

Mourners
remember
the victims

2,500 at service
for Charleston 9

BY BRUCE SMITH
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — South Carolina’s governor somberly held up programs from the funerals of the victims of the Charleston church shootings, saying Friday during a memorial service that the faith of those victims showed how to heal in the aftermath of still another mass shooting.

“As for me, I will forever know that there are angels on Earth,” said Gov. Nikki Haley during a three-hour service that was alternately somber and then punctuated by joyous singing.

Friday was the anniversary of the shooting deaths of nine black parishioners during a Bible study at Emanuel AME Church. A white man, Dylann Roof, faces charges in both state and federal courts and prosecutors in each are seeking the death penalty.

Haley, who attended the funerals of all the victims, said she got to know the families of both those who were killed and the three survivors in the days and weeks after the shootings.

“There hasn’t been a day since June 17, 2015 that I haven’t thought about the 12,” she said.

She recalled each victim, sometimes with gentle humor, as she showed the funeral programs she says she keeps as reminders.

The Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor “had the voice of an angel,” she said.

Haley recalled state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, the Emanuel pastor who was slain as “a gentle giant” and a man “who never talked about what he was against. He always spoke about what he was for.”

Haley said that in the wake of the shootings — after which many family members of the victims said they forgave Roof, the suspect charged in the deaths — the people of South Carolina “didn’t have protests; they had vigils. They didn’t have riots; they had hugs.”

College of Charleston’s TD Arena, where the service was held, sits about 5,000 people and was about half full. The stage was lined with the pictures of the nine people killed. Above each were the words “Still Speaking from Eternity.”

It’s the same venue where President Obama gave a funeral eulogy during the funeral for Pinckney that included a rendition of the hymn “Amazing Grace” for the packed audience at the TD Arena. The Obamas were accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden and his wife, Jill; nearly 6,000 people attended the funeral.

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Not just a job — a purpose



Shirley Baker, left, who retired from the Sumter Senior Center after 40 years, reacts emotionally to the discovery that the building she has worked in has been renamed after her. Baker’s daughter, local attorney Sharon Baker Clark, assists her Friday during the ceremony.

Senior services building named after retiring director

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Sumter Senior Services Executive Director Shirley G. Baker was surprised Friday when the agency’s board revealed that the South Sumter Street building was renamed after her in recognition of her 40 dedicated years of service.

Baker received many gifts during her retirement celebration, but the first to bring her to tears was the new building sign.

The community will al-

ways remember Baker’s hard work when they visit or drive by, said the Rev. James Blassingame.

He said the board unanimously decided that Baker was the person most deserving to rename the building after. She worked for the original agency and was so instrumental in bringing the agency to its current location, he said.

Baker started her career with senior services as a part-time secretary for the agency in 1968 when it was located in the area where

Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce is now situated.

After starting work, Baker quickly fell in love with the job and the seniors.

Some people have jobs that are just jobs, but you wake up excited for this job and know you’re going to have a good day, she said.

Seniors services has since relocated and expanded to include many services for more than 1,000 seniors annually, according to Baker.

“It’s been a joy,” she said. Baker said most people

may think of seniors as old and slow, but they are vivacious and outgoing. It’s interesting to see what life as a senior could be like, she said.

“I always tell the seniors that I’m blessed, not just because I have a job but because I have a purpose,” Baker said.

She said working at the agency is a family job because her husband, daughter and son helped provide services to seniors throughout the years.

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Lee County DSS part of technology pilot program

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Lee County Department of Social Services is one of 13 DSS offices across the state that will benefit from a \$4.8 million grant used for a pilot program to provide caseworkers with technology tools that can reduce time-consuming tasks associated with manual methods of data collection and management.

The technology grant, funded by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation, will be used for a mobile app that will enable caseworkers to



access the department’s network system remotely in the field, said Karen Luchka Wingo, the state’s DSS director of communications and legislative affairs.

DSS in Lee County along with Greenville and York counties, will be part of the pilot program funded by the grant.

Wingo said caseworkers often have to return to their offices to document visits with families and cannot access the

complete history on a family remotely.

“As a result, it is estimated that caseworkers spend more than 50 percent of their working hours on administrative tasks,” she said. “The pilot program will result in a faster, more efficient documentation and quicker access to health care data and other information about families.”

Caseworkers will be able to input and retrieve data. This could include inputting reports and notes they taken in the field. They will also be able to take photos with their phone

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LOCAL BRIEFS

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Shaw 441 Gate will temporarily close

The S.C. 441 Gate at Shaw Air Force Base is scheduled for construction beginning June 27 with an anticipated completion in September. A temporary closure of the gate is tentatively scheduled for June 27 to Aug. 11. The modifications will route all parent and school bus traffic directly to the schools, while strengthening safety for bicycle, pedestrian and road-way traffic. For additional questions, email the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 20fw-publicaffairs@shaw.af.mil.

Baker, Bullock still set for runoff after recount

Sumter County Coroner hopeful Robbie Baker will continue on to the runoff vote on June 28 with incumbent corner Harvin Bullock after a mandatory recount on Thursday showed he received the second most votes out of three candidates. Sumter County Voter Registration Director Patricia Jefferson said Isaac Johnson, the third individual campaigning for the coroner position, requested a recount. Jefferson said the recount would have happened anyway because a recount is required by law if the total votes separating candidates falls within a 1 percent margin. She said the only change between Tuesday night's results and Thursday's recount is that both Johnson and Baker received one vote each after certified provisional ballots were calculated.

CLARIFICATION

When *The Sumter Item* traveled with Sumter Police Department Tuesday to do a story on their beefed up patrol, the person used in the photo was a random house where the police stopped and not intended to imply that she provided the police with information.

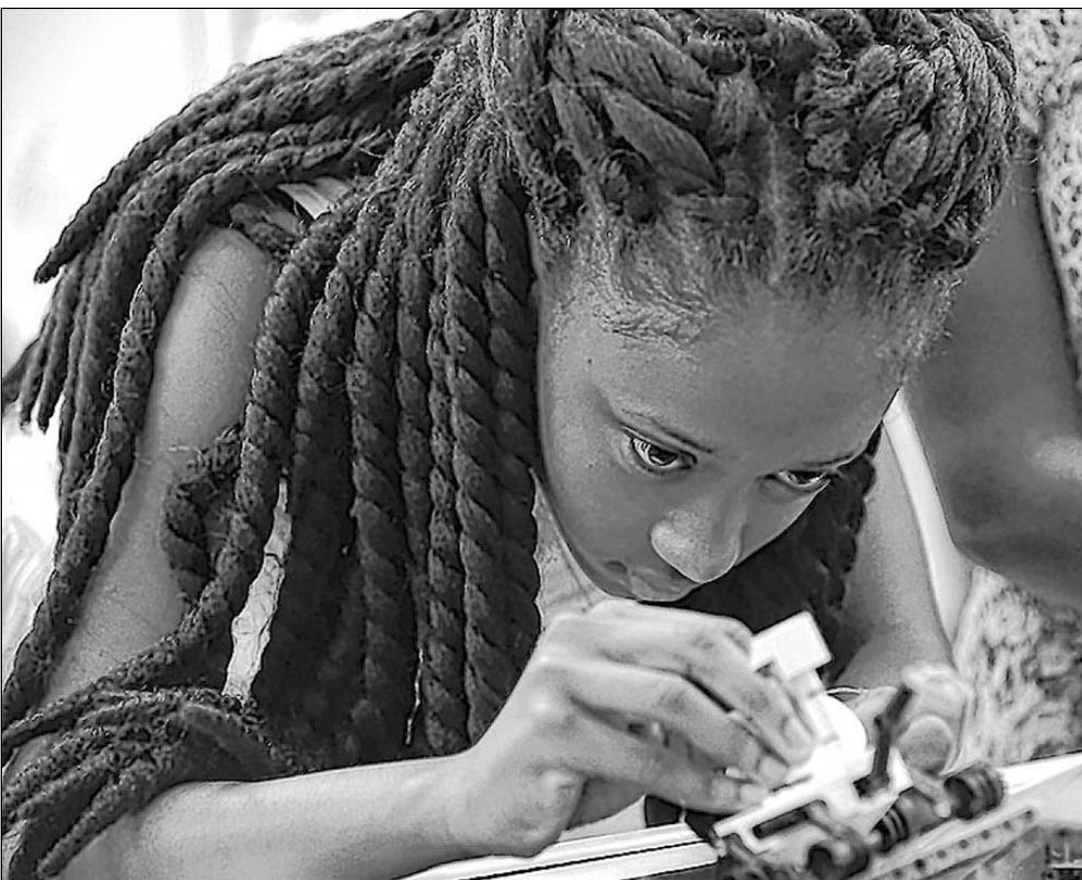
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Middle school girls take closer look at possible STEM careers

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From building LEGO robots to testing electrical currents, 10 middle-school girls participated in a week-long camp focused on learning about science, technology, engineering and math. STEM Camp for Girls included exercises that incorporated technology and team building at the Sumter Career and Technology Center. "The goal is to inspire young ladies to pursue STEM careers, a field which women traditionally did not pursue in the past," said Wendy Jacobs, camp leader and mechatronics instructor at the center. "The other goal is to teach them how to solve problems by trial and error."

The other major component of the camp is to build self-marketing skills, Jacobs said. On Friday, members from the Honda of South Carolina plant in Timmonsville came to assist the girls with the operations of the LEGO robots and speak with them about various career fields. Honda representatives also conducted mock job interviews, worked on communication skills and reviewed the girls' resumes. Ron Freed, manufacturing manager at the Honda plant, said the program is a good way for students to get early STEM training. "This is a great way for the girls to be exposed to some of the technology jobs out there," he said. Parents said they were impressed with what their daughters were learning. "I think this gives my daughter an insight and awareness of technology and robotics," Lashawn Deas said. "The skills she learned here can help her down the line in whichever career field she chooses to pursue."



Kimberly Deas, who will be going into the seventh-grade at Hillcrest Middle School, re-attaches a satellite dish to a rover build during the STEM class for girls.



Deas daughter, Kimberly Deas, a seventh grade student at Hillcrest Middle School, said she enjoyed building robots and learning about electrical currents. Justice McQuillen, an eighth-grade student at Furman Middle School, said she has always liked science and enjoyed learning about different STEM careers. Hannah Britton, a seventh-grade student at Alice

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Honda of South Carolina representative Shawn Thompson, left, reacts to a robotic controlled rover that didn't quite move into the position. He and Kimberly had written a computer program to move the rover into the programmed position.

Britton's grandmother, Cheryl Eron, said having her granddaughter learn about STEM early on will benefit her in the future. "She is enrolled in STEM course yearlong at Alice Drive Middle School, and this is a really great way to continue what she's been learning during the summer," Eron said. The camp is funded by S.C. Department of Commerce's Regional Workforce and the Santee Lynches Workforce Investment Board. Local corporations also partnered with the camp.

Authorities continue search for final 4 suspects in major drug op

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Authorities continue to search for four Sumter men indicted along with 36 others in a federal court last month as part of a major drug investigation in the area and parts of the Midlands. Officers with Sumter Police Department's Organized Crime and Vice Control Unit, along with State Law Enforcement Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies are continuing to search for:

- Demtre Allen Baxter, also known as "Me Dot," 29, last known address 31 Walker Ave. He is 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs about 135 pounds, has black



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hair and brown eyes;

- Demarcus Benjamin, 36, last known addresses 211 Brand St. and 350 Harmony Court. He is 6



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- Jarvis Codell Prince, aka "Jig," 31, last known addresses 243 Woodlawn Ave. and 350 Harmony Court. He is 5

feet 1 inch tall, weighs about 225 pounds, has brown eyes and black hair or a shaven head;

- Rayshawn Leval Brewer, aka "Boat Gas," 27, last known address 1120 Flamingo Road. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs about 178 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes; and

feet 8 inches tall, weighs about 240 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes. These four men and 32 others were indicted on May 25 in federal court in connection to a violent crime and drug investigation that began more than a year ago. The investigation involved Columbia

Violent Gang Task Force, of which Sumter Police Department is a member, along with the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration. The 36 defendants were named in three separate indictments charging conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, distribution of cocaine and distribution of crack cocaine, according to the police department. Anyone with information is asked to call Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700. Calls can also be made anonymously to CrimeStoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-CRIME-SC. A reward may be available for information leading to an arrest.



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State justices mulling prosecutor dispute

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina’s Supreme Court on Thursday presided over a public feud between the state’s top prosecutor and a local solicitor who says that he has been empowered to initiate and utilize a state grand jury investigation into legislative corruption.

Solicitor David Pascoe has sued Attorney General Alan Wilson, arguing he has authority to open a state grand jury probe into ongoing corruption at South Carolina Statehouse. That authority, Pascoe says, exists because Wilson previously turned a case over to him because of a possible conflict.

Instead of letting him do the job, Pascoe told the justices Thursday, the attorney general has turned his investigation into a political game.

“David Pascoe has been on this case for over a year,” Pascoe said during the hour-long hearing. “The Attorney General’s Office had this case for 19 months and did nothing with it.”

Mitch Brown, a Columbia attorney representing Wilson, said state law allows only the attorney general to open a grand jury investigation. He argued Pascoe overstepped his authority and has no right to say he is a stand-in for the attorney general himself.

“That was an illegal act,” Brown said of Pascoe moving to open a new state grand jury investigation in the ongoing corruption probe. “With all



David Pascoe makes his case against Attorney General Alan Wilson in front of South Carolina Supreme Court on Thursday at the Statehouse in Columbia. Solicitor David Pascoe has sued Attorney General Alan Wilson, arguing that he has authority to open a state grand jury probe into ongoing corruption at the South Carolina Statehouse.

due respect, David Pascoe does not have the ‘acting attorney general’ powers that he claims to have.”

The working relationship between the two prosecutors began in 2014, when, citing a conflict, Wilson picked Pascoe to head up the investigation of former House Speaker Bobby Harrell. That case culminated in the Republican’s guilty plea to misdemeanor campaign-spending violations and resignation from office, as well as his pledge to cooperate in any ongoing investigations.

After Harrell’s plea, state police released a heavily redacted investigative report. Eleven of the 42 pages were completely or mostly blacked out, with State Law Enforcement Division citing a public records law pro-

vision exempting the release of information to be used in a future or likely law enforcement action. No other lawmakers have been charged, but the probe is ongoing.

In March, Wilson abruptly fired Pascoe after the prosecutor tried to open a state grand jury probe into the redacted portion, saying that’s only something Wilson and the state police chief could authorize and decrying multiple media leaks about grand jury matters, which are conducted in secret.

In court on Thursday, Pascoe — who said he is likely the media’s least favorite attorney, since he has refused to speak publicly about the case — vehemently denied those allegations, saying neither he nor anyone from his office had disseminated details of the redacted report.

Wilson left without speaking to reporters. Pascoe publicly thanked the court for hearing the case so quickly but otherwise had no comment.

Justices took the case in original jurisdiction, meaning that it didn’t have to go through lower courts and the appellate process first. There is no timetable on when the high court will rule, although Chief Justice Costa Pleicones’ parting remark before leaving the courtroom could imply a quick turnaround.

“Thank you for presenting us with this easy decision,” he said, before leaving the bench.

Probationary accreditation lifted from State University

COLUMBIA (AP) — The probationary cloud over South Carolina State University was lifted Thursday, ending worries that its accreditation could be revoked and the school could be forced to close.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools’ Commission on Colleges decided to fully restore S.C. State’s membership, two years after putting South Carolina’s only public historically black university on probation for leadership and financial woes.

“We were very, very pleased,” said board Chairman Charles Way, who traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, with school officials Wednesday to make their case. The accreditation issue “was just hanging over our heads. A lot of parents don’t want to send their children to a school if it’s on probation.”

SC State’s status was put on warning in 2013. Continuing probation a third year wasn’t an option. The commission’s only other choice, revoking accreditation, would have meant students could no longer qualify for federal financial aid.

Thursday’s decision follows drastic actions by legislators to keep the school open.

Last year, they fired the entire governing board and tasked temporary members with making the school solvent. As of December, the board had cut \$19 million from the budget and eliminated about 200 jobs.

“We’re getting this ox out of the ditch, but we’ve got a long way to go,” Way told The Associated Press on Thursday. “We’re taking it step by step. We’re trying to not only have SC State survive. We’d like to take it back to its glory days of many years ago.”

Earlier this month, Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill forgiving SC State of \$12 million in state loans over three years and approving a 16-year repayment schedule for a separate \$6 million loan.

Lawmakers hoped erasing the debt would boost the college’s chances before the commission.

In arguing for the loan forgiveness, legislative leaders noted state taxpayers would be on the hook for SC State’s entire debt, including all outstanding bonds, if the college didn’t survive. Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, has estimated that to be more than \$100 million.

“This is a big accomplishment for South Carolina State University,” said Leatherman, who appointed Way, a former

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CHARLES WAY

S.C. State University board chairman

state Commerce secretary. “It’s important that this university, which holds great historical value in our state, stay open, keep its accreditation and thrive in the coming years.”

The state’s financial board, which includes Leatherman, approved both state bailouts in 2014 so the school could pay outstanding bills, but that debt instead continued to climb. The entire board was replaced as legislators learned SC State’s debt was expected to soon reach \$23.5 million.

The school has made great strides since.

About 2,800 students attended SC State last fall. That’s 170 more than SC State depended on in its 2015-16 budget.

Last week, the board announced passing a balanced budget.

The university should end the fiscal year June 30 with a \$1 million positive balance, Way said.

SC State’s fiscal woes stemmed from years of declining enrollment — down from nearly 5,000 in 2007 — coupled with school officials’ unwillingness to cut spending. Many students who did attend weren’t paying, according to a report by an accounting firm the state hired to review SC State’s finances.

Contributing to the losses were federal changes in eligibility for Pell grants and PLUS loans since 2009, making it harder for students and their parents to qualify. The changes have hit historically black colleges particularly hard.

University officials hope the enrollment trend is reversing. Way said Thursday’s announcement should further boost enrollment.

Iconic White Horse restaurant in Rock Hill still galloping at 40

ROCK HILL (AP) — The door flies open as the clock strikes exactly 5 p.m. not 4:59 or even 5:01 and the bar and even the people eating at the tables in the dining room yell: “Skeeter!”

Skeeter who has worked all day as much as 60 feet off the ground with no fear slides in with a smile and wave and talking loud enough to wake the dead. The beer is in his hand in about three seconds and he looks at it as if the beer is the greatest thing ever invented — because it is.

Already inside the White Horse are the Master Blaster and Jethro and Sunshine and Jim Bob and other names too nefarious for explanation.

The dining tables are filled or filling with regulars and not regulars below pictures of Clint Eastwood as Dirty Harry, who shot the bad guy with glee, and

Marilyn Monroe.

“The whole restaurant is Cheers,” said White Horse owner Marsha Pursley. “The people eating in the dining room and the staff and everybody. You can be here some nights and really — everybody here knows each other.”

The White Horse sits on Camden Avenue, a half a beer away from the Winthrop University campus. The Berlin Wall fell and the White Horse stood. Hurricane Hugo blasted through Rock Hill, and the White Horse ran with it. Recessions hampered independent businesses and chains came, drinking laws and social changes hampered at places that sold beer so cold it would freeze your lips and the White Horse ran on.

It has a bar but it is small. It is a restaurant first and foremost, and the grinder

tastes just like it did when bell bottoms were in and hair was big.

“The customers, the staff who stayed so long for 15, 20, 30-plus years, they are the White Horse,” Pursley said. “I started working here right out of college 15 years ago. I never left. Now I own the place.”

To honor the tens of thousands who have passed in and through and eaten so many steaks and burgers and pizzas and every other thing that can be fried or baked or grilled, there will be a throwback 40th anniversary. Some domestic beers will start as low as \$1. There will be craft beers, too, and live music and a tent and heaping tables of food at throwback prices, too.

“We just want to thank everybody,” said Pursley, who bought the place in 2014.

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FOXN	37	90	FOX Report Saturday (HD)		FOX News Channel		Justice with Judge Jeanine (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		Red Eye News satire. (N) (HD)		Justice (HD)																	
FREE	20	131	(6:45) Brave ('12, Fantasy) ★★ Kelly Macdonald. A Scottish princess named Merida must fight off an unintended curse. (HD)		Finding Nemo ('03, Family) ★★½ Albert Brooks. A clownfish sets off to find his son, who has been captured by a diver. (HD)		PowerShares Tennis Series: St. Louis: from Chaifetz Arena		NHRA Drag Racing: Englishtown TV (HD)																					
FSS	31	42	Cliff Diving: La Rochelle		Championship Bull Riding		The Convenient Groom ('16, Romance) Vanessa Marcil. Celebrity relationship expert Dr. Kate Lawrence is dumped by her fiancé. (HD)		The Golden Girls: Little Sister		Gold. Girl: Sophia's Choice		Golden Girls: Rites of Spring																	
HALL	52	183	Stop the Wedding ('16, Romance) Rachel Boston. A young and single attorney is worried about who her mother is marrying. (HD)		Property Brothers (HD)		Property Brothers (HD)		House Hunters (N) (HD)		Big Sky (N)		Big Sky (N)		Prop Bro (HD)															
HGTV	39	112	Tiny House		American Pickers (HD)		Barbarians Rising: Rebellion (HD)		(:03) American Pickers (HD)		Am. Picker																			
HIST	45	110	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Dominance (HD)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Fallacy Self defense. (HD)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Futility Accused rapist. (HD)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Grief (HD)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Perfect (HD)		Law & Order: SVU (HD)																	
LIFE	50	145	Killing Mommy ('16, Thriller) Yvonne Zima. Drastic measures. (HD)		Mother, May I Sleep with Danger? ('16, Thriller) Christie Lynn Smith. Daughter's friend has dark secret. (HD)		(:02) Revenge Porn ('16) Mother targets "revenge porn" website after nude photos of daughter are posted. (HD)		(:02) May I Sleep ('16) (HD)		Caught (HD)																			
MSNBC	36	92	Caught on Camera (HD)		Caught on Camera (HD)		Why Planes Crash (HD)		Why Planes Crash (HD)		Why Planes Crash (HD)		Caught (HD)																	
NICK	16	210	Henry		Henry Danger (N)		School (N)	Shakers	Full House		Friends (HD)		Friends (HD)		Friends (HD)															
SPIKE	64	153	Cops (HD)		Cops (HD)		Cops (N) (HD)	Cops (HD)	Cops (HD)	Cops (HD)	Cops (HD)	Cops (HD)	Cops (HD)	Cops (HD)	Cops (HD)	Cops (HD)	Jail: Las (HD)													
SYFY	58	152	(:6:30) The Mummy ('99, Adventure) Brendan Fraser. An Egyptian priest is mummified alive, and a team of archaeologists revives him.		The Mummy Returns ('01, Adventure) Scorpion King and Imhotep.		★★★½ Brendan Fraser. A boy finds himself in a tug-of-war between the		Lake Placid: Final ('12) (HD)																					
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)		The Big Bang Theory (HD)		The Big Bang Theory (HD)		The Big Bang Theory (HD)		The Big Bang Theory (HD)		The Big Bang Theory (HD)		Full Frontal (HD)		Wrecked: All Is Not Lost (HD)		Wrecked Satellite phone. (HD)										
TCM	49	186	Hearts of the West ('75, Comedy) Jeff Bridges. Idealist in '30s LA.		Pride and Prejudice ('40, Drama) ★★½ Greer Garson. A mother and father try to arrange suitable marriages for their five daughters.		(:15) Persuasion ('95, Drama) ★★½ Amanda Root. A spinster encounters the poor sailor she rejected seven years earlier.		Sense and Sensibility ('96)																					
TLC	43	157	48 Hours: Hard Evidence (HD)		48 Hours: Hard Evidence (HD)		48 Hours: Hard Evidence (N)		48 Hours: Hard Evidence (N)		48 Hours: Hard Evidence (HD)		48 Hours:																	
TNT	23	158	Wanted ('08, Action) James McAvoy. League of assassins. (HD)		The Town ('10, Crime) ★★ Ben Affleck. A thief struggles to go straight while he falls in love and avoids the FBI. (HD)		Animal Kingdom: Pilot (HD)		(:34) Animal Kingdom: We Don't Hurt People (HD)																					
TRUTV	38	129	Hack My (HD)		Hack My (HD)		Funniest (HD)		Funniest (HD)		Funniest (HD)		Funniest (HD)		Funniest (HD)		Funniest (HD)		Hack My (HD)											
TVLAND	55	161	My Cousin Vinny ('92) ★★ (HD)		Loves Ray. (:48) Loves Raymond (HD)		Loves Ray.		Loves Ray.		Loves Ray.		Loves Ray.		Queens (HD)		Queens (HD)		Queens (HD)											
USA	25	132	(:5:30) Couples Retreat ('09, Comedy) ★★ Vince Vaughn. (HD)		Delivery Man ('13, Comedy) ★★½ Vince Vaughn. Underachiever finds out he's fathered 533 kids via sperm donations 20 years ago. (HD)		Modern Family (HD)		Modern Family (HD)		Modern Family (HD)		Modern Family: Arrested (HD)		Royal Pains: Saab Story (HD)															
WE	68	166	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order: Life Choice (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)			Law & Order														
WGN	8	172	Blue Bloods (HD)		Blue Bloods (HD)		Blue Bloods (HD)		Blue Bloods Kidnapping. (HD)		Constantine ('05, Horror) ★★ Keanu Reeves. (HD)																			

Cult classic remade into vampire same-sex love story

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

“Edgy,” “provocative” and “boundary-pushing” fare can also be self-indulgent, boring and slow. Want proof? Check out James Franco’s reimagining of **“Mother, May I Sleep With Danger?”** (8 p.m. Saturday, Lifetime, TV-14). The 1996 original starred Tori Spelling and Ivan Sergei, who reappear in this very different version.

While often thought of as the ultimate “Lifetime movie,” “Mother” was originally produced for theatrical release before debuting on NBC. A tale of a good girl falling for a very bad boy, it’s essentially famous for its unforgettable and ridiculous title.

In Franco’s hands, the danger takes a strange twist. Leila George stars as Leah, a precocious theater major and talky podcaster with a serious same-sex crush on moody photographer Pearl (Emily Meade). Spelling plays Leah’s straitlaced mother, seemingly obsessed with planning a country club masked ball and completely oblivious to her daughter’s inclinations. Sergei appears as a dull professor of occult literature who considers Leah to be his star pupil. His part amounts to nothing and his performance fails to catch fire. Sergei doesn’t seem terribly thrilled to be in the movie. Perhaps he read the script.

Not to give too much away, but Pearl has secrets. She’s really part of a gay vampire demimonde out to “turn” Leah into one of their kind — night stalking, blood-sucking freaks. Spelling is well cast as a rather stiff mom, appalled by her daughter’s choices. And she doesn’t know the half of it!

Franco cast himself as a fairly blase drama teacher and director of a college performance of “Macbeth” at the center of this affair. He does very little but sit offstage exuding his patented heavy-lidded detachment while praising every performance and audition.

With its provocative subject matter, Franco clearly wanted to turn a campy made-for-TV movie into something daring and different. Unfor-

tunately, this messy “Mother” consists of endless musical montages, a meandering story, slow-motion aerial shots of Los Angeles, murky depictions of blurry goings-on and too many self-consciously “arty” scenes featuring people wearing masks. There’s roughly 30 minutes of actual drama in this two-hour ordeal.

It’s not entirely clear if Franco is making a parody of a terrible, low-budget art house horror film, or if he just doesn’t know how to direct a movie. And, after a brief indulgence, viewers will no longer care.

Fans of “The Americans” might enjoy **“Declassified: Untold Stories of American Spies”** (10 p.m. Sunday, CNN). The eight-part series explores recently revealed stories of espionage assignments from the Cold War to the present day.

Representatives of all 16 intelligence agencies will appear on this series hosted by Mike Rogers, former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

First up, “Trigon: The KGB Chess Game,” the story of Aleksandr Ogorodnik, a Soviet diplomat with the code name Trigon. Recruited with the aid of female CIA case officer Marti Peterson, Trigon offered insight into Soviet strategy.

In the tradition of summer distractions, **“Top Secret Swimming Holes”** (10 p.m. Sunday, Travel, TV-G) spans the globe to find watery spots of distinction, with an accent on natural splendor. These hour-long profiles will celebrate cliffs that invite high dives, underwater grottoes and spectacular quarries.

First up, a trip to Arizona’s Red Rocks and a special place located deep below the surface of one of Minnesota’s 10,000 lakes.

SATURDAY’S HIGHLIGHTS

- Regional coverage of **Major League Baseball** (8 p.m., Fox).
- **“People’s List”** (8 p.m., ABC) celebrates celebrities.
- **“20/20: In an Instant”** (9 p.m., ABC) profiles an Oklahoma teacher whose split-



JOHN FLEENOR / SONY PICTURES TELEVISION / LIFETIME
Leila George stars as Leah and Emily Meade stars as Pearl in a remake of the Lifetime movie “Mother, May I Sleep with Danger?,” premiering at 8 p.m. today.

second decision-making saved lives when a tornado bore down on her school.

- A good friend steps up when a celebrity marriage counselor is left standing at the altar in the 2016 romance **“The Convenient Groom”** (9 p.m., Hallmark).
- A change in direction on **“Outlander”** (9 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).
- Cullen mulls changes on **“Hell on Wheels”** (9 p.m., AMC, TV-14).
- Custer hopes to dispatch the Sioux on **“The American West”** (10 p.m., AMC, TV-14).

SUNDAY’S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on **“60 Minutes”** (7 p.m., CBS, r): smart gun technology; the 9/11 Report; plunging off a Swiss peak with a parachute.

- Steve Carell stars in the 2013 animated hit **“Despicable Me 2”** (7 p.m., NBC).
- Mary Elizabeth Winstead stars in the repeat pilot of the new political satire **“Brain-Dead”** (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Elizabeth helps broker a delicate transition on **“Madam Secretary”** (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).
- Endeavour’s efforts to clear his name and get reinstated are sidetracked as bodies pile up near his old beat on the season three premiere of **“Endeavour”** on **“Masterpiece Mystery!”** (9 p.m., PBS, TV-14, check local listings).
- Tulip seeks justice on **“Preacher”** (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- Questions of legitimacy on **“Game of Thrones”** (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Hello and goodbye on **“Ele-**

mentary” (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

- **“Ride With Norman Reedus”** (10 p.m., AMC, TV-14) ventures from Las Vegas to Death Valley.
- Taye Diggs and Kathleen Robertson return in season three of **“Murder in the First”** (10 p.m., TNT, TV-MA).
- A comedian who is never shy about discussing his faith looks for his purpose in life on the second season premiere of **“The Jim Gaffigan Show”** (10 p.m., TV Land, TV-PG). A second episode (10:30 p.m., TV-PG) follows.
- A technical glitch on **“Silicon Valley”** (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- The murder of a French politician leads to a cross-channel investigation in the thriller **“The Tunnel”** (10:30 p.m., PBS, TV-14, check local listings).
- Mike preps for fatherhood on **“Veep”** (10:30 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

Catherine Deneuve, David Bowie and Susan Sarandon star in the stylish 1983 vampire saga **“The Hunger”** (2:45 a.m. Sunday, TCM). The directorial debut for the late Tony Scott.

SATURDAY SERIES

Foreign matters on **“NCIS: New Orleans”** (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Clips galore on **“Caught on Camera with Nick Cannon”** (8 p.m., NBC, r) * Two hours of **“48 Hours”** (9 p.m., CBS) * **Premier Boxing Champions** (9 p.m., NBC), live from Chicago.

SUNDAY SERIES

Performance anxiety on **“The Simpsons”** (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * The art of match-making on **“Brooklyn Nine-Nine”** (8:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Indianapolis competition on **“American Ninja Warrior”** (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Joe’s lost dad on **“Family Guy”** (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Problem solving on **“The Last Man on Earth”** (9:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

SUNDAY EVENING JUNE 19

TW		FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	10	3	10	Despicable Me 2 ('13, Comedy) ★★½ Steve Carell. Criminal master-mind Gru has been raising the girls until he is recruited by an anti-villain league to help them hunt down a nefarious super-criminal. (HD)			American Ninja Warrior: Indianapolis Qualifier Competitors face six obstacle courses, hoping to win a cash prize. (HD)			WIS News 10 at 11:00pm News and weather.	Fix It & Finish It: Beast to Beauty (HD)	Right This Minute (HD)		
WLTX	19	9	9	60 Minutes (N) (HD)		Madam Secretary: The Long Shot Takeover within Russian government. (HD)	Madam Secretary: Catch and Release An aid worker is killed in Syria. (HD)		Elementary: Tag, You're Me Sherlock wants his father to leave. (HD)		News 19 @ 11pm The news of the day.	(.35) Scandal: No More Blood The offers for Olivia Pope continue. (HD)		
WOLO	23	5	12	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (HD)	(.31) NBA Countdown (LIVE) (HD)	2016 NBA Finals: Game #7 (If Necessary): Cleveland Cavaliers at Golden State Warriors from Oracle Arena (LIVE) (HD)			NBA Postgame Studio (LIVE) (HD)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (HD)	Jane Seymour's Skin Care Secret (HD)	Bones: The Yanks in the UK - Part 1 (HD)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Crimebuster: A Son's Search for His Father Man searches for his father's story. (HD)		Vicious: Vicious Special Freddie & Stuart's life in one year. (N) (HD)		Masterpiece: Endeavour III: Ride Inspector Morse starts his own private investigation into a woman's murder. (N) (HD)		The Tunnel A detective from the U.K. works with a detective from France to find a killer. (N) (HD)		Growing a Greener World (HD)	Hearst Castle and Ranch (N)	
WACH	57	6	6	U.S. Open Championship: Final Round (HD)	Simpsons: How Lisa Got Her Marge Back	The Simpsons: Simprovised (HD)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine: Boyle's Hunch (HD)	Family Guy: Papa Has a Rollin' Son (HD)	The Last Man on Earth Power problem. (HD)	WACH FOX News at 10 Nightly news report.	Ring of Honor Wrestling (N) (HD)		The Big Bang Theory Actress on train. (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)
WKTC	63	4	22	How I Met Your Mother: Farhampton (HD)	How I Met Your Mother: The Pre-Nup (HD)	Movie			Family Guy: Chitty Chitty Death Bang	Family Guy: Mind Over Murder Nightclub.	Movie			
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	Intervention: Daniel; Robert Heroin addicts. (HD)			Intervention: Then & Now: Jessica Heroin addiction. (N) (HD)		Intervention: Ginjer Opioid addict. (N) (HD)		What Would You Do? (N) (HD)		(.03) The First 48: Hit List; Hand in Hand Planned; injured. (HD)		Intervention: Jessica (HD)
AMC	48	180	(6:00) I Am Legend ('07, Science Fiction) ★★½ Will Smith. (HD)			Preacher: The Possibilities (HD)		Preacher: Monster Swamp (N) (HD)		Ride with Norman Reedus: Death Valley: Dante's View (N) (HD)		Preacher: Monster Swamp (HD)		Ride w/ Norman (HD)
ANPL	41	100	North Woods Law (HD)			North Woods Law (N) (HD)		(.01) North Woods Law (HD)		Lone Star Law: Gulf Recon (HD)		(.03) North Woods Law (HD)		North Wood
BET	61	162	(6:00) Obsessed ('09, Thriller) ★★ Idris Elba. Temp worker tries seducing employer. (HD)			(.33) Madea's Family Reunion ('06, Comedy) ★★ Tyler Perry. Grandma's family reunion is interrupted by dramas and crises. (HD)						(.28) House of Payne (HD)		BET Inspiration
BRAVO	47	181	Shahs of Sunset Social (N)			Shahs of Sunset: Belize It Or Not (N)		The Real Housewives of Dallas: Reunion (N) (HD)		(.15) Shahs of Sunset: Belize It Or Not		(.15) What Happens (N) (HD)		(.45) The Real Housewives of Dallas: Reunion (HD)
CNBC	35	84	Jay Leno's Garage: Supercars			Undercover Boss (HD)		Undercover Boss (HD)		Jay Leno's Garage: Supercars		Undercover Boss (HD)		Undercover
CNN	33	80	CNN Newsroom Sunday			The Hunt with John Walsh (N)		The Hunt with John Walsh (N)		Declassified (N) (HD)		The Hunt: Still Running 2016		The Hunt
COM	57	136	(.15) Wedding Crashers ('05, Comedy) ★★½ Owen Wilson. Two womanizing divorce lawyers and lifelong friends sneak into weddings to get acquainted with romantically inspired female guests. (HD)						Wedding Crashers ('05, Comedy) ★★½ Owen Wilson. Two friends sneak into weddings to prey on romantically inspired women. (HD)					
DISN	18	200	(5:55) Descendants ('15, Action) ★★½ Dove Cameron. (HD)			K.C. Undercover (N) (HD)	Liv and Maddie (N) (HD)	Stuck in the Middle (HD)	Walk the Prank (HD)	Girl Meets World (HD)	BUNK'D Haunted camp. (HD)	K.C. Undercover (HD)	Liv and Maddie (HD)	Dadnapped ('09)
DSC	42	103	Alaskan Bush People (N) (HD)			Alaskan Bush People (N) (HD)		Alaskan Bush People (N) (HD)		Shark Week Sharktacular (N)		(.02) Homestead Rescue (HD)		Shark Week
ESPN	26	35	Baseball Tonight: Sunday (HD)			MLB Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field (LIVE) (HD)					SportsCenter (HD)			
ESPN2	27	39	SportsCenter (HD)			2016 NCAA College World Series: Game #4: from TD Ameritrade Park Omaha in Omaha, Neb. (HD)					Profile (HD)		UEFA Euro	ESPN FC (HD)
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games (HD)			Guy's Grocery Games (N) (HD)		Food Network Star (N) (HD)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Chopped: Rock Stars (HD)		Star (HD)
FOXN	37	90	FOX Report Sunday (HD)			FOX News Channel		FOX News Channel		The Greg Gutfeld Show		FOX News Channel		FOX Report
FREE	20	131	Finding Nemo ('03, Family) ★★½ Albert Brooks. A clownfish sets off to find his son, who has been captured by a diver. (HD)						(.45) Despicable Me ('10, Comedy) ★★½ Steve Carell. A master thief decides to use three orphaned girls to pull off a big heist. (HD)		Joel Osteen			
FSS	31	42	World Poker Tour (T) (HD)			World Poker Tour (T) (HD)		UFC Main: Pettis vs Dos Anjos		World Poker Tour (E) (HD)		World Poker Tour (E) (HD)		MLB Game
HALL	52	183	A Country Wedding ('15, Romance) Jesse Metcalfe. A musician reconsiders his future after reconnecting with his childhood love. (HD)					Good Witch: A Perfect Match Part 2 (N) (HD)		Gold. Girl House for sale.	Gold. Girl House for sale.	Gold. Girl Mystery illness.	Gold. Girl Mystery illness.	Gold. Girl Blanche is upset.
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper (HD)			Lakefront (N)	Lakefront (N)	Carib Life	Carib Life	Island (HD)	Island (HD)	Hunters (HD)	Hunters (HD)	Carib Life
HIST	45	110	American Pickers (HD)			American Pickers (HD)		American Pickers (HD)		American Pickers (HD)		(.03) American Pickers (HD)		Am. Picker
ION	13	160	(5:00) Casino Royale ('06, Thriller) Daniel Craig. High stakes. (HD)			Quantum of Solace ('08, Action) ★★ Daniel Craig. A businessman plots to corner the market on a precious natural resource.			Skyfall ('12, Action) ★★½ Daniel Craig. A vengeful James Bond searches for the assassins behind the M16 attacks.					
LIFE	50	145	Mother, May I Sleep with Danger? ('16, Thriller) Christie Lynn Smith. Daughter's friend has dark secret. (HD)			Killer Assistant ('16) Magazine editor's assistant becomes obsessed with her after one-night stand. (HD)					(.02) Mother, May I Sleep with Danger? ('16, Thriller) Christie Lynn Smith. Dark romance. (HD)			
MSNBC	36	92	Lockup An inmate's story. (HD)			Lockup: Raw: Time to Kill (HD)		Lockup A smuggler's plan. (HD)		Lockup Extra good time. (HD)		Lockup The feel of murder. (HD)		Lockup (HD)
NICK	16	210	Kingdom (N)		Kingdom (N)	Nicky	School	Full House	Full House	Gaffigan (HD)	Gaffigan (HD)	Friends (HD)	Friends (HD)	
SPIKE	64	153	Bar Rescue (HD)			Bar Rescue Fisherman bar. (HD)		Bar Rescue British pub. (HD)		Bar Rescue Florida tiki bar. (HD)		Bar Rescue (HD)		Bar Rescue
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) The Mummy Returns ('01, Adventure) ★★½ Brendan Fraser. The Scorpion King and Imhotep face off.			Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull ('08, Adventure) ★★½ Harrison Ford. Indiana Jones and a ruthless Soviet agent hunt for a powerful artifact. (HD)							Robin Hood ('10) ★★½	
TBS	24	156	The Lego Movie ('14, Comedy) Will Ferrell. World-saving quest.			Shrek 2 ('04, Fantasy) ★★½ Julie Andrews. Surly ogre must win over new bride's disapproving parents. (HD)			The Pacifier ('05, Comedy) ★★½ Vin Diesel. A tough Navy SEAL is assigned to protect four children from a gang of killers.					
TCM	49	186	The Courtship of Eddie's Father ('63, Comedy) ★★½ Glenn Ford.			Life With Father ('47, Comedy) ★★½ William Powell. A Wall Street investor finds that his wife has more control over his family.			Father of the Bride ('50, Comedy) ★★½ Spencer Tracy. A lawyer's contented life is thrown into disarray by his daughter's wedding. (HD)		Umarete wa mita keredo			
TLC	43	157	Sister Wives (HD)			Sister Wives (N) (HD)		(.01) Single Dad Seeking...: Still Single (N) (HD)				(.04) Single Dad Seeking...: Still Single (HD)		
TNT	23	158	(5:30) Inglourious Basterds ('09, Drama) Brad Pitt. In WWII, Jewish-American soldiers set out to strike terror in the Third Reich. (HD)					The Last Ship: Shanzhai (N) (HD)		Murder in the First: Normandy Bitch (N) (HD)		The Last Ship: Shanzhai (HD)		Murder in the First (HD)
TRUTV	38	129	Jokers (HD)	Comedy (HD)	Comedy (HD)	Comedy (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Comedy (HD)	
TVLAND	55	161	Reba (HD)	Reba (HD)	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Gaffigan (N)	Gaffigan (N)	Queens (HD)	Queens (HD)	Queens (HD)	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Gray Rape on campus. (HD)			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Totem (HD)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Bang Baby found. (HD)		Motive: Frampton Comes Alive Insurance adjuster. (N) (HD)		(.01) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Vanity's Bonfire (HD)		(.01) Law & Order: SVU (HD)
WE	68	166	CSI: Miami: Payback (HD)			CSI: Miami: The Score (HD)		CSI: Miami: Silencer (HD)		CSI: Miami: Fade Out (HD)		CSI: Miami: Nailed (HD)		CSI Miami
WGN	8	172	Blue Bloods (HD)			Blue Bloods (HD)		Blue Bloods (HD)		Elementary Moriarty's case. (HD)		Elementary: The Woman (HD)		Elementary

REVIEWS

Kevin Hart acts in a scene from "Central Intelligence."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Johnson, Hart light up ‘Central Intelligence’

BY LINDSEY BAHR
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“Central Intelligence,” a buddy action-comedy starring Kevin Hart and Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, doesn’t pack many big laughs, but it is likely to keep a smile on your face for the duration.

That’s largely because of the charisma of its two leads who wholly embrace the earnest goofiness of Ike Barinholtz and David Stassen’s (“The Mindy Project”) story about two guys at the opposite ends of the high school hierarchy.

There’s more to it than that, but at its heart — and yes, this movie has a big, beating heart — this story centers on a high school prince who grows up to be an ordinary guy (Hart’s Calvin Joyner) and the overweight outcast who sheds his flab and becomes exceptional (Johnson’s Bob Stone) and what they learn from one another. Seriously.

The movie, from “We’re The Millers” director Rawson Marshall Thurber, who also has a script credit, opens on a flashback of a 1996 high school pep rally where Calvin offers an act of kindness to his less fortunate classmate when everyone else just sits there and laughs.

Cut to 20 years later and “most likely to succeed” Calvin is married to his

high school girlfriend (Danielle Nicolet) and working as a midlevel accountant who’s just been passed over for a promotion that his former assistant gets instead.

It’s the eve of their high school reunion, and he’d rather not go at all. He’s feeling a little too average for the “what are you doing now” small talk.

That’s when Bob comes back into his life. A random friend request from a mysterious fellow who claims to like guns, pancakes and unicorns, followed by a few enthusiastic Facebook messages, lead to the two getting together for drinks.

Bob is not the 300-pound pariah anymore. He’s The Rock. And yet, despite the exterior upgrade, though, he’s still an affable dweeb at heart, rocking a fanny pack, jean shorts, a unicorn t-shirt. He’s genuinely thrilled to be hanging out with Calvin, too.

It just so happens that Bob is also a super spy who is on the run from his fellow CIA agents for mysterious reasons. Calvin, of course, gets entangled in all of this, bringing the requisite wide-eyed WTF perspective needed in this sort of over-the-top comedy.

Again, it’s the actors who really bring “Central Intelligence” home. One of Johnson’s great onscreen strengths is that he has a believable softness to him that belies his hard shell, even in

his more hardcore roles.

Here, that high-wattage charisma is turned up to 11. He’s almost daring you not to smile along with him.

Hart, in the straight man role, gets to flex some muscles that not many comedies ask of him — relative subtlety. For a man who displays such unwavering confidence most of the time, Hart’s Calvin is like a less depressed Louis C.K.

In some past life, this might have even been a Steve Martin role.

“Central Intelligence” also boasts an impressive roster of cameos and bit parts from comedians such as “Silicon Valley’s” Kumail Nanjiani and a few others that I won’t spoil here.

The plot is pretty silly and not worth much discussion, although in its nearly two-hour runtime some scenes drag on interminably and bits start to feel a little repetitive.

Thurber should have trimmed some of that fat, but he probably didn’t want to throw out any even slightly amusing footage of his two superstars. And what didn’t make it into the film can probably be found in the blooper reel at the end.

Despite its shortcomings, “Central Intelligence” is a satisfyingly sweet summer distraction that should only improve with time and repeat viewings.

Kristofferson hits 80 with new album of beloved hits

BY LINDSEY TANNER
The Associated Press

The title had some Kris Kristofferson fans fearing his 2013 album “Feeling Mortal” was his last.

Now, entering his ninth decade, Kristofferson is feeling sentimental with a new offering that’s like a living epitaph.

“The Cedar Creek Sessions,” recorded live, features 25 of his best known songs in a collection that celebrates the legendary singer-songwriter’s enduring mark on American music in the last half century.

Released five days before his 80th birthday, it’s a hit parade of honest, unadorned country music and a welcome reminder of his contributions to a genre now sometimes confused with overwrought pop.

There’s “Me and Bobby McGee,” “Help Me Make It Through the Night,” “Sunday Mornin’ Comin’ Down” and “For the Good Times.”

And with help from good friend Sheryl Crow, there’s his first recording of “The Loving Gift,” a Kristofferson song made famous by Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash.

The baritone is still unmistakably Kristofferson, somehow even deeper and more gravely than in his prime, but also less defiant. Wistful, too, when he struggles with the lowest notes but still carries on.

The album was recorded during three days at Cedar Creek Studios in Austin, Texas, and the Brownsville native sounds right at home.

He gets help on guitar from Shawn Camp, Kevin Smith on bass, Michael Ramos on keys and Mike Meadows on drums.

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California inferno predicts another bad year

GOLETA, Calif. (AP) — Stoked by winds, a wildfire burning west of Santa Barbara roared down mountain slopes toward the Pacific Ocean, shutting down California’s major coastal highway and forcing a group of firefighters to seek shelter behind a fire engine as flames licked at them.

As the blaze grew to more than 6 square miles, authorities warned Friday that the region’s notorious afternoon and evening “sundowner” gusts would recur through the next two days.

Weekend fire dangers already were expected to worsen with the arrival of an extreme heatwave across the Southwest.

In central New Mexico, a blaze that began Tuesday had destroyed more than two dozen homes and charred more than 26 square miles near the small community of Chilili.

It cast a thick haze over the Manzano Mountain range south of Albuquerque that reached as far north as Denver.

The California inferno appeared to support national wildfire authorities’ predictions of another dangerous and difficult year for the state after years of drought. State firefighters and the U.S. Forest Service already have



Firefighters from the Lompoc City Fire Department take shelter behind their engine Thursday as wind driven flames advance from the Sherpa Fire.

fought more than 1,800 wildfires since Jan. 1, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

While El Niño delivered rain and snow to Northern California this winter, the south was bypassed. What rain fell was just enough to sprout grasses that quickly died, adding to the danger of long-dead vegetation.

“It is ominous and we are concerned because the fuels out there are drought-stressed,” Santa Barbara County Fire Chief Eric Peterson told a press conference.

About 140 homes and ranches were considered at risk in southern Santa Barbara County at the foot of the

rugged Santa Ynez Mountains, an east-west trending range that parallels the south-facing coast.

Fires become especially dangerous when sundowners are formed by high pressure inland to the north and low pressure over the ocean to the south, causing gusty winds to sweep down the face of the mountains. A gust in the fire area around 1 a.m. Friday was clocked at 47 mph, the National Weather Service said.

“You can pretty much set your clock by it, about 5 o’clock in the evening the winds start to pick up,” said Eric Boldt, a warning coordination meteorologist.

The Santa Barbara County

Fire Department posted a picture of firefighters near El Capitan State Beach taking shelter behind a fire engine as flames and a hail of embers roared toward them.

U.S. 101, the state’s main coastal highway, had to be shut down for hours for the second time since the fire erupted Wednesday.

“I was actually on scene last night and saw some of the fire tornados, and I tell you what, it’s no joke. ... It was off the hook,” said Highway Patrol Lt. Steve Larson. He expected more closures.

Sundowners force firefighters to fall back into defensive mode, said Robert Laeng, the federal incident commander.

“Our defensive strategy will continue to emphasize protection of life and property while we look for a place to turn the corner and push this back up into the mountains and get full containment,” he said.

A firefighting DC-10 jumbo jet led an air attack Friday morning, dropping vast swaths of retardant to stop the fire’s movement across difficult-to-reach terrain. A fleet of planes and helicopters have assisted an army of fighters on the ground.

The New Mexico fire was expected to keep moving east and northeast while threatening Chilili, the Tajique area, and the Ponderosa Pine resi-

dential area, according to U.S. Forest Service officials.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez took to the air in a National Guard helicopter on Thursday to survey the devastation.

“This is a serious fire,” Martinez said later during a news conference at an Estancia school that holds the command center for the firefighters. “We want to make sure New Mexicans understand that.”

Extremely hot and dry weather was forecast to continue into the weekend, although gusty winds should ease, fire officials said.

In east-central Arizona, progress was made against a 12-square-mile blaze that broke out Wednesday south of Show Low.

“The winds weren’t as bad, and the back-burns did exactly what we wanted them to do,” Navajo County Sheriff KC Clark said at a Thursday afternoon news conference.

However, a small Navajo County community remained evacuated and thousands of other residents were told to be prepared in case they had to leave.

In Nevada, a 300-acre Reno brush fire that threatened dozens of homes was 75 percent contained and crews were mostly in mop-up mode Thursday evening.

Syria memo shakes up Washington but unlikely to shift policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Department officials shook up America’s generally obedient diplomatic establishment this week with an internal memo urging U.S. military action against Syria’s government with the goal of pressing President Bashar Assad to accept a cease-fire and gaining the upper hand on him in future talks on a political transition.

Reasons abound for why an intervention is improbable, not least the vague military objective and risks for U.S. service personnel. Most significant, President Obama is opposed.

Even the diplomats who signed the “dissent channel cable” aren’t calling for U.S. forces to push Assad out of power immediately or make him surrender territory to opposition groups — more typical goals for military campaigns. Instead, they say targeted U.S. attacks could increase leverage over the Syrian leader in diplomatic negotiations that have repeatedly failed so far.

Intervening would plunge Washington into an unpredictable and deadly

conflict. The Syrian opposition includes scores of rebel formations jostling among rival ethnic groups and U.S.-designated terrorist organizations such as the Islamic State. Russia’s air force, Iranian troops and paramilitary units are fighting alongside Assad, crowding the skies and the battlefield.

And American priorities are elsewhere. Despite calling on Assad to step aside five years ago, Obama is focused on defeating the Islamic State in Syria and not regime change.

His administration wants to preserve Syria’s state and army for a future “transition government” that could restore order and help tackle IS. It wants Russia and Iran to help in that effort.

WHITE HOUSE RESISTANCE

The now classified cable was transmitted through an official channel for dissenting views. Fifty-one mostly mid-level department officials who work on America’s Syria policy signed on. The New York Times and Wall Street Journal quoted from copies

they reported seeing or obtaining.

The document expresses clear frustration with a White House-driven response to a conflict that has killed perhaps a half-million people and contributed to a worldwide refugee crisis.

“The moral rationale for taking steps to end the deaths and suffering in Syria, after five years of brutal war, is evident and unquestionable,” The Times quoted it as saying.

The sentiment isn’t new in Foggy Bottom. Obama’s last two secretaries of state, Hillary Clinton and John Kerry, pushed for intervention, as has a former defense secretary and CIA director.

But the commander in chief has the last word, and nothing has swayed him thus far.

When Assad crossed Obama’s “red line” in 2013 by using chemical weapons, the U.S. president backed down from his threat of retaliatory strikes. And ongoing chaos in Libya, where the U.S. helped overthrow dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011, is only making him more reticent.

“None of the options are good,” Obama said in Saudi Arabia in April. Any “Plan B” without a political settlement risks extending the war for years, he said.

“The president has always been clear that he doesn’t see a military solution to the crisis in Syria, and that remains the case,” White House spokeswoman Jennifer Friedman added Friday.

MANY UNKNOWNNS

Apart from defeating IS, Obama’s Syria strategy has three stages: forcing Assad into a cease-fire and “political transition” talks, pressing him to leave power, then uniting his army and moderate forces to join the counterterrorism effort.

After five years of civil war, the chain of events hasn’t yet started. Fighting rages despite numerous partial cease-fires between Syria’s government and opposition groups.

And without leverage, the dissenters noted, Assad will never feel pressure to stop bombing and negotiate.



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and upload them into the system in real time, she said.

Lee County DSS serves about 100 children, she said. There are seven caseworkers in Lee County and one supervisor.

Since 2015, DSS has worked on reducing caseloads of workers and increasing the amount of time they are able to spend with families, Wingo said.

“The pilot program will help the department continue to work more efficiently by reducing time spent on data entry, enable caseworkers to work from any location, improve accuracy of documentation and allow caseworkers more time to visit with clients,” Wingo said.

The program will also increase child and caseworker safety by providing caseworkers immediate access to critical family history and case information, she said.

Wingo said the department anticipates it will take about nine months to implement the pilot program.

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Some 5,000 would-be mourners were turned away, apparently for lack of seating.

On Friday, a presidential aide read a message to the congregation from Obama and the first lady in which they said “as a nation we are deeply moved by your boundless love and your unshakeable resilience.”

In the wake of the shootings, officials and businesses nationwide have taken steps to distance themselves from Confederate symbols and name. The suspect, Roof, had appeared in photos with the Confederate flag.

In Texas, the Austin school board voted to rename Robert E. Lee Elementary. The Houston school board voted to rename seven schools named for Confederate leaders. Ohio State Fair officials banned vendors from selling Confederate flag merchandise. In New Jersey, the nation’s oldest and largest flag manufacturer decided a week after the shootings to stop making and selling the Confederate flag.

Storms topple trees, cut power to 100K

COLUMBIA (AP) — Strong thunderstorms have left more than 100,000 customers without power as they rapidly moved through central and coastal South Carolina.

The storms began developing about 1:30 p.m. Friday near Columbia, bringing wind gusts of up to 60 mph, hail and frequent lightning. They then moved quickly to the coast.

South Carolina Electric & Gas had about 35,000 power outages in Columbia at the peak of the storms.

SCE&G later reported about 15,000 outages in Beaufort County and 12,000 outages in Charleston County, while Berkeley Electric Cooperative reported nearly 17,000 outages in Berkeley and Charleston counties. Thousands of people

also lost power in Aiken, Barnwell, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Greenwood, Hampton, Sumter and Williamsburg counties.

The storms had gusty winds that knocked down hundreds of trees and lighting causing dozens of fires.



Sharon Baker Clark smiles when she sees the Sumter Senior Services activity center sign bearing her mother’s name during the sign’s surprise unveiling on Friday. Shirley Baker will retire June 30 after 40 years with the senior citizens’ services organization.

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“I’m a team player,” Baker said. She attributed her success and the success of the agency to the hard work and support from staff, volunteers, board members, her family and the community.

“You make me look good,” she said.

Baker said she is most looking forward to not having to wake up early in the morning during her retirement. And though she plans to focus on relaxing, she also intends to return to senior services to volunteer.

Sharon Clark, Baker’s daughter, recalled memories of joining her mother at work when she was a child.

This is bitter sweet, she said about her mother’s retirement. She does love it, and she has an affinity for the elderly, Clark said.

Having her name on the building is an honor and is well deserved, she said.

It’s not an easy task to find someone to fill in after Baker, said Sumter Senior Services Board Vice Chairwoman Bertha McCants. Baker is a tough act to follow, she said.

McCants said the board is not looking for Baker’s replacement but rather someone who possesses the same amount of passion for local seniors, the community and the agency.

Terrance Jenkins, senior services office manager, who started working

at the agency last year described Baker as a very patient leader.

“The door was always open when I had a question,” he said.

“From the first day I met her, I fell in love with her,” said Frankie Lyles, senior services site manager.

Lyles said she soon realized that Baker is the kind of person to give love to everyone.

“She really does have a purpose,” she said.

Also, Mayor Joe McElveen presented Baker with a proclamation honoring her service as well as declaring June 17 Shirley G. Baker day in the city.

Baker’s final day at Sumter Senior Services will be June 30.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET FURBEE

HARTSVILLE — Memorial services for Margaret “Peg” Furbee, 65, who died on June 14, 2016, will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Emmanuel Baptist Church, directed by Norton Funeral Home. Dr. Gary Colboch will officiate.

Visitation will follow the service at the church.

“Peg” was born in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of the late Harold and Euxine Axe French. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Larry Alvin Furbee Sr. of Hartsville; two sons, Warren (Donna) Wilson of Salem, Ohio, and Larry (Judy) Alvin Furbee Jr. of Goose Creek; one daughter, Karen Sue Furbee of Alliance, Ohio; one brother, Jimmy Barbar of West Palm Beach, Florida; one sister; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 128 Stone Mark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210.

Norton Funeral Home is honored to serve the Furbee family.

ARTHUR DUBOSE

Arthur Dubose, 81, entered eternal rest on Monday, June 13, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1934, in Sumter County, a son of the late Gilbert and Eliza Lynch Dubose. He received his education in Sumter County; was a member of Zion Hill AME Church; and he was employed as a self-employed farmer.

Survivors are his companion, Joyce Singleton; two sons, Ricky (Helen) Spann and Lester (Vanessa) Spann; one daughter, Pansy (Jay) Houghton; two stepsons, Jermaine Singleton and Carlton (Delia) Singleton; three brothers,

Henry Dubose, Matthew Dubose and Moses (Barbara) Dubose; five sisters, Margurite Wright, Rosa Henderson, Carrie Ann (Hazel) Buddin, Darcus Ridgel and Francine Boston; stepsister, Minnie Guinard; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Viewing will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Zion Hill AME Church with Pastor Malcolm Simpson. Burial will follow in Manning Cemetery, Pinewood.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 7070 Squaw Road, Pinewood.

Online memorials can be sent to comfhlty@sc.rr.com.

Community Funeral Home of Sumter is in charge of these arrangements.

MABLE S. RICHARDSON

TEMPLE HILLS, Maryland — Mable Shaw Richardson, 96, died on Thursday, June 16, 2016, in Temple Hills.

She was born on May 13, 1920, in Mayesville, a daughter of the late John and Fannie White Shaw.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her son, Robert Shaw, 6095 Skinner Road, Gable.

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

DONALD O’CONNER MCCRAY

FLORENCE — Donald O’Conner McCray, 60, died on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Carolinas Hospital System, Florence.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1956, a daughter of Willie and Eula Mae Green McCray.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her parents, 12440 Lynches River Road, Olanta.

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

JIM BUTLER

Jim Butler, 77, departed his earthly life on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on March 15, 1939, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Harrison Sr. and Mary Essie Robinson Butler. “Joe,” as he was affectionately called, attended the public schools of Sumter County. He joined Bethel AME Church at an early age. During his early teenage years, he moved to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he worked as a forklift driver. Upon returning to South Carolina in 1975, he was employed with Roosevelt Butler Residential Home for several years. He was married to the late Joyce Dixon Butler and later he was united in matrimony to Delores Robinson Butler.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Delores Robinson Butler; three sons, Steven (Thomasina) Butler, Keon (Latoya) Robinson and Rashad Robinson; one daughter, Lillian (Michael) Richbow; three brothers, Harrison (Evelyn) Butler III, Titus (Carrie) Butler and Roosevelt (Judy R.) Butler; one sister, Mary Lee (Thomas) Pearson; one aunt, Azalee Wilder; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Bethel AME Church, 1605 S. Kings Highway, Wedgefield, with the Rev. Larry D. Clark Sr., pastor, eulogist.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4695 Cane Savannah Road, Wedgefield.

The remains will be placed in the church at 2 p.m.

The funeral procession will leave at 2:20 p.m. from the home.

Floral bearers and pallbearers will be family and friends.

Burial will be in Bethel AME Church cemetery. Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

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

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AROUND TOWN

South Carolina Legal Services will hold an expungement workshop at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at Clar- endon School District One Community Resource Center, 1154 Fourth St., Sum- merton. This is your oppor- tunity to put your past be- hind you. Come let Lonnie Doles, attorney, begin or continue the process of clearing your legal record. Call Kathleen L. Gibson at (803) 485-2043 or (803) 225-0832.

The Lincoln High School Pres- ervation Alumni Association will meet at 4 p.m. on Sun- day, June 26, at the Lincoln High School cafeteria, Coun- cil Street. Lincolnites, friends and community members are invited. Call James L. Green at (803) 968-4173.

The Sumter Branch NAACP will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, at Wayman Chapel AME Church, 160 N. Kings Highway. Representative Joe Neal will give legislative updates.

The Sumter Chapter of the Na- tional Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, at Shiloh-Randolph

Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Mariann Frye, wellness am- bassador for Rite Aid, will speak. The spotlight will shine on Alexis Blanding and the associate member is Glenda Bossard. Trans- portation provided within their mileage area. If you know a blind person, con- tact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The Sumter County Prevention Team will sponsor a “Parents Accessing Resources 4 Kids” (PARK) event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Sumter High School, 2580 McCrays Mill Road. The pur- pose of this awareness event is to provide informa- tion on available community resources to parents of youth ages 0-18 years old in Sumter County.

Edmunds High School Class of 1966 will hold its 50th re- union on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Sumter County Muse- um. Cost is \$30 for singles, \$60 for couples. Kent Mims and Coty Cuttino are orga- nizing a golf outing for the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 23. Call Myra Moore Wilt at (803) 491-4624.

FYI

Make-A-Wish South Carolina is seeking volunteers to help make wishes come true for children across the state. Bilingual volunteers are es- pecially needed. Interest webinars are offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednes- day of each month. Prereg- istration is required. Con- tact Brennan Brown at bbrown@sc.wish.org or (864) 250-0702 extension 112 to register or begin the ap- plication process.

Hospice Care of Sumter LLC is in need of volunteers in Sum- ter and surrounding coun- ties. Opportunities available for you to use your time and talents to be of assistance include reading, musical tal- ents, companionship, light housekeeping, etc. Contact Joyce Blanding at (803) 883-5606 or hospicecareofsumter@yahoo.com.

Agape Hospice is in need of volunteers. Whether your passion is baking, knitting, reading, singing, etc., Agape Hospice can find a place for you. Contact Thandi Bland- ing at (803) 774-1075, (803) 260-3876 or tblanding@agapsenior.com.

Hospice Care of South Carolina is in need of volunteers in Sumter County. Do you have one extra hour a week? Op- portunities are available for patient/family companion- ship, administrative sup-

port, meal preparation, light household projects, student education and various other tasks. Contact Whitney Rog- ers, regional volunteer coor- dinator, at (843) 409-7991 or whitney.rogers@hospicecare.net.

Amedisys Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteer oppor- tunities include: 1) special projects of baking, sewing, knitting, crafts, carpentry and yard work; 2) adminis- trative/office duties of copy- ing, light filing and answer- ing phones; and 3) patient companionship — develop one-on-one relationships with hospice patients (train- ing provided free of charge). Contact Rhoda Keefe, volun- teer coordinator, at (803) 469-3047 or rhonda.keefe@amedisys.com.

Hospice Care of Tri-County is in need of volunteers. Volun- teers offer support, com- panionship and care to the caregiver by running er- rands, reading to patients, listening and just being there for patients who need companionship. All you need is a willing heart and some time to give to others. No medical background is required. Hospice Care of Tri-County will provide you with the tools you need to become a hospice volun- teer. Call Carol Tindal at (803) 905-7720.

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EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't take financial risks or let someone talk you into buying something you don't need. Don't give in to someone's demands. Use your intelligence when making decisions and don't let your emotions interfere.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep an open mind when dealing with relationships. Make plans to do something that is physically challenging. It will help you to be enthusiastic about other factors that you need to take care of in your personal life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your persistence will pay off as long as you are honest about what you want and what you are willing to give back in return. Don't limit what you can do because of an emotional situation. Use your common sense and you will excel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look on the bright side, and view your cup as half-full. The more at peace you are, the easier it will be to reach your destination. Personal improvements will lift your spirits and help you gain confidence. Exercise will pay off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Initiate change. It's up to you to be responsible for what transpires. Get involved in something that will promote worthwhile encounters and drive you to reach out and make a difference in the matters you feel strongly about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Paying attention to details will help you avoid a mishap. Be cautious when it comes to dealing with people who may want something from you that you aren't willing to deliver. Take care of business and move on to something you enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make your move and say what's on your mind. Don't wait around for someone else to go first. Finding a solution to a difficult situation with a friend, relative or neighbor will put your mind at ease. Initiate a personal change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for an alternative way to live and follow your dream. Happiness will result from taking action, not thinking about what you should have done. Romance is highlighted, and a good relationship will encourage you to live life your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will cause you uncertainty. Don't be tempted to ignore what needs to be done. Focus on what would make you happy and get the ball rolling. A change at home is a good place to start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a moment to pay attention to someone with unique talents. Expand your interests and invest time in an activity that will encourage you to grow. Romance is on the rise and will bring about a positive lifestyle change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your insight, compassion and desire to make improvements will lead you on a powerful journey. Staying within your means will ease your stress and bring about the changes that will make a difference. Romance is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Study any deal that is being offered and look at the restrictions you face if you go against the rules and regulations. Concentrate on personal and home improvements. Be reasonable when dealing with partners.

DAILY PLANNER

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
					
Windy and not as hot	Clear	Partly sunny and nice	Nice with plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny	A shower and t-storm around
85°	63°	84° / 63°	88° / 66°	91° / 72°	90° / 69°
Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 60%
ENE 15-25 mph	ENE 7-14 mph	ENE 8-16 mph	WNW 6-12 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	WSW 6-12 mph

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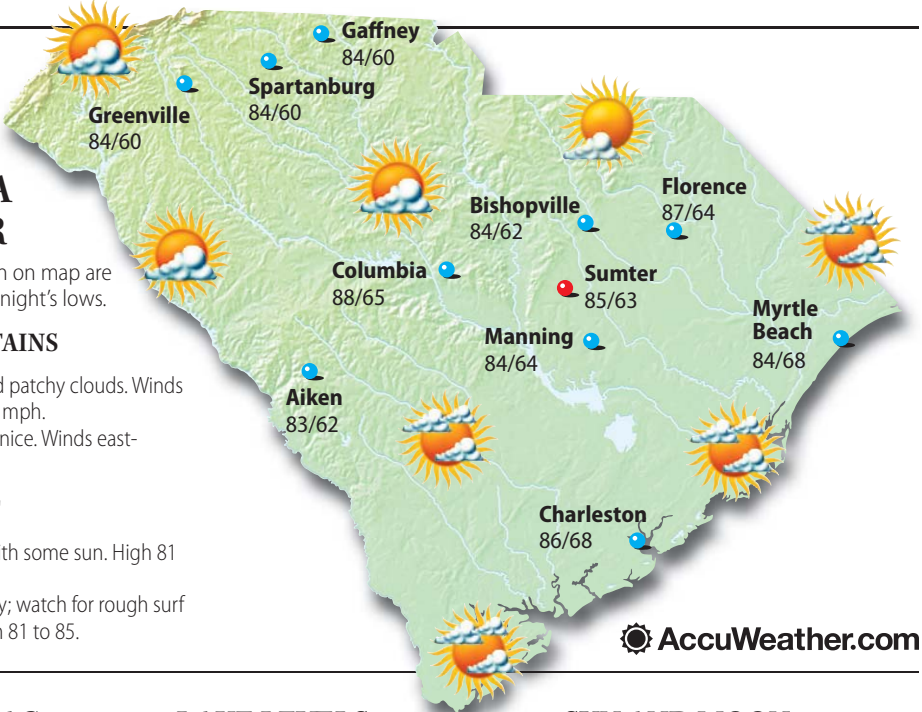
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Sunshine and patchy clouds. Winds east-northeast 12-25 mph.
Sunday: Sunny and nice. Winds east-northeast 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Not as hot with some sun. High 81 to 85.
Sunday: Partly sunny; watch for rough surf and rip currents. High 81 to 85.



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SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	93°
Low	72°
Normal high	88°
Normal low	66°
Record high	103° in 2015
Record low	52° in 1961

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	0.38"
Month to date	2.82"
Normal month to date	2.97"
Year to date	24.25"
Last year to date	20.21"
Normal year to date	20.72"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.38	-0.03
Marion	76.8	75.32	-0.01
Moultrie	75.5	75.19	none
Wateree	100	97.54	-0.08

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.19	-0.30
Congaree River	19	3.44	+0.08
Lynches River	14	3.75	-0.17
Saluda River	14	2.15	+0.02
Up. Santee River	80	76.39	+0.09
Wateree River	24	6.79	+0.57

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:11 a.m.	Sunset	8:36 p.m.
Moonrise	7:00 p.m.	Moonset	5:00 a.m.

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	June 20	June 27	July 4	July 11

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:14 a.m.	2.6	3:06 a.m.	0.3
	8:55 p.m.	3.3	2:58 p.m.	0.1
Sun.	8:58 a.m.	2.6	3:49 a.m.	0.2
	9:35 p.m.	3.3	3:39 p.m.	0.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/67/pc	86/65/s
Chicago	86/63/s	89/71/s
Dallas	97/77/s	93/76/s
Detroit	90/64/s	91/69/s
Houston	96/74/pc	90/74/t
Los Angeles	84/64/s	95/63/s
New Orleans	92/77/t	85/76/t
New York	82/65/s	85/68/s
Orlando	89/74/t	87/72/t
Philadelphia	84/62/s	87/64/s
Phoenix	111/85/s	118/89/s
San Francisco	72/54/s	78/54/s
Wash., DC	84/63/s	87/66/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	80/55/s	80/54/s
Athens	84/63/pc	86/61/s
Augusta	85/62/pc	84/61/s
Beaufort	84/68/pc	85/67/pc
Cape Hatteras	79/69/pc	79/68/s
Charleston	86/68/pc	84/66/pc
Charlotte	85/60/s	83/60/s
Clemson	87/64/pc	85/62/s
Columbia	88/65/pc	87/63/pc
Darlington	85/62/pc	84/61/pc
Elizabeth City	78/64/s	79/60/s
Elizabethtown	84/62/pc	83/59/pc
Fayetteville	85/62/s	84/61/s

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Florence	87/64/pc	85/64/pc
Gainesville	83/71/t	88/67/t
Gastonia	84/59/s	83/57/s
Goldsboro	83/61/s	84/60/s
Goose Creek	84/67/pc	83/63/pc
Greensboro	83/58/s	83/60/s
Greenville	84/60/s	82/61/s
Hickory	83/58/s	82/58/s
Hilton Head	83/70/pc	83/69/pc
Jacksonville, FL	83/71/t	84/65/pc
La Grange	85/67/pc	86/62/s
Macon	86/65/pc	87/62/s
Marietta	84/64/pc	84/64/s

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Marion	81/53/s	81/52/s
Mt. Pleasant	83/70/pc	83/68/pc
Myrtle Beach	84/68/pc	82/66/pc
Orangeburg	84/65/pc	84/61/pc
Port Royal	83/71/pc	84/69/pc
Raleigh	83/57/s	83/58/s
Rock Hill	84/60/s	83/58/s
Rockingham	84/61/s	83/58/s
Savannah	83/69/t	85/66/pc
Spartanburg	84/60/s	82/57/s
Summerville	84/66/pc	83/62/pc
Wilmington	83/65/pc	83/61/pc
Winston-Salem	82/58/s	82/59/s

Weather(W): s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, r=rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, i=ice



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SUMTER SPCA CAT OF THE WEEK



Tabitha, a spayed and housebroken 2-year-old black female American short hair, is available for adoption at the Sumter SPCA. She is friendly, docile, affectionate and playful. She gets along great with other cats. Tabitha is a loving girl, who adores being given lots of attention. She would make a terrific lap buddy. Tabitha has been at the Sumter SPCA awaiting a forever home since early December. The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit the website at www.sumterscpca.com.

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

LOCAL TENNIS

Then there were 4

Singles semifinals set for Palmetto Pro Open; Loeb, Zhao face Whoriskey, Reinhold in doubles final



Valeria Solovyeva hits a backhand return to Renata Zarazua in their singles quarterfinal match in the Palmetto Pro Open on Friday at Palmetto Tennis Center. Solovyeva won 6-2, 7-6(2).

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Valeria Solovyeva may have had to win a pair of qualifying matches to even make the singles main draw of the Palmetto Pro Open, but the fact that she has reached the semifinals of the \$25,000 USTA tournament at Palmetto Tennis Center doesn't mean she's in uncharted territory.

"I've actually won 10 matches in a row," Solovyeva replied when it was stated that her 6-2, 7-6(2) quarterfinal victory over Renata Zarazua was her fifth of the week. "I won the \$25,000 in Naples (Fla.) last week. "I've just been playing really well."

Solovyeva, who was the No. 1 seed in the qualifying portion of the draw, will face wild card entry Caroline Dolehide today in one of the semifinals. Dolehide defeated Nicole Frenkel 7-6(4), 6-4 in a quarterfinal match.

The other semifinal will pit No. 3 seed CiCi Bellis against another wild-card in Francesca Di Lorenzo. Bellis, the only remaining seed playing in the quarterfinals, defeated Carol Zhao 6-3, 6-2 while Di Lorenzo topped Jennifer Elie 6-3, 6-2.

Solovyeva cruised past Zarazua in the opening set before struggling to put her away in the second set.

"it was very hot out there today," said Solovyeva, who is from Russia, but

trains in Florida so the heat and humidity is not foreign to her. "You try not to focus on that and just focus on playing a point at a time."

Solovyeva, who was in the main draw of the Naples tournament as a wild card, will be taking on a foe in Dolehide who had a grueling 2-set victory over Frenkel. Solovyeva is ranked 507 in the world, while Dolehide is No. 710.

Bellis has three career victories and two of them have come in tournaments in South Carolina -- in Florence and Rock Hill, respectively. She's not sure why she has so much success in the Palmetto State, but she enjoys playing

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PRO GOLF

He's back: Johnson tied for Open lead

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

OAKMONT, Pa. — One year after Dustin Johnson let the U.S. Open slip away from him at Chambers Bay, he drove his way to the top of the leaderboard Friday at Oakmont.

Immaculate from tee-to-green, Johnson endured a marathon day of 36 holes with a game that makes him look tough to beat. He didn't make a bogey in his opening round of 3-under 67, and he dropped only one shot in his 69 that ended just as the siren sounded to stop play because of darkness.

Johnson was at 4-under 136, two shots ahead of anyone else who completed the second round in the rain-delayed U.S. Open.

More than just his long ball, one of Johnson's greatest assets is a short memory. He already has squandered chances in four majors, none more crushing than last year when he was a 12-foot eagle putt away from winning and three-putted to finish one behind Jordan Spieth.

Asked if he was motivated by Chambers Bay, Johnson deadpanned, "What happened last year?"

Andrew Landry had a much shorter day. The 28-year-old qualifier only had to hit one shot Friday when he returned in the morning to make a 10-foot birdie putt for a 66 and the lead. It was the best opening round in 10 majors at Oakmont, beating a record shared by Ben Hogan and Tom Watson.

Landry also became the first player in 30



Dustin Johnson hits from the fairway Friday on the 12th hole during the rain delayed first round of the U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa.

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LEGION BASEBALL

Jets put end to losing streak

'Complete' game leads to 8-2 win

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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The frustration Dalzell-Shaw American Legion Post 175 head baseball coach Gene Durant felt on Wednesday was all but gone by the same time on Thursday night.



DURANT

As was the Jets' losing streak. A night after walking 14 batters and hitting four more, Dalzell-Shaw got a masterful complete-game effort from starting pitcher Dayton Ingram on Thursday en route to an 8-2 win over Lexington at General Field and the Jets' first victory of the season.

"It sure was a good feeling to get (that first one) under our belts," Durant said after his team improved to 1-12. "We've had some tough games in which we just have not played up to our potential."

"But last night we finally played a complete 9-inning game — the way we need to be playing."

Ingram was at the forefront of that effort. He struck out 11, walked just one and allowed around five hits in nine innings of work, Durant said.

"He's been one of my most dependable pitchers the last

SEE JETS, PAGE B3

PRO BASKETBALL

For Steph and LeBron, it's the ultimate game

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — It's the two-time reigning MVP who is trying to finish off a record setting season with a second straight title, against a two-time champion who is tantalizingly close to finally ending Cleveland's 52-year title drought. Steph vs. LeBron.



CURRY



JAMES

Warriors vs. Cavaliers. Game 7 awaits on Sunday night to decide these NBA Finals, decide the legacy of the season that has been put together by Stephen Curry and Golden State, and maybe even decide a big chunk of LeBron James' legacy of his second time around in Cleveland as well.

"I'll take it," James said. "Forty-eight minutes left," Curry said.

This series is still going because James had his second consecutive 41-point game in Cleveland's 115-101 victory Thursday night with the Cavaliers facing elimination again.

SEE ULTIMATE, PAGE B2

PRO BASKETBALL

LeBron lifts Cavs, city to cusp of title

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James’ family, closest friends and some hangers-on who wanted a glimpse waited for him in the arena’s hallways like they have since he was an unequalled Ohio high school star, the best player on any court.

They greeted him early Friday after Game 6 of the NBA Finals, when James dropped 41 points on Golden State for the second straight game and dominated Stephen Curry, staring down the MVP and taunting him after a dismissive block.

As Hall of Fame point guard Isiah Thomas and Oscar-winning actor Jamie Foxx looked on, James kissed his mom, Gloria, and hopped into his Mercedes-Benz luxury van for the ride to Akron.

“One more game left,” he said moments earlier.

One more win from the greatest comeback in Finals history and one more win from a championship, the one James came home for.

Playing at a level few have touched, James has pushed Cleveland to the brink of its first professional sports championship since 1964. With back-to-back epic performances, he’s given hope to generations of fans who have known mostly sports misery that the drought will end Sunday in Game 7 — on Father’s Day.

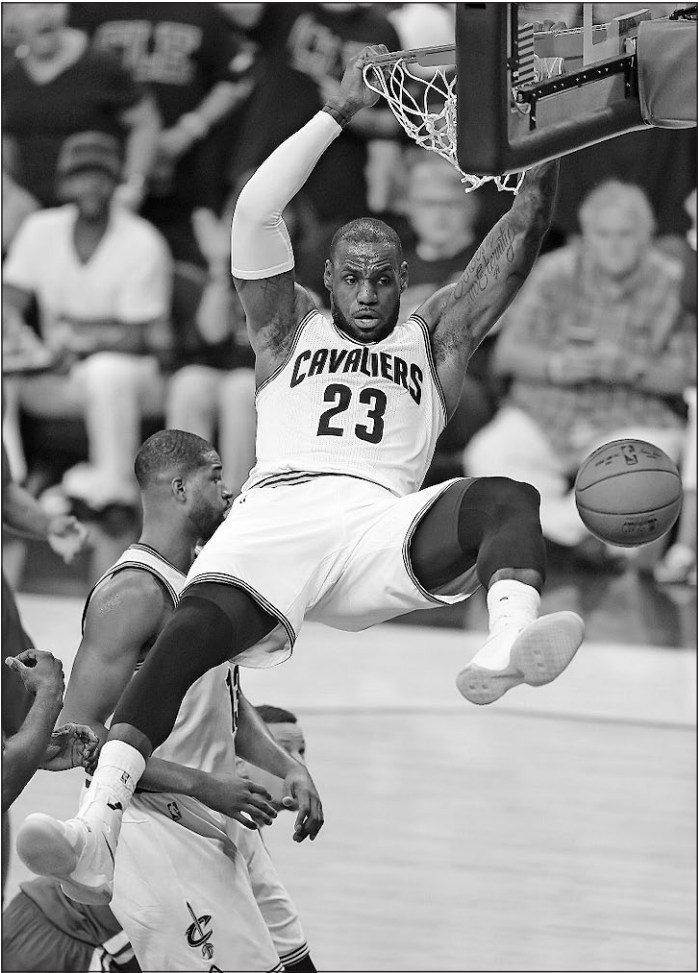
Down 3-1 in the series, the Cavaliers reverted to a strategy that has served James well: Give him the ball. Get out of the way.

Hesitant in Games 1 and 2, he’s been in attack mode, posting up Curry for layups and short turnarounds when the Warriors inexplicably switch on screens and leave the 6-foot-3 point guard at the mercy of a 250-pound wrecking ball crammed inside a No. 23 jersey.

And when Golden State sags defensively to help stop his drives, James is finding the open man or pulling up and making his outside jumper, considered the weakest aspect of his otherwise resplendent game.

The shots are falling. The Warriors are fading.

On Thursday night, James was as good as ever, making three 3-pointers and adding



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LeBron James (23) dunks during Cleveland’s 115-101 win over Golden State in Game 6 of the NBA Finals on Thursday in Cleveland. The Cavs fought back on James’ 41 points to force Game 7.

11 assists, eight rebounds, four steals and three blocks. He scored 18 straight points bridging the third and fourth quarters, and scored or assisted on 27 in a row and 35 of 36 while saddling his teammates and 20,000 fans on those broad shoulders and carrying them to the cusp of a title.

“He told us one point in time late in the fourth, ‘Get stops and I’ll take care of the other end,’” said forward Richard Jefferson.

In two elimination games, James has 82 points, 24 rebounds, 18 assists, seven 3-pointers, six blocks and just three turnovers, despite handling the ball on nearly every possession.

He has almost single-handedly punctured the Warriors’ will, leaving the defending champs with little time to figure out how to slow him down.

“Special, very special,” said guard Kyrie Irving, who followed his own 41-point effort in Game 5 with 23 to help the Cavs notch the series. “You try not to sit back and watch because you’re trying to make sure that you create space for him and able to give him outlets when he needs it, but when a guy’s got it going like that, it’s just unbeliev-

able to be a part of.”

With forward Andre Iguodala dealing with a back issue, Golden State coach Steve Kerr may have to switch Draymond Green on James for Game 7. He’d do that at the risk of the temperamental Green, who was suspended for Game 5, losing control. Kerr also doesn’t have center Andrew Bogut, whose series-ending knee injury has deprived the Warriors of one of their best rim protectors, inviting James to assault the basket without fear.

Coach Tyronn Lue’s decision to make James, and not Irving, Cleveland’s primary playmaker has swung the series. James’ ability to survey the defense and expose its weak spots has transformed the offense, which lacked rhythm and connection. This is how James played in Miami, where he and Dwyane Wade teamed their way to two titles.

The third one, the one James craves most, is within reach.

He didn’t promise a championship when he came back in 2014, only to inspire. “In Northeast Ohio, nothing is given,” James said. “Everything is earned. You work for what you have.”

back to Oakland, California, for the ultimate showdown. There have been injuries on both sides; the Cavaliers lost Kevin Love for a game and a half earlier in the series with a concussion, the Warriors are without Andrew Bogut because of a left knee injury and saw Andre Iguodala try to fight through a very balky back in Game 6.

Still, the Warriors — who have lost two straight for the second time all season — are somehow upbeat.

“We’ll rally the troops,” Kerr said. “We’ll get everybody ready for Game 7. As I said, a home game to win the NBA title, it’s as good as it gets. So we’re excited to be flying home and get our fans behind us and we’ll be ready to roll.”

Pressure will squarely be on the Warriors.

They won a record 73 games in the regular season, losing only nine times. They’ve already lost eight games in these playoffs, and a ninth defeat would certainly take a ton of the shine off having the best record in NBA history.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
8:30 a.m. – International Soccer: UEFA Euro 2016 Group Match from Bordeaux, France – Belgium vs. Ireland (ESPN).
8:30 a.m. – Auto Racing: 24 Hours of Le Mans Start from Le Mans, France (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 a.m. – Formula One Racing: European Grand Prix Pole Qualifying from Baku, Azerbaijan (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11 a.m. – PGA Golf: U.S. Open Second Round from Oakmont, Pa. (WACH 57).
11 a.m. – Women’s Professional Golf: Ladies European Tour TipSport Golf Masters Second Round from Pilsen, Czech Republic (GOLF).
11:30 a.m. – International Soccer: UEFA Euro 2016 Group Match from Marseille, France – Iceland vs. Hungary (ESPN).
1 p.m. – PGA Golf: U.S. Open Second Round from Oakmont, Pa. (WACH 57).
1:30 p.m. – College Tennis: NCAA Men’s Team Championships from Athens, Ga. (WLTX 19).
2 p.m. – Auto Racing: 24 Hours of Le Mans from Le Mans, France (FOX SPORTS 2).
2 p.m. – LPGA Golf: Meijer LPGA Classic Third Round from Grand Rapids, Mich. (GOLF).
2 p.m. – MLB: New York Yankees at Minnesota (MLB NETWORK).
2:30 p.m. – International Soccer: UEFA Euro 2016 Group Match from Paris – Portugal vs. Austria (ESPN).
3 p.m. – College Baseball: College World Series Game One from Omaha, Neb. – California-Santa Barbara vs. Oklahoma State (ESPN2).
4 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Texas at St. Louis (FOX SPORTS 1).
4:30 p.m. – NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Speediatrics 200 Pole Qualifying from Newton, Iowa (FOX SPORTS 2).
5 p.m. – Track and Field: Boston Games from Boston (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. – Auto Racing: 24 Hours of Le Mans from Le Mans, France (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:30 p.m. – NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Ethanol E15 250 Pole Qualifying from Newton, Iowa (FOX SPORTS 1).
6:30 p.m. – Women’s International Volleyball: FIVB World Grand Prix Match – Germany vs. United States (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. – Arena Football: Orlando at Jacksonville (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. – International Soccer: Copa America Centenario Quarterfinal Match from Foxborough, Mass. – Argentina vs. Venezuela (FX, UNIVISION).
7 p.m. – MLL Lacrosse: Boston at New York (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. – WNBA Basketball: Atlanta at Washington (NBA TV).
8 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Atlanta at New York Mets (WACH 57, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. – College Baseball: College World Series Game Two from Omaha, Neb. – Arizona vs. Miami (ESPN2).
8 p.m. – International Diving: U.S. Olympic Trials from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. – Professional Boxing: Andrzej Fonfara vs. Joe Smith Jr. in a Light Heavyweight Bout and Juan Carlos Payano vs. Rau’shee Warren in a Bantamweight Bout from Chicago (WIS 10).
8:30 p.m. – NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Speediatrics 200 from Newton, Iowa (FOX SPORTS 1).
10 p.m. – International Soccer: Copa America Centenario Quarterfinal Match from Santa Clara, Calif. – Mexico vs. Chile (FX, UNIVISION).
10 p.m. – WNBA Basketball: Dallas at Phoenix (NBA TV).
10:30 p.m. – Auto Racing: 24 Hours of Le Mans from Le Mans, France (FOX SPORTS 2).
11 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington at San Diego (MLB NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	38	27	.585	—
Boston	37	28	.569	1
Toronto	38	31	.551	2
New York	32	34	.485	6½
Tampa Bay	31	33	.484	6½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	30	.538	—
Kansas City	35	31	.530	½
Detroit	34	32	.515	1½
Chicago	33	33	.500	2½
Minnesota	20	46	.303	15½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	42	25	.627	—
Seattle	35	31	.530	6½
Houston	32	35	.478	10
Los Angeles	29	37	.439	12½
Oakland	27	39	.409	14½

WEDNESDAY’S GAMES
Colorado 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Toronto 7, Philadelphia 2
Boston 6, Baltimore 4
Tampa Bay 3, Seattle 2, 13 inn.
Houston 4, St. Louis 1
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 4
L.A. Angels 10, Minnesota 2
Texas 7, Oakland 5

THURSDAY’S GAMES
Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 4
Texas 5, Oakland 1
Toronto 13, Philadelphia 2
Baltimore 5, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Minnesota 1
Detroit 10, Kansas City 4

FRIDAY’S GAMES
Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Seattle at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
Texas at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 9:35 p.m.

SATURDAY’S GAMES
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at Boston, 4:05 p.m.
Toronto at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.
Texas at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	42	25	.627	—
New York	36	29	.554	5
Miami	34	32	.515	7½
Philadelphia	30	37	.448	12
Atlanta	20	46	.303	21½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	44	20	.688	—
St. Louis	35	30	.538	9½
Pittsburgh	33	33	.500	12
Milwaukee	31	36	.463	14½
Cincinnati	26	41	.388	19½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	41	26	.612	—
Los Angeles	35	33	.515	6½
Colorado	32	33	.492	8
Arizona	29	39	.426	12½
San Diego	27	41	.397	14½

THURSDAY’S GAMES
Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 2
Toronto 13, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Pittsburgh 4
Milwaukee 8, L.A. Dodgers 6
Washington 8, San Diego 5

FRIDAY’S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Washington at San Diego, 10:40 p.m.

SATURDAY’S GAMES
Arizona at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:10 p.m.
Colorado at Miami, 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.
Texas at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 8:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 8:15 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Washington at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

SUNDAY’S GAMES
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Colorado at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 2:10 p.m.
Texas at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.
Washington at San Diego, 4:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 8:08 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

By The Associated Press

FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Golden State 3, Cleveland 3
June 2: Golden State 104, Cleveland 89
June 5: Golden State 110, Cleveland 77
June 8: Cleveland 120, Golden State 90
June 10: Golden State 108, Cleveland 97
June 13: Cleveland 112, Golden State 97
June 16: Cleveland 115, Golden State 101
June 19: at Golden State, 8 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	7	3	.700	—
New York	7	4	.636	½
Chicago	5	6	.455	2½
Washington	5	7	.417	3
Indiana	4	7	.364	3½
Connecticut	2	10	.167	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	11	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	10	0	1.000	½
Phoenix	4	6	.400	6½
Dallas	4	7	.364	7
Seattle	4	8	.333	7½
San Antonio	2	7	.222	8

WEDNESDAY’S GAMES
No games scheduled

THURSDAY’S GAMES
New York 80, Connecticut 72
Dallas 88, Seattle 79

FRIDAY’S GAMES
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY’S GAMES
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled LHP Roenis Elias from Pawtucket (IL). Placed INF Josh Rutledge on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 15. Signed OFs Ryan Scott and Matt McLean; C Nick Sciortino and SS Nick Lovullo to minor league contracts.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated OF Danny Santana from the 15-day DL. Designated OF Oswaldo Arcia for release or assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed OF Jose Bautista on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Darrell Ceciliani from Buffalo (IL). Signed RHPs TJ Zeuch, Andy Ravel, Kyle Weatherly, Nick Hartman, TTravis Hosterman, Christopher Hall, Alincee, Mitch McKown, Connor Eller, Mike Ellenbest, Andrew Dera-mo, Brayden Bouchev and Jared Carkuff; OFs JB Woodman, Joshua Palacios and OF DJ Daniels; SS Bo Bichette, 2B Cavan Biggio, Cs Rdige Smith and Ryan Gold; 3B Bradley Jones; LHPs Jake Fishman and LHP Luke Gillingham; and 1B David Jacob to minor league contracts.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled C Willson Contreras from Iowa (PCL). Designated C Tim Federowicz for assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled OF Brandon Barnes from Albuquerque (PCL). Placed OF Gerardo Parra on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 15. Agreed to terms with RHPs Riley Pint, Robert Tyler, Justin Calomeni, Bryan Baker, Brandon Gold, Matt Dennis, Justin Valdespina, Mike Bunal, Jared Gesell, John Hammer, Heath Holder, Austin Moore, George Thanopoulos, Ryan Luna, Josh Shelley, Rico Garcia and Kenny Oakley; LHPs Ben Bowden, Ty Culbreth and Kyle Cedotal; 3B Colton Welker; Cs Brian Serven and Will Haynie; OFs Vince Fernandez, Tyler Bugner and Steven Linkous; SSS Taylor Snyder, Garrett Hampson and Tyler Orris; and 1B Jacob Bosio-kovic to minor league contracts.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled 2B Kolten Wong from Memphis (PCL). Optioned OF Jeremy Hazelbaker to Memphis. Signed SS Delvin Perez to a minor league contract.
American Association
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed RHP Nate Carter. Released RHP Evan Bell.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released OF Chiristian Torres.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Kevin Osaki.
Can-Am League
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed INF Michael Mastroberti.
QUEBEC CAPITALS — Released OF Guillaume Leduc.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Golden State G Stephen Curry \$25,000 for throwing his mouth-piece into the spectator stands and Golden State coach Steve Kerr \$25,000 for public criticism of the officiating during his press conference on June 16.
CHICAGO BULLS — Acquired G Spencer Dinwiddie from Detroit for F-C Cameron Bairstow.
DETROIT PISTONS — Acquired F Cameron Bairstow from Chicago Bulls for G Spencer Dinwiddie.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Announced the resignation of CEO Rob Moor.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed OT Justin Renfrow. Waived-injured S Phillip Thomas.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed OT Michael Oher to a three-year contract extension through the 2019 season.
DETROIT LIONS — Waived WR Corey Washington from reserve/injured.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Kyle William. Waived WR Quenton Bundrage.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Re-leased LB Frank Renaud, LB John Rush, DL Rupert Butcher, WR Alex Vitt and P Billy Pavlopoulos.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed F Craig Cunningham to a one-year contract.
CALGARY FLAMES — Named Glen Gut-zan coach.

ULTIMATE

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He’s the fifth player in NBA Finals history to post back-to-back games of 40 or more, a club whose only other members are Jerry West, Shaquille O’Neal, Rick Barry and Michael Jordan.

He has answered the call when his team has needed him most. He even let Curry know how he felt with a little trash-talking after blocking a layup late in Game 6.

“At the end of the day my whole mindset is how I can put myself in position to help these guys be successful and I could be successful as well,” James said. “I don’t really get caught up in what everybody else talks about.”

And now it’s on Curry to answer. He had 30 points in Game 6, but got into foul trouble again — the Warriors said some of the calls were flat wrong, and that will surely earn coach Steve Kerr a fine before Game 7 after he offered a very clear, impassioned plea that Curry wasn’t getting the sort of whistle that an MVP merits.

Curry got ejected after fouling out, throwing his mouthpiece and hitting a fan. He was trying to throw it at the scorer’s table and missed, which strangely fit a night where the Warriors shot only 40 percent.

It won’t be 1-on-1 Sunday night. But if the former MVP — who still very well may be the best player in the world — outduels the current MVP, the Larry O’Brien Trophy may be taking up occupancy in Cleveland for the first time.

“He’s had two great games to keep his team alive,” Curry said. “You know, that’s what he’s supposed to do. I’m out there trying to do the same for my team. We don’t go 1-on-1 at each other a lot, but it’s a pretty competitive feeling out there with the situation of playing in The Finals and playing for something special.”

It has been a series laden with epic swings in momentum, laden with blowouts and drama.

Every game has been decided by double digits in this series that is heading

SPORTS ITEMS

Thompson fights back pain, takes LPGA lead

BELMONT, Mich. — Defending champion Lexi Thompson fought through back pain Friday to take the second-round lead in the Meijer LPGA Classic.

The 21-year-old Thompson shot a 4-under 67, rebounding from bogeys on 15 and 16 with birdies on the final two holes to reach 10-under 132 at Blytheheld.

Canada’s Alena Sharp bogeyed her final hole to drop into a tie for second with South Korean players In Gee Chun, So Yeon Ryu and Q Baek. They all shot 67.

Thompson won the Honda LPGA Thailand in February for her seventh LPGA Tour title. The long-hitting Florida player, ranked fourth in the world, also won a Japan LPGA event last month.

UNITED STATES 2
ECUADOR 1

SEATTLE — Clint Dempsey scored for the third straight game on a first-half header and set up Gyasi Zardes for a tap-in goal midway through the second half, boosting the United States into the Copa America semifinals with a 2-1 win over Ecuador on Thursday night.

Playing before a boisterous and almost completely partisan home crowd in the soccer-mad Pacific Northwest, the U.S. won a knockout game against a nation outside its region for only the second time and will play Argentina or Venezuela on Tuesday in Houston.

American midfielder Jermaine Jones and Ecuador winger Antonio Valencia were both ejected early in the second half. Jones will be suspended for the semifinal along with U.S. midfielder Alejandro Bedoya and Bobby Wood, who both got their second yellow cards of the tournament.

CUBS 6
PIRATES 0

CHICAGO — Jake Arrieta pitched two-hit ball over six innings, Matt Szczur homered, Albert Almora Jr. had three hits as the Chicago Cubs beat the struggling Pittsburgh Pirates 6-0 on Friday.

Arrieta (11-1) struck out 11 and walked three as the Cubs started the weekend series on a strong note after dropping two of three at Washington.

Szczur hit a two-run homer in the first on Francisco Liriano’s second pitch.

MARLINS 5
ROCKIES 1

MIAMI — Adam Conley and four relievers combined on a one-hitter, and the Miami Marlins snapped Colorado’s four-game winning streak by rallying for a 5-1

victory on Friday night.

Struggling Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton had a two-out, two-run single in the seventh for his first multiple-RBI game since May 6. He also had a scratch single and a walk in four plate appearances, raising his average to .200.

Christian Yelich put Miami ahead to stay with a two-run homer. Ichiro Suzuki had a pinch-hit single for his 2,980th career hit.

DIAMONDBACKS 10
PHILLIES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Peter O’Brien and Yasmany Tomas each hit two of Arizona’s team-record six home runs to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 10-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Friday night.

Paul Goldschmidt and Wellington Castillo also went deep for Arizona, which opened a 10-game trip by tying the club record for home runs in a game. Goldschmidt also singled and doubled while extending his hitting streak to 11 games.

O’Brien, who drove in four runs, has homered for all three of his hits this season. He was called up from Triple-A on June 10 and is 3 for 20.

MARINERS 8
RED SOX 4

BOSTON — Franklin Gutierrez homered in his first two at-bats and drove in a career-high six runs as the Seattle Mariners beat the Boston Red Sox 8-4 on Friday night.

Robinson Cano added a pair of RBIs, including his 19th homer with a leadoff shot in the seventh, as Seattle won its second straight since a four-game losing streak.

Hisashi Iwakuma (6-5) had plenty of offensive support from the start and went seven innings, allowing four runs on nine hits.

BLUE JAYS 13
ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — Michael Saunders set career highs with three homers and eight RBIs, and the Toronto Blue Jays blew past the Baltimore Orioles 13-2 on Friday night for their fourth straight win.

Saunders connected with two on against Mike Wright (3-4) in the first inning, added another three-run drive off Wright in the fourth and went deep against Ubaldo Jimenez with a man on in the sixth.

Batting in the eighth against T.J. McFarland and with the chance to tie the major league record of four homers in a game, Saunders bounced into a bases-loaded double play.

From wire reports



Third-seeded CiCi Bellis hits a return in her 6-3, 6-2 victory over Carol Zhao in their singles quarterfinal match in the Palmetto Pro Open on Friday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

PALMETTO

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here.

“I enjoy the people of this state so much,” the 17-year-old said. “The people are so friendly; I’ve just made a lot of friends here. Also, I love the sweet tea.”

Bellis, the youngest person to ever win a main draw match at the U.S. Open at the age of 15, maintained control of her match against Zhao throughout.

“I just feel like I’m playing really steady tennis right now,” Bellis said. “I knew I had to play well, because I know Carol is going to be hard to beat.”

Bellis is ranked 247 in the world while Di Lorenzo is 777.

JETS

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two years, and I told him before the game that all I needed him to do was throw strikes,” the Jets coach said. “He went out and did just that. He pitched his heart out and pounded the strike zone. You can’t ask any more of a kid than that.”

Ingram had good command of his fastball, Durant said, and his slider was particularly effective.

“He had several good, solid strikeouts where he completely

PALMETTO PRO OPEN RESULTS/SCHEDULE	
FRIDAY’S RESULTS MAIN DRAW SINGLES Quarterfinals Francesca Di Lorenzo defeated Jennifer Elie 6-3, 6-2. Valeria Solovyeva defeated Renata Zarazua 6-2, 7-6(2). (3) CiCi Bellis defeated Carol Zhao 6-3, 6-2. Carolina Dolehide defeated Nicole Frenkel 7-6(4), 6-4. MAIN DRAW DOUBLES Semifinals (3) Ashley Weinhold/Caitlin Whoriskey defeated Lauren Herring/Ellen Perez 6-4, 3-6, [10-8] (4) Jamie Loeb/Carol Zhao defeated (2) Arina Rodionova/Riko Saway-	anagi 6-2, 6-3.
TODAY’S SCHEDULE MAIN DRAW SINGLES Semifinals 9 a.m. (Court 1) First Match Francesca Di Lorenzo vs. Valeria Solovyeva Second Match (3) CiCi Bellis vs. Carolina Dolehide MAIN DRAW DOUBLES Championship (Court 1) Third Match (3) Ashley Weinhold/Caitlin Whoriskey vs. (4) Jamie Loeb/Carol Zhao	

They will play the first match of the day today beginning at 9 a.m. on Court 1. Dolehide and Solovyeva will play following that.

The final match of the day will be the doubles final match between the No. 3 team of Ashley Weinhold and Caitlin

Whoriskey and the No. 4 team of Jamie Loeb and Zhao. Weinhold and Whoriskey defeated Lauren Herring and Ellen Perez 6-4, 3-6 [10-8] in one semifinal, while Loeb and Zhao topped the No. 2 team of Arina Rodionova and Riko Saway 6-2, 6-3.

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CLEMSON BASEBALL

Tigers freshman Beer wins Dick Howser Trophy

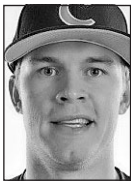
BY SCOTT KEEPFER
Greenville News

GREENVILLE — The Clemson baseball team didn’t make it to the College World Series this year, but Seth Beer certainly did.

Well, sort of.

Beer will be presented with the Dick Howser Trophy on Saturday prior to the opening game of the College World Series at TD Ameritade Park – the host stadium for the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

The award is presented annually to the national Player



BEER

of the Year by the Dick Howser Trophy Committee and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

He is the first freshman to win the award in its 30-year history

The award is the latest in a growing list of honors for the freshman slugger from Suwanee, Georgia, who was named Atlantic Coast Conference Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year last month.

Beer, an outfielder, batted .369 with 18 home runs, including two grand slams, last season. He had 13 doubles, 70 RBIs, 57 runs and six outfield assists in 62 games. Beer also had a .700 slugging percentage, the best figure by a Clemson player since Khalil Greene had an .877 percentage when he won the Dick Howser Trophy in 2002.

“Seth Beer truly deserves this national honor,” said David Feaster, the Dick Howser Trophy committee chair. “His status as national Player of the Year as a freshman is a history making moment. In

just a short time, he has exhibited the Dick Howser traits of excellent performance on the field, leadership, moral character and courage.”

Beer is the third Clemson player to win the award, joining Greene in 2002 and pitcher Kris Benson in 1996.

Beer, who will play for the USA Collegiate National Team this summer, showed power and an all-around game last spring in what should have been the final spring of his high school career. But Beer enrolled early and hit the ground running for the Tigers and first-year

head coach Monte Lee, posting a 26-game hitting streak that tied for the fourth-longest in school history, and ending the season on a 60-game on-base streak.

Beer also struck out only 27 times, the lowest total among the Tigers’ regulars.

“I haven’t had anybody as disciplined as he is who hits the ball with power as much as he does,” Lee said.

With Beer’s help, Lee’s first team compiled a 44-20 record, won its first ACC Tournament in 10 years and earned a national seed in the NCAA Tournament.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES TEAM CAPSULES

OMAHA, Neb. — A capsule look at the eight teams competing in the College World Series, which starts Saturday at TD Ameritrade Park. (Capsules in order of CWS opening games. Coaches’ records through super regionals):

OKLAHOMA STATE (41-20)
Coach: Josh Holliday (166-77, 4 years at Oklahoma State and overall).

Road to Omaha: Won Clemson Regional: beat Nebraska 6-0, beat Clemson 12-2, beat Clemson 9-2. Won Columbia Super Regional: beat South Carolina 5-1, beat South Carolina 3-1.

2016 record vs. CWS teams: 2-4.

Last CWS appearance: 1999.

All-time record in CWS: 38-36 in 19 appearances.

Meet the Cowboys: C Collin Theroux (.173, 6 HR, 30 RBIs), 1B Dustin Williams (.227, 14, 42), 2B J.R. Davis (.353, 1, 31), 3B Garrett Bengé (.296, 4, 38), SS Donnie Walton (.342, 3, 44), LF Jon Littell (.263, 2, 23), CF Ryan Sluder (.211, 4, 19), RF Corey Hassel (.285, 6, 39), DH Conor Costello (.367, 5, 30). Starting pitchers: RHP Thomas Hatch (8-2, 2.04 ERA), RHP Tyler Buffett (8-3, 3.15), RHP Jensen Elliott (9-2, 3.27). Relievers: RHP Trey Cobb (4-7, 3.33, 5 saves), RHP Blake Battenfield (1-1, 3.49), RHP Remey Reed (4-1, 3.82), RHP Michael Mertz (1-3, 4.35), LHP Garrett Williams (2-0, 6.23), RHP Joe Lienhard (1-0, 3.37).

MLB Alumni: Scott Baker, Jeromy Burnitz, Doug Dascenzo, Josh Fields, Pete Incaviglia, Allie Reynolds, Luke Scott, Mickey Tettleton, Robin Ventura.

Short Hops: Holliday played on Cowboys’ 1996 and ‘99 CWS teams and coached in the CWS as an assistant at Georgia Tech (2006), Arizona State (2009) and Vanderbilt (2011). ... Pitching coach Rob Walton pitched on the 1983-86 teams, all of which went to the CWS. ... Tied a program record with 11 major-league draft picks, tied with Mississippi State for third most of any DI program behind only Texas A&M (13) and Southern California (12). Seven of the OSU draftees were pitchers.

Quotable: “Having been a program with amazing baseball history, to have not gone since 1999, to go back gives us a feeling of being whole again from the baseball standpoint.” — Holliday.

UC SANTA BARBARA (42-18-1)
Coach: Andrew Checketts (179-105-1, 5 years at UCSB and overall).

Road to Omaha: Won Nashville Regional: beat Washington 3-2 in 14 innings, beat Xavier 5-4, beat Xavier 14-5. Won Louisville Super Regional: beat Louisville 4-2, beat Louisville 4-3.

2016 record vs. CWS teams: 0-0.

Last CWS appearance: None.

All-time record in CWS: 0-0.

Meet the Gauchos: C Dempsey Grover (.277, 2 HR, 29 RBIs), 1B Austin Bush (.269, 11, 49), 2B JJ Muno (.294, 5, 30), 3B Ryan Clark (.270, 1, 14), SS Clay Fisher (.289, 1, 24), LF Devon Gradford (.336, 1, 18), CF Andrew Calica (.265, 4, 25), RF Michael McAdoo (.193, 0, 19), DH Kyle Plantier (.194, 1, 16). Starting pitchers: RHP Shane Bieber (12-3, 2.84 ERA), RHP Noah Davis (6-4, 4.70), RHP Joe Record (6-5, 3.91). Relievers: LHP Kyle Nelson (3-2, 2.02), RHP Trevor Bettencourt (4-2, 3.89), RHP Kevin Chandler (1-0, 3.77), LHP Justin Kelly (2-0, 3.05), LHP Kyle Hatton (3-1, 4.21), RHP James Carter (0-0, 1.04).

MLB Alumni: Larry Dierker, Jerry Reuss, Skip Schumaker, Chris Speier, Ryan Spilborghs, Michael Young, Barry Zito.

Short Hops: The 42 wins are a program record against Division I opponents. ... Gauchos have seven new starting position players and three new starting pitchers. ... UCSB is 23-0 when scoring six or more runs. ... Has six walk-off wins this season, including Sam Cohen’s ninth-inning grand slam against Louisville on Sunday.

Quotable: “As a coach we don’t get to get into the box anymore or play anymore, so ultimately it is the players that made the difference. These guys have been a remarkable group in terms of perseverance and belief.” — Checketts.



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Coastal Carolina’s Cameron Pearcey throws to first during practice on Friday at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Neb. The Chanticleers will play Florida on Sunday in the College World Series.

ARIZONA (44-21)
Coach: Jay Johnson (44-21, 1 year at Arizona; 153-79, 4 years overall).

Road to Omaha: Lafayette Regional: beat Sam Houston State 7-3, lost to Louisiana-Lafayette 10-3, beat Sam Houston State 6-5, beat Louisiana-Lafayette 6-3, beat Louisiana-Lafayette 3-1. Starkville Super Regional: beat Mississippi State 1-0, beat Mississippi State 6-5 in 11 innings.

2016 record vs. CWS teams: 0-0.

Last CWS appearance: 2012.

All-time record in CWS: 38-27 in 16 appearances, 4 national titles.

Meet the Wildcats: C Cesar Salazar (.282, 0 HR, 27 RBIs), 1B Ryan Aguilar (.308, 7, 48), 2B Cody Ramer (.357, 2, 39), 3B Bobby Dalbec (.266, 6, 38) or Kyle Lewis (.247, 0, 11), SS Louis Boyd (.261, 0, 21), LF Alfonso Rivas (.263, 1, 25), CF Jared Oliva (.237, 3, 28), RF Zach Gibbons (.373, 0, 39), DH JJ Matijevic (.293, 4, 36). Starting pitchers: RHP Nathan Bannister (11-2, 2.63 ERA), RHP Bobby Dalbec (10-4, 2.92, 7 saves), LHP JC Cloney (6-4, 2.86). Relievers: RHP Kevin Ginkel (4-1, 2.82), RHP Cody Deason (1-2, 3.95), LHP Cameron Ming (2-2, 3.84, 2 saves), RHP Austin Schnabel (1-0, 4.02), LHP Rio Gomez (3-0, 4.60), RHP Robby Medel (1-3, 5.71).

MLB Alumni: Casey Candaele, Scott Erickson, Terry Francona, Ron Hassey, Gil Heredia, Trevor Hoffman, Craig Lefferts, Kenny Lofton, Joe Magrane, J.T. Snow.

Short Hops: Wildcats were picked ninth in the Pac-12 and finished tied for third. ... Team ERA of 3.42 is lowest since a 3.25 in the 1976 national championship season. ... Reliever Tyler Crawford is the lone holdover from the 2012 national championship team. He missed last year because of Tommy John surgery and has worked only 3½ innings over five appearances this season, including a third of an inning against Mississippi State on Saturday. ... Bannister is the national co-leader with 18 starts. ... Since May 19, Arizona has traveled 13,662 miles and played 15 games in five different stadiums. ... Set program record with 18 away wins.

Quotable: “I pride myself on knowing the right thing to say, but I’m speechless right now. This is the best moment of my life.” — Johnson, minutes after Arizona clinched CWS berth.

MIAMI (50-12)
Coach: Jim Morris (1,030-391-1, 22 years at Miami; 1,534-658-4, 34 years overall).

Road to Omaha: Won Coral Gables Regional: beat Stetson 4-2, beat Long Beach State 4-3 in 11 innings, beat Long Beach State 9-8. Won Coral Gables Super Regional: beat Boston College 12-7, lost to Boston College 5-3, beat Boston College 9-4.

2016 record vs. CWS teams: 1-2.

Last CWS appearance: 2015.

All-time record in CWS: 48-40 in 24

appearances.

Meet the Hurricanes: C Zack Collins (.357, 15 HR, 57 RBI), 1B Christopher Barr (.260, 0, 24), 2B Johnny Ruiz (.346, 4, 57), 3B Edgar Michelangeli (.274, 5, 40), SS Brandon Lopez (.385, 2, 42), LF Jacob Heyward (.236, 6, 39), CF Carl Chester (.344, 2, 29), RF Willie Abreu (.286, 12, 56), DH Randy Batista (.268, 2, 25). Starting pitchers: LHP Danny Garcia (9-4, 3.48 ERA), LHP Michael Mediavilla (11-1, 3.11), RHP Jesse Lepore (9-0, 2.20). Relievers: RHP Frankie Bartow (6-0, 2.73), RHP Andrew Cabezas (3-1, 5.26), RHP Bryan Garcia (2-0, 1.95, 18 saves), RHP Devin Meyer (1-1, 3.26), RHP Keven Pimentel (2-0, 3.67), LHP Thomas Woodrey (5-4, 4.98).

MLB Alumni: Ryan Braun, Mike Piazza, Pat Burrell, Aubrey Huff, Charles Johnson, Alex Cora, Alex Fernandez, Jon Jay, Danny Graves, Neal Heaton, Chris Perez, Gaby Sanchez, Greg Vaughn.

Short Hops: Hurricanes are in NCAA Tournament a record 44 straight years. ... Miami has never missed the CWS the seven times it has earned a national seed (No. 3 this year). ... Morris is sixth Division I coach with 1,500 wins. ... Mediavilla is Miami’s first 10-game winner since Chris Hernandez in 2010. ... Only school to play in a football bowl game and qualify for men’s and women’s basketball tournaments and CWS. ... Bryan Garcia is nation’s active career saves leader with 43.

Quotable: “We won’t be happy unless we bring home a ring.” — Morris.

TCU (47-16)
Coach: Jim Schlossnagle (563-252, 13 years at TCU; 640-299, 15 years overall).

Road to Omaha: Won Fort Worth Regional: beat Oral Roberts 7-0, beat Gonzaga 4-3, beat Arizona State 8-1. Won Fort Worth Super Regional: beat Texas A&M 8-2, lost to Texas A&M 7-1, beat Texas A&M 8-1.

2016 record vs. CWS teams: 2-4.

Last CWS appearance: 2015.

All-time record in CWS: 6-6 in 3 appearances.

Meet the Horned Frogs: C Evan Skoug (.299, 9 HR, 51 RBI), 1B Connor Wanhnen (.236, 0, 23), 2B Cam Warner (.306, 5, 41), 3B Elliott Barzilli (.352, 7, 47), SS Ryan Merrill (.298, 1, 22), LF Josh Watson (.281, 11, 44), CF Dane Steinhagen (.310, 7, 50), RF Austen Wade (.292, 1, 26), DH Luken Baker (.379, 9, 57). Starting pitchers: RHP Jared Janczak (7-3, 2.40 ERA), RHP Brian Howard (9-2, 3.29), RHP Mitchell Traver (1-3, 3.00). Relievers: RHP Luken Baker (3-1, 1.70), RHP Durbin Feltman (3-0, 1.76, 8 saves), LHP Drew Gooch (0-0, 2.01), LHP Ryan Burnett (2-1, 2.33), RHP Brian Trieglauff (4-1, 2.41), LHP Dalton Horton (8-0, 2.58), RHP Preston Guillory (4-2, 4.66), RHP Sean Wymer (3-0, 4.68), LHP Rex Hill (2-3, 5.91).

MLB Alumni: Scott Atchison, Lance Broadway, Matt Carpenter, Sam Demel, Bryan Holaday, Brandon Finnegan.

Short Hops: Frogs lead nation with 33

shutouts the last three seasons. ... TCU and Louisville are the only teams to appear in super regionals three straight years. ... Merrill will be returning to his hometown, having played high school ball at Millard West in suburban Omaha. ... Baker has reached base in 35 straight games and has an 11-game hitting streak. ... Frogs are 39-0 when leading after eight innings.

Quotable: “What this speaks to is the pedigree of our program — a true program. There’s an expectation and some great leadership.” — Schlossnagle, on Frogs making fourth CWS appearance since 2010.

TEXAS TECH (46-18)
Coach: Tim Tadlock (149-93, 4 years at Texas Tech and overall)

Road to Omaha: Won Lubbock Regional: beat Fairfield 12-1, beat New Mexico 4-3, lost to Dallas Baptist 10-6, beat Dallas Baptist 5-3. Won Lubbock Super Regional: lost to East Carolina 8-6, beat East Carolina 3-1 in 13 innings, beat East Carolina 11-0.

2016 record vs. CWS teams: 5-1.

Last CWS appearance: 2014.

All-time record in CWS: 0-2 in 1 appearance.

Meet the Red Raiders: C Tyler Floyd (.230, 1 HR, 18 RBIs), 1B Eric Gutierrez (.326, 12, 58), 2B Michael Davis (.274, 3, 36), 3B Hunter Hargrove (.302, 2, 26), SS Orlando Garcia (.262, 6, 30), LF Tyler Neslony (.314, 10, 58), CF Tanner Gardner (.382, 3, 34), RF Stephen Smith (.318, 10, 39). Starting pitchers: Davis Martin (9-1, 2.73), Steven Gingery (4-2, 3.25), Erikson Lanning (3-3, 5.07). Relievers: Robert Dugger (6-0, 2.34), Hayden Howard (9-3, 2.95), Ryan Moseley (6-4, 5.40), Ty Damron (4-2, 6.52), Ty Harpenau (1-0, 6.85), Ryan Shetter (4-2, 4.02), Parker Mushinski (0-0, 2.03), Dalton Brown (0-1, 4.11), Jacob Patterson (0-0, 3.77).

MLB Alumni: Josh Bard, Dallas Braden, Jeff Karstens, A.J. Ramos, Josh Tomlin.

Short Hops: Raiders have turned a school-record 77 double plays. ... Gutierrez has played in a school-record 241 career games. ... Program-record 10 players drafted. ... Coming off 11-0 win over East Carolina that was largest margin of victory in NCAA Tournament since a 14-3 win over Temple in 2001. ... Pitchers enter CWS having worked 15½ shutout innings. ... Gardner batting .444 over last seven games.

Quotable: “Everybody who coaches college baseball is doing everything they can each day to try to reach Omaha and to try to win the whole thing. You need to realize players win games, and you can get them here, but then they’ve got to perform. You can coach all you want, but these guys, we’re along for the ride, our staff is.” — Tadlock.

COASTAL CAROLINA (49-16)
Coach: Gary Gilmore (841-436, 21 years at Coastal Carolina; 1,094-538-2, 27 years

overall).

Road to Omaha: Won Raleigh Regional: beat Saint Mary’s 5-2, beat North Carolina State 4-0, lost to North Carolina State 8-1, beat North Carolina State 7-5. Won Baton Rouge Super Regional: beat LSU 11-8, beat LSU 4-3.

2016 record vs. CWS teams: 0-0.

Last CWS appearance: None.

All-time record in CWS: 0-0.

Meet the Chanticleers: C Matt Beaird (.209, 0 HR, 18 RBIs) or David Parrett (.132, 2, 10), 1B Tyler Chadwick (.261, 7, 42), 2B Seth Lancaster (.326, 7, 35) or Cameron Pearcey (.167, 1, 5), 3B Zach Remillard (.347, 19, 69), SS Michael Paez (.287, 15, 52), LF Anthony Marks (.278, 1, 24), CF Billy Cooke (.344, 3, 35), RF Connor Owings (.379, 16, 53), DH G.K. Young (.345, 17, 65). Starting pitchers: RHP Andrew Beckwith (12-1, 2.12 ERA), RHP Alex Cunningham (9-3, 3.58), RHP Zack Hopeck (3-3, 3.83). Relievers: RHP Bobby Holmes (6-2, 4.44), RHP Mike Morrison (7-1, 1.06, 11 saves), LHP Austin Kitchen (4-0, 3.19), RHP Cole Schaefer (1-0, 3.82), RHP Tyler Poole (4-3, 3.72), RHP Jason Bilous (3-1, 4.04).

MLB Alumni: Mickey Brantley, Kirt Manwaring.

Short Hops: Chanticleers have won 38 of its last 46 games after an 11-8 start. ... Ran away with Big South regular-season title by seven games. ... Leads nation with 94 home runs. ... Set school record by hitting seven HRs in its final regular-season game against Campbell and has hit four in a game seven times. ... Remillard’s 19 HRs are most among CWS players. ... Chanticleers can play small ball as well, having laid down 70 sacrifice bunts and having the runner who advanced score 50 times (72 percent). ... Highest-scoring team in the CWS, at 7.5 runs a game.

Quotable: “When I got hired, I made the distinction of telling them that one day this program was going to Omaha, and back then they thought I was smoking something, at least the looks I got when I first started. As great as this club is, all the ones before that have an equal piece of this. They set the stage for these guys and the reason why most of them are here.” — Gilmore.

FLORIDA (52-14)
Coach: Kevin O’Sullivan (396-187, 9 years at Florida and overall).

Road to Omaha: Gainesville Regional: beat Bethune-Cookman 9-3, beat UConn 6-5, beat Georgia Tech 10-1. Gainesville Super Regional: lost to Florida State 3-0, beat Florida State 5-0, beat Florida State 7-0.

2016 record vs. CWS teams: 2-1.

Last CWS appearance: 2015.

All-time record in CWS: 14-19 in 9 appearances.

Meet the Gators: C Mike Rivera (.253, 9 HR, 47 RBIs), 1B Peter Alonso (.373, 13, 58), 2B Deacon Liput (.272, 3, 36), 3B Jonathan India (.303, 4, 40), SS Dalton Guthrie (.309, 1, 22), LF Ryan Larson (.163, 0, 7), CF Buddy Reed (.261, 4, 32), RF Nelson Maldonado (.262, 6, 30), DH JJ Schwarz (.295, 7, 60). Starting pitchers: Logan Shore (12-0, 2.24 ERA), A.J. Puk (2-3, 3.05), Alex Faedo (13-2, 3.25). Relievers: Dane Dunning (6-3, 2.40), Shaun Anderson (3-0, 1.00, 13 saves), Kirby Sneed (3-1, 2.78), Jackson Kowar (3-0, 3.37), Frank Rubio (3-1, 4.46), Brady Singer (2-2, 4.95).

MLB Alumni: David Eckstein, Mark Ellis, Rob Murphy, Matt LaPorta, Steve Lombardozzi, Mike Perez, Al Rosen, Mike Stanley, Robby Thompson, Brad Wilkerson.

Short Hops: Gators pitchers come to Omaha having thrown 22 consecutive shutout innings. ... Fifth CWS appearance in O’Sullivan’s nine seasons. ... Alonso is 13 for 25 in the national tournament with four homers, four doubles, 10 runs scored and 11 RBIs. ... Opponents are batting .173, best mark among the eight CWS pitching staffs. ... Seven players drafted in first four rounds.

Quotable: “We’re the No. 1 team in the country for a reason. If you look at our record, we’re 52-14, so that pretty much speaks for itself.” — Reed.

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U.S. OPEN PAR SCORES			
Friday At Oakmont Country Club Oakmont, Pa. Purse: TBA (\$10 million in 2015) Yardage: 7,254; Par: 70 (35-35) First Round			
Andrew Landry	33-33	-66	-4
Lee Westwood	34-33	-67	-3
Dustin Johnson	34-33	-67	-3
Shane Lowry	36-32	-68	-2
Scott Piercy	32-36	-68	-2
Sergio Garcia	35-33	-68	-2
a-Scottie Scheffler	34-35	-69	-1
Kevin Streelman	36-33	-69	-1
Bubba Watson	34-35	-69	-1
Danny Lee	33-36	-69	-1
Henrik Stenson	34-35	-69	-1
Sung Kang	39-31	-70	E
Hideto Tanihara	35-35	-70	E
Daniel Berger	35-35	-70	E
Russell Knox	34-36	-70	E
Harris English	36-34	-70	E
Angel Cabrera	35-35	-70	E
Romain Wattel	35-36	-71	+1
Gregory Bourdy	35-36	-71	+1
Matt Kuchar	36-35	-71	+1
Marc Leishman	36-35	-71	+1
Zach Johnson	37-34	-71	+1
B. DeChambeau	37-34	-71	+1
Tim Wilkinson	36-35	-71	+1
Brendan Steele	36-35	-71	+1
Jason Kokrak	35-36	-71	+1
Gary Stal	38-33	-71	+1
Cameron Smith	36-35	-71	+1
Andy Sullivan	36-35	-71	+1
Geoff Ogilvy	37-34	-71	+1
Jim Furyk	35-36	-71	+1
Adam Scott	35-36	-71	+1
Keegan Bradley	36-35	-71	+1
Brandon Harkins	35-36	-71	+1
Rob Oppenheim	35-37	-72	+2
David Lingmerth	35-37	-72	+2
Jordan Spieth	37-35	-72	+2
Mike Miller	38-34	-72	+2
Lee Slattery	36-36	-72	+2
Tony Finau	35-37	-72	+2
Charley Hoffman	37-35	-72	+2
Billy Horschel	34-38	-72	+2
Graeme McDowell	35-37	-72	+2
Justin Rose	37-35	-72	+2
Matt Marshall	37-35	-72	+2
Derek Fathauer	36-37	-73	+3
Patrick Rodgers	37-36	-73	+3
Justin Hicks	37-36	-73	+3
Yusaku Miyazato	38-35	-73	+3
James Hahn	36-37	-73	+3
Matt Fitzpatrick	35-38	-73	+3
Martin Kaymer	38-35	-73	+3
Jason Dufner	35-38	-73	+3
Emiliano Grillo	39-34	-73	+3
Matt Borchert	37-36	-73	+3
T. Chuayprakong	37-36	-73	+3
Soren Kjeldsen	38-35	-73	+3
Anirban Lahiri	38-35	-73	+3
Spencer Levin	37-36	-73	+3
Justin Thomas	39-34	-73	+3
Kevin Kisner	38-35	-73	+3
Branden Grace	35-38	-73	+3
K.T. Kim	38-35	-73	+3
Retief Goosen	35-38	-73	+3
Ethan Tracy	35-38	-73	+3
Tyler Raber	38-35	-73	+3
Patrick Reed	37-37	-74	+4
Rafa Cabrera Bello	37-37	-74	+4
Byeong Hun An	40-34	-74	+4
Miguel Tabuena	39-35	-74	+4
Daniel Summerhays	39-35	-74	+4
Alex Noren	37-37	-74	+4
Jamie Donaldson	36-38	-74	+4
Kevin Tway	36-38	-74	+4
Ryan Moore	40-34	-74	+4
Hideki Matsuyama	37-37	-74	+4
Phil Mickelson	40-34	-74	+4
Aaron Wise	39-35	-74	+4
a-Sam Burns	38-36	-74	+4
Mikael Lundberg	37-38	-75	+5
Matthew Baldwin	35-40	-75	+5
Andrew Johnston	40-35	-75	+5
Yuta Ikeda	37-38	-75	+5
Jimmy Walker	38-37	-75	+5
Paul Casey	38-37	-75	+5
Danny Willett	38-37	-75	+5
Chris Kirk	36-39	-75	+5
Kevin Foley	36-39	-75	+5
Chase Parker	38-37	-75	+5
S. Soderberg	40-35	-75	+5
Jaco Van Zyl	39-36	-75	+5
William McGirt	36-39	-75	+5
Brooks Koepka	36-39	-75	+5
Chris Wood	36-39	-75	+5
Ernie Els	34-41	-75	+5
Kevin Na	37-38	-75	+5
Louis Oosthuizen	38-37	-75	+5
Lucas Glover	38-37	-75	+5
a-Justin Suh	38-37	-75	+5
Denny McCarthy	41-35	-76	+6
Aron Price	38-38	-76	+6
Andres Gonzales	41-35	-76	+6
Mike Van Sickle	41-35	-76	+6
a-Sam Horsfield	39-37	-76	+6
Bernd Wiesberger	38-38	-76	+6
Matteo Manassero	38-38	-76	+6
a-Jon Rahm	39-37	-76	+6
Robert Streb	37-39	-76	+6
J.B. Holmes	39-37	-76	+6
Kevin Chappell	35-41	-76	+6
Luke Donald	37-39	-76	+6
Rickie Fowler	39-37	-76	+6
Jeev Milkha Singh	38-38	-76	+6
Kent Bulle	36-40	-76	+6
Carlos Ortiz	38-38	-76	+6
Jim Herman	40-36	-76	+6
Bill Haas	38-38	-76	+6
Charl Schwartzel	38-38	-76	+6
Jason Day	39-37	-76	+6
T.J. Howe	40-36	-76	+6
Frank Adams III	38-38	-76	+6
a-C. Crawford	37-39	-76	+6
a-Nick Hardy	41-36	-77	+7
D.J. Trahan	40-37	-77	+7
Patton Kizzire	38-39	-77	+7
Rory McIlroy	37-40	-77	+7
Mark Anguiano	39-38	-77	+7
a-Kyle Mueller	38-39	-77	+7
Peter Hanson	39-38	-77	+7
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Max Kieffer	37-40	-77	+7
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Gregor Main	41-43	-84	+14
Steven Bowditch	42-42	-84	+14
Zach Edmondson	47-42	-89	+19
Leaderboard at time of suspended play in second round			
	Score	Thru	
Dustin Johnson	-4	F	
Andrew Landry	-3	DNS	
Lee Westwood	-3	DNS	
Scott Piercy	-2	F	
Sergio Garcia	-2	F	
Shane Lowry	-2	DNS	
Daniel Summerhays	-1	F	
Andy Sullivan	-1	F	
Jim Furyk	-1	17	
Scottie Scheffler	-1	DNS	
Kevin Streelman	-1	DNS	
Bubba Watson	-1	DNS	
Danny Lee	-1	DNS	

McIlroy digs himself in deep hole

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

OAKMONT, Pa. — Rory McIlroy hit driver onto the 17th green, a superb shot until it tumbled off the back and into the sand. He thought his bunker shot came off perfectly, except that it rolled all the way across the green into another bunker.

The bogeys kept piling up for McIlroy on Friday in the U.S. Open.

The hole he dug himself at Oakmont kept getting deeper.

McIlroy ended the stop-and-start opening round with his fifth bogey in seven holes and signed for a 77, matching his worst score in a U.S. Open.

“It’s been tough. It’s a long first round. It’s taken us over 24 hours to complete it,” McIlroy said. “It has definitely complicated the matter a little bit. But when you shoot 77, everything is a bit complicated.”

With all the rain, a soft course would seem to play right into his hands. McIlroy set the U.S. Open record in these conditions at Congressional five years ago.

A faulty swing doesn’t work in any conditions.

McIlroy said he was struggling with his swing earlier in the week, and that was evident quickly. Playing conservatively to keep the ball out of the wet, thick rough, he hit iron off the tee on his opening three holes and missed the fairway every time.

He still was in reasonable shape — anything around par is good at most U.S. Opens — until he fell apart over the final seven holes. It started with him twice hitting into the rough on the par-5 12th hole for bogey. It ended with a shot so far right that it was beyond



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Rory McIlroy watches his tee shot on the 16th hole during Friday’s rain-delayed first round of the U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa.

the gallery and a shot right of the green that he couldn’t get up-and-down.

“You see guys shooting in the red — there’s a 66, a 67 — and there are scores out there to be had,” McIlroy said. “You really need to be in control of your golf swing, though, and over the last two days I haven’t been. So I need to work on that. But there are low scores out there, and if I’m able to get myself together, I feel like I will be able to shoot one of those, and I can stick around for the weekend at least.”

McIlroy has missed the cut twice in the U.S. Open. Both previous times, at Pebble Beach and at Olympic Club, he shot a 77.

But he wasn’t alone in this case.

Thousands of fans who followed McIlroy, Masters champion Danny Willett and Rickie Fowler saw only four birdies among them. Willett had a 75, while Fowler had a 76 and will try to avoid missing a third straight cut.

McIlroy appeared to be turning the corner last month when he rallied with two fairway metals that led to birdie and eagle over the final three holes to win the Irish Open. He finished two shots out of the lead at the Memorial. He came to Oakmont early to prepare.

And then he started the U.S. Open by hitting only five fairways and eight greens.

“I think for me, the toughest thing is just trying to stay positive and not get too down on

myself,” McIlroy said. “I’m just trying to stay as positive as I can.”

Along with figuring out how to fix his swing, McIlroy had an equally difficult time figuring out Oakmont.

He prepared on a course that was firm and bouncy, with greens that lived up their hype as the fastest in the land. He played on a course that was slow and soft, conditions McIlroy relishes except when he doesn’t see them coming.

“You’re thinking of hitting shots a certain way, and then all of a sudden, the golf course is completely different,” McIlroy said. “It would almost be tougher if it was the other way. But it is a bit of an adjustment, and that’s been hard.”

OPEN

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years to have the sole lead after his first U.S. Open round.

Three storm delays Thursday left a disjointed schedule and no clear picture of who’s in control. The nine players who completed the opening round Thursday, including 19-year-old Scottie Scheffler and his 69, had the entire day off Friday.

Those who had to return to finish the first round initially were given tee times deep into the evening until the USGA decided it best that everyone from that half of the field including Spieth at 2 over start Saturday morning.

Johnson went 27 holes without a bogey in a U.S. Open held on its toughest course.

The streak finally ended when he found a deep bunker left of the first fairway, advanced only 40 yards and narrowly missed a 20-foot par putt. He missed plenty of other birdie chances along the way, not alarming because Oakmont’s greens are difficult to putt.

Far more impressive was his accuracy.

Johnson missed only three fairways in the second round, and he has missed only five greens through two rounds. If the lead stands after the second round is over, it would match the lowest 36-hole score in a U.S. Open at Oakmont. And he still hasn’t made a birdie on a par 5 in two rounds.

“It was a long day today, but I felt like I played really solid all day for all 36 holes,” he said. “I drove it really well.”

Sergio Garcia, who also knows his share of heartache in the majors, stayed with Johnson as best he could. He made a tough par on No. 4 by

playing his third shot from the fifth fairway. And he finished his round with a 50-foot par save for a 70.

Garcia was at 2-under 138, along with Scott Piercy, who also went 68-70.

“I’m too old for this,” the 36-year-old Spaniard said. “We know how difficult the U.S. Open is, and here at Oakmont even tougher.”

On the leaderboard, they were one shot behind Lee Westwood, who closed with two birdies in the morning for a 67.

“It was good, one of the best starts I’ve ever had,” West-

wood said. “I felt confident out there and hit a lot of good shots. I was shaping it both ways, which you need to do in U.S. Opens to get at a lot of the flags.”

Daniel Summerhays, who got into the field as an alternate, had a tournament-best 65 and joined Andy Sullivan (68) at 1-under 139. Jim Furyk, a runner-up at Oakmont in the 2007 U.S. Open, also was at 1 under and faced the ninth hole Saturday morning to finish his round.

Spieth, who finished off a round of only one birdie for a 72, returned to Oakmont in the

afternoon to putt. Rory McIlroy, who matched his worst score in a U.S. Open with a 77, came back to work on his swing.

On the course, other stars were struggling.

Jason Day, the No. 1 player in the world, opened with a 76 and was at 5 over with three holes remaining. Phil Mickelson was in danger of missing the cut for the second straight time at Oakmont. He was at 7 over with two holes remaining.

For Johnson, it’s time to put up his feet and contemplate another run at a major.

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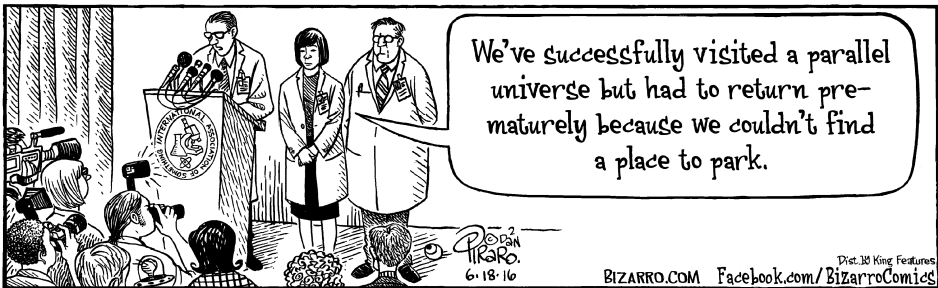
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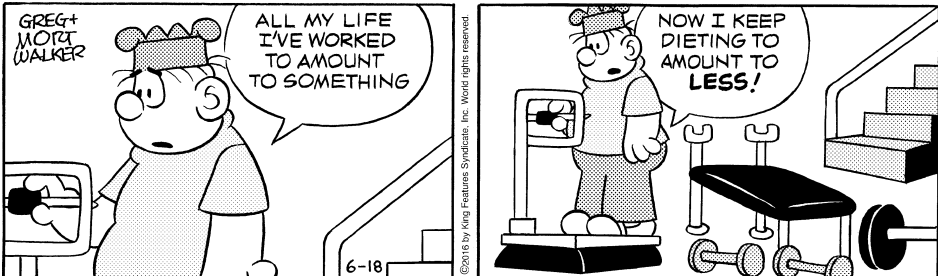
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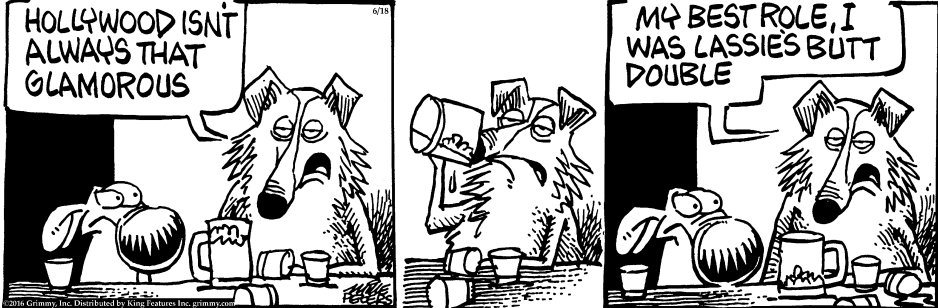
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Student pleads for parents to co-sign for loan



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I have plans to go to law school in the next two years. I have already taken the entrance exam, and will receive recommendations from two of my college professors. The problem is, my parents are refusing to co-sign for my law school loan.

Abby, I'm not asking for money; I'm just asking for someone to co-sign the loan for me. I plan to pay off the debt myself. I don't want to ask an extended family member for help, because even if they agree, I'd feel horrible if

it prevented them from helping their own children with something.

My parents don't have a good enough excuse to not co-sign for me, and it surprises me that it doesn't embarrass them that I may have to ask another family member for help. What should I do, Abby?

Future law school student

DEAR FUTURE LAW SCHOOL STUDENT — Your parents shouldn't have to meet your criteria for what is a "good enough" excuse for being reluctant to co-sign on a loan for you. It should be enough that they are uncomfortable with the prospect of doing it.

While your desire to pursue the field of law is admirable, have you researched what job opportunities are available to new law school

graduates? Currently, according to the media, these jobs are not nearly as plentiful as they have been historically.

However, if you are determined to plunge ahead, I think you already know what you're going to have to do -- and that includes seeing if you can find another source of funding for your law school education.

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By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Jumbles: MERCY VENUE INFANT DELUGE
Answer: The casino put in new slots to attract customers and was able to — REEL 'EM IN

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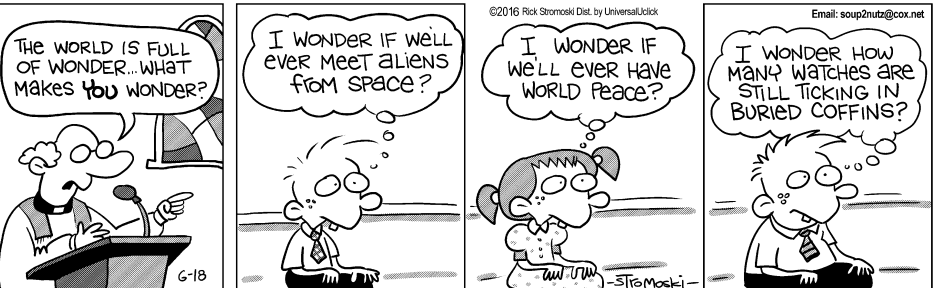
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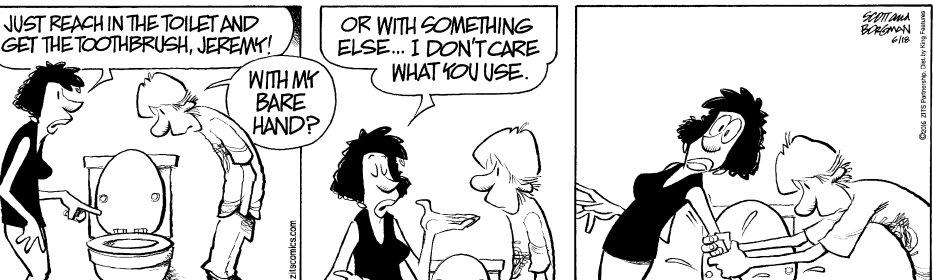
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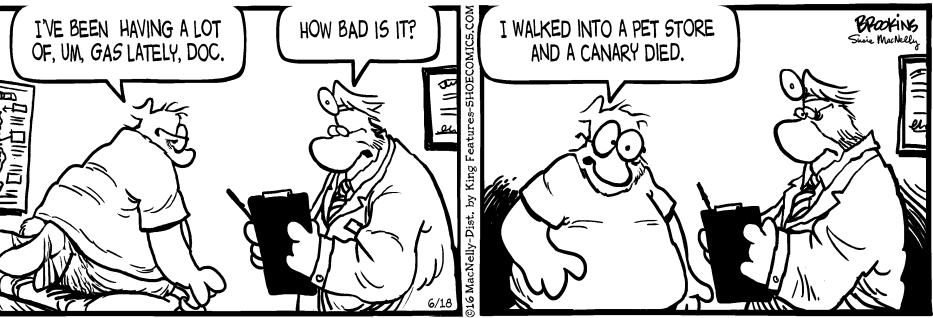
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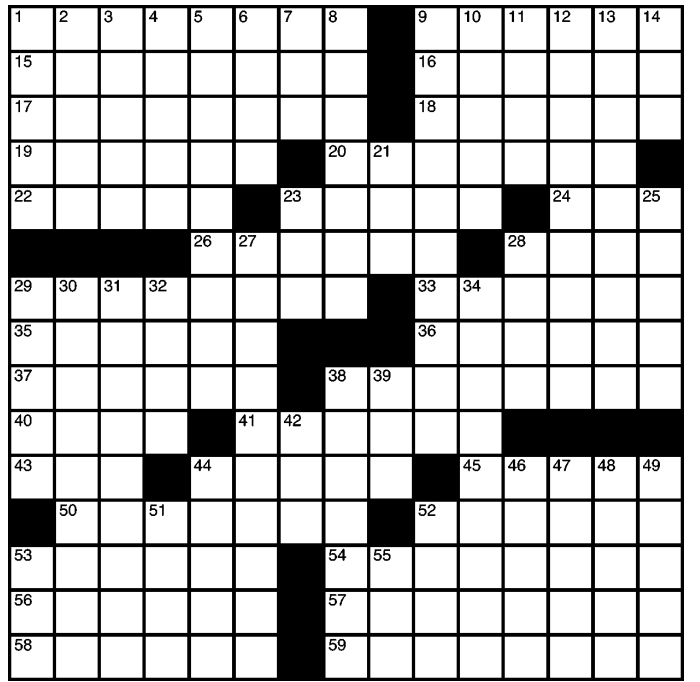
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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Ed Sessa

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1 Alaska's Alaskan

9 Have rounds all around

15 Locks

16 Tennyson's "lily maid of Astolat"

17 Volcanic glass

18 Omitted from a speech?

19 Calms

20 Spells out

22 __ United: English soccer team

23 Serious order shortage?

24 Ideal: Abbr.

26 Where Andorra is

28 __-American

29 Picketing displays

33 Iranian city known for its carpets

35 Rest

36 Where Andorra is

37 Ascribe (to)

38 Few are chosen

40 Hamlet

41 "Moulin Rouge" (1952) co-star, familiarly

43 Storm dir.

44 __-wip

45 Underhanded undertaking

50 Bonus

52 Southwestern native

53 Hyphenated frozen food brand

54 Ear-piercing

56 Analgesic rub

57 Gave the business

58 Auto options

59 Blows

DOWN

1 Marine hazard

2 China setting

3 Theater access

4 F-A-C, e.g.

5 One barely working?

6 Place of honor

7 __ pro nobis

8 Pair in many languages

9 Britain's Yeoman Warders, familiarly

10 "Hyperbole and a Half" blogger

11 __ check

12 Avoids being seen by

13 Private sign?

14 __ XING

21 "The Good Wife" crisis manager

23 Rx

25 Drops off

27 Some house-to-garage links

28 Yellow Pokémon species that ultimately evolves to

29 Roaring group

30 What "love is like," in a

31 Take in

32 No small feat

34 Bare

38 Bad news metaphor

39 Eponymous

42 Star Wars, initially

44 Godzilla ally, at times

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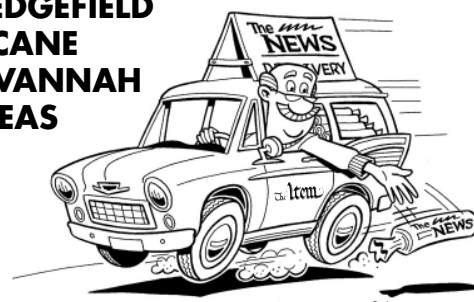
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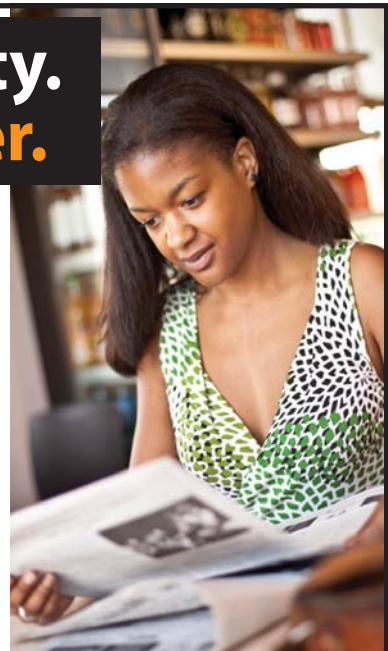
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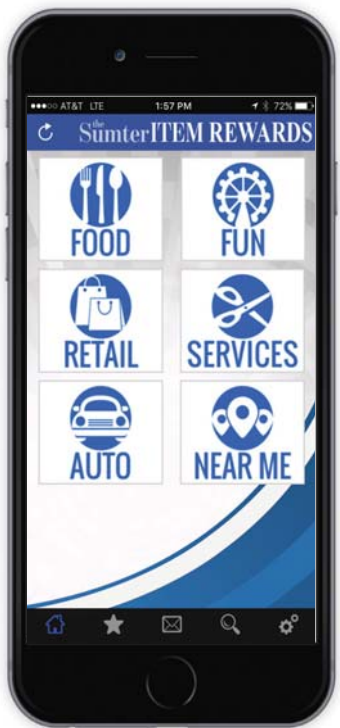
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