Kennedy in 1963.

Castro ruled for 45 years after that, until his retirement in 2008, persecuting dissidents, jailing gays and murdering opponents.

Even after he turned power over to his brother Raul, Fidel continued to be feted and admired by world leaders. Few dictators could have collected the kind of respectful foreign tributes that poured in from Western countries after his death last Friday.

Here in Mexico, which harbored the young revolutionary Castro and provided the launching pad for his return to Cuba in 1956, the response from government officials was pathetic.

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto called Castro a friend of Mexico who had promoted bilateral relationships based on “respect, dialogue and solidarity.”

Miguel Angel Mancera, the head of government in Mexico City, also expressed solidarity with Fidel on his Twitter account: “Death of an icon of history, Fidel Castro, leader of the Cuban Revolution, go with the people of Cuba in their mourning. Rest in peace #MM”

But none of the Mexican officials descended to the depths of Jill Stein, leader of America’s Green party. She took time off fundraising to launch recollections of this month’s presidential election to tweet her homage: “Fidel Castro was a symbol of the struggle for justice in the shadow of empire. Presente!”

EU Leader Jean-Claude Juncker added to the encomia,

tweeting, “With the death of #FidelCastro, the world has lost a man who was a hero for many.”

Then there was Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau. The 46-year-old leader fondly recalled that his father, Pierre, when he was prime minister, had frequently visited with Castro. The younger Trudeau lauded Castro for supposed advances in health care, education and literacy and described him as “a larger than life leader who served his people for almost half a century.” He confesses that he felt “deep sorrow” at Castro’s death, adding, “While a controversial figure, both Mr. Castro’s supporters and detractors recognized his tremendous dedication and love for the Cuban people who had a deep and lasting affection for ‘el Comandante.’”

Such willful blindness spurred other Twitter users to launch the tag #trudeaueulogies to mock the clueless Canadian leader.

“While controversial, Darth Vader achieved great heights in space construction & played a formative role in his son’s life,” quipped Jason Markusoff, a correspondent for Canada’s *Maclean’s* magazine.

Canadian sports commentator Mike Hogan added: “Today we mourn the loss of Norman Bates, a family man who was truly defined by his devotion to his mother.”

Australian news columnist Rita Panahi wrote, “Although flawed, Hitler was a vegetarian who loved animals, was a contributor to the arts & proud advocate for Germany.”

Trudeau’s comments infuriated Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, the former chair of the House Foreign Relations Committee. Ros-Lehtinen had to flee Cuba as a small child with her family after Castro’s takeover. Speaking on CNN, she directly addressed Trudeau:

“I’ve been reading his sickening love letter to dead Fidel Castro and I’m thinking, ‘Sure, you did not lose a loved one to an execution squad. You did not lose a loved one to the gulags in Cuba. ... The only thing that Fidel has been successful in has not been health or education, or human rights or democracy,

it’s been holding on to power — which is easy to do when you don’t have elections.”

The debate over Castro will rage on, but arguments over him should take account of how unusual a dictator he was. My colleague Andrew Stuttaford has noted at NRO that during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, Castro wanted to start a nuclear war. He urged Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev to launch a first strike against the United States. In a letter, Khrushchev felt compelled to talk his ally off the ledge thusly:

“Cuba would have burned in the fires of war. ... We struggle against imperialism, not in order to die, but to draw on all of our potential, to lose as little as possible, and later to win more, so as to be a victor and make Communism triumph.”

Lastly, for all of Castro’s ranting about the exploitive nature of capitalism, it takes a truly mercenary mind to come up with the schemes his regime employed to garner hard currency — from drug-running to assassinations to, well, vampiric behavior. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights reported in 1966 that 166 Cuban prisoners were executed on a single day in May of that year. But before they were killed, they were forced to undergo the extraction of an average of seven pints of blood from their bodies.

This blood was sold to Communist Vietnam at a rate of \$50 per pint. Those who underwent the bloodletting suffered cerebral anemia and a state of unconsciousness and paralysis. But that didn’t stop the executions; the victims were carried on a stretcher to the killing field where they were then shot.

Luckily, to our knowledge, such atrocities aren’t carried out in Cuba anymore.

But the evil that the old vampire Fidel perpetrated over a span of five decades should be remembered even as credulous Western leaders continue to look the other way and ignore the malevolence he represented.

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Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, Miller Road (across from Food Lion). Help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, etc.
Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (803) 778-0303.
SATURDAY MEETINGS:
Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Support Group — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7. Call (803) 481-7521.

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay on top of what's being said. Establish

your position from an honest and loyal perspective. Offer solutions and do the legwork in order to get things done your way. Travel, meetings and knowledge will all contribute to your accomplishments.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your money and possessions in a safe place. Someone will provide invalid financial information that can lead to loss. Show more concern about living within your means, and work on the self-improvement projects that will add to your success.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Channel your energy wisely and you will avoid an emotional situation that brings your progress to a halt. Nurture important relationships by taking care of responsibilities and easing the stress of someone you care about. A professional gain is heading your way.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You don't have to follow the crowd. Check out what interests you, identify what fits your needs and discard whatever appears to be a waste of time. An opportunity offered by a past partner or an employer looks promising but complicated.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Live and learn. Sign up for a seminar or try reaching old goals from a new angle. Explore possibilities and look for support from people you feel have something worthwhile to offer. Take on a challenge and play to win.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on being the best you can be. Update your appearance and implement a good nutritional diet and exercise program into your routine. Don't let anyone speak on your behalf.

Live up to your beliefs, values and promises.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Taking on a challenge will turn into a game-changer. What you discover about others will be instrumental in helping you get ahead. Make sure to take time to do some self-discovery as well. Don't let anyone put you down.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't move backwards. Getting involved with people who have challenged you in the past will not help you get ahead now. Stay focused on the truth, stand behind what you have to offer and use your talents to reach your goals.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Positive changes at home will ease your stress. Professional advancement will be based on your ability to get things done on time and without making a fuss. An unexpected idea will surface, offering new opportunities and benefits.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep life simple. Spend less, do more and focus on making personal achievements. Walk away from unstable situations or people to avoid being dragged into a dilemma that will make you look bad. Proceed with caution.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The coast is clear to do your own thing. An energetic approach to work and helping others will put you in a good position for advancement. A change to the way you think will encourage others to follow your lead.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay in control. Focus inward and be the best you can be. Refuse to let anyone take liberties that will compromise you in the future. Listen, but don't get into a dispute until you have the ammunition to win the battle.

DAILY PLANNER

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					
A p.m. shower or t-storm	Partly cloudy and mild	Considerable cloudiness	Not as warm with some sun	Mostly sunny	Rather cloudy
78°	63°	80° / 56°	68° / 38°	61° / 36°	57° / 40°
Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 25%
S 12-25 mph	S 6-12 mph	SSW 12-25 mph	W 6-12 mph	NW 4-8 mph	NE 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today:

Warmer with a thunderstorm. Winds south-southwest 7-14 mph.

Wednesday:

Showers, a heavier thunderstorm. Winds southwest 12-25 mph.

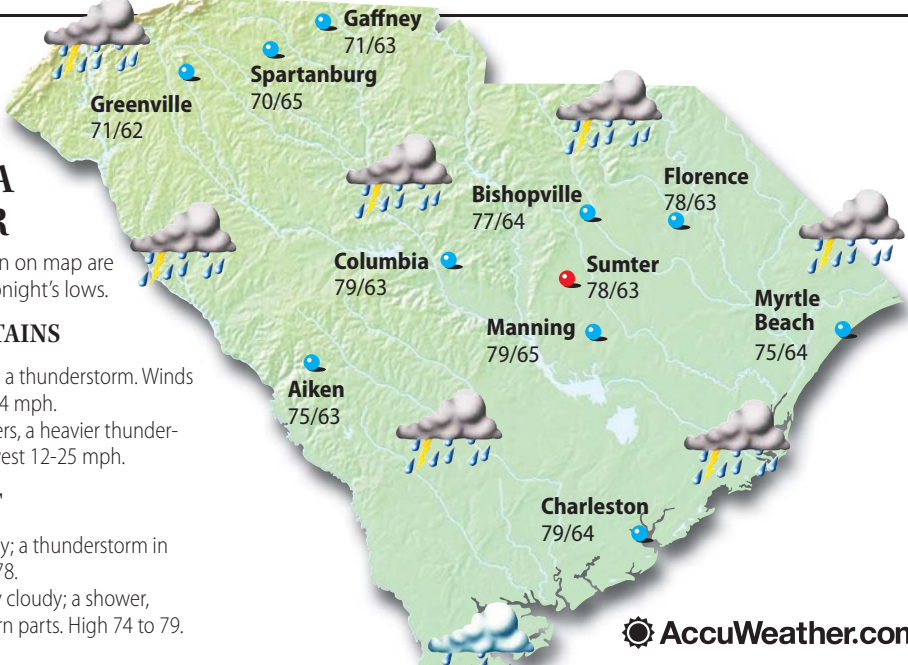
ON THE COAST

Today:

Mostly cloudy; a thunderstorm in the area. High 73 to 78.

Wednesday:

Mostly cloudy; a shower, except dry in southern parts. High 74 to 79.



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LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	69°
Low	33°
Normal high	62°
Normal low	38°
Record high	80° in 1985
Record low	22° in 1991
Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	trace
Month to date	0.18"
Normal month to date	2.71"
Year to date	44.73"
Last year to date	57.36"
Normal year to date	43.53"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	353.93	-0.06
Marion	76.8	73.66	-0.08
Moultrie	75.5	73.67	-0.02
Wateree	100	98.50	-0.01

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.76	-0.07
Congaree River	19	2.60	+0.08
Lynches River	14	3.98	+0.02
Saluda River	14	1.71	+0.01
Up. Santee River	80	74.26	-0.01
Wateree River	24	6.16	+2.06

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	Sunset	5:13 p.m.
Moonrise	7:00 a.m.	Moonset	5:44 p.m.
New	Nov. 29	First	Dec. 7
Full	Dec. 13	Last	Dec. 20

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:49 a.m.	3.4	3:00 a.m.	0.2
	8:53 p.m.	2.9	3:41 p.m.	0.2
Wed.	9:26 a.m.	3.3	3:36 a.m.	0.2
	9:30 p.m.	2.8	4:19 p.m.	0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	75/65/t	71/44/t
Chicago	57/36/s	47/36/pc
Dallas	72/44/s	62/39/s
Detroit	59/43/pc	56/37/sh
Houston	80/52/t	70/39/pc
Los Angeles	69/49/s	69/49/s
New Orleans	81/65/t	69/47/t
New York	61/55/r	62/53/r
Orlando	85/65/pc	86/64/pc
Philadelphia	64/56/r	67/53/r
Phoenix	62/40/s	63/40/s
San Francisco	59/47/s	58/47/pc
Wash., DC	67/59/r	71/51/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	67/56/t	64/35/r	Florence	78/63/t	80/58/c
Athens	74/60/t	73/41/t	Gainesville	84/61/pc	84/63/c
Augusta	79/61/t	82/50/t	Gastonia	74/67/t	76/48/t
Beaufort	78/63/c	79/57/pc	Goldsboro	77/64/c	78/61/pc
Cape Hatteras	70/62/t	72/60/t	Goose Creek	78/64/c	79/59/c
Charleston	79/64/c	79/60/pc	Greensboro	71/60/sh	74/49/t
Charlotte	72/60/t	74/48/t	Greenville	71/62/t	72/45/t
Clemson	73/66/t	72/45/t	Hickory	68/59/sh	70/44/t
Columbia	79/63/c	82/51/t	Hilton Head	75/65/c	76/61/pc
Darlington	77/64/t	80/54/c	Jacksonville, FL	83/60/pc	84/63/pc
Elizabeth City	71/60/c	74/57/c	La Grange	76/67/c	72/42/t
Elizabethtown	76/66/c	79/59/c	Macon	77/60/t	79/44/t
Fayetteville	76/63/t	79/60/c	Marietta	74/62/c	70/40/r

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC

During a recent trip to China, Sterling Boyd took this picture of a terra cotta warrior and horse at the world heritage site at Xian. Photo submitted by Carol Boyd.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Marquee Monday

Corbett, Williams lead Sumter boys past Lakewood in battle of preseason top 5 teams



Sumter High's Jaylenn Corbett (22) comes down with a rebound over Lakewood's Dontrea Osborne (1) during the Gamecocks' 51-37 victory on Monday at the SHS gymnasium. Corbett had 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead Sumter.

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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Second-year Sumter High School boys basketball head coach Shawn Jones was almost gushing about this year's group of players on Monday after the Gamecocks opened their season against rival Lakewood at the SHS gymnasium.

Gators head coach Bryan Brown, on the other hand, hopes the early

rivalry matchup was just a momentary hiccup.

Jaylenn Corbett scored 15 points and Darius Williams added 10 as Sumter pulled away in the second half to top LHS 51-37 in a battle of preseason contenders. Both the Gamecocks and Gators were ranked fifth in the initial preseason coaches' poll for their respective classes.

Meanwhile on the girls side, SHS

alum Frances Fields got her first victory as the Lady Gamecocks new head coach as they cruised past Lakewood, one of Fields' former teams, 72-27.

Sumter travels to A.C. Flora on Friday while Lakewood will travel to Manning on Thursday. The schools will play again on Saturday at The Swamp.

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ACC CHAMPIONSHIP

Hokies' Evans happy as 'other' QB to Clemson's Watson

BY HANK KURZ JR.
The Associated Press

One of the quarterbacks in the ACC Championship game has already broken records for touchdown passes and total yards in a season at his school. The other one is Clemson's Heisman Trophy contender, Deshaun Watson.

Virginia Tech's Jerod Evans is just fine with being the "other" quarterback this week.

Evans said he is not going to get caught up in all the hoopla heading into Saturday night's game in Orlando, Florida. While Watson is making a late-season surge that has enhanced his Heisman hopes, and the Tigers' playoff chances, Evans just wants to focus on giving his team its best chance to win.

"I'm not paying attention to all the hype or all the media attention," Evans said. "... I'll get my chance, and when I do, I've just got to make the most of it. It is what it is. I'm not focused on that."

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Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson reacts after throwing a touchdown pass to tight end Jordan Leggett against South Carolina during the Tigers' 56-7 win on Saturday in Clemson. The Tigers face Virginia Tech in the ACC Championship on Saturday.

USC BASKETBALL

USC cracks Top 25 polls after recent victories

FROM STAFF
and WIRE REPORTS

A pair of victories over Top 25 basketball teams were enough to get the University of South Carolina into both The Associated Press and USA Today Top 25 polls.

The Gamecocks, who beat then No. 25 Michigan on Wednesday and followed it with a win over then No. 18 on Saturday, are No. 20 in the AP poll released on Monday. USC is No. 23 in the USA Today poll.



MARTIN

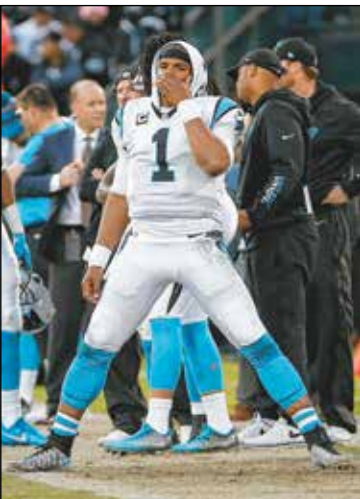
Carolina, which is 6-0 on the season, did not receive any votes in last week's AP poll. South Carolina knocked off Michigan 61-46 in Columbia before traveling to Brooklyn, N.Y., and knocking off Syracuse 64-50.

Kentucky and Villanova remain the top two teams in the AP poll while Baylor made the week's biggest jump, from No. 20 to ninth.

The Kentucky Wildcats (6-0) received 40 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel while Villanova, also known as the Wildcats, was No. 1 on 20 ballots.

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PRO FOOTBALL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Carolina quarterback Cam Newton (1) watches on the sideline during the Panthers' 35-32 loss to Oakland on Sunday in Oakland, Calif.

Panthers deal with another bummer

BY JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Cam Newton's return to the Bay Area finished in similar fashion to his last trip here for the Super Bowl: a lost fumble on a strip sack that ended any hopes for a Carolina comeback.

While the stakes were far lower than in the Super Bowl defeat to Denver, the roller-coaster 35-32 loss to the Oakland Raiders on Sunday might have ended the Panthers' hopes of making it back to the playoffs.

Carolina (4-7) scored 25 straight points to take an eight-point lead early in the fourth quarter before allowing Derek Carr and the Raiders (9-2) to rally to take the lead.

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USC WOMEN’S BASKETBALL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina guard Doniyah Cliney (4) drives past Louisville guard Asia Durr (25), left, during the Gamecocks’ 83-59 victory in the Basketball Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge on Sunday in Springfield, Mass.

No. 3 USC women whip Louisville 83-59

BY DOUG FEINBERG

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Dawn Staley knows her South Carolina team plays its best when the offense is balanced. The third-ranked Gamecocks did just that to rout No. 4 Louisville 83-59 on Sunday in the Basketball Hall of Fame women’s challenge. Alaina Coates had 17 points and 14 rebounds while A’ja Wilson and Allisha Gray also scored 17 points apiece for the Gamecocks (5-0), who turned a tight game into a blowout, using a 17-3 run spanning the half to take control. “We’re pretty balanced offensively. They did a good job of playing off our point guards,” Staley said. “Our post players are used to playing with each other.” South Carolina led 39-32 when Kaela Davis hit consecutive 3-pointers to expand the advantage to double digits. Fellow transfer Allisha Gray then added a three-point play with 6:42 left in the third quarter that

WOMEN’S TOP 25

The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press’ women’s college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Notre Dame (16)	6-0	803	1
2. UConn (14)	4-0	797	2
3. S. Carolina (3)	5-0	766	3
4. Baylor	7-1	725	5
5. Maryland	6-0	694	6
6. Mississippi St.	7-0	636	7
7. Louisville	6-1	634	4
8. Florida St.	6-1	551	10
9. Ohio St.	5-2	546	8
10. UCLA	5-1	541	9
11. Stanford	6-1	479	11
12. Oklahoma	5-0	445	13
13. Washington	6-1	423	15
14. Texas	2-2	400	14
15. DePaul	5-1	318	18
16. West Virginia	7-0	303	19
17. Kentucky	5-1	276	20
18. Miami	5-1	245	21
19. Florida	4-1	192	16
20. Syracuse	4-3	146	11
21. Colorado	6-0	116	-
22. Tennessee	3-2	99	17
23. Auburn	6-1	70	-
24. Oregon St.	3-1	69	22
25. Texas A&M	5-0	68	-

Others receiving votes: South Florida 51, Oregon 49, Arizona St. 45, Michigan St. 36, Virginia Tech 33, Georgia Tech 30, Marquette 26, Michigan 22, California 20, Northwestern 18, Green Bay 10, Gonzaga 7, Oklahoma St. 7, South Dakota St. 7, Kansas St. 6, Missouri 6, Boise St. 5, Duke 5.

made it 48-32 and capped the burst.

USC

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North Carolina (7-0), which moved up one place to third after winning the Maui Invitational, got four No. 1 votes. Kansas, Duke and Virginia all moved up one place to fourth through sixth. Xavier moved up two places to seventh and Gonzaga went up three spots to eighth. Baylor (6-0), which beat Michigan State and Louis-

ville in winning the Battle 4 Atlantis, got the other first-place vote and was followed in the Top 10 by Creighton. Two other teams besides the Gamecocks are making their first appearance of the season in the Top 25: Butler and Florida. UCLA was 11th followed by Saint Mary’s, Indiana, which dropped 10 places following its loss to Fort Wayne, Louisville, Purdue, Arizona, Wisconsin, Butler, Iowa State and USC. The last five teams were Rhode Island, Syracuse, Oregon, Florida and West Virginia. The four teams that dropped out were No. 22 Texas, No. 24 Michigan State and Michigan and Florida State, which were tied for 25th.

MEN’S TOP 25

The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press’ college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week’s ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (40)	6-01590	1	
2. Villanova (20)	6-01567	2	
3. North Carolina (4)	7-01497	4	
4. Kansas	5-11414	5	
5. Duke	6-11365	6	
6. Virginia	6-01286	7	
7. Xavier	6-01181	9	
8. Gonzaga	6-01112	11	
9. Baylor (1)	6-01068	20	
10. Creighton	6-0 965	12	
11. UCLA	7-0 955	14	
12. Saint Mary’s (Cal)	5-0866	15	
13. Indiana	4-1 857	3	
14. Louisville	5-1 808	10	
15. Purdue	5-1 687	17	
16. Arizona	5-1 655	8	
17. Wisconsin	5-2 555	16	
18. Butler	6-0 506	-	
19. Iowa St.	5-1 389	21	
20. South Carolina	6-0 379	-	
21. Rhode Island	5-1 354	23	
22. Syracuse	4-1 229	18	
23. Oregon	4-2 189	13	
24. Florida	6-1 154	-	
25. West Virginia	4-1 132	19	

Others receiving votes: Maryland 126, Notre Dame 85, Cincinnati 49, Michigan St. 28, Ohio St. 22, Michigan 13, Temple 8, Southern Cal 7, Houston 6, Florida St. 5, VCU 5, California 3, Tennessee St. 2, Virginia Tech 1, Minnesota 1, Arkansas St. 1, Colorado 1, Rutgers 1, San Diego St. 1.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6:05 p.m. – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. – College Basketball: North Dakota State at Xavier (FOX SPORS 1).
6:30 p.m. – College Basketball: Delaware State at St. John’s (FOX SPORTS 2).
7 p.m. – College Football: College Football Playoff Top 25 (ESPN).
7 p.m. – College Basketball: ACC/Big Ten Challenge – Pittsburgh at Maryland (ESPN2).
7 p.m. – College Basketball: ACC/Big Ten Challenge – Georgia Tech at Penn State (ESPNU).
7 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Detroit at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Carolina at New York Rangers (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. – College Basketball: Charleston Southern at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. – College Basketball: ACC/Big Ten Challenge – Syracuse at Wisconsin (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Boston at Philadelphia (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. – Youth Golf: Junior League Golf National Championship from Scottsdale, Ariz. (GOLF).
8:30 p.m. – College Basketball: Buffalo at Creighton (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. – College Basketball: ACC/Big Ten Challenge – Iowa at Notre Dame (ESPN2).
9 p.m. – College Basketball: ACC/Big Ten Challenge – North Carolina State at Illinois (ESPNU).
9 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Houston at Utah (NBA TV).
9 p.m. – College Basketball: Houston at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
9:30 p.m. – College Basketball: ACC/Big Ten Challenge – Michigan State at Duke (ESPN).
10 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Toronto at Edmonton (Joined In Progress) (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

NFL STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
New England	9	2	0	.818	293	197			
Miami	7	4	0	.636	249	240			
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	281	236			
N.Y. Jets	3	8	0	.273	196	266			

SOUTH									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Houston	6	5	0	.545	194	236			
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296			
Indianapolis	5	6	0	.455	270	301			
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	214	293			

NORTH									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	218	201			
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	266	222			
Cincinnati	3	7	1	.318	213	245			
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	197	352			

WEST									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Oakland	9	2	0	.818	307	275			
Kansas City	8	3	0	.727	252	214			
Denver	7	4	0	.636	266	219			
San Diego	5	6	0	.455	313	291			

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Dallas	10	1	0	.909	316	213			
N.Y. Giants	8	3	0	.727	231	213			
Washington	6	4	1	.591	280	264			
Philadelphia	5	5	0	.500	241	186			

SOUTH									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	358	302			
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	249	264			
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	334	307			
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	276	281			

NORTH									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	247	238			
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	218	192			
Green Bay	4	6	0	.400	247	276			
Chicago	2	9	0	.182	178	264			

WEST									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Seattle	7	3	1	.682	224	187			
Arizona	4	6	1	.409	245	228			
Los Angeles	4	7	0	.364	170	236			
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	228	344			

THURSDAY’S GAMES
Detroit 16, Minnesota 13
Dallas 31, Washington 26
Pittsburgh 28, Indianapolis 7

SUNDAY’S GAMES
Atlanta 38, Arizona 19
San Diego 21, Houston 13
Baltimore 19, Cincinnati 14
Buffalo 28, Jacksonville 21
Tennessee 27, Chicago 21
New Orleans 49, Los Angeles 21
N.Y. Giants 27, Cleveland 13
Miami 31, San Francisco 24
Tampa Bay 14, Seattle 5
New England 22, N.Y. Jets 17
Oakland 35, Carolina 32
Kansas City 30, Denver 27, OT

MONDAY’S GAMES
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1
Dallas at Minnesota, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4
Kansas City at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at New England, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Miami at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Denver at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Houston at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Tennessee, Cleveland

MONDAY, DEC. 5
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 8:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Toronto	10	6	.625	—					
Boston	9	7	.563	1					
New York	8	8	.500	2					
Brooklyn	4	12	.250	6					
Philadelphia	4	13	.235	6½					

SOUTHEAST DIVISION									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Atlanta	10	7	.588	—					
Charlotte	9	7	.563	½					
Orlando	6	11	.353	4					
Washington	5	10	.333	4					
Miami	5	11	.313	4½					

CENTRAL DIVISION									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Cleveland	13	2	.867	—					
Chicago	10	6	.625	3½					
Indiana	9	9	.500	5½					
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	6					
Detroit	8	10	.444	6½					

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
San Antonio	14	3	.824	—					
Memphis	11	6	.647	3					
Houston	11	6	.647	3					
New Orleans	6	12	.333	8½					
Dallas	3	13	.188	10½					

NORTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	10	8	.556	—
Utah	9	8	.529	½
Portland	9	10	.474	1½
Denver	7	10	.412	2½
Minnesota	5	11	.313	4

SUMTER

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“I just think we have to get comfortable with playing,” Brown said. “First game, a lot of first-game jitters and playing a rival was kind of a double-whammy on jitters. That wasn’t the team that we normally see.”

Lakewood finished with just one player in double figures in Tyrell Still who had 10 and the Gators made just three 3-pointers in the game. The last one by Dontrea Osborne pulled them within 34-31 in the third quarter, but LHS was unable to get any closer the rest of the way.

“We wanted to guard the 3-point line as much as possible,” Jones said. “We wanted to keep them out of the lane. When they do get in the lane, we wanted to send them to (our) bigs, and if they kicked it, we had to close out.”

Corbett led the way with a double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds. He had seven points in the final quarter as Sumter outscored the Gators 13-6. Tylik Sibbles-Simon added eight points for SHS, which improved to 1-0. Grant Singleton also had eight points for Lakewood, which fell to 0-1.

“A couple times on offense, we just weren’t executing,” Brown said. “We missed a lot of layups. Defensively, we gave them a lot of fast breaks. Transition defense is something we have to work on and get better at.”

Sumter’s girls played for the 4A state championship last season, but a decision was made about head coach Jason Loudenslager before this school year began, SHS Athletic Director Terrence Scriven said.

“It was just a personnel decision,” he said. “Not really a comment on it or anything. That was just a personnel change.”



Sumter High’s Tamerah Brown (10) fights for a rebound against a host of players, including Lakewood’s Shayla Hadden (3) during the Lady Gamecocks’ 72-27 victory on Monday at the SHS gymnasium.

Fields applied and was hired to take over at her alma mater.

“Ironically, we worked together at Lakewood,” Scriven said. “I thought her work ethic and what she does well was a good fit for our girls. I think she’s going to do a really good job.”

“She’s home and she’s enjoying it.”

Fields said it was “little shocking” to be back on the sideline as a coach instead of a player.

“It’s an honor to be back,” Fields said. “Humble. I’m always humbled and I’m just trying to get a (state championship) banner.”

Monday was a good first step as the Lady Game-

cocks, who improved to 1-0, outscored Lakewood 19-4 in the second quarter and never looked back. They were led by three freshmen in Tamerah Brown, Carnasia Wells and Nina Edlow. Brown had 24 points and 11 rebounds to pace all scorers while Wells finished with 13 and Edlow 11.

“It was a lot better energy from that second quarter on and we played more as a team,” Fields said. “We had a lot of stuff forced tonight, and I was a little nervous about turnovers, but most of it was forced shots. It’s just about young girls learning to play.”

The Lady Gators are in a similar spot with no seniors

and five sophomores. They kept pace in the first quarter, but scored just 14 points in the final three frames combined. Rahteisha Burgess had 11 to lead LHS followed by Ki’Ari Cain with 10.

“We’re young as far as age and experience at the varsity level,” said Lakewood head coach Demetress Adams-Ludd, whose team fell to 1-2 on the season. “We’re teaching them to play together and fight through things. Sometimes it’s pretty and sometimes it’s ugly.”

“But it’s a talented group. We just have to put the talent, the work ethic and the mental toughness together.”

LOCAL PREP

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Varsity Basketball
Crestwood at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
Manning at East Clarendon, 4 p.m.
Hammond at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Porter-Gaud at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Marlboro Academy, 4 p.m.
B Team Basketball
Hammond at Wilson Hall, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Varsity Basketball
C.E. Murray at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
Scott’s Branch at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
Calhoun Academy at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Hammond at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
Lakewood at Sumter, 6 p.m.
Middle School Basketball
East Clarendon at Lee Central, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Varsity Basketball
Laurence Manning in Trinity-Byrnes Tournament, 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
Lakewood at Manning, 4 p.m.
B Team Boys Basketball
Sumter at A.C. Flora, 6 p.m.
Varsity Bowling
Wilson Hall, Laurence Manning at Cardinal Newman (at Royal Z Lanes in Columbia), 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Varsity Basketball
Sumter at A.C. Flora, 6 p.m.
Lee Central at Lamar, 6 p.m.
Lake City at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
Scott’s Branch at Governor’s Science & Math, 6 p.m.
Laurence Manning in Trinity-Byrnes Tournament, 4 p.m.
Pee Dee at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
C.E. Murray at Manning, 4 p.m.
Sumter Christian at Grace Christian (No JV Girls), 4 p.m.
B Team and Varsity Basketball
Northside Christian at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Varsity Basketball
Laurence Manning in Trinity-Byrnes Tournament, 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
Sumter at Lakewood, 3 p.m.
Lee Central at Crestwood, 3 p.m.

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SPORTS ITEMS

Alice Drive Middle opens season with wins

The Alice Drive Middle School boys and girls basketball teams opened their seasons with wins over Chestnut Oaks on Monday at the CO gymnasium. AD won the boys game 39-21. Marcus Lane and Lowery Isaac both had 10 points to lead the Hawks. In the girls game, Alice Drive won 41-26. The leading scorer for the Lady Hawks was Inga Colclough with 16 points. She also grabbed 13 rebounds. Stevie Sinkler had 11 points, six rebounds and four assists. AD plays at Manning on Thursday.

MAYEWOOD SWEEPS HILLCREST

Mayewood Middle School swept Hillcrest in two basketball games on Monday at the Mayewood gymnasium, winning the girls game 36-25 and the boys contest 29-20.

In the girls contest, Telraija Dennis led the Lady Vikings with 21 points and seven rebounds. Shadaiya Lee added seven points. Kordaisha Brunson added four steals.

Mayewood plays at Furman on Thursday.

BIG TEN FINES MICHIGAN’S HARBAUGH

The Big Ten reprimanded Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh and fined the school \$10,000 on Monday for violating the conference’s sportsmanship policy by criticizing officials after the Ohio State game. Harbaugh blasted the officiating after the Wolverines’ 30-27 double-overtime loss Saturday in Columbus, Ohio, saying he was “bitterly disappointed” during a lengthy rant.

He complained about an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty he drew in the second half of the game when he tossed headphones and a play card, a pass interference against Michigan that prolonged a key drive for the Buckeyes and a non-call of pass interference against Ohio State.

CLEMSON’S VENABLES FINALIST FOR AWARD

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venable is one of five finalists for the Broyles Award, which honors the top assistant coach in college foot-

ball. The Frank & Barbara Broyles Foundation announced the five finalists on Monday. Along with Venable, the other finalists are Alabama defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt, Colorado defensive coordinator Jim Leavitt, Michigan defensive coordinator Don Brown and Pittsburgh offensive coordinator Matt Canada.

(1) KENTUCKY 115 ARIZONA STATE 69

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas — Freshman De’Aaron Fox posted the second triple-double in school history with 14 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists to lead a dominating effort by No. 1 Kentucky in Monday night’s 115-69 victory over Arizona State. Fellow rookie Malik Monk scored 23 points for the Wildcats (7-0), who dominated an undersized team and quickly turned the game into a romping display of their athleticism and ability to run in transition.

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ALL-ACC TEAMS

The Associated Press
GREENSBORO, N.C. — The all-ACC football team, as announced Monday following a vote of 48 members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association, with first-team votes worth three points, second-team votes worth two points and third-team votes worth one point.

FIRST TEAM
Offense
QB Lamar Jackson, soph., Louisville (125)
RB Dalvin Cook, jr., Florida State (139)
RB James Conner, jr., Pittsburgh (119)
WR Mike Williams, jr., Clemson (131)
WR A. Etta-Tawo, sr., Syracuse (125)
WR Ryan Switzer, sr., North Carolina (107)
TE Jordan Leggett, sr., Clemson (95)
OT Roderick Johnson, jr., Florida State (118)
OT Mitch Hyatt, soph., Clemson (104)
OG Tyrone Crowder, jr., Clemson (104)
OG Dorian Johnson, sr., Pittsburgh (89)
C Jay Guillermo, sr., Clemson (86)
K Mike Weaver, jr., Wake Forest(47)
Spec. Quadree Henderson, soph., Pittsburgh (103)
Defense
DE DeMarcus Walker, sr., Florida State (125)
DE Ejuan Price, sr., Pittsburgh(107)
DT Carlos Watkins, sr., Clemson (113)
DT Woody Baron, sr., Virginia Tech (79)
LB Ben Boulware, sr., Clemson (131)
LB Micah Kiser, jr., Virginia (99)
LB Devonte Fields, sr., Louisville (70)
CB Tarvarus McFadden, soph., Florida State (113)
CB Cordrea Tankersley, sr., Clemson (97)
S Quin Blanding, jr., Virginia (100)
S Jadar Johnson, sr., Clemson (94)
P Nicholas Conte, sr., Virginia (118)
SECOND TEAM
Offense
QB Deshaun Watson, jr., Clemson (102)
RB Matthew Dayes, sr., N.C. State (79)
RB Wayne Gallman, jr., Clemson (73)
WR Isaiah Ford, jr., Virginia Tech (103)
WR Travis Rudolph, jr., Florida State (81)
WR Ahmmon Richards, fr., Miami (50)
TE Cole Hikutini, sr., Louisville (62)
OT Adam Bismowaty, sr., Pittsburgh (88)
OT Jon Heck, sr., North Carolina (57)
OG Tony Adams, jr., N.C. State (54)
OG Kareem Are, sr., Florida State (54)
C Lucas Crowley, sr., North Carolina (64)
K Greg Huegel, soph., Clemson (39)
Spec. T.J. Logan, sr., North Carolina (57)
Defense
DE Harold Landry, jr., Boston College (92)
DE Christian Wilkins, soph., Clemson (72)
DT Dexter Lawrence, fr., Clemson (67)
DT DeAngelo Brown, sr., Louisville (66)
LB Marquel Lee, sr., Wake Forest (64)
LB Keith Kelsey, sr., Louisville (56)
LB Tremaine Edmunds, soph., Virginia Tech (47)
CB Jaire Alexander, soph., Louisville (80)
CB Corn Elder, sr., Miami (53)
S Jordan Whitehead, soph., Pittsburgh (54)
S Jessie Bates, fr., Wake Forest (42)
P Justin Vogel, sr., Miami (78)
THIRD TEAM
Offense
QB Mitch Trubisky, jr., North Carolina (29)
RB Mark Walton, soph., Miami (59)
RB Elijah Hood, jr., North Carolina (40)
WR Artavis Scott, jr., Clemson (46)
WR James Quick, sr., Louisville (44)
WR Stacy Coley, sr., Miami (30)
TE Bucky Hodges, jr., Virginia Tech (52)
OT Brian O'Neill, soph., Pittsburgh (35)
OT Jonathan McLaughlin, sr., Virginia Tech (33)
OG Augie Conte, sr., Virginia Tech (48)
OG Danny Isidora, sr., Miami (43)
C Freddie Burden, sr., Georgia Tech (27)
K Joey Slye, jr., Virginia Tech (37)
Spec. Brisly Estime, sr., Syracuse (32)
Defense
DE Bradley Chubb, jr., N.C. State (64)
DE Duke Ejirofor, jr., Wake Forest (37)
DT Derrick Nnadi, jr., Florida State (65)
DT Nazair Jones, jr., North Carolina (33)
LB Ben Humphreys, soph. Duke (46)
LB Andrew Motuapuaka, jr., Virginia Tech (41)
LB Zaire Franklin, jr., Syracuse (40)
CB Greg Stroman, jr., Virginia Tech (45)
CB Breon Borders, sr., Duke (37)
S Josh Harvey-Clemons, sr., Louisville (38)
S Chucky Williams, jr., Louisville (34)
P Sterling Hofrichter, fr., Syracuse (30)

PRO FOOTBALL

Broncos falls to seventh in AFC playoff race

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

DENVER — Brandon McManus was wide left and now the defending Super Bowl champs are on the outside looking in on the AFC playoff race, too.

The Kansas City Chiefs capitalized on short field position following McManus' missed 62-yard attempt to drive down and win it 30-27 on

Cairo Santos' 34-yarder that clanked off the left upright and over the crossbar in the final second of overtime Sunday night.

That left the Chiefs (8-3) a game behind Oakland (9-2) in the AFC West while the Broncos (7-4) slipped behind the Dolphins (7-4) for the current final playoff spot.

In pregame remarks on the NBC broadcast, DeMarcus Ware called this “a must-win

game for us. And this right here will put us over the top, put us to the next level.”

Instead, the defending champs slipped behind a six-pack of teams, including division leaders Houston and Baltimore, which both have worse records than Denver at 6-5.

Winners of six straight games, Miami have the Broncos beat on the conference tiebreaker as it stands now.

“We just got to get into the playoffs,” cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said. “I feel like if we get in the playoffs, we can be scary for anybody.”

That task just got a whole lot trickier for the Broncos, who hit the road for the next two games, at Jacksonville and Tennessee, before returning home for a game against New England. They wrap up against the Chiefs and Raiders.

PANTHERS

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Then a key dropped pass by Greg Olsen and Khalil Mack's sack of Newton sealed the latest disappointing loss for a Panthers team that found ways to win games such as this last season on the way to a 15-1 regular season.

“We are done comparing everything to last year,” Olsen said. “The reality is that we are 4-7. It is a tough loss. Obviously, there are a lot of things that we could have done better to give us a better chance.

There was an interception by Newton late in the first half that Mack returned for a touchdown , a blocked extra point by Denico Autry in the third quarter, two missed 2-point conversion attempts, including a dropped pass by Olsen, and the decision to punt on fourth-and-1 late in the fourth quarter before Oakland drove for the go-ahead field goal by Sebastian Janikowski.

But despite all that, the Panthers were in position to drive for the tying or go-ahead score. After holding the Raiders to a field goal, Carolina took over at its 25 with 1:45 to play.

Newton completed two



Carolina quarterback Cam Newton (1) prepares to pass against the Oakland Raiders during the Panthers' 35-32 loss on Sunday in Oakland, Calif.

quick passes to get the ball to the Oakland 44 with 1:15 to play. Newton then threw two straight incompletions as the Raiders got pressure against a banged-up offensive line and the Panthers needed to call their final timeout before the third down play to get the right personnel in the game.

Newton then found Olsen deep over the middle, but Olsen was unable to come down with what would have been a tough catch. Olsen earlier dropped a pass on a 2-point conversion attempt that proved costly later.

“You have to catch the ball,” he said. “I have caught a lot of balls in this league and this team relies on me to

make the plays and come to me when (the game) is on the line. You have got to make the play.”

Carolina still had one more shot, but Mack beat Trai Thomas on the fourth-down play to strip Newton and recover the fumble that

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

By Katie Altman-Goff,
Water Resources Extention Agent

Out of Sight but Not
Out of Mind

Let's talk about septic tanks. I know what you're probably thinking. I must be a terrible guest at a dinner party based on my choices of topics! A few weeks ago I wrote about pet waste and now I want to write about septic tanks, but both are important topics to understand in order to protect the health of our water resources. I know you don't want to talk about it but when it comes to septic tanks, out of sight should not mean out of mind. If you're not familiar with how a septic tank works, these are the basic steps involved. First, solids settle out of the water in the tank. Next, liquids are transferred to the leach field. The leach field consists of perforated pipes laid over gravel beds. The liquid waste drains into the gravel, where microorganisms break down the waste products in the liquid before it reaches the groundwater table.

average septic tank is designed to function properly for about 3-5 years.

- Don't pour harsh chemicals and disinfectants down the drain. A septic system requires a healthy population of micro-organisms to break down waste products. If you pour disinfectants down the drain, you will get rid of all those beneficial microorganisms.
- Know where your septic leach field is. You should never park or drive over your leach field or plant a tree on top of it. These activities could lead to damage and leakages.
- Reduce the amount of solids and grease going down the drain to prevent clogs and extend the life of your system. If you have a septic tank you should not use a garbage disposal!

I promise I'll try to talk about more pleasant topics for a few weeks. And if you ever invite me to dinner I won't talk about septic tanks ... at least not until after dessert!

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JAMES W. LEVINE JR.

James William Levine Jr. was born on Jan. 27, 1967, in Sumter, the eldest son of James William Levine Sr. and Mable D. Levine. He took flight from the call of our heavenly father on Friday, Nov. 25, 2016.



LEVINE

He was a 1985 graduate of Hillcrest High School of Dalzell, where he excelled in football and track and field. He continued his education at Chowan Junior College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, and Morris College, Sumter, where he continued to excel in sports. He was employed by Eaton Corp. of Sumter. He was a member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist of Sumter. He had several talents, to include being an artist, poet, and he made music.

James is survived by his loving wife, Sharon D. Andrews Levine; one son, James William Levine III; one daughter, Delanci B. Levine; his parents, James William Levine Sr. and Mable D. Levine of Sumter; three brothers, Terry C. Levine of Monroe, Louisiana, Gary O. (Renee) Levine of Phoenix, Arizona, and Vernie E. Levine of Atlanta; three sisters, the Rev. Dr. Avril (Pastor Joseph) Wiggins of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Santia A. (Willie) Pettaway of Jacksonville, Florida, and Renee A. Levine of Sumter; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Geneva Andrews and Bobby Andrews; three brothers-in-law, Vincent, Rickie and Demond Andrews of Greenwood; four aunts, Levy D. (Samuel) Allen, Louise (Ray) Conyers, Essie McCluskey and Mary Frances Levine; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

James was preceded in death by his grandparents, Eugene R. Levine Sr., Willie Johnson, Annie Bell L. Way, Gonza Way and Azalee Johnson; two uncles, Eugene R. Levine Jr. and Francis E. Brown; and one aunt, Annie Mae L. Sinkler.

Funeral service will be held at noon on Wednesday at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, Sumter, with the Rev. Marion H. Newton. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park.

The family will be receiving friends at 9 N. Pike West Road, Sumter.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be forwarded to the family or as a memorial to Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church.

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

HELEN D. BILLIE

MANNING — Helen Dukes Billie, 62, died on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016. She was a daughter of Evoila Butler Dukes and the late Thomas Dukes.



BILLIE

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Society Hill AME Church, Manning, with the Rev. Mary Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her mother, 8154 Bloomville Road, Manning.

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

BARBARA D. HARKINS

DALZELL — Barbara Dean Harkins, age 71, died on Friday, Nov. 25, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday at Bullock Funeral Home.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



PEARL S. DENNIS

REMBERT — Pearl Sumter Dennis, age 65, beloved wife of the late Frank Dennis Sr., died on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016, at her residence.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



HENRY C. JANIS

Retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Henry Charles Janis, age 80, beloved husband of 58 years to Arlene Elizabeth Carroll Janis, died on Friday, Nov. 25, 2016, at Palmetto Health Heart Hospital in Columbia.

Born in Manhattan, New York, he was a son of the late Henry Michael and Charlotte Theresa Hicks Janis. Mr. Janis retired from the U.S. Navy with more than 24 years of service. While in the Navy, he was under five commands. Following his military career, he went on to work and retire from Jersey Central

Power and Light as an electronic technician. After taking an early retirement, he relocated to Sumter. Mr. Janis was a member of the Fleet Reserve in Allentown, Pennsylvania; the Tin Can Sailors of the National Association of Destroyer Veterans; the American Legion Post 15; the Sumter Newcomers Club; Midlands Retired Military Association; and the Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity of Thomas Edison College. His hobbies included feeding his lake ducks and supporting the Drum and Bugle Corp of Allentown and the Caballeros of New Jersey. He was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons, Brian Janis of Las Vegas, Nevada, Kevin Janis and his husband, George Kupczak, of Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, and Kenneth Janis and his wife, Melissa, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; one daughter, Kimberly Janis of Easton, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren, Jason Janis and his wife, Beth, Madeline Janis and Daniel Janis; two great-grandchildren, Hailey Janis and Shea Janis; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and brother, Charles Janis.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with full military honors. Interment will be private.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Bullock Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to The Cadets Drum and Bugle Corp, 601 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18101 or to a charity of one's choice.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



LITTLE DANIEL RODRIGUEZ

Little Daniel Rodriguez, 1, entered eternal peace on Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

Born on June 5, 2015, in Columbia, he was a son of Eric and Marie DeJesus Rodriguez.

Funeral services for Little

Daniel Rodriguez will be held at 11 a.m. today in the chapel of Summertown Funeral Home LLC. Burial will follow in Sunrise Sunset Cemetery in Paxville.

Condolences may be sent to summertownfuneralhome@gmail.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summertown Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summertown, phone (803) 485-3755.

SONIE WALKER

Sonie Walker, 35, was born on Feb. 4, 1981, in Orangeburg, a daughter of Michael C. and Eleanora Simmons Walker. She departed this life on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1002 Skardon St., Sumter, SC 29154.

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

LOMAN BROOKS JR.

Loman Brooks Jr., 74, was born on April 6, 1942, in Sumter, a son of the late Loman Sr. and Rosa Lee Howard Brooks. He departed this life on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The family will receive friends at the home, 185 Heartbeat Lane, Wedgefield, SC 29168.

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

SALLIE W. ABRAHAM

Sallie Williams Abraham, 56, was born on Feb. 22, 1960, in Sumter, a daughter of the late Ishmell Williams and Evelyn McKiever. She departed this life on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The family will receive friends at the home, 251 Rast St., Apartment P No. 1, Sumter.

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

JAMES E. FULTON SR.

BALTIMORE, Maryland — James Edward Fulton Sr., 68, husband of Ethel Pendergrass Fulton, died on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016, at his residence, 2037 E. Belvedere Ave., Baltimore.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1948, in Manning, a son of Eugene Fulton and the late Ruth Conyers Fulton.

The family will begin receiving friends on Wednesday at the home of his sister-in-law, Bobbie Pendergrass, 2088 Mallett Road,

Manning.

These services are entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC, Manning.

ANNIE JEAN SHANNON

Annie Jean Shannon, 57, wife of William Shannon, died on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, at her residence in Pinewood.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, she was a daughter of the late Willie and Mary Bullard Jackson.

The family will receive friends at the residence, 6010 Panola Road, Pinewood, SC 29125.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

REBECCA D. OLIVER

PINEWOOD — Rebecca Dukes Oliver, 78, widow of Robert Oliver Sr., died on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1937, in the Silver community of Pinewood, a daughter of the late John Wesley and Rebecca Canty Dukes.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 1240 Garlie Circle, Pinewood.

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

BERNARD MAGAZINE

Bernard Magazine, of 232 Perkins Ave., Brockton, Massachusetts, entered eternal rest on Nov. 26, 2016, at a local hospital.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete but will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, pending the arrival of his remains.

The family will receive friends at the home of his sister, Louise McCall, 1076 Browntown Road, Bishopville.

JAMES THOMPSON

MANNING — On Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, James Thompson, husband of Dorothy Owens Thompson, heard his master's call at his residence.

Born on Nov. 12, 1934, in Manning, he was a son of the late Joe and Rebecca Wells Thompson.

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LOCAL CHANNELS																
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7:00pm Local news update.	Entertainment Tonight (N) (HD)	The Voice: Live Top 10 Eliminations America's votes determine who advances. (N) (HD)		This Is Us: The Trip Kate, Randall and Kevin seek solace. (N) (HD)		Chicago Fire: Lift Each Other Anniversary party; Boden takes control. (N) (HD)		WIS News 10 at 11:00pm News and weather.	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Comedic skits and celebrity interviews. (HD)			
WLTX	13	9	9	News 19 @ 7pm Evening news update.	Inside Edition (N) (HD)	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Reindeer teased for his difference. (HD)		NCIS: Spinning Wheel Ducky remembers the final days he had with his late younger brother. (HD)		Bull: Unambiguous Client tried for athlete's murder. (HD)		News 19 @ 11pm The news of the day.	(:35) The Late Show with Stephen Colbert Stephen Colbert interviews celebrities. (HD)			
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune (N) (HD)	Jeopardy! (N) (HD)	The Middle: Look Who's Not Talking (N) (HD)	American Housewife: Power Couple (N)	Fresh Off the Boat (N) (HD)	The Real O'Neals: The Real Fit (N) (HD)	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: Deals with Our Devils The team searches for answers. (N) (HD)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (HD)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Celebrities and human-interest subjects. (HD)			
WRJA	27	11	14	Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Birth of Rock Theater Past and future of TSO.		Joe Bonamassa: Live at the Greek Theatre (N) (HD)		Live from Lincoln Center: Lang Lang's New York Rhapsody (HD)		Dr. Ruth's Revving Up Your Romance (HD)						
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Penny's package. (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine: Skyfire Cycle (N) (HD)	(:31) New Girl: James Wonder (N) (HD)	(:01) Scream Queens: The Hand Dean Munsch pitches a high risk surgery. (N) (HD)		WACH FOX News at 10 Local news report and weather forecast.		The Huddle	2 Broke Girls: And Too Little Sleep (HD)	Mike & Molly: First Date (HD)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing: Grandparents Day (HD)	Last Man Standing: Co-Ed Softball (HD)	The Flash: Invasion! Central City is attacked by aliens, prompting Barry to help elsewhere. (N) (HD)		No Tomorrow: No Rest for the Weary Xavier organizes strike at Evie's job. (N) (HD)		Bones: Intern in the Incinerator Jeffersonian intern murdered. (HD)		Bones: The Boy in the Time Capsule Body found in high school time capsule. (HD)	Hot in Cleveland Cold feet. (HD)			
CABLE CHANNELS																
A&E	46	130	Intervention: Jonel Woman's child addicted to narcotic. (HD)		Intervention: Todd Devastating losses. (N) (HD)		Intervention: Katie S. Woman loses kids. (N) (HD)		Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath (N) (HD)		(:04) Intervention: Bryceton Angry drinker. (HD)		(:03) Intervention: Todd (HD)			
AMC	48	180	(6:30) Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (92, Comedy) ★★½ Macaulay Culkin. Kid lands in NY and the path of revenge. (HD)				Enchanted (07, Fantasy) ★★½ Amy Adams. A fairy-tale princess engaged to a handsome prince is transported to New York. (HD)				Runaway Bride (99, Comedy) Richard Gere. Reluctant bride. (HD)					
ANPL	41	100	Insane Pools Deep End (HD)		Insane Pools Deep End (HD)		Insane Pools Deep End (HD)		Insane Pools Deep End (HD)		Insane Pools Deep End (HD)		Insane (HD)			
BET	61	162	(6:30) 2016 Soul Train Awards (HD)				Real Husbands (HD)		The Gary Owen Show		Gridiron Gang (06, Drama) ★★½ Dwayne Johnson. Probation officer begins football team.					
BRAVO	47	181	Below Deck: Bosun Blues		Below Deck: Bemily		Below Deck (N)		Ladies of London: London Friends are Falling Down (N)		What Happens (N) (HD)		Below Deck			
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank (HD)		Shark Tank (HD)		The Profit (N) (HD)		Billion Dollar Buyer (N) (HD)		The Profit: Susana Monaco (HD)		Billion (HD)			
CNN	33	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (HD)		Anderson Cooper 360° (N) (HD)		To Be Announced		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon		TBA			
COM	57	136	Futurama Fry fathers alien. (:29) Futurama: Cold Warriors		Tosh.0 (HD)		Tosh.0: Mini Bike Jump (HD)	Tosh.0 (HD)	Tosh.0 London guard. (HD)	Tosh.0 (N) (HD)	Drunk History (N) (HD)	Daily Show with Trevor (N)	(:31) @midnight (N) (HD)	South Park Guitar Hero. (HD)		
DISN	18	200	The Great Christmas Light Fight New neighborhoods. (HD)		Disney Parks Presents: A Descendants Magical (HD)		Liv and Maddie (HD)		K.C. Undercover (HD)		The Lodge Camping trip. (HD)		Stuck in the Middle (HD)	Liv and Maddie (HD)	Best Friends Whenever (HD)	Girl Meets World (HD)
DSC	42	103	Moonshiners (HD)		Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N)		Moonshiners (N) (HD)		Homicide Hunter: Kenda (N)		Moonshiners: Hard Start (HD)		Homicide (N)			
ESPN	26	35	CFB Playoff		College Basketball: Syracuse Orange at Wisconsin Badgers (HD)		College Basketball: Michigan State vs Duke (LIVE) (HD)				SportsCenter (HD)					
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball: Pittsburgh vs Maryland (LIVE) (HD)				College Basketball: Iowa vs Notre Dame (LIVE) (HD)				Sports (HD)		30 for 30 (HD)			
FOOD	40	109	Chopped (HD)		Chopped Junior (N) (HD)		Chopped: Viewer's Baskets (HD)		Chopped (N) (HD)		Chopped Fans' choice. (HD)		Chopped (HD)			
FOXN	37	90	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		The O'Reilly Factor (N) (HD)		The Kelly File News updates.		Hannity (N) (HD)		The O'Reilly Factor (HD)		The Kelly File			
FREE	20	131	The Holiday (06, Comedy) ★★½ Cameron Diaz. House swap. (HD)		Ben & Lauren: Happily Ever After? Bachelor party. (N) (HD)		The Letter: Atlanta Belles Atlanta partygoers. (N) (HD)		The Letter: Friends Since Four Four best friends. (N) (HD)		The 700 Club (HD)		Jingle All the Way (96) (HD)			
FSS	31	42	NHL Hockey: Carolina Hurricanes at New York Rangers (LIVE) (HD)		Crown for Christmas (15, Romance) ★★½ Danica McKellar. Woman's new boss is European monarch. (HD)		Postgame		UFC Main Event		UFC Unleashed (HD)		NHL Hockey			
HALL	52	183	(6:00) A Heavenly Christmas (16, Holiday) Kristin Davis. (HD)				A December Bride (16, Romance) Jessica Lowndes. A woman looking for an escort for her cousin's wedding accepts a friend's offer.				A Wish for Christmas (HD)					
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper Waco, Texas. (HD)		Fixer Upper (HD)		Hunters (N)		Hunters (N)		Fixer Upper (HD)		Fixer Upper			
HIST	45	110	The Curse of Oak Island (HD)		Curse of Oak Island: Dig (N)		The Curse of Oak Island (N)		(:03) Hunting Hitler (N) (HD)		(:03) Hunting Hitler (HD)		Curse (HD)			
ION	13	160	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Uncle Double murder. (HD)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Confrontation (HD)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Infiltrated (HD)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Underbelly (HD)		Saving Hope: Not Fade Away Life without gift. (N) (HD)		Saving Hope (N) (HD)			
LIFE	50	145	Dance Moms: Two Teams, Two Studios Part 1 (HD)		Dance Moms: Two Teams, Two Studios Part 2 (HD)		Dance Moms: Fight for Your Life Abby's announcement. (N) (HD)		(:02) 30 Something Grandma: Adventures of Chantal (N) (HD)		(:02) Little Women: Dallas: Right to Refuse (HD)		(:02) Dance Moms (HD)			
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball with Chris (N) (HD)		All in with Chris Hayes (HD)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		Lawrence O'Donnell (HD)		11th Hour (HD)		Hardball (HD)		Maddow (HD)	
NICK	16	210	Paradise		Legends of the Hidden Temple		Thunderman		Full House		Full House		Friends (HD)		Friends (HD)	
SPIKE	64	153	Ink Master (HD)		Ink Master: Heavy Lifting (HD)		Ink Master (HD)		Ink Master (N) (HD)		Ink Master (N)		Ink Master		Nightmares	
SYFY	58	152	Raiders of the Lost Ark (HD)		G.I. Joe: Retaliation (13, Action) ★★½ Dwayne Johnson. The Cobra spy Zartan has managed to secretly cripple the G.I. Joes from within.		Aftermath: Hieronymo's Mad Again (N) (HD)		The Legend of Hercules (14, Action) ★½ Kellan Lutz. Son of Zeus fights for rightful kingdom.							
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld: The Wink (HD)		Seinfeld: The Hot Tub (HD)		The Big Bang Theory (HD)		The Big Bang Theory (HD)		Conan (N) (HD)		2 Broke Girls (HD)			
TCM	49	186	(6:00) Dial M for Murder (54, Mystery) ★★½ Ray Milland. (HD)		Primrose Path (40, Drama) ★★½ Ginger Rogers. A woman considers prostitution.		(:45) The Major and the Minor (42, Comedy) ★★½ Ginger Rogers. A woman disguised as a child gets mixed up with an Army major.				The Big Clock (48, Drama) Ray Milland. Framed for murder. (HD)					
TLC	43	157	Little People, Big World (N)		Little People, Big World (N)		(:01) OutDaughtered (N) (HD)		(:02) Kate Plus 8 (N) (HD)		(:02) OutDaughtered (HD)		Kate Plus (HD)			
TNT	23	158	(6:10) Star Wars: Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back (80, Science Fiction) ★★½ Mark Hamill. Darth Vader searches for Luke. (HD)		Good Behavior: Your Mama Had a Hard Night (N) (HD)		Adam Ruins Loves Ray.		Adam Ruins Loves Ray.		Jokers (HD)		Jokers (HD)		Jokers (HD)	
TRUTV	38	129	Jokers (HD)		Jokers (HD)		Adam Ruins Loves Ray.		Adam Ruins Loves Ray.		Queens (HD)		Queens (HD)		Queens (HD)	
TVLAND	55	161	A Griffith (HD)		A Griffith (HD)		(:48) Loves Raymond (HD)		Shooter: Musa Qala Bob initiates contact with Nadine. (N) (HD)		(:01) Fast & Furious (09, Action) ★★½ Vin Diesel. O'Conner and Toretto track convoy heist. (HD)					
USA	25	132	(5:00) Shooter (07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed. (HD)		WWE SmackDown (HD)				Law & Order: Born Again (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order			
WE	68	166	Law & Order: DR 1-102 (HD)		Law & Order: Missing (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order: Born Again (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order			
WGN	8	172	Cops (HD)		Cops (HD)		Cops (HD)		Cops (HD)		Cops (HD)		Cops (HD)		Cops (HD)	

A&E offers ‘Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath’

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

What happens when a TV star embarks on a crusade? The new series **“Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath”** (10 p.m., A&E, TV-14) continues the actress’s efforts to shed light on a belief system that she once espoused.

Famed for her work on “The King of Queens,” Remini was an active, public proponent of Scientology until her 2013 departure from the organization.

She will use “Aftermath” to tell her story and interview former members of the organization about physical and psychological abuse, sexual improprieties and violent acts by those at the top of the church’s hierarchy.

Tom Cruise, the most public face of Scientology, can be seen in the 1986 flag-waver **“Top Gun”** (7:30 p.m., MTV Classic). He also appears on “The Late Late Show With James Corden.”

• Folk music troubadour Burl Ives lent his voice to a friendly snowman to narrate the 1964 Rankin-Bass production of **“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”** (8 p.m., CBS, TV-G), a holiday favorite for more than 50 years.

More than most Christmas specials, “Rudolph” put a special emphasis on individualism and nonconformity. It celebrated a freak of nature, an Island of Misfit Toys and a character who was born an elf but identified as a dentist.

• Letty tries to visit her son on **“Good Behavior”** (9 p.m., TNT, TV-MA). For the uninitiated, this series stars Michelle Dockery as a recently released convict, a thief and con artist whose efforts to go straight

collide with very bad choices. Most know Dockery as the posh and superior Lady Mary from “Downton Abbey,” so this transformation to an American-accented grifter may come as a shock.

She’s not the only “Downton” character to break loose. Penelope Wilton, who played Mary’s do-gooder mother-in-law Isobel Crawley, has a fun role in the 2016 U.K. series “Brief Encounters,” now streaming on Acorn.

Set in a depressed factory town in 1983, the show follows an unlikely band of women who find fellowship, friendship and a tidy income selling intimate lingerie and sex toys to bored and curious housewives.

Wilton’s character Pauline is a repressed and unfulfilled butcher’s wife who surprises herself and her circle by adjusting to changing times and shifting attitudes with an understated enthusiasm.

Of the two post-”Downton”

efforts, “Brief Encounters” is a lot more fun and, strange as it sounds, a lot less contrived than “Good Behavior.” The first season of “Brief Encounters” is available on DVD today.

CULT CHOICE

Fleeing a lecherous client, a scalp massager (Ginger Rogers) poses as a 12-year-old because she can’t afford an adult train fare in the 1942 comedy **“The Major and the Minor”** (9:45 p.m., TCM, directed by Billy Wilder).

TONIGHT’S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Live eliminations on **“The Voice”** (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- A European king (Rupert Penry-Jones) falls in love with his daughter’s governess (Danica McKellar) in the 2015 romance **“Crown for Christmas”** (8 p.m., Hallmark). Made, one supposes, for people who can’t

quite remember the plot to “The Sound of Music.”

- Post-Thanksgiving decomposition on **“This Is Us”** (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

- Family drama for Antonio and Dawson on **“Chicago Fire”** (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Terry meets his hero on **“Brooklyn Nine-Nine”** (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * A failure to communicate on **“The Middle”** (8 p.m., ABC) * Heroes vs. Aliens on **“The Flash”** (8 p.m., CW) * Jess seeks parental approval on **“New Girl”** (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * School politics boil over on **“American Housewife”** (8:30 p.m., ABC) * Ducky grieves on **“NCIS”** (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Dr. Holt’s hand has a mind of its own on **“Scream Queens”** (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Evan returns to the pews on **“Fresh Off the Boat”** (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Xavier has an incendiary effect on Cybermart employees on **“No To-**

morrow” (9 p.m., CW) * Eileen is hooked on fitness on **“The Real O’Neals”** (9:30 p.m., ABC) * A woman who publicly accused an athlete of assault becomes a suspect in his murder on **“Bull”** (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Surviving team members take stock on **“Marvel’s Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.”** (10 p.m., ABC).

LATE NIGHT

Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.), Pete Holmes and Shovels & Rope appear on **“Conan”** (11 p.m., TBS) * Sting and Thandie Newton are booked on **“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Benedict Cumberbatch, Isla Fisher and Flatbush Zombies appear on **“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (11:35 p.m., ABC, r) * Tom Cruise, Anna Faris and Weezer appear on **“The Late Late Show With James Corden”** (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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SOLICITATION FOR TRANSPORTATION

Competitive bids are being
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Those interested in submitting a bid
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**Deadline for submission of Bid is
December 29, 2016, 3:00 PM.** All
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Strock, Executive Director, at
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or in writing to PO Box 832, Sumter,
South Carolina 29151. All questions
must be received by December 15,
2016. After all questions have been
received, written response will be
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10 days. Bid Opening is December
29, 2016 at 3:45PM. Bid will be
awarded by December 30, 2016.
Award will be posted at 119 South
Sumter Street, Sumter, South
Carolina 29150 and bidders will be
notified in writing of final decision.

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF SUMTER BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter City-County Board of
Zoning Appeals will hold a regularly
scheduled meeting on **Wednesday,**
December 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the
City Council Chambers located on the
Fourth Floor of the Opera House
(21 North Main Street, Sumter, South
Carolina). The following requests are
scheduled for public hearing:

BOA-16-17, 30 & 32 Reese St. (City)
The applicant is requesting two
variances from the development
standards for detached dwellings in
the R-6 District as outlined in Article
3, Exhibit 3-1 Development
Standards for Uses in R-6 District in
order to subdivide a single 0.54 acre
lot with two detached dwellings into
two separate parcels: (1) a variance
from the 60 ft. minimum lot width
requirement for a detached dwelling
in order to subdivide a 98 ft. wide lot
into two lots with 45.75 ft. of lot
frontage and 52.25 ft. of lot frontage,
and (2) a side setback variance of 1
ft. from the required 8 ft. to allow for
a 7 ft. side setback. The property is
represented by Tax Map
#229-08-03-054 and is zoned
Residential-6 (R-6).

Documents pertaining to the
proposed request(s) are on file in the
Office of the Sumter City-County
Planning Department and are
available to be inspected and
studied by interested citizens.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.
Mayor

Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the
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the amount claimed, the date when the
claim will become due, the nature of any
uncertainty as to the amount claimed and
the date when due, and a description of
any security as to the claim.

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uncertainty as to the amount claimed and
the date when due, and a description of
any security as to the claim.

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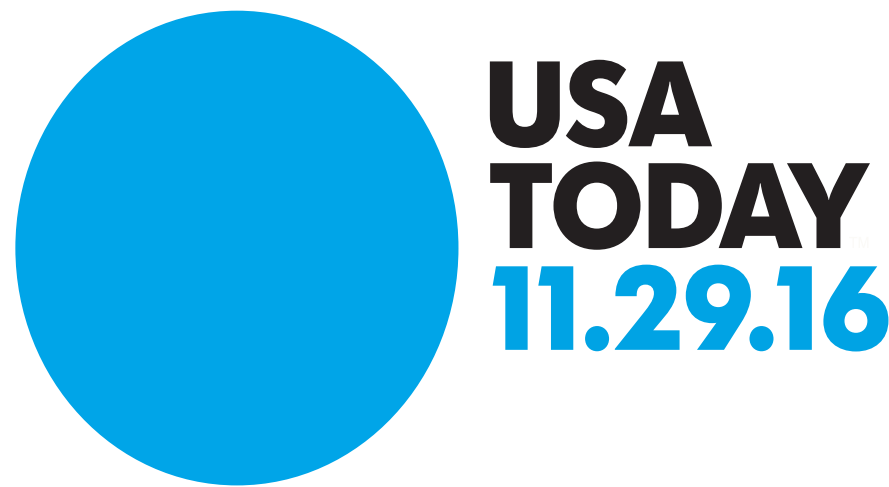
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KERRY HAYES, AP

In psychology class, “we got the text. Stay indoors. Active shooter. That’s when I started freaking out.”

Meredith Johnson, 19, Ohio State freshman

Terrorism not ruled out in Ohio campus attack



PHOTOS BY JOE MAIORANA, USA TODAY NETWORK

Ohio State student Gilles Munezero shelters in place while police check buildings during active-shooter alert.

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Pet-ty greetings



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of female shoppers like to see the family pet on holiday cards.

SOURCE Minted via SurveyMonkey survey of 1,000 women
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FBI joins investigation after knife-wielding suspect is killed by police officer; at least 11 people hurt in violence

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USA TODAY

An Ohio State student crashed his vehicle into pedestrians on the Columbus campus Monday, then slashed students with a butcher knife before being fatally shot by a university police officer, authorities said.

Eleven people were rushed to hospitals and one was in critical condition, according to university Police Chief Craig Stone.

The drama began shortly before 10 a.m. ET, when the suspect deliberately drove over a curb and began his attack, Stone said. He said the officer arrived about a minute later and engaged the suspect.

“We are very fortunate that an OSUPD officer was there and took quick action,” Stone said.

Monica Moll, the university’s public safety director, identified the assailant as Abdul Razak Ali Artan, a student at the school. Multiple media outlets including NBC News and the Associated Press, citing sources who requested anonymity, described him as a



Columbus police seal off a parking garage after a brutal morning attack with a car and knife at Ohio State University.

native of Somalia living in the United States as a legal permanent resident. The Associated Press reported he was 20.

He was shot by officer Alan Horujko, 28, who has been on the university force for almost two years, Moll said.

Columbus Police Chief Kim Jacobs, whose officers also responded to the attack, said terrorism had not been ruled out. “That’s

why our federal partners are here and helping,” she said.

Homeland security adviser Lisa Monaco briefed President Obama on the incident, White House press secretary Josh Earnest said. He said FBI agents in Columbus were assisting with the investigation.

“Buckeye Alert: Active Shooter

STORY **CONTINUES ON C2**

Wisconsin denies recount request

Stein vows lawsuit, takes aim at Pa. and Mich. as well

Jason Stein
and **Patrick Marley**
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MADISON Green Party candidate Jill Stein continued her quest Monday for a recount of the presidential election but was thwarted Monday by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, which rejected her request to require a count by hand.

Stein quickly responded that she would sue and also filed a lawsuit in Pennsylvania to force a recount there, and her supporters began filing recount requests at the precinct level. Initial results showed Republican Donald Trump ahead of Democrat Hillary Clinton by 70,638 votes.

The commission set a timetable Monday for a recount of the presidential election.

Stein — who received just a tiny piece of the vote — also plans to ask for a recount in Michigan on Wednesday, according to Mark Brewer, former chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party and lawyer for Stein.

Michigan’s Board of Canvassers certified its election results Monday afternoon, showing Trump won the presidential race by a 10,704-vote margin over Clinton.

The certification made the election results official, but it also started the 48-hour clock for Stein to seek a recount.

Stein, who has raised more than \$6.3 million online to pay for recounts in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan, she’s not requesting the recounts because she thinks they will change the outcome of the presidential race. Instead, she said in a video on her Facebook page, that she picked the three states where the vote was the closest to ensure the integrity of the election.

The Clinton campaign announced Saturday that it will participate in the Wisconsin recount to ensure fairness.

Trump called the effort a “scam” aimed at filling the Green Party’s “coffers.”

In addition, Trump alleged in a tweet that there was “serious voter fraud” in Virginia, New Hampshire and California and blamed the media for not reporting on it.

STORY **CONTINUES ON C2**

States must complete their recounts by a Dec. 13 deadline set by the federal government.

Coral gets ‘cooked’ in dire die-off at Great Barrier Reef

Australian scientists sound siren on climate

Doyle Rice
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USA TODAY

One of the world’s treasures, the Great Barrier Reef, has suffered its worst coral die-off ever recorded, Australian scientists announced Monday.

Stress from unusually warm ocean water heated by man-made climate change and the natural El Niño climate pattern caused the die-off. “The coral was cooked,”

Terry Hughes, director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, told the BBC.

At 1,400 miles long, Australia’s Great Barrier Reef is the world’s largest coral reef and the planet’s biggest structure made by living organisms. In the northernmost section of the reef, which had been considered the most “pristine,” some 67% of the coral died.

The good news, scientists said, was that central and southern sections of the reef fared far better, with “only” 6% and 1% of the coral dead, respectively.

Coral reefs result from the work of polyps, creatures only a

few millimeters long, budded on top of one another. Over centuries, their shells combine to form the exotic shapes of coral reefs.

The vibrant colors that draw thousands of tourists to the Great Barrier Reef each year come from algae living in the coral’s tissue. When water temperatures become too high, coral becomes stressed and expels the algae, leaving the coral a bleached white color. Mass coral bleaching was never observed before the 1980s, as global warming ramped up.

Reefs also shelter land from storms and are a habitat for myriads of species.

“Coral reefs are therefore the



ARC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR CORAL REEF STUDIES
A scientist assesses coral mortality on Zenith Reef after the mass bleaching event on the northern section of Australia’s Great Barrier Reef.

most biologically diverse ecosystems of the planet and provide a number of ecosystem services that hundreds of millions of people rely on,” said Greg Torda, also of the center, in an email to USA TODAY. “These include provisioning (fishing, other types of harvesting, for pharmaceuticals, for example), coastal protection, aesthetic and cultural values.”

Tourism on the Great Barrier Reef employs 70,000 people and generates \$5 billion (Australian) in income each year, the center said in a statement. If all of its coral died, “it would be among the largest mass extinction events in history,” Torda said.



ADAM CAIRNS, AP

Police surround the body of a suspect at Ohio State. “We prepare for situations like this, but we hope we never have one,” school President Michael Drake said.

Students hunker down

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on campus. Run Hide Fight. Watts Hall, 19th and College” the university’s emergency management agency tweeted within minutes of the attack. “Run hide fight” is emergency protocol used to warn people to flee if possible, hide from the shooter and, if all else fails, fight for your life.

Stone said it did not immediately appear that the attacker used a gun. The alert, however, apparently was sent after the suspect was fatally shot.

A short time later, the agency tweeted a warning to “Continue to shelter in place in north campus area. Follow directions of Police on scene.”

A SWAT team, K-9 and bomb squad units and scores of law enforcement officials descended on the sprawling campus. Less than two hours after the first alert, university police said the shelter-in-place order was lifted and the “scene was secure.” Classes were canceled for the rest of the day.

“We prepare for situations like this, but we hope we never have one,” school President Michael Drake said.

Student Harrison Roth tweeted a picture from inside a classroom, with chairs stacked up to block the door.

“I’m safe in a barricaded



PAUL VERNON, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A young man participates in a vigil after the car-and-knife attack in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday.

room,” he said in the tweet. “If you’re on campus, get in a room and stay safe.”

Freshman Meredith Johnson, 19, was in a psychology class when the university alert popped up on her teacher’s screen. The teacher and students thought it might have been a scam, she said. “Three or four minutes later, we got the text,” Johnson said. “Stay indoors. Active shooter. That’s when I started freaking out.”

Peterson Pierre, a junior biochemistry major, said he woke up to the campus alert. He and his roommate decided to go outside and see what was happening.

“We saw a body covered with a white sheet,” Pierre said.

Other students hunkered down in their apartments, waiting for the threat to pass.

“It’s honestly kind of terrifying because I was at home and away from my phone at the time,” said Jenny Chen, who stayed in her apartment about two blocks from Watts Hall, listed on the school’s website as a Materials Science

and Engineering building.

“I got flooded with messages ... asking me if I was safe, and I didn’t even realize this was happening,” said Chen, a senior. “Now I’m just scrambling to make sure that people I know are safe as well.”

Victoria Morishita, a senior studying logistics management, said she was off campus, but her phone quickly loaded with texts from people near the scene.

“I was scared because it happened near our CBEC and business building and a lot of my friends were there,” she said.

Facebook activated its safety check, entitled “The Violent Incident in Columbus, Ohio,” allows those in the area to mark themselves “safe,” “unsafe” or “outside the affected area” with the click of a button. Users can also invite friends to mark their safety status.

Contributing: Walbert Castillo; Tinae A. Bluit; Gregory Korte; Sophia Tulp; Cincinnati Enquirer

Ohio State student is ID’d as attacker

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USA TODAY

A 20-year-old Ohio State University student has been identified as the suspect behind the gruesome attack Monday on the school’s campus.

The alleged attacker, Abdul Razak Ali Artan, was killed by police after driving a car into a group of people and then attacking victims with a butcher’s knife, said Monica Moll, public safety director at Ohio State. FBI agents had joined local police in investigating the incident. Eleven people were injured; all are expected to survive.

Artan was born in Somalia and living in the United States as a legal permanent resident. Investigators discovered a message he posted on a Facebook page before the attack in which he expressed anger about the treatment of Muslims around the world, according to reports from multiple news outlets, citing unidentified law enforcement officials.

Artan was enrolled at Columbus State Community College from the autumn semester of 2014 through the summer semester of 2016, according to college spokesman Allen Kraus.

Artan graduated with an associate of arts degree in the spring of 2016 and then took a non-credit class for summer 2016. He had no record of behavioral or disciplinary issues during his time at Columbus State and graduated with honors, Kraus added.

Ohio State Police Chief Craig Stone said that Artan was alone during the attack and that police were still trying to deter-

mine the motive of the attack. Ohio State officials said the quick action of Officer Alan Horujko, who fatally shot Artan, prevented more people from being injured in the incident.

Columbus Police Chief Kim Jacobs, whose officers also responded to the attack, said terrorism had not been ruled out. “That’s why our federal partners are here and helping,” she said.

The attack comes as the terror group the Islamic State, also known as ISIL or ISIS, through its online recruiters has called on U.S.-based sympathizers to carry out attacks on American soil if they cannot find a way to join the fight in Syria and Iraq.

In May, FBI Director James Comey said ISIL was having a harder time recruiting U.S. sympathizers to travel to Syria, but the agency was seeing more incidents in which potential suspects were being recruited to plot strikes in the U.S.

Omar Hassan, president of the Columbus-based Somali Community Association of Ohio, said that a member of Artan’s family told him the suspect’s mother and siblings had been interviewed by law enforcement authorities after the incident. Columbus has the second-biggest Somali population in the U.S. with about 50,000 immigrants.

Hassan said the incident would reverberate in the Somali diaspora in the U.S. “The timing is not good,” Hassan said. “We are black. We are Muslim. We are Somali. We are all the negative stigmas.”

Contributing: Mark Curnutte, the Cincinnati Enquirer

Corrections & Clarifications

Monday’s 1B story on Raúl Castro misspelled the Cuban Moncada Barracks.



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Winner unlikely to change

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No evidence of fraud was given.

The states must complete their recounts by a Dec. 13 deadline set by the federal government. The big deadline is Dec. 19 when all of the states’ electors must meet to cast their Electoral College votes. States that miss those deadlines risk not having their electoral votes counted.

Unless Stein wins her lawsuit in Dane County Circuit Court, officials in each of Wisconsin’s 72 counties would decide on their own whether to do their recounts by hand. That could mean some counties perform recounts by machine and some by hand.

Citing the results of a 2011 statewide recount that changed



JOHN HART, WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL, VIA AP

Wisconsin Elections Commission Chair Mark Thomsen speaks Monday to the media regarding a requested recount of the state’s presidential election results in Madison, Wis.

only 300 votes, Elections Commission chairman Mark Thomsen, a Democrat, said this presidential recount is unlikely to change Trump’s win in the state.

“It may not be 22,177,” said Thomsen, referring to Trump’s lead over Democrat Hillary Clin-

ton in the vote count. “But I don’t doubt that the president-elect is going to win that.”

Thomsen dismissed Stein’s claims of problems with the vote as unfounded and misleading. But he directed his toughest criticism to Trump’s unsupported al-

legations that millions of people voted illegally nationwide, calling them “an insult to the people that run our elections.”

Contributing: Paul Egan and Kathleen Gray, Detroit Free Press, and Will Cummings, USA TODAY.

LIFELINE

MAKING WAVES

 After embracing the 'Troublemaker' label, Leah Remini is continuing to speak out against the Church of Scientology. The actress/author, who executive-produced and stars in the upcoming documentary series 'Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath,' visited the 'Today' show Monday and shared that she was inspired to do the eight-part series after hearing how the church targeted former Scientology members. "I just want to give people strength," she said. 'Scientology and the Aftermath' premieres Tuesday (A&E, 10 ET/PT).

ROYALS REPORT
PRINCE WILLIAM HAS SPOKEN

William is standing by his younger brother. On Monday, the Duke of Cambridge released a statement assuring the media that he supported Prince Harry, who broke from tradition earlier this month to release a statement confirming his relationship with actress Meghan Markle and calling for her privacy. "The Duke of Cambridge absolutely understands the situation concerning privacy and supports the need for Prince Harry to support those closest to him," a Kensington Palace spokesman said in an emailed statement to USA TODAY.



TRAN VAN MINH, AP

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Say cheese! Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard were all smiles Monday during a press event for 'Assassin's Creed' in Sydney. The co-stars were in Australia to drum up interest for the Justin Kurzel-directed film, which hits theaters Dec. 21.



BRENDAN ESPOSITO, EPA

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WHO'S CELEBRATING TODAY?



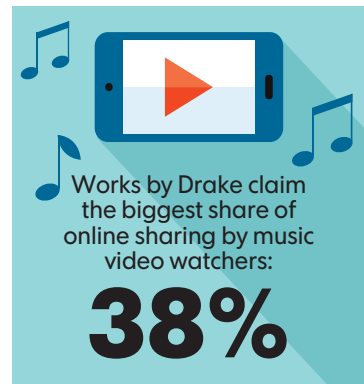
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Don Cheadle is 52. **Anna Faris** is 40. **Chadwick Boseman** is 40.

Compiled by Jaleesa M. Jones

USA SNAPSHOTS®

Drake's drumbeat



NOTE Rihanna is second, with 31%.
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TERRY BYRNE AND KARL GELLES, USA TODAY

MOVIES

Chastain enters the political fray

Ambition suits her well as a power player in 'Miss Sloane'

Andrea Mandell
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USA TODAY

BEVERLY HILLS After a contentious election, *Miss Sloane* arrives rife with lessons on cloudy American politics.

In the new political thriller (in select theaters in Los Angeles and New York, expands nationwide Dec. 9), Jessica Chastain takes the reigns as the ferociously intelligent (fictional) Republican lobbyist Elizabeth Sloane, who ditches a high-profile job to push a bill restricting firearm sales through Congress.

"It's not interested in lecturing anyone," says the actress, curling up on a couch at the Four Seasons. She says *Miss Sloane*, which reveals the sausage-making on (and off) Capitol Hill, could just as easily have used an issue such as climate change or immigration to make its point.

"It just uses that to show an inner world of the American political system and the fundraising — what it takes to get a bill passed and how corrupt the system can be when it's led by money," she says.

Chastain, 39, spent pre-production Googling top female lobbyists and walked away from a trip to Washington with a decidedly different take on Sloane, a character she presumed would wear little makeup and rotate the same wardrobe day in and out.

"It was almost naïve of me to think that, because there's something about the way Elizabeth Sloane dresses and about some of the women that I met in D.C. where they intimidate before they even enter the room," says the actress, whose character's war paint is dark nail polish and crimson lipstick.

Critics are praising her performance in the film, which has a 72% positive rating on the review site Rotten Tomatoes. "Equally icy and savvy, Sloane has no patience for hippies, naïve Millennials or the old boys' club, whose glass ceiling she's pretty much pulverizing with a jackhammer any chance she gets," wrote USA TODAY critic Brian Truitt.

The criticism lobbed at Hillary Clinton in the presidential election is top of mind for the actress. During the debates, "the criticism



KERRY HAYES

Republican lobbyist Elizabeth Sloane (Jessica Chastain) takes on the old boys' club on Capitol Hill.



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against Hillary was that she was overprepared. I never heard in my entire life that a man was overprepared for anything. I am overprepared in my life," she says. "What's wrong with being ambitious, being overprepared, being one step ahead?"

Offscreen, Chastain seems ready to recalibrate her fame. The private star has even started sharing a slice of her personal life via Instagram, selectively posting occasional shots with her long-time boyfriend, fashion executive Gian Luca Passi de Preposulo. "Gian Luca and I have been to-

gether for such a long time, we're in it for the long haul," she says.

She's also switching gears after working relentlessly, having just wrapped the Sitting Bull drama *Woman Walks Ahead* and just started the Aaron Sorkin-directed *Molly's Game* in Toronto.

"I'm at an interesting point in my life and in my career. A few years ago, I started to examine where I was in the world and what I was contributing to society," says Chastain, adding that she's ready to direct and share the spotlight.

"It becomes like you're eating cake every day. You just want to share the cake!"

MOVIES

Hedges shines bright in 'Manchester'

Teen has breakout role as he collects fans and accolades

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Heading into his first awards season, Lucas Hedges already has a fun story to tell his school chums about a fan interaction. In his case, though, it was with fellow Oscar hopeful Emma Stone.

The 19-year-old *Manchester by the Sea* star gushes as he recalls meeting Stone at the Governors Awards. What would be better, though, is if he could actually remember any of it.

"I blacked out the second I looked into her eyes," Hedges says with a laugh.

After a cameo in his director father Peter Hedges' 2007 drama *Dan in Real Life*, the actor has his breakout as a scrappy New England kid in *Manchester by the Sea*.

Played by Hedges, Patrick is a Massachusetts teenager dealing with not only the loss of his fisherman father (Kyle Chandler) but the fact that his Uncle Lee (Casey Affleck) has been named his sole guardian. Tension arises when



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Lucas Hedges stars as a scrappy New England teenager who loses his father in *Manchester by the Sea*.

Lee is stuck in the past and Patrick just wants to move forward with his life.

What makes him crucial to the film: While most of the adults are saddled with heartbreak of some kind, Patrick is filled with youthful vigor. Without him, Hedges says, "the movie seemed to fall into despair."

Manchester writer/director Kenneth Lonergan worried about

casting someone he had never worked with, but Hedges "was the one I was most interested in watching," he says.

Hedges knew Patrick was different from him in high school, but he was dying to play the part when he read the scene where Patrick loses that cool façade and finally breaks down. "I knew in that moment that fundamentally he just wants to be loved."

He counts Mary-Louise Parker as "an amazing mentor" — she helped the up-and-coming actor through that key *Manchester* scene — and his parents also have been a strong grounding force. As for his Hollywood aspirations, "my dad is only as excited as I am," Hedges says.

Hedges is taking a year off from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to work. "I'd be leaving school to go to school," he figures. He has already filmed roles for Martin McDonagh thriller *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* and Greta Gerwig comedy *Lady Bird*. In January, the Brooklyn native makes his stage debut in a lead role in the off-Broadway play *Yen*.

By then, he might be getting other accolades: Twenty-four of 27 experts on the awards predictions site GoldDerby.com expect a best-supporting-actor nomination for Hedges. "He's definitely on the short list," says Dave Karger, special correspondent for movie site IMDb.com.

"It feels weird, man," Hedges says when Oscar talk comes up. "I'd be lying if I said it didn't knock me upside the head in some way. Ultimately, I'm just really grateful to be seen right now for a piece of work I'm really proud of."

