

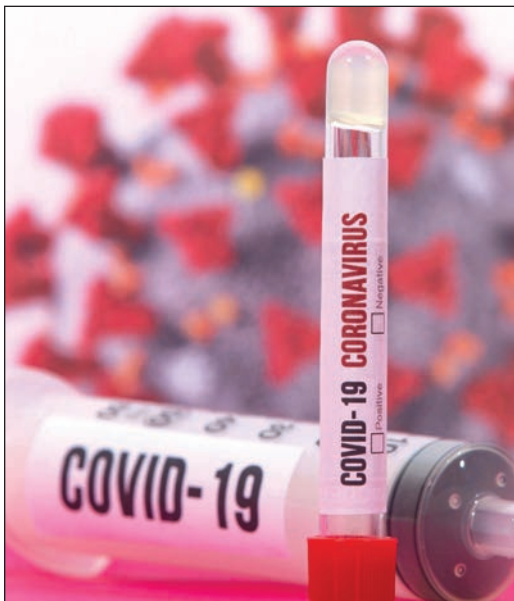


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Martin-Knox: Fall learning to be improved from spring

Features will include live, face-to-face instruction and teachers in classroom

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The new virtual, online instruction this fall in Sumter School District will look much different from the on-line instruction in the spring when the spread of the coronavirus forced immediate school closures in mid-March.

Sumter School District administrators detailed several aspects of their virtual school reopening plan to the

MORE ON DISTRICT'S FALL-TERM PLANS

For detailed information on Sumter School District's re-entry plans for the fall semester, go to sumterschools.net and click on the large Re-entry Plan Updates icon.

district's Board of Trustees on Monday at the board's regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

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School district's reopening model not 'preference' of state department

BY BRUCE MILLS
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"We'll just have to wait and see." Those were the words from Sumter School District attorney Connie Jackson on Wednesday on whether the district's reopening plan will be approved by the state Department of Education since it doesn't line up with what the agency now is saying it's requiring as far as options.



JACKSON

District officials first announced on July 6 that they planned to start the upcoming school year fully virtual, given high rates of COVID-19 and that Sumter is considered a "high-risk community" for the virus by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control.

On Monday, Superintendent Penelope Martin-Knox and other district administrators presented the virtual school reopening plan to the district's Board of Trustees. The plan stipulates after beginning the year with online instruction, the district will evaluate every 30 days to see if it can safely

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WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING: SUMTER CITY COUNCIL

Public allowed at meeting for 1st time in months



SHELBBIE GOULDING / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter City Council meets Tuesday with the public in attendance for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Hearings address Alice Drive Baptist expansion, new Dollar General, proposed church in neighborhood, CARES Act funding

BY SHELBBIE GOULDING
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Sumter City Council held its first meeting open to the public in person Tuesday since the pandemic began, where they opened the floor for comments and held five public hearings.

Council had been holding virtual meetings the public could livestream, but it had to hold Tuesday's meeting in person for the public hearings. City projects cannot be approved until a public hearing is held and community members can voice their concerns.

The meeting was held at the Sumter Opera House, with council sitting on the stage.

CITY RECEIVES CARES ACT FUNDING

The first public hearing was about amending the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Budget for the year 2020-21 to include \$183,595 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The CARES Act was signed by the president in late March to provide measures aimed at reducing

the spread of COVID-19 and to mitigate economic impact.

Mayor Joe McElveen said the budget is meant to provide help to low- to moderate-income areas and individuals, and the CARES Act funding would be spent in those same areas affected by COVID-19.

One man spoke during the public hearing, asking if the fund would be used to help small businesses in Sumter that were affected by the coronavirus, and Community Development Director Clarence Gaines said that was just one way the funding could be used.

No action was taken after the hearing, as it was only an opportunity to receive thoughts from the community on how the funding could be used.

ALICE DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH LOOKS TO DEVELOP PROPERTY OFF U.S. 15 SOUTH

The second public hearing was to consider the first reading of a request to amend the existing Pocalla Springs Planned Development to permit a religious organization in the specified commercial area, lo-

cated at 1740 U.S. 15 South, near the intersection of Master Drive and U.S. 15.

Alice Drive Baptist Church is looking to develop a 15,000-20,000-square-foot facility and outdoor recreational space on the 7.71 acres. The Rev. Clay Smith said the property was "graciously donated" to the church, and they plan to build in the area as it is lacking a church and outdoor recreation space for children.

One concern Councilman Steve Corley had was the large, historic oak trees on the property, saying he doesn't want to see them uprooted. Smith reassured him it is his intent to build around the trees.

Even though the location is one of the remaining large commercial spaces in the area, the planning commission recommended approval of the request.

After no one spoke during the public hearing, council unanimously approved to consider the first reading of the revision request.

Two readings must be heard and passed for approval.

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Judge blocks McMaster's \$32 million plan for private schools

BY MICHELLE LIU
AP/Report for America

COLUMBIA — A South Carolina state judge on Wednesday temporarily blocked a plan announced by Gov. Henry McMaster earlier this week to direct \$32 million in pandemic relief funds for tuition grants at private schools across the state.

The restraining order issued by Orangeburg County Circuit Court Judge Edgar W. Dickson follows a lawsuit filed Tuesday alleging that the distribution of the funds would go against the South Carolina Constitution, which prevents public dollars from directly benefiting religious or other private education institutions. The suit names McMaster



McMASTER

and the Palmetto Promise Institute, a conservative think tank listed as the owner of the online portal for the grants program, as defendants. The plaintiff is identified as an Orangeburg County resident and taxpayer named Thoma-

sena Adams who has worked for more than 15 years in public education.

McMaster spokesman Brian Symmes said in a statement that federal coronavirus relief should not be denied to citizens in South Carolina are struggling to make ends meet during this pandemic, and every parent should have the

opportunity to choose the educational instruction that best suits their child's needs."

A spokesman for Palmetto Promise declined to comment.

Flanked by school choice advocates, McMaster unveiled the plan for Safe Access to Flexible Education, or SAFE, grants Monday at a religious

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Sumter museum offers free admission, Zoom event with 2 best-selling authors

BY RHONDA BARRICK
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Everyone knows you get what you pay for, right? Not in this case.

The Sumter County Museum has plenty to offer, and yet it is offering free admission until further notice. According to a news release from the museum, the decision was made out of service to the community's educational and financial concerns. Also offered is free Wi-Fi for museum guests. Guests are asked to bring mobile devices when visiting to scan QR codes located throughout the Williams-Brice House sending guests to curated supplemental information in exhibits.

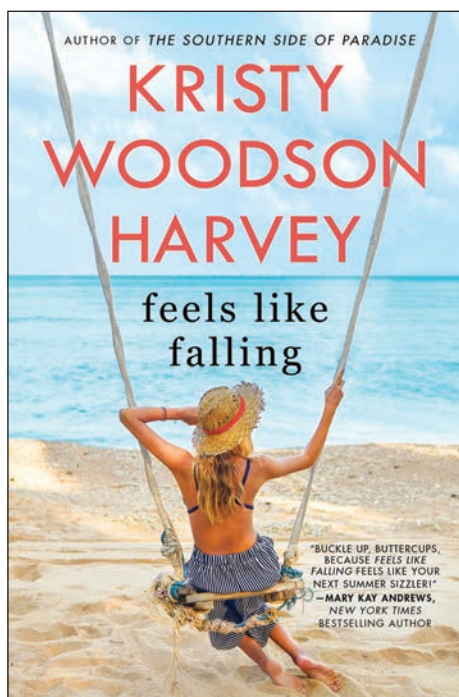


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The museum's facilities at 122 N. Washington St. include the Williams-Brice House, Heritage Education Center and Carolina Backcountry Homestead. Hours remain the same for these buildings: Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Groups of 10 or more must call for tour reservations to ensure social distancing. All visitors must adhere to guidelines posted on the museum's website, www.SumterCountyMuseum.org.

Temple Sinai Jewish History Center will be open by appointment only through Aug. 6. To make an appointment, call Annie Rivers at the museum at (803) 775-0908 or Diana Roof at (803) 468-8630.

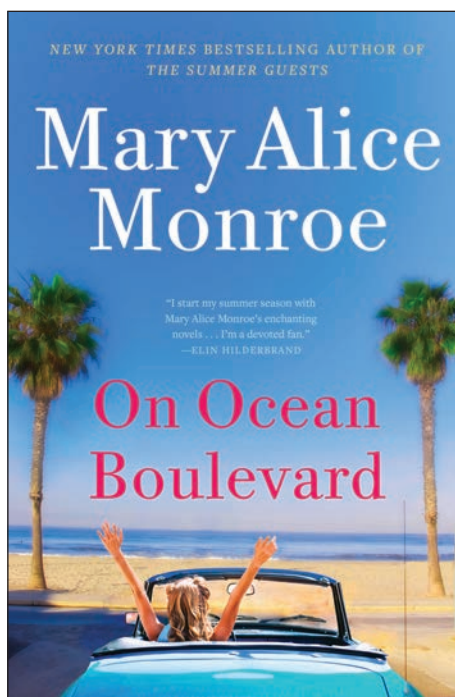
If you are a book lover looking to interact with others without leaving the



house, consider the museum's free live Zoom event featuring award-winning novelists Kristy Woodson Harvey and Mary Alice Monroe at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30.

Harvey's "Feels Like Falling" has been named to: 2020 Spring Okra Pick; Parade's 20 Most Anticipated Books of Early 2020; SheKnows' 10 of the Most Anticipated Books Coming in 2020; Mary Kay Andrews' Reading Challenge Women's Fiction Pick; and Working Mother's 20 Most Anticipated Books of 2020 for Working Moms.

Mary Kay Andrews, *New York Times* bestselling author, gave "Feels Like Falling" a definite thumbs-up: "Two



women in turmoil, two lives at a crossroads. Only Kristy Woodson Harvey can make sense of the sometimes devastating, oftentimes delicious dilemmas faced by the protagonists of her newest perfect beach read 'Feels Like Falling.' Readers will fall in love with entrepreneur Gray, whose husband's betrayal leaves her feeling adrift and looking for something beyond career success, while plucky down-and-out Diana will win the hearts of those of us who always root for the underdog. Buckle up, buttercup, because 'Feels Like Falling' feels like your next summer sizzler!"

Monroe's latest novel, "On Ocean

Boulevard," returns its characters to Charleston, South Carolina. It is a *New York Times* Bestseller, *USA Today* Bestseller, *Southern Indie* Bestseller, *Publishers Weekly* Bestseller and Amazon #1 New Release/Bestseller.

Booklist had this to say about the bestseller: "This is a heartwarming story of Lowcountry love, loyalty and long-standing friendships. Proving that life's unexpected curve balls can end up launching its greatest successes, the

resilience of the Rutledge family is stronger than ever. Infusing her story with respect for the local flora and fauna, Monroe continues her focus on environmental conservation in her latest multigenerational story of the Rutledge women."

Reading enthusiasts are required to register for the virtual event. Only 100 spots are available. You must be registered and in the Zoom meeting to participate in the question-and-answer sessions. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2ZONPwg>. A link, password and other information will be emailed to you before the event.

A link will be posted after the event for those interested in purchasing a book with a signed bookplate from the author. Purchased books will be available for pickup at Sumter Books-A-Million at Sumter Mall.

For more information, call (803) 775-0908 or email information@sumtercountymuseum.org.

Sumter real estate agent charged with not paying taxes

BY KAYLA GREEN
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A real estate agent in Sumter has been arrested by state Department of Revenue agents on charges that she did not pay state income tax for five years.

Melissa Major Richardson, 48, has been charged with five counts of failing to file South Carolina Individual Income Tax returns for years 2014-2018, according to arrest warrants. According to the state department, Richardson earned \$551,085 in taxable income during that time period and failed to pay \$17,322 in state Individual Income Tax.

Warrants claim she filed tax returns for 2012 and 2013 but did not for the next five years despite making "sufficient income to require filing." The breakdown of what the warrants state she owed for each year she didn't file a return is \$3,009, \$3,393, \$3,913, \$3,710 and \$3,297.

According to the state revenue department, if convicted, she faces a maximum of one year in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000 for each count.

She was released on bond from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center.



RICHARDSON

Poll of the week

Sunday, July 19, was National Ice Cream Day.

What is your favorite flavor?

- Something with nuts 27% | 54 VOTES
- Chocolate 16% | 32 VOTES
- Vanilla 16% | 32 VOTES
- Other 13% | 26 VOTES
- Cookies & Cream 10% | 20 VOTES
- Mint-Chocolate Chip 9% | 18 VOTES
- Cake Batter 4% | 7 VOTES
- Something fruity 4% | 7 VOTES
- Cotton Candy 2% | 3 VOTES
- I don't like ice cream 1% | 1 VOTE



Next week's question: Should college football be played this fall?

- Yes
- No
- It should be played with conference-only schedules
- It should be pushed back to the spring
- I don't know
- I don't care

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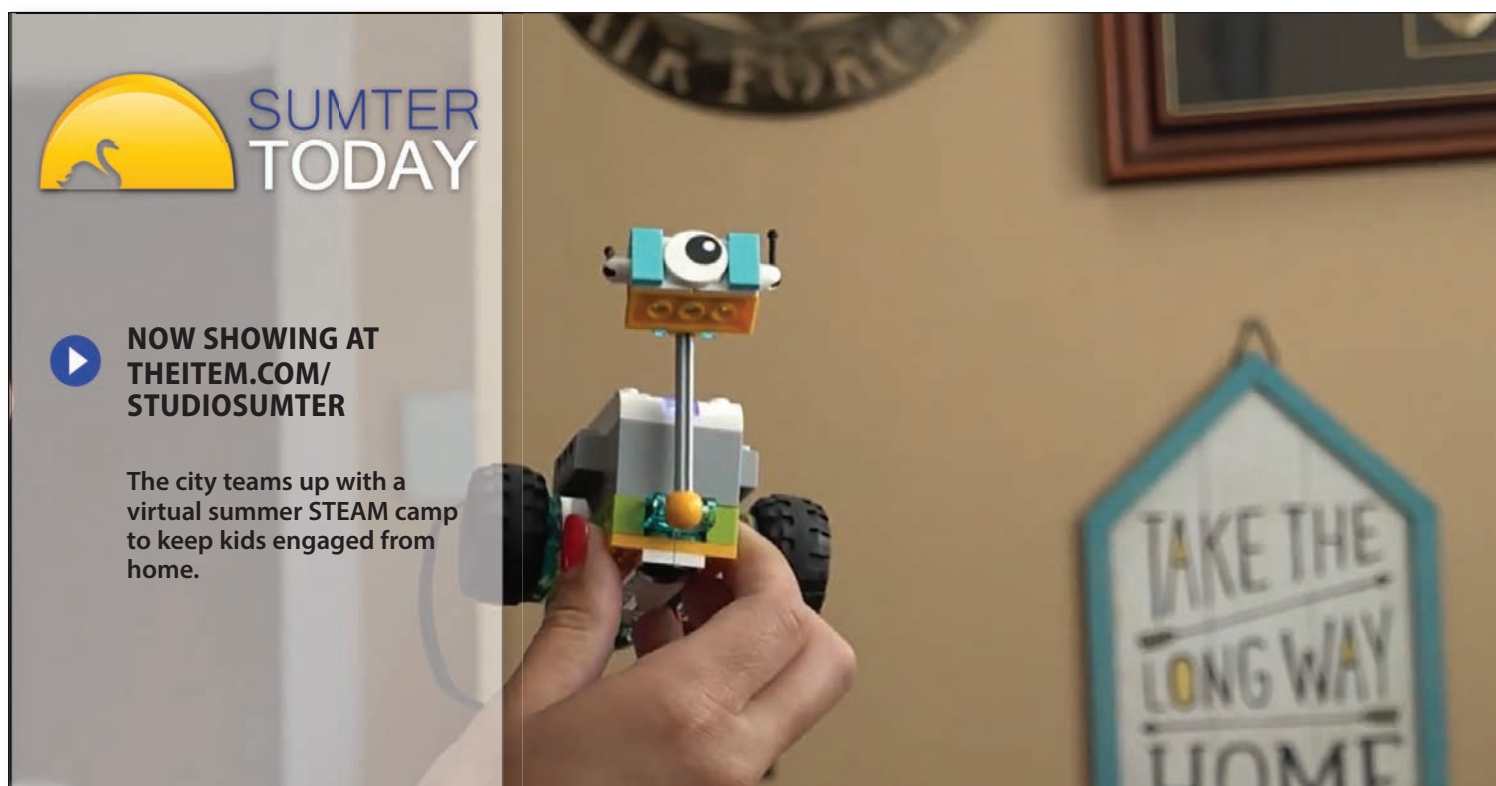
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U.S. orders China to close its consulate in Houston

BEIJING (AP) — The United States said Wednesday that it has ordered China to close its consulate in Houston “to protect American intellectual property” and the private information of Americans.

China strongly condemned the move, the latest in a series of steps by the Trump administration as it ratchets up pressure on the world’s second-largest economy over trade, technology, human rights and security.

In Houston, firefighters responded to reports of papers being burned on the consulate grounds Tuesday night but were barred entry, according to news media reports.

The U.S., in a brief statement, did not provide any details on why the consulate in Texas was targeted.

“The United States will not tolerate (China’s) violations of our sovereignty and intimidation of our people, just as we have not tolerated (its) unfair trade practices, theft of American jobs and other egregious behavior,” said the statement, which was attributed to State Department spokesperson Morgan Ortagus.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the Trump administration is taking action to halt long-running intellectual property theft, noting indictments announced Tuesday against two Chinese individuals accused of hacking.

“President (Donald) Trump has said ‘Enough, we’re not going to allow this to continue to happen,’” he said while on an official visit to Copenhagen.

The U.S. also has decided not to reopen its consulate in the city of Wuhan, which was closed in late January at the height of the coronavirus outbreak in China, a Trump administration official said.

The official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the closure of the Wuhan consulate might mitigate China’s response to the shutdown of the Houston consulate.

China was informed of the decision Tuesday, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said, calling it “an outrageous and unjustified move that will sabotage relations between the two countries.”

“The unilateral closure of China’s consulate general in Houston within a short period of time is an unprecedented escalation of its recent actions



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A firetruck is positioned outside the Chinese Consulate on Wednesday in Houston. Authorities responded to reports of a fire at the consulate. Witnesses said that people were burning paper in what appeared to be trash cans, according to police. China says the U.S. has ordered it to close its consulate in Houston in what it called a provocation that violates international law.

against China,” Wang said at a daily news briefing in Beijing.

He warned of firm countermeasures if the U.S. does not reverse itself. Besides Wuhan, the U.S. has four other consulates in China — in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu and Shenyang — along with its embassy in Beijing, according to its website.

In a reflection of China’s economic importance, a Houston business group expressed regret at the announcement, saying the consulate has been important in building trade, investment and cultural ties. It noted that the Houston consulate was China’s first in the U.S. when it opened in 1979.

The Greater Houston Partnership expressed hope that China would take immediate steps to address intellectual property and cybersecurity concerns. “We look forward to the reopening of the consulate in Houston once these concerns are addressed,” it said in a statement.

Houston media reports said authorities responded to reports of a fire at the Chinese Consulate. Witnesses said people were burning paper in what appeared to be trash cans, the *Houston Chronicle* reported, citing police.

Police were told that occupants were given until 4 p.m. Friday to leave the property, the *Chronicle* said.

Houston police said in a tweet that officers responded to “a meet the firefighter” call at the Chinese Consulate building at 3417 Montrose Blvd. The tweet said smoke was observed in an outdoor courtyard area and that officers were not allowed to enter the building.

Wang accused the U.S. of

opening Chinese diplomatic pouches without permission multiple times, confiscating Chinese items for official use and imposing restrictions on Chinese diplomats in the U.S. last October and again in June. He also said that U.S. diplomats in China engage in infiltration activities.

“If we compare the two, it is only too evident which is engaged in interference, infiltration and confrontation,” Wang said.

He also said that the Chinese Embassy in Washington has received bomb and death threats and accused the U.S. government of fanning hatred against China.

President Trump, his reelection prospects damaged by the coronavirus outbreak, has blamed China repeatedly for the pandemic. Almost every day brings a fresh U.S. action against what Trump has called the rising Asian superpower’s exploitation of America.

Already this week, the Commerce Department has sanctioned 11 Chinese companies over alleged human rights abuses in the Xinjiang region, and the Justice Department said two Chinese stole intellectual property and targeted companies developing coronavirus vaccines.

Pompeo is expected to continue the attacks today in a speech on U.S.-China relations at the Nixon Library in California.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, saying U.S.-China relations face their most severe challenge since diplomatic ties were established in 1979, asked recently if the two nations would be able to stay the course after a more than four-decade voyage.

Sumter police, highway patrol team up to reduce S.C. speed-related deaths

BY SHELBY GOULDING
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For South Carolina, the summer season is known as the season of travel, and the South Carolina Highway Patrol tends to be more cautious of speedy travelers on the road who don’t abide by the law.

From July 19-25, state and local law enforcement agencies in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee participate in an effort that’s aimed to reduce traffic-related fatalities, especially those related to excessive speed.

This effort is known as Operation Southern Shield, which is an educational and enforcement initiative, according to South Carolina Highway Patrol Cpl. Matt Southern.

“This time of year, the summer months, we normally see an increase in the amount of traffic deaths because people are out traveling,” Southern said. “This time of year is a time we’re trying to reduce those traffic fatalities and getting people to do the right thing when they’re behind the wheel.”

“Speed-related” traffic collisions can involve a person driving too fast for road conditions, exceeding authorized speed limits or aggressive operation of a vehicle.

According to Southern, there have been 168 speed-related crashes on South Carolina roadways, resulting in about 180 traffic deaths, from the beginning of the year to July 14.

Several state and local law enforcement agencies take part in this initiative by educating their local community through social media platforms as well as providing heavy enforcement on South Carolina roadways, and the Sumter Police Department is one of those agencies.

According to Tonya Mc-

Girt, public information officer for the police department, the goal is to bring attention to the dangers associated with speeding and encourage residents to pay attention to their speed while driving in the city limits for the safety of others and themselves.

In a social media post, the Sumter Police Department said, “Drivers should always watch their speed on local roads, stay at or below the speed limit and reduce your speed during inclement weather and while traveling through residential neighborhoods and areas where people walk and bike.”

It also said traffic conditions should be taken into account where work areas and other situations could result in a sudden stop in traffic flow.

The Sumter County Sheriff’s Office is not a part of this traffic initiative, but Deputy Adrienne Sarvis, public information officer for the sheriff’s office, said about 2,900 citations for speeding were issued in 2019.

According to an analysis provided by the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Sumter County has seen a total of 42 speed-related deaths in the past five years, with 2019 and 2020 being preliminary numbers.

In 2015, there were six fatal wrecks in Sumter County with 554 injuries.

In 2016, there were eight fatal wrecks in Sumter County with 519 injuries.

In 2017, there were eight fatal wrecks in Sumter County with 420 injuries.

In 2018, there were eight fatal wrecks in Sumter County with 408 injuries.

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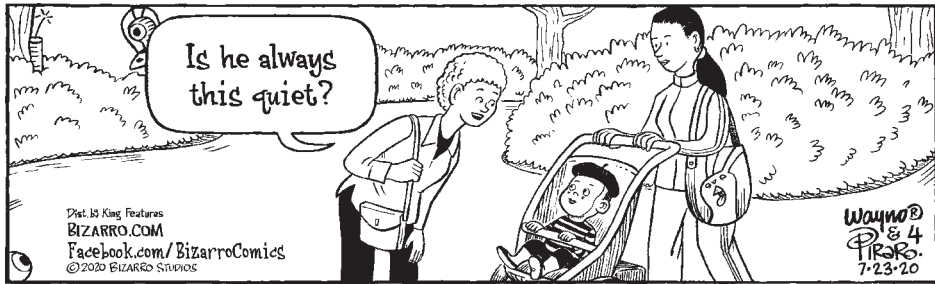
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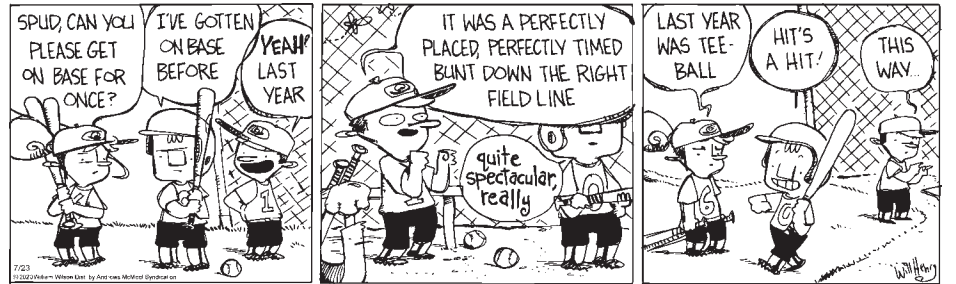
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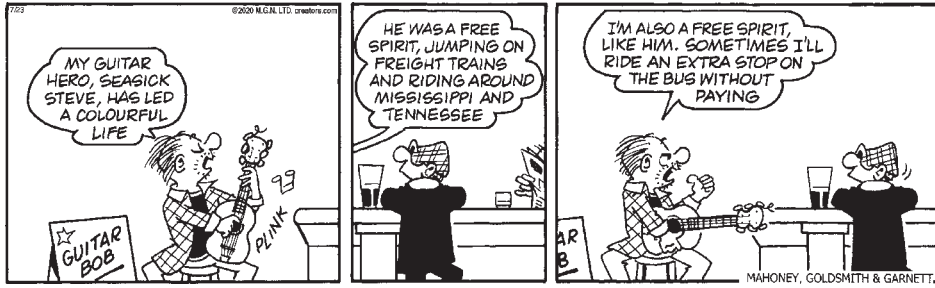
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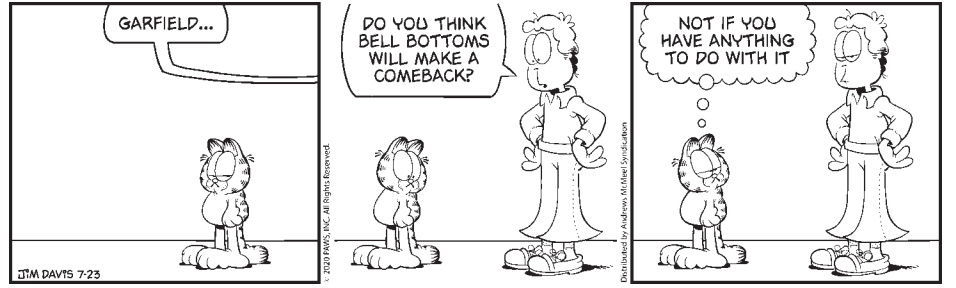
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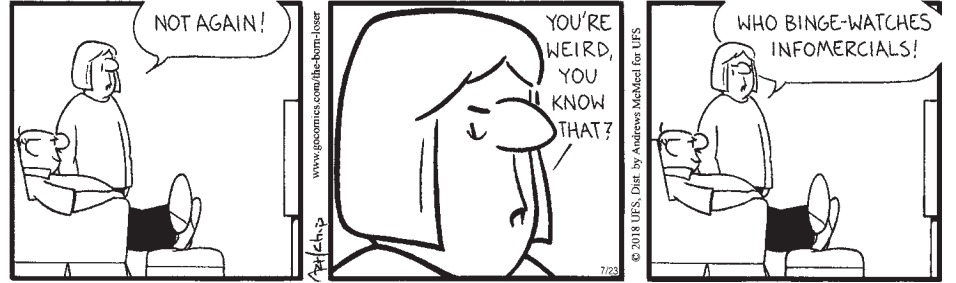
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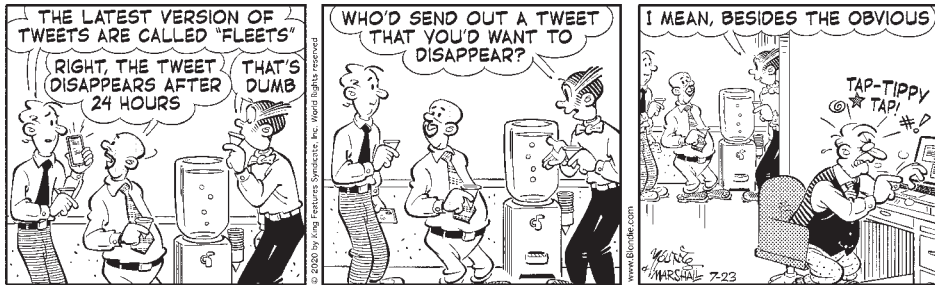
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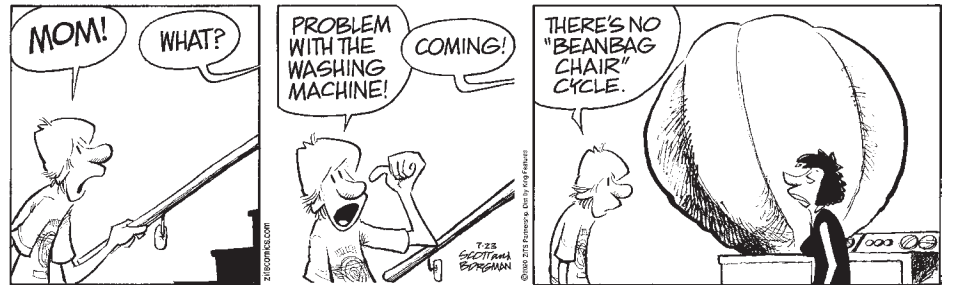
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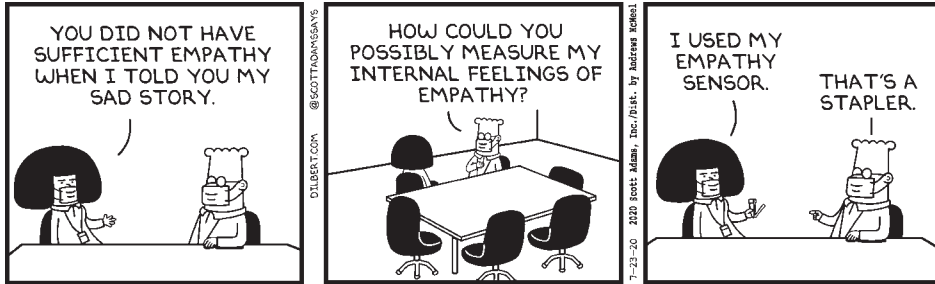
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New relationship wanes after sharing of vulgar video



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — A casual friend sent me a video of a comic doing a very lewd, vulgar routine. I was offended by it and forwarded it to my girlfriend to find out what she thought about it. She got very upset

save what I think is the most wonderful relationship I have ever had in my life?

No laughing matter

DEAR NO LAUGHING — Before sending the video, you should have warned your new girlfriend that it was vulgar and asked if she wanted to see it, which would've given her the opportunity to refuse. What you should do now is apologize for having offended her and tell her how much you value your relationship with her. Then cross your fingers that she still feels the same.

and told me I was being disrespectful to her by even passing it on to her. I should add that we met online and have been talking on the phone with each other for only a month during this shelter-in-place time.

This incident nearly ended our new relationship. Was I wrong to send her the video? And what should I do now to

DEAR ABBY — My wife had some health issues over the last four years and gained 40 pounds. She keeps saying she wants to lose the weight, but doesn't do anything about it. Her blood pressure is high, so she needs to do it. When I try to bring it

up, she gets mad and always mentions the health issues. But those issues are now totally behind her. What can I do or say to get her going again?

Full of concern in New Jersey

DEAR FULL — Tell your wife you don't mean to come across as a nag, but you're worried because of her blood pressure issue. She's far from the only person who procrastinates when faced with changing one's lifestyle.

Many folks are overindulging now because of the challenge of social isolation. Something that might benefit you both would be to encourage her to get out and start walking with you on a regular basis. And drop the subject of weight for now. Take it up again once your lives begin to normalize and she may be less defensive.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

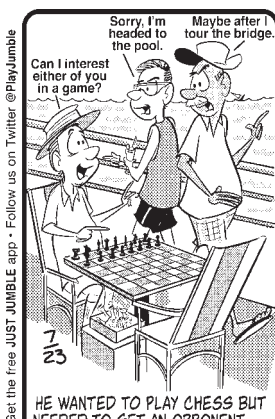
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Yesterday's Jumbles: VENUE BEEFY ICONIC VANISH
Answer: She didn't plan on purchasing a lottery ticket, but did it — "BUY" CHANCE

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Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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Profile of a killer: Unraveling COVID-19

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NEW YORK — What is this enemy? Seven months after the first patients were hospitalized in China battling an infection doctors had never seen before, the world's scientists and citizens have reached an unsettling crossroads.

Countless hours of treatment and research, trial and error now make it possible to take much closer measure of the new coronavirus and the lethal disease it has unleashed. But to take advantage of that intelligence, we must confront our persistent vulnerability: The virus leaves no choice.

"It's like we're in a battle with something that we can't see, that we don't know, and we don't know where it's coming from," said Vivian Castro, a nurse supervisor at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers, just north of New York City, which struggled with its caseload this spring.

Castro had treated scores of infected patients before she, too, was hospitalized for the virus in April, then spent two weeks in home quarantine. As soon as she returned to the emergency room for her first shift, she rushed to comfort yet another casualty — a man swallowing the few words he could muster between gasps for air.

"It just came back, that fear," she said. "I just wanted to tell him not to give up."

The coronavirus is invisible but seemingly everywhere. It requires close contact to spread, but it has reached around the globe faster than any pandemic in history.

COVID-19 was not even on the world's radar in November. But it has caused economic upheaval echoing the Great Depression, while claiming more than 580,000 lives. In the U.S. alone, the virus has already killed more Americans than died fighting in World War I.

Even those figures don't capture the pandemic's full sweep. Nine of every 10 students worldwide were shut out of their schools at one point. More than 7 million flights grounded. Countless moments of celebration and sorrow — weddings and graduations, baby showers and funerals — put off, reconfigured or abandoned because of worries about safety.

In short, the coronavirus has rescripted nearly every moment of daily life. And fighting it — whether by searching for a vaccine or seeking to protect family — takes knowing the enemy. It's the essential first step in what could be an extended quest for some version of normalcy.

"There's light at the end of the tunnel, but it's a very, very long tunnel," said Dr. Irwin Redlener, director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University.

"There's a lot we don't know. But I think it's absolutely certain we're going to be adapting to a new way of life. That's the reality."

THE ENEMY IS WELL ARMED

The new coronavirus is roughly 1,000 times narrower than a human hair. But scrutinized through an electron scope, it is clear this enemy is well armed.

Coronaviruses, including the newest one, are named for the spikes that cover their outer surface like a crown, or corona in Latin. Using those club-shaped spikes, the virus latches on to the outer wall of a human cell, invades it and replicates, creating viruses to hijack more cells.

Find a way to block or bind the spikes, and you can stop the virus.

Once inside a human cell, the virus' RNA, or genetic code, commandeers its machinery, providing instructions to make thousands of virus copies.

But the coronavirus has a weakness: an outer membrane that can be destroyed by ordinary soap. That neutralizes the virus, which is why health experts emphasize the need to wash hands.

Like organisms, viruses evolve, searching for traits that will ensure survival, said Charles Marshall, a professor of paleontology at the University of California and self-described "deep time evolutionary biologist."

"Coronaviruses fit into the standard evolutionary paradigm extremely well, which is if you've had some innovation, you get into some new environment ... you get into a human and you do well, you're going to proliferate," Marshall said.

There are hundreds of coronaviruses but just seven known to infect people. Four are responsible for some common

colds. But in 2002, a virus called SARS, for severe acute respiratory syndrome, spread from China to sicken about 8,000 people worldwide, killing more than 700. Another coronavirus called Middle Eastern respiratory syndrome, or MERS — identified in 2012 — spread to humans through camels.

The new coronavirus, though, has captivated scientists' attention unlike any in decades.

When researcher Thomas Friedrich logged on to his computer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison after a meeting in January, he found colleagues had been frantically posting messages to one another about the new virus.

"People were getting increasingly excited and beginning to brainstorm ideas," said Friedrich, who has spent years studying other infectious diseases.

Now much of Friedrich's lab is focused on the coronavirus, studying its spread in Wisconsin, and collaborating with scientists around the world examining the disease's behavior in monkeys.

Even early on it was clear this virus posed a major threat, he said. Human immune systems had never encountered it. And unlike Zika, whose spread can be controlled by targeting mosquitoes, or AIDS, which most often requires sexual contact, the new virus is readily transmitted through droplets in the air.

DIFFICULT TO TRACK

The new virus has breached borders and claimed victims with stealth and speed that make it difficult to track.

Scientists are fairly certain the disease originated in bats, which harbor many coronaviruses. To get to humans, it may have been passed through another animal, possibly consumed for meat. By late January, when Chinese authorities walled off the city of Wuhan, where the disease was first diagnosed, it was too late to stop the spread.

The most severe pandemic in recent history, the "Spanish flu" of 1918, was spread by infected soldiers dispatched to fight World War I. But aboard ships, it took weeks for the troops and the disease to cross oceans.

Now, with more than 100,000 commercial flights a day ferrying tourists, business travelers and students around the globe, the new virus spread rapidly and virtually invisibly, said medical historian Mark Honigsbaum, author of "The Pandemic Century: One Hundred Years of Panic, Hysteria and Hubris."

"By the time we woke up to the outbreak in Italy, it had been there for weeks if not months," he said.

Soon after the first case in Wuhan, Chinese tourists with the virus traveled to France. But doctors there reported recently that a fishmonger contracted the disease even earlier than that, from an unknown source. On Jan. 21, the first confirmed U.S. case was reported in Washington state, in a man who had traveled to Asia.

"It's one person coming in from China, and we have it under control. It's going to be just fine," President Donald Trump said at the time. Ten days later, he blocked entry to most travelers from China.

But genetic analysis of samples taken from New York patients showed most of the virus present arrived from Europe instead and took root in February — well before anyone thought about quarantining after a trip to Madrid, London or Paris.

LEAVES NOTHING UNTOUCHED

Since February, when Dr. Daniel Griffin began treating patients suspected of having COVID-19, he's cared for more than 1,000 people with the disease, first noted for attacking the lungs. But the infection certainly does not stop there.

"I am actually shocked," said Griffin, a specialist in infectious diseases at New York's Columbia University Medical Center. "This virus seems to leave nothing untouched."

Scientists are getting a handle on the many ways the disease affects the body, but it's a scramble.

The lungs are, indeed, ground zero. Many patients find themselves gasping for breath, unable to say more than a word or two.

Even after five days in the hospital, Vivian Castro, the nurse who became infected, said she returned home struggling for air.

"I climbed two flights of stairs to my room, and I felt like I was going to die," she said.

The reason why becomes clear in autopsies of those who have died, some with lungs that weigh far more than usual. Under a microscope, evidence of

the virus' destruction is even more striking.

When Dr. Sanjay Mukhopadhyay examined autopsy samples from a 77-year-old Oklahoma man, he noted changes to the microscopic sacs in the patient's lungs. In a healthy lung, oxygen passes through the thin walls of those sacs into the bloodstream. But in the Oklahoma patient, the virus had turned the sac walls so thick with debris that oxygen was blocked.

The thickened walls "were everywhere," preventing the lungs from sustaining the rest of the body, said Mukhopadhyay, of Ohio's Cleveland Clinic.

Autopsies reveal "what the virus is actually doing" inside patients' bodies, said Dr. Desiree Marshall, a pathologist at the University of Washington who recently examined the heart of a Seattle man who died from the disease.

"Each autopsy has the chance to tell us something new," she said. And those insights from the bodies of the dead could lead to more effective treatment of the living.

The coronavirus, though, keeps raising fresh questions. It left the hearts of two men in their 40s, recently treated by Griffin, flaccid and unable to pump enough blood. Some younger people have arrived in emergency rooms suffering strokes caused by blood clotting, another calling card.

Kidneys and livers fail in some patients, and blood clots put limbs at risk of amputation. Some patients hallucinate or have trouble maintaining balance. Some get a treatable paralysis in arms or legs. Many have diarrhea but often don't mention it until Griffin asks.

Their explanation? "That's the least of my problems when I can't breathe."

Initially, doctors often put patients on ventilators if their blood oxygen levels dropped. But death rates were so high they now try other strategies first, like turning patients on their stomachs, which can help them breathe. The truth is that hospital workers are learning as they go, sometimes painfully.

"Every patient that I see, I think that could've been me," said Dr. Stuart Moser, a cardiologist hospitalized in New York in March after he was infected. He recalls fearing that he might be put on a ventilator and wondering if he'd ever see his family again. Now, back at work, he said much of what he and his colleagues have learned about the virus' myriad effects enables them only to treat patients' symptoms.

"It's difficult because they have so many problems and there are so many patients," Moser said, "and you just want to do the right thing — give people the best chance to get better."

COVID HUMAN GENETIC EFFORT

In recent weeks, researchers have recruited 3,000 patients from around the world in a bid to solve a puzzling anomaly. Why does the coronavirus ravage some previously healthy patients, while leaving others relatively unscathed?

The project, called the COVID Human Genetic Effort, focuses on each person's unique genetic makeup to seek explanations for why some got sick while others stay healthy. It's one of several projects looking for genetic causes of susceptibility, including recent work by other labs suggesting a link between blood type and risk of serious illness.

"Step one is understanding, and step two is fixing. There is no other way," said one of the project's leaders, Jean-Laurent Casanova, of The Rockefeller University in New York. He is paid by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which also helps fund The Associated Press Health and Science Department.

His project focuses on people 50 or younger who had no health problems before the coronavirus put them in intensive care. But the question of why the disease affects people so differently has broader implications.

It's not clear, for example, why the disease has had such a limited impact on children, compared to other age groups. People older than 65 are more than 100 times more likely to be hospitalized for the virus than people under 18. But so far, there's no explanation why.

Do children resist infection for some reason? Or is it that, even when infected, they are less likely to develop symptoms? If so, what does that mean about their chances for passing the infection along to others, like their grandparents?

These aren't just academic questions. Answers will help in assessing the risks of reopening schools. And they could eventually lead to ways to help make older people resistant to the disease.

In largely sparing children, the pan-

demical virus echoes the bugs that caused SARS and MERS, said Dr. Sonja Rasmussen, a professor of pediatrics and epidemiology at the University of Florida.

Scientists wonder if children might have some key difference in their cells, such as fewer of the specialized proteins that the coronavirus latches onto. Or maybe their immune systems react differently than in adults.

While the virus has mostly bypassed children, researchers have recently been troubled by a serious, albeit uncommon, condition in some young patients that can cause inflammation in hearts, kidneys, lungs and other organs. Most patients recovered, but the potential for long-term damage remains uncertain.

"This is what happens with a new virus," Rasmussen said. "There's a lot we don't know about it. We're on that steep learning curve."

CRITICAL QUESTIONS REMAIN

With states and countries reopening in the face of an ongoing pandemic, it's even more crucial to find solutions. At least the last few months have spotlighted the most critical questions.

Can people who have been infected with the disease get it again?

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious disease expert, has said that having the disease once should confer some degree of immunity. But it's not clear how much or for how long or what levels or types of antibodies people must have to protect them against future illness.

If some people harbor the virus without symptoms, how can we block transmission?

The reality is that many infected people will never feel symptoms or get sick. That means temperature checks and other strategies based on symptoms won't be enough to stop it. Instead, many experts think, widespread testing is needed to find silent carriers, isolate them until they are no longer contagious and track down those they may have infected. Masks and distancing can help prevent infection and slow the spread of the virus.

Will researchers find medicines that can be used to treat the disease?

Hundreds of studies are underway, testing existing medicines and experimental ones. So far, only one — a common steroid called dexamethasone — has been shown to increase survival. An antiviral medicine, remdesivir, has been shown to shorten recovery time. Two others — the malaria drugs chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine — have not proven safe or effective for treating COVID-19 in large-scale trials, but some studies are still testing them to see if they might help prevent infection or illness.

How long will it take to find a vaccine?

Scientists in more than 150 labs around the world are pursuing a vaccine, and nearly two dozen candidates are in various stages of testing. But there's no guarantee any will pan out. Finding out if any offer true protection will require testing thousands of people in places where the virus is spreading widely. Some huge studies are expected to begin this month.

"It's almost the Manhattan Project of today, where an enormous amount of resources are being devoted to this," said Rene Najera, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University and the editor of a vaccine history website run by The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

In the U.S., the goal is to have 300 million doses of potential vaccines by January. But any that fail tests will have to be thrown out. The World Health Organization has called for equitable sharing of any eventual vaccine between rich and poor countries, but how that will happen is far from clear.

It's also uncertain how useful any vaccine will be if a sizable number of people, their skepticism fed by misinformation, refuse to be inoculated.

Even an effective vaccine will not address the likelihood that, given the large number of coronaviruses and increasing contact between people and the animals harboring them, the world is very likely to face other pandemics, said Honigsbaum, the medical historian.

That means uncertainty will linger as a hallmark of the new normal.

The knowledge gained about the coronavirus could prove invaluable in defusing that doubt and, eventually, in defeating the enemy. The real uncertainty, Redlener said, is whether people will use the lessons learned to protect themselves from the virus — or downplay the threat at their peril.

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REOPENING

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phase in a hybrid instruction model, which would be a combination of virtual, online and in-person instruction. The trustees, via a statement at the end of their board meeting Monday, reaffirmed their support of the superintendent's recommendation to start the year in a virtual capacity and then move to a hybrid when it's safe to do so based on official DHEC data.

The district also plans to hold in-person orientation-type days before the Aug. 28 virtual start date, though in-person attendance will not be mandatory.

In its decision-making process this summer, the district tracked state DHEC data and attempted to follow guidelines from a 13-person taskforce, AccelerateED, convened by State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman.

That taskforce's guidance — considered a fluid, non-binding document that could be altered based in the virus' activity — called for districts in counties with a high COVID-19 incidence rate, as measured by DHEC, to begin the school year with full distance learning and no in-classroom options. As of this week, 45 of 46 counties, including Sumter, fall into the high virus spread category.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Gov. Henry McMaster recommended last week that all public schools in the state be open this fall five days a week for face-to-face instruction as an option. During the press conference, he did not mention the state's continued surge in new COVID-19 cases and increasing hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients.

No school officials joined McMaster at the conference.

On Wednesday, DHEC reported 1,654 new confirmed cases of the virus and 39 additional deaths, including one death of a Sumter County resident and one of a Lee County resident. There were 68 new cases reported in Sumter. Based on "limited hospital bed occupancy information" available through a new federal reporting system, which is estimated to be accurate within 10%, DHEC is reporting there are 1,607 COVID-19 patients hospitalized statewide, again a record high.

On Friday, the state Department of Education released updated written requirements to all school districts on reopening plan options, according to spokesperson Ryan Brown.

At the time, Brown said districts' plans must include both a virtual option for all students and an in-person option for all students that would be at least one day per week in the classroom.

After Monday's board meeting, *The Sumter Item* contacted Brown on Tuesday regarding the local dis-

trict's plan. Brown said the state department's goal and preference was still for both virtual and in-person options for the start of the school year.

He did say some districts had submitted plans with creative options, such as starting Day 1 fully virtual and then "shortly thereafter" implementing an in-person, hybrid model, for example, two weeks into the school year.

Brown said that Sumter's reopening plan of re-evaluating every 30 days whether to move to a hybrid model is not like any plan the state department has received yet that he could recall. He added he couldn't comment on the local district's plan because it had not been received by the agency as of Tuesday.

"The preference is an in-person and a face-to-face option on Day 1 or shortly thereafter," Brown said. A gradual approach to a hybrid model, "where there is a very clearly defined, 'This is what we are going to do. This is how we are setting it out,' rather than saying we are going to wait and see in another 30 days or another nine weeks or whatever — that is obviously two very different things."

He added the state department may go back to the Sumter district for additional information before any approval, and still things will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S RESPONSE

Given the disparities, *The Sumter Item* contacted the school district's attorney, Connie Jackson, of Halligan Mahoney & Williams P.A. of Columbia, on Wednesday on who might have ultimate authority on back-to-school plans in this situation.

Jackson said the COVID-19 pandemic is "such a fluid situation," and she doesn't know if another regulation will be coming out soon.

She said by state statute, a local school board is given initial authority to establish its school calendars.

Jackson emphasized a "wait-and-see" approach, given all the dynamics involved currently with the pandemic.

"It's not for us to say who has the ultimate authority," Jackson said, "we are just going to have to see what the state department does with the plan. Hopefully, the state department will respect what's going on in Sumter and will put safety first, but we'll have to see."

She added that Sumter is not the only district that has decided to start the year with a fully virtual plan. As of Wednesday, leaders with Richland School Districts One and Two in Columbia told *The State* newspaper their plans are to begin with online learning exclusively and then begin a hybrid model based on disease incidence rates. Last week, other districts in the state made decisions to begin the school year fully online.

VIRTUAL

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Live, face-to-face and online instruction, teachers delivering that instruction from their actual classrooms, more accountability and intentionally taking steps to minimize gaps due to broadband connectivity issues are all parts of the district's virtual plan going forward to begin the fall semester. The first day of the school year will be Friday, Aug. 28.

Administrators also added the goal is to move to a hybrid/blended model that is a combination of virtual, online and in-person instruction as options as soon as it is safely possible to do so. Concerns over Sumter being a "high-risk" community for COVID-19 spread, according to data from the state Department of Health and Environmental Control, contributed to the district's plan to start school in an all-virtual capacity. Sumter and other districts are saying they will add in-person instruction once incidence rates go down.

Superintendent Penelope Martin-Knox described the move to online instruction in the spring semester as an "abrupt shift" that occurred over a weekend and required a "quick, short turnaround."

With lessons learned from that experience, more time to plan this summer and listening to the voices of parents, students and teachers, professional development will be offered to all teachers who need it in order to have face time with students on the virtual platform.

"It's not E-learning where it's uploading documents and telling the students to complete it and then re-submit," Martin-Knox said. "It's really about a teacher using the Google platform, the Google Classroom, to provide quality instruction to the students while the students are online, where we can see their faces to make sure ... they are attentive and engaged in the learning."

Holding students accountable for their work will require parents knowing the expectations that will

be clearly outlined with teachers, principals, parents and students, she added.

As another added measure, teachers will be expected to deliver instruction virtually from their classrooms unless they have underlying health conditions or other factors, and another teacher could substitute for them. In some circumstances, teachers would be allowed to deliver content from their home.

"The expectation is if it looks like a classroom, it's a classroom; so, the best way to deliver it is in it," Martin-Knox said.

MINIMIZING WIFI GAPS IN RURAL AREAS

Given the reality of broadband internet limitations in rural areas of the county, students will have access to multiple-hour, face-to-face check-ins — when it's safe and possible — with their teachers. The superintendent said district staff is working to minimize those gaps for students and provide them the access to learning that they deserve.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Student attendance will be required daily unless a parent provides a justifiable absence note.

A child will be expected to engage every day with his or her teacher and submit the work, Martin-Knox said.

In the spring, given guidelines due to the abrupt nature of the pandemic, students were not penalized when they were not online. That won't be the case now.

"They got a little pass in the spring," Martin-Knox said. "But moving forward in the fall, the expectations will be just as if they were sitting face to face in that classroom. You are expected to be there each and every day, and you are expected to submit your work each and every day."

Specific virtual plan details are not finalized yet as far as how many hours per day students at different grade levels will be required to be online, and those hours will vary for elementary, middle and high school students, administrators said.

Authorities charge S.C. teen with sex trafficking

COLUMBIA (AP) — A South Carolina teenager accused of sex trafficking was arrested after engaging in a standoff with authorities who were searching for a missing child, according to a sheriff's office.

Daniel Korbin Sterling Thomas, 19, was taken into custody early Monday outside a Columbia home, the Richland County Sheriff's Department said in a statement Tuesday.

Deputies responded to the residence at about 3:30 a.m. after they were notified the missing child was inside, officials said. Thomas came

out of the home and the child was later found in the house, according to the statement. No injuries were reported.

The teenager was charged with sex trafficking, two counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, the sheriff's office said.

He remained in jail Tuesday after his bond was denied, news outlets reported.

It was unclear whether he had an attorney who could comment on his behalf.

MEETING

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PATRIOT PARKWAY TO ADD A DOLLAR GENERAL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AREA

Applicant Greg Googer, owner of Coastal Development Partners, is requesting to amend the Sumter West

Planned Development to add a Dollar General in the undeveloped commercial area located at 3510 Patriot Parkway, at the corner of Patriot Parkway and Constitution Drive. The location is in the area of neighborhood commercial and residential areas as well as Patriot Park.

The planning commission recommended approval of the request, as the applicant is proposing to use a design concept that is compatible with the design aesthetic of the Sumter West Planning Development. It is planned to have a more rustic appearance and be compatible with other commercial buildings in the area.

With no comments from the public, council closed the public hearing and unanimously approved the first reading.

PROPOSED CATHOLIC CHURCH CONCERNS NEIGHBORS

The public hearing for a request to rezone 192.99 acres of planned development to general commercial for a new Catholic church campus in the U.S. 521 and Beckwood Road area has four residents, one of whom provided a written statement, concerned.

Applicant the Rev. Giovannie Nunez wants to build a Catholic church campus in the area, as well as an unspecified future mix of commercial and residential development on the property.

The plan started 20 years ago as a master planned Catholic community, which included a new church facility, elementary and secondary schools, a cemetery, a single-family neighborhood and elder housing. They didn't raise enough funds for the construction until now, but they now are asking only to build a church sanctuary and associated buildings on 56.61 acres. The owner plans to sell the remaining acreage, which consists of wetlands.

Though the planning commission recommended approv-

al of the request, residents of the area who spoke do not want a church so close to their homes, which is the Pheasant Road area.

All three residents who spoke during the public hearing reside in the property's neighboring community, and they all said the construction would devalue their properties, cause an unwanted increase in traffic and cause them to build fences to keep their privacy and feel safe.

Councilwoman Ione Dwyer said she thinks it is unfair to the residents who moved into the community to have their properties devalued because the owner didn't develop the church 20 years ago.

After a brief discussion, council unanimously approved to defer the first reading of the request and take the comments from the public into consideration before making a decision.

RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION PROPOSED ON CAMDEN HIGHWAY

The last public hearing was for a request to rezone 33.88 acres from residential-15 to residential-6.

criticized the program, saying it would lack the accountability needed for public funds and leave out the state's most disadvantaged students in public schools. One group, SC for Ed, called the governor's plan "a sneaky way of creating subsidies for private education when the legislature has been unable to pass voucher legislation."

The funds are the largest sum McMaster has portioned out from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund, a \$48 million discretionary fund awarded through the federal coronavirus relief package.

The temporary order extends until July 29, when a hearing for the matter is scheduled.

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school in Greenville. The governor said the one-time program would cover about 5,000 grants of up to \$6,500 for students to attend private schools this academic year and help parents who could not afford the expense otherwise.

The South Carolina funds were seen as a boon for the state's school choice movement. Ellen Weaver of Palmetto Promise Institute on Monday lauded the governor for implementing "the largest new education choice program in the country this year."

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COMMENTARY

The great obstacle course of our lives

I love watching American Ninja Warrior. It is a test of skill, agility, determination and strength. The participants are able to build obstacles that resemble the actual ones in which they would be competing. The course architect would always manage to construct something that is almost impossible to be reproduced by any participant.

The goal of the game is to carefully study the dynamics of the course. If any obstacle is taken for granted, there is a great chance that the participant will fail his or her attempt. The course usually begins with jumping from one small surface to another and landing on a larger platform. Next, the course would have some type of shifting surface to cross. As we travel through life, we often encounter some

of the same types of challenges. We often jump from people to people and decisions to decisions trying to draw a single conclusion on which we can stand. Then, just when we think we have figured things out, it all falls through right



Sam Livingston

beneath us as we slip and fall. The American Ninja Warrior course would then have something that you hold onto as you fly through the air. The object would then be to make a perfect landing or let go just in time to cling to something else. Sometimes we feel like we are on top of the world, soaring through life, until we

are forced to let go of the very thing that we thought would never fail us. However, as long as we still have breath in our bodies, we can mount up again.

The American Ninja Warrior course then presents a challenge where the participant runs, jumps onto a trampoline and is propelled to an area where he or she would have to rely on the legs and upper body strength. One slip could send the participant into a great fall. Nobody wants to fall at this point because the race is near the finish line.

The next challenge is the wall in which the Ninja tries to grab the top in one leap. Oftentimes in life, we feel that we should be able to reach higher heights on our first attempt. If failure takes place, try again, especially if it is

something positive. The final attempt is the rope wall, which oftentimes a Ninja will get tangled up in. I don't care how safely we travel through life; somehow we will get tangled up in something. Don't panic! Take enough time to untangle yourself so you can continue to the finish line.

Life is one long obstacle course; those who do well have taken the time to study it. We find out what works and what doesn't work. We find out which ones we can opt out of, and we carefully approach those we must engage in. We don't really know how much time we have because it differs from one participant to the next. That's why we must not take any second for granted. We must live every day like it is our last day on Earth. We must treat others the way we want

to be treated and as much as possible try to live peaceably with all men.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body" (II Corinthians 4:7-10).

We slip, fail, are pushed down, troubled and persecuted, but the goal should be to make it to the finish line as a representative of Jesus before the buzzer goes off.

Sam Livingston is pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Manning.

COMMENTARY

Constitution doesn't have a problem with mask mandates

BY JOHN E. FINN
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Many public health professionals and politicians are urging or requiring citizens to wear face masks to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Some Americans have refused, wrongly claiming mask decrees violate the Constitution. An internet search turns up dozens of examples.

"Costco Karen," for instance, staged a sit-in in a Costco entrance in Hillsboro, Oregon, after she refused to wear a mask, yelling, "I am an American ... I have rights."

A group called Health Freedom Idaho organized a protest against a Boise, Idaho, mask mandate. One protester said, "I'm afraid where this country is headed if we just all roll over and abide by control that goes against our constitutional rights."

As one protester said, "The coronavirus doesn't override the Constitution."

Speaking as a constitutional law scholar, these objections are nonsense.

THE OBJECTIONS

It is not always clear why anti-maskers think government orders requiring face coverings in public spaces or those put in place by private businesses violate their constitutional rights, much less what they think those rights are. But most of the mistaken objections fall into two categories:

Mandatory masks violate the First Amendment right to speech, assembly and especially association, and mandatory masks violate a person's constitutional right to liberty and to make decisions about his or her own health and bodily integrity.

They're not mutually exclusive claims: A lawsuit filed by four Florida residents against Palm Beach County, for example, argues that mask mandates "interfere with ... personal liberty and constitutional rights," such as freedom of speech, right to privacy, due process

and the "constitutionally protected right to enjoy and defend life and liberty." The lawsuit asks the court to issue a permanent injunction against the county's mask mandate.

Responding to a reporter who asked why President Donald Trump appeared unconcerned about the absence of masks and social distancing at a campaign rally in Tulsa, Vice President Mike Pence said: "I want to remind you again freedom of speech and the right to peaceably assemble is in the Constitution of the U.S. Even in a health crisis, the American people don't forfeit our constitutional rights."

WHAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT DOES — AND DOESN'T — DO

The First Amendment protects freedom of speech, press, petition, assembly and religion.

There are two reasons why mask mandates don't violate the First Amendment.

First, a mask doesn't keep you from expressing yourself. At most, it limits where and how you can speak. Constitutional law scholars and judges call these "time, place and manner" restrictions. If they do not discriminate on the basis of the content of the speech, such restrictions do not violate the First Amendment. An example of a valid time, place and manner restriction would be

a law that limits political campaigning within a certain distance of a voting booth.

Additionally, the First Amendment, like all liberties ensured by the Constitution, is not absolute.

All constitutional rights are subject to the government's authority to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community. This authority is called the "police power." The Supreme Court has long held that protecting public health is sufficient reason to institute measures that might otherwise violate the First Amendment or other provisions in the Bill of Rights. In 1944, in the case of *Prince v. Massachusetts*, for example, the Supreme Court upheld a law that prohibited parents from using their children to distribute religious pamphlets on public streets.

THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY

Some anti-maskers object that masks violate the right to liberty.

The right to liberty, including the right to make choices about one's health and body, is essentially a constitutional principle of individual autonomy, neatly summarized as "My body, my choice."

The 1905 case of *Jacobsen v. Massachusetts* shows why mask mandates don't violate any constitutional right to privacy or health or bodily integrity. In that case, the Supreme Court upheld a smallpox vaccination requirement in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The court said that the vaccination requirement did not violate *Jacobsen's* right to liberty or "the inherent right of every freeman to care for his own body and health in such way as to him seems best."

As the court wrote, "There are manifold restraints to which every person is necessarily subject for the common good. On any other basis, organized society could not exist with safety to its members." In a 1995 New York case, a state court held that an indi-

vidual with active tuberculosis could be forcibly detained in a hospital for appropriate medical treatment.

Even if you assume that mask mandates infringe upon what the Supreme Court calls "fundamental rights," or rights that the court has called the "very essence of a scheme of ordered liberty," it has consistently ruled states can act if the restrictions advance a compelling state interest and do so in the least restrictive manner.

RIGHTS ARE CONDITIONAL

As the *Jacobsen* ruling and the doctrine of time, place and manner make clear, the protection of all constitutional liberties rides upon certain necessary — but rarely examined — assumptions about communal and public life.

One is that constitutional rights — whether to liberty, speech, assembly, freedom of movement or autonomy — are held on several conditions. The most basic and important of these conditions is that our exercise of rights must not endanger others (and in so doing violate their rights) or the public welfare. This is simply another version of the police power doctrine.

Unfortunately, a global pandemic in which a serious and deadly communicable disease can be transmitted by asymptomatic carriers upsets that background and justifies a wide range of reasonable restrictions on our liberties. Believing otherwise makes the Constitution a suicide pact — and not just metaphorically.

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Yankees demote Montgomery, but return to roster is expected

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Jordan Montgomery will not be on the New York Yankees 30-man roster when they open their season on Thursday. However, his absence will likely be a short one.

Montgomery, the left-handed pitcher from Sumter who was battling for one of the spots in the Yankees' 5-man starting rotation, was one of several Yankees optioned to the club's alternate training site in advance of Thursday's coronavirus pandemic-delayed season opening against the defending World Series champion Washington Nationals on Thursday at Nationals Park.

The Associated Press said it was unclear as to whether

Montgomery's demotion was due to roster management. However, according to Bryan Hoch of MLB.com, Montgomery is expected to join the team after the first time through the pitching rotation.

Hoch said the move to option Montgomery stemmed from the club's decision not to use a fifth starter during the first turn through the rotation. It is expected that Montgomery will be recalled prior to the Yanks' sixth game of the season, the July 29 home opener against the Phillies at Yankee Stadium.

Manager Aaron Boone said right-hander Gerrit Cole will start Thursday's opener, while left-hander James Paxton will start Saturday's contest. Boone said the bullpen will combine

for Sunday's series finale against Washington, when 25-year-old right-hander Michael King could make his major league debut.

Left-hander J.A. Happ will start the July 27 series opener against the Phillies, which would allow Cole to go on regular rest at Philadelphia on July 28.

The move came just days after Montgomery pitched five shutout innings in just 59 pitches in the Yankees' 6-0 exhibition win over the New York Mets.

Montgomery is coming back after missing most of the past two seasons to Tommy John surgery. After making the team as a non-roster invitee in 2017, Montgomery posted a 9-7 win-loss record with a 3.88 earned run average.



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Former Sumter pitcher Jordan Montgomery did not make the New York Yankees' initial 30-man roster this season, but he is expected to be promoted to the big league club quickly.

The sport of fathers and sons

Sewell remembers the bond he formed with his late dad through baseball

J. Scott Sewell is a former assistant sports editor for The Sumter Item and is the author of a book about the 1919 World Series champion Cincinnati Reds entitled "Dugout of the Archives: 1919 Cincinnati Reds." He shared a love for baseball, and the Reds in particular, with his father, who passed away on Saturday. He made this post on his Facebook page and agreed to allow The Item to print it.

Like many fathers and sons in the greater Cincinnati area, the Reds formed the backbone of nearly my entire relationship with my dad. A lifetime of happy, sad and frustrating memories were built around the two of us watching the television with the sound turned off while listening to Marty (Brennaman) and Joe (Nuxhall) on the radio.

As we embark on a new season of Major League Baseball here in Reds country, we'll be doing so for the first time since the 1937 season without my father, Jim Sewell.

Dad's cancer came back with a vengeance a couple of months ago, and his three-to-six-months-to-live prognosis unfortunately fell closer to the three than the six we all planned on.

Six months meant dad might get one more Reds season in the books — a season that looks like it might even be a special one.

Three months meant he didn't even make it to Opening Day; an absolute tragedy for a man who counted down the days to Opening Day with the same gleeful anticipation that a child counts down to Christmas.

In the vastness of a Reds country that stretches from Pete Rose Way to Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and beyond, I suppose it's a relatively small loss, but it's, of course, a devastating blow to the people that knew and loved him.

If you knew him, you most certainly loved him — you simply didn't have a choice. He was the most tender-hearted man I've ever met. He binge-watched Gilmore Girls, The Ghost Whisperer and Hallmark movies daily. He was quick to laugh, even when he was the target of the joke. Every place we ever lived, he somehow always became the person that other people would go to when they needed something — whether it be a ride to get cigarettes or gas money.

In a way, dad's death is also a devastating blow to the game of baseball.

He was a walking, talking ambassador for the sport — a sport that desperately needs those right now. He used to leave me notes, written in soap, in the bathroom mirror about whatever the big headline was from the prior day's slate of games.

I can still see the words

"Bosio no-hitter" clearly written on the bathroom mirror of my childhood home in Covington (Kentucky). Never mind that Chris Bosio pitched for the Seattle Mariners at the time or that he was facing the Boston Red Sox, two teams that we had absolutely no reason to care about.

Dad passed some version of his obsession for the game down to me, allowing me to understand and appreciate it in a way that almost elevates it to a spiritual experience.

Baseball needs more people like my dad who could tell you why every single pitch in a baseball game matters; how it brings with it excitement, strategy, and the thrill of the unexpected.

Dad saw the Reds win four World Series championships in his lifetime. Near the end, in what turned out to be our final lucid conversation, he was struggling to tell the nurse what year we were in, but when I asked, "Hey dad, when was the last time the Reds won the World Series," he answered "1990" in a way that felt like he was insulted I even had to ask.

Baseball served as our connection — it was the excuse for a call that maybe wouldn't have happened otherwise. I'd call to celebrate a big hit or great at-bat by Joey Votto, and then we'd catch up on each other's



COURTESY OF J. SCOTT SEWELL
J. Scott Sewell, right, sits with his dad, Jim, at a Cincinnati Reds game. The father and son formed a bond over decades of watching baseball games together. Jim passed away from cancer on Saturday.

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Freeman's return will be closely watched after coronavirus fight

BY DAVID BRANDT
The Associated Press

Freddie Freeman is back and ready to anchor the Braves' lineup after a scary battle with COVID-19 earlier in summer camp.

The 30-year-old Freeman had career highs last season with 38 homers and 121 RBIs. The four-time All-Star hopes to lead Atlanta back to the top of the NL East for the third straight season.

The Braves are just happy Freeman is healthy after he had a fever that got as high as 104.5 degrees early in his illness. His recovery will be closely watched because he had one of MLB's more serious bouts with the virus.

"I feel like I'm a kid in a candy store again," Freeman said Saturday. "You forget sometimes how much you love this game. I did truly



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Atlanta Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman will be watched closely this season after recovering from the coronavirus.

MIAMI MARLINS: 1B JESUS AGUILAR.

He slipped from 35 homers and 108 RBIs in 2018 to 12 and 50 last year, when he lost his job with the Milwaukee Brewers. Now, at 30, he's trying to reboot his career with the Marlins, where he'll split time between first base and designated hitter.

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District confirms Martin-Knox misspoke about SCHSL plans

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Sumter School District confirmed that superintendent Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox misspoke concerning the start times for the South Carolina High School League's conditioning program and practice for fall sports during a school board meeting on Monday, according to an e-mail statement released by the district on Wednesday.

"Dr. Martin-Knox misspoke about conditioning vs. practices," the statement read. "She is meeting this week with the principals and athletic directors to review the plans and the alignment of protecting our students by using the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines."

In the meeting, Martin-Knox said conditioning for fall sports could not take place until Aug. 17, and that no one in the state

is currently conditioning. However, it is actually practice that can start on Aug. 17 in a South Carolina High School League plan that was passed by its executive committee last week.

Also, the SCHSL has allowed schools to have weightlifting and conditioning at their own discretion for almost two months. However, Sumter School District has yet to allow the student-athletes at its three high schools — Sumter, Crestwood and Lakewood — to begin the weightlifting and conditioning workouts referred to as Phase 1.

The plan that was passed by a 14-2 vote during a Zoom meeting pushed back the start of practice for all fall sports from July 31 to Aug. 17. Around the first of June, the SCHSL decided that schools could begin conditioning and weightlifting after shutting down the spring

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State won't allow Blue Jays to play at Pittsburgh's PNC Park

BY ROB GILLIES, MARC LEVY AND WILL GRAVES

The Associated Press

TORONTO — The state of Pennsylvania won't allow the Toronto Blue Jays to play at PNC Park in Pittsburgh amid the coronavirus pandemic, health officials announced Wednesday, becoming the latest jurisdiction to say no to the team as the baseball season begins this week.

Canada already denied the Blue Jays' request to play in Toronto because the regular-season schedule would require frequent travel back and forth from the United States, where COVID-19 cases are surging.

The Blue Jays and Pirates had been waiting to see if they got permission from the state to proceed with the plan to have PNC Park fill in for the Rogers Centre.

"In recent weeks, we have seen a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in southwestern Pennsylvania," Dr. Rachel Levine, the state's secretary of health, said in a statement. "To add travelers to this re-

gion for any reason, including for professional sports events, risks residents, visitors and members of both teams. We know that this virus does not discriminate, and can even make professional athletes very sick. We are committed to protecting the health and well-being of all Pennsylvanians."

Canada has flattened the epidemic curve. But the number of new confirmed cases of the coronavirus reported daily by Allegheny County — which includes Pittsburgh and 1.2 million residents — has increased tenfold in the last two weeks, compared with the two weeks in June before what officials there called an alarming spike in cases.

The agreement to share the stadium with the Pirates was pending state approval, according to two officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity earlier Wednesday because they were not authorized to speak ahead of the government decision.

Pirates President Travis Williams previously confirmed the talks to host the

Blue Jays and sounded ready to welcome them if it could be done safely. Blue Jays manager Charlie Montoyo said he was excited about the PNC Park option and Pirates manager Derek Shelton said he would have no problem with the Blue Jays moving in.

Blue Jays general manager Ross Atkins said this week his team has more than five contingency plans for a home stadium and was in talks with other teams. He declined to name them.

Atkins said if the Blue Jays can't find a major league park, their Triple-A affiliate in Buffalo, New York, would be their most likely site for home games. But based on what the players want and the collaboration they are getting from other teams and Major League Baseball, Atkins said the Blue Jays are focused on major league parks, as long as they can be safe. He said health and safety is the priority, so the ability to be socially distant without comprising other teams' ability to maintain socially distance is important.

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lives for the next 10 or 15 minutes.

I moved away to New York in 2011 and then to South Carolina where I eventually became a sportswriter.

It took 38 years for me to realize I had been a sportswriter my whole life, something that should've been obvious considering I used to make mom and dad read the postgame recaps I'd written of my Ken Griffey Jr. Super Nintendo video games when I was a kid.

I didn't call or visit enough over the past nine years, and I'll always regret that. We used to daydream about him visiting me in New York so he could see Yankee Stadium, Citi Field, and maybe we'd even make that drive up to see Fenway Park.

That trip never happened though — life always got in the way. I couldn't get out of work or dad didn't want to leave mom for that long. It was always something.

A new baseball season is coming up, and many of you still have your fathers, or your mothers, or your sons and daughters with you.

Don't make my mistake — don't take your time together for granted.

Life doesn't have extra innings. Empty your bench and your bullpen right now.

Baseball will be different in

many ways this season, but for me, it's the loss of those phone calls from dad that often began with "Why in the world do we always swing at the first pitch," that I'll miss the most.

It was always "we" with dad. Some folks in the sports world roll their eyes when a fan refers to the local team as "we", but I'd argue that after 83 years of unwavering devotion dad was more a Cincinnati Red than most of the players who wore the uniform.

It didn't matter if the Reds were the best team in the league (rare) or stuck in last place (more likely), he was going to be there, in his chair, listening to Marty and Joe.

Fittingly, he passed away with a Reds game on the television. I was there, by his side, taking in one last game with pops, something we'd done thousands of times before, but never again.

As lifelong residents of the greater Cincinnati area, Opening Day is, of course, sacred in my family. I'm heartbroken dad won't be around to see it. We're using the day to celebrate his life with hot dogs and Pepsi—the two things he'd get every time we'd go to a Reds game.

The entire family will come together, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandchildren and great grandchildren to take in a game for dad.

Baseball is a beautiful thing. Now, if only we could get the Reds to stop swinging at the first pitch.

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sports season for the 2019-20 school year in the middle of March. Phase 1 has remained in place since the beginning.

Many districts around the state are currently having workouts. Some districts did start and shut down and have yet to restart, while some started, shut down and have restarted.

The plan passed by the High School League is not set in stone, however. The SCHSL's appellate panel decided not to vote on Lexing-

ton District 1's appeal for the sports plan it presented to the executive committee at the same meeting.

That means the appellate panel could overturn the executive committee's decision. The appellate panel is set to meet again on Aug. 10 at 11 a.m.

The plan presented by Lexington was voted down 16-1 last week. The plan would move football season to early January and move traditional spring sports such as baseball and softball to the fall because of them being low-risk sports.

The appellate panel does have the ability to change the plans.

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NEW YORK METS: RHP DELLIN BETANCES.

The four-time All-Star pitched in just one game last season with the Yankees because of multiple injuries. Now he's moved across town and the Mets hope his presence can bolster the back end of the bullpen. If healthy, he's one of the game's best power pitchers, strik-

ing out 14.6 batters per nine innings.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES: OF BRYCE HARPER.

It feels unfair to call Harper's first season in Philadelphia underwhelming considering he hit 35 homers and had 114 RBIs in 2019, but he didn't quite have the impact many expected after signing a 13-year, \$330 million deal. The six-time All-Star is still right in the

middle of his prime at 27 years old.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS: OF JUAN SOTO.

Considered by some a legit MVP candidate at age 21. He had an impressive second season in 2019 with 34 homers and 110 RBIs and was also clutch during the team's post-season run with important hits off star pitchers like Josh Hader, Clayton Kershaw and Gerrit Cole.

OBITUARIES

R. POWELL BLACK

R. Powell Black, age 99, passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at Covenant Place.

Mr. Black was born on July 20, 1921, in Pulaske, Virginia, a son of Ernest Glen and Jennie Lewis Powell Black.

He was predeceased by Mildred Webster Black, his wife of 56 years; his parents; and his brother, Lewis Glenn Black of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife Claire Duplessis Wand Black of the home; five children, Ralph Powell "Tim" (Grizelda) Black Jr. of Austin, Texas, Susan (Rodney) Stalheim of Lenoir, North Carolina, Ellen (Joe) Tyner of Florence, Lee (Johnny) Alford of Sumter and Kathy (Steve) Matis of Charlotte, North Carolina; as well as 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Also, stepchildren and their spouses, Donald (Kathleen) Wand, Michelle Herod, Anne (Max) Goodson, Connie (Butch) Robertson, Chris Wand, Stephen (Julie) Wand, Jennifer Hicks and Catherine (Dave) McInnis. He is also survived by 17 step-grandchildren and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Black was reared in the Baptist Orphanage of Virginia in Salem, Virginia, from 1924 until he graduated from high school in 1939. He was an initial inductee into Salem's Hall of Fame. He attended National Business College in Roanoke, Virginia. With the outbreak of World War II in December 1941, he volunteered and served four years in the United States Navy, primarily in the Pacific Theater. He was discharged in December 1945 with a rank of petty officer first class. In 1947, he joined the Naval Reserve and was commissioned as lieutenant, senior grade, in 1957. He eventually rose in rank to that of captain (O6) and served a total of 32 years in the Naval Reserve. He retired in 1981 with several medals for his service. In 1947, he was appointed

manager of the Roanoke Housing Program for returning World War II veterans. In 1950, he was appointed assistant to the city manager of Alexandria, Virginia, and became the city manager of Jasper, Alabama, in 1951. He subsequently served as city manager of Athens, Tennessee; Aiken; Dothan, Alabama; Florence; and Sumter, where he retired after 30 years of municipal service.

Following his retirement, he founded Carolina Municipal Advisors, advising South Carolina cities and towns and publishing municipal codes of ordinances. He was a life member of International City/County Management Association. Mr. Black dedicated more than half a century to municipal governance, including more than 30 years in South Carolina, his adopted home state.

He was elected president of the City Managers Associations in Alabama, Tennessee and South Carolina. His many years of service were recognized by various organizations, including Who's Who in South Carolina, Who's Who in South and Southwest, South Carolina Lives and Personalities of the South.

In 1992, Mr. Black was chosen by People to People, an organization founded by former President Eisenhower, to represent the Southeastern United States to Ukrainian cities and towns of the former Soviet Union. He advised them on the advantages of changing their local governments from communism to democracy, using as examples the three forms of municipal government authorized in South Carolina.

Mr. Black was a lifelong Southern Baptist and a member of Wise Drive Baptist Church, where he served as chairman of the deacons, church clerk for 16 years, Sunday school teacher, member of the choir and men's quartet as well as chairman of numerous committees. In 2002, he represented the South Carolina Baptist Association on a mission trip of Taiwan. He was a life member of the Christian Business

Men's Committee.

A private graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday in the Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum with the Rev. Dr. Dearld B. Sterling officiating. You may view the service live at www.bullockfuneralhome.com by clicking on the obituary of Mr. R. Powell Black.

All attendees are asked to wear masks and maintain social distancing during the graveside services.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandsons, Ralph Powell "Trey" Black III, Martin Stalheim, Ken Tyner, Justin Matis, Michael Matis and Seth Reimer.

Honorary pallbearers will be the members and spouses of the Dirty Dozen golf club.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wise Drive Baptist Church, 2751 S. Wise Drive, Sumter, SC 29150; Covenant Place H.E.G.F. (Hourly Employee Gift Fund), 2825 Carter Road, Box 202, Sumter, SC 29150; or the charity of one's choice.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff of Covenant Place for their loving and compassionate care.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter for the arrangements.



FELICIA WHITFIELD

Felicia Whitfield, 33, died on Sunday, July 19, 2020, at The Regional Medical Center, Orangeburg.

She was born on Monday, March 16, 1987, in Clarendon County, to Margie Whitfield and Leon Brock.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by King-Fields Mortuary, Summerton.

The family will receive friends at the home of her sis-

ter, Ashley Brock, 1072 Jessamine Way, Manning. Please wear masks.

GLORIA WILLIAMS PETERSON

Gloria Williams Peterson, 67, died on Monday, July 20, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born on Nov. 11, 1952, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of James and Jennifer Bradley Williams.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 715 E. Charlotte Ave.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the management of Williams Funeral Home Inc.

YVONNE POWELL SIGLEY

Yvonne Powell Sigley, 83, died on Monday, July 20, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born on March 23, 1937, in Hemingway, she was a daughter of the late Dewey M. Sr.

and Elizabeth Maness Powell. She was a member of Dalzell United Methodist Church and was employed at McCarty's Emporium in Dalzell for 24 years. She was always a caregiver to those around her.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby Sigley of Dalzell and Jeffrey Sigley of Lexington; and a special granddaughter, Sierra Smith of Jacksonville, Florida.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dewey M. Powell Jr. and Dan Powell; and three sisters, Libby Harrell, Virginia Cable and Eleanor "Snook" Clark.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Dalzell United Methodist Church. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Dalzell United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 85, Dalzell, SC 29040.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAM DEAN LUCAS SR.

William Dean Lucas Sr., 92, widower of Ann H. Holman Lucas, died on Wednesday,

July 22, 2020, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia.

Born in Millen, Georgia, he was a son of the late Henry Dean Lucas and Juanita Averette Lucas. Mr. Lucas was a U.S. Navy veteran, a York Rite Mason and a retired lifelong mechanic.

Surviving are a son, David Lucas (Karen) of Columbia; a daughter, Charlotte Lucas of Sumter; six grandchildren, Maj. Clifford Dean Lucas (Michele), Andrew Lucas (Michelle), Cecelia Lucas, Stephanie Laitenen, Micheal Lucas and William Lucas; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at noon Friday at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Lynn Anderson and the Rev. Adrienne Anderson officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. today at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

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



LAURA JEAN SMITH NACOVITCH

Laura Jean Smith Nacovitch, 62, widow of Frederick C. Nacovitch, died on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

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

GLEN ALLEN BROWN

Glen Allen Brown, 68, died on Monday, July 20, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Ellen's Game of Games "I Will Always Love Goo" Contestants play for a chance to win.	Blindspot "Iunne Ennu" (Series Finale) The remaining team must solve a case. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Garland's Baptism by Fire" Chief Garland's pastor is arrested. (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Will Arnett; Michaela Coel; H.E.R. (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Young Sheldon Sheldon learns to listen.	(:31) The Unicorn Wade analyzes his feelings.	(:01) Mom Christy hits a parked car.	Mom Tammy gets early release from parole.	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Ava DuVernay; Ben Folds" Ava DuVernay; Ben Folds performs. (N)	
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great American Cities: Chicago"	Jeopardy! (N)	Holey Moley "That's One for the Scrapbooks!" Greg Louganis and Steve Guttenberg. (DVS)	Don't "Don't Parent Trap on National TV" Brothers from Atlanta and their parents. (DVS)	To Tell the Truth "Tom Lennon, D'Arcy Carden, Alfonso Ribeiro, Andrea Savage" Tom Lennon; D'Arcy Carden.	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(12:06) Nightline (N)	
WRJA	27	11	14	Bare Feet With Mickela Mallozzi (DVS)	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions (Part 1 of 2)	Palmetto Scene "SC Music Makers"	The Powder & the Glory: Elizabeth Arden and Helena Rubinstein. (DVS)	Professor T. "Ring of Fire" A girl nearly dies in a fire.	Amanpour and Company (N)		Mart to Art: A Repurposed Life	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Helium Insufficiency"	The Big Bang Theory "The Helium Insufficiency"	Celebrity Watch Party "The Couch Is Lava" (Season Finale) (N) (DVS)	Beat Shazam "Playing for the Million... Again!" Teams vie for the \$1 million prize. (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV Child-care centers begin to reopen.	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike starts a miniature tank collection.	Last Man Standing Mike builds a shed for Vanessa.	The Doctors Cooking duo; notes for weight loss.	Judge Jerry Ex-roommate sold a woman's furniture.	Judge Jerry	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Revolution" Aging revolutionary.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Broad Channel" An NYPD detective is murdered.	The Game Melanie sees Derwin kiss Drew Sidor.	
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130		The First 48 Corner-store shooting; strangled man.	The First 48 "Spree Killer" Potential spree killer on the loose.	The First 48 "Spree Killer" Potential spree killer on the loose.	The First 48 "Shooting Blind: Brothers in Arms" A murder tests two brothers.	Court Cam (N)	Court Cam (N)	The First 48 "The House on Madrona Street" An Atlanta woman is strangled.	The First 48 "Spree Killer"	
AMC	48	180		(5:00) ** "Demolition Man"	** "White House Down" (2013, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx, Maggie Gyllenhaal. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House.	** "White House Down" (2013, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx, Maggie Gyllenhaal. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House.	** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen. An ex-assassin hunts down the gangsters who ruined his life.					
ANPL	41	100		Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch "The Widemaker: Part 1"	Deadliest Catch "The Widemaker: Part 1"	Deadliest Catch "The Widemaker: Part 2"	Deadliest Catch "The Widemaker: Part 2"	Deadliest Catch "The Widemaker: Part 2"	Deadliest Catch "The Widemaker: Part 2"	Deadliest Catch "The Widemaker: Part 2"	Deadliest Catch "The Widemaker: Part 2"
BET	61	162		The Death Row Chronicles Dr. Dre discovers Snoop Dogg. (Part 2 of 6)	The Death Row Chronicles The transformation of Tupac Shakur.	The Death Row Chronicles The transformation of Tupac Shakur.	The Death Row Chronicles Suge Knight gets Tupac out of prison.	The Death Row Chronicles Suge Knight gets Tupac out of prison.	The Death Row Chronicles Suge Knight gets Tupac out of prison.	The Death Row Chronicles Suge Knight gets Tupac out of prison.	The Death Row Chronicles Suge Knight gets Tupac out of prison.	The Death Row Chronicles Suge Knight gets Tupac out of prison.
BRAVO	47	181		The Real Housewives of New York City Dorinda hosts a relaxing weekend.	The Real Housewives of New York City "Never Before Scene 1214" (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City "Never Before Scene 1214" (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City Bonus footage and extended scenes. (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City Bonus footage and extended scenes. (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City Bonus footage and extended scenes. (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City Bonus footage and extended scenes. (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City Bonus footage and extended scenes. (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City Bonus footage and extended scenes. (N)
CNBC	35	84		Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank A hate connection app.	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank (DVS)
CNN	3	80		Erin Burnett OutFront (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	Cuomo Prime Time (N) (Live)	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)
COM	57	136		(6:50) The Office "The Convict"	(:25) The Office "The Convict"	The Office "Traveling Salesmen"	The Office "Ben Franklin"	The Office "Phyllis' Wedding"	The Office "Business School"	The Office "Cocktails"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah (10:55) Bunk'd	(:45) The Office "The Negotiation" (12:15) South Park "Naughty Ninjas" (12:10) Jessie
DISN	18	200		(:05) Raven's Home	Bunk'd	(:25) Disney Fam Jam	(8:50) Raven's Home	(:40) Bunk'd	(:05) Bunk'd	Gabby Duran & the Unsittables	(:20) Disney Fam Jam	(:12:10) Jessie
DSC	42	103		Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue "In the Crosshairs" (N)	Homestead Rescue "In the Crosshairs" (N)	Homestead Rescue "Under Siege"	Homestead Rescue "Under Siege"	Homestead Rescue "Under Siege"	Homestead Rescue "Under Siege"	Homestead Rescue "Under Siege"	Homestead Rescue "Under Siege"
ESPN	26	35		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Washington Nationals. From Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Washington Nationals. From Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Washington Nationals. From Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.
ESPN2	27	39		World Team Tennis Orange County Breakers at Washington Kastles. (N) (Live)	World Team Tennis Orange County Breakers at Washington Kastles. (N) (Live)	World Team Tennis Orange County Breakers at Washington Kastles. (N) (Live)	Jalen & Jacoby	MLS Soccer Group Stage -- Portland Timbers vs Los Angeles FC. (N) (Live)	Jalen & Jacoby	MLS Soccer Group Stage -- Portland Timbers vs Los Angeles FC. (N) (Live)	Jalen & Jacoby	MLS Soccer Group Stage -- Portland Timbers vs Los Angeles FC. (N) (Live)
FOOD	40	109		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Restaurant: Impossible Checking on Mamma Lucrezia's. (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Restaurant: Im.	
FOXN	37	90		The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) (Live)	Hannity (N) (Live)	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)
FREE	20	131		(5:30) *** "The Blind Side" (2009) Sandra Bullock. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.	*** "Wonder" (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school.	*** "Wonder" (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school.	*** "Wonder" (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school.	*** "Wonder" (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school.	*** "Wonder" (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school.	*** "Wonder" (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school.	*** "Wonder" (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school.	
FSS	21	47		MLB Baseball From Sept. 20, 2019.	MLB Baseball From Sept. 20, 2019.	MLB Baseball From Sept. 20, 2019.	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta.	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta.	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta.	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta.	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta.	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta.
HALL	52	183		(6:00) "A Christmas Duet" (2019, Romance) Chaley Rose, Rome Flynn.	"Christmas in Rome" (2019, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Sam Page, Franco Nero. Angela, an American tour guide in Rome, meets a businessman.	"Christmas in Rome" (2019, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Sam Page, Franco Nero. Angela, an American tour guide in Rome, meets a businessman.	"The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	"The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	"The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	"The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	"The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	"Reunited at Christmas" (2018)
HGTV	39	112		Flipping Across America	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flipping Across America (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Design-Door	Design-Door	Flip-America
HIST	45	110		Mountain Men "Carnage"	Mountain Men "Sink or Swim"	Mountain Men "Sink or Swim"	Mountain Men "Bloody Knuckles" (N)	(:03) Alone "Snared" (N) (DVS)	(:03) Alone "Snared" (N) (DVS)	(:03) Alone "Snared" (N) (DVS)	(:34) Mountain Men	Mountain Men
ION	13	18		Chicago P.D. "Prison Ball" Ruzak and Atwater become prison inmates.	Chicago P.D. Investigating a pedophilia ring.	Chicago P.D. Investigating a pedophilia ring.	Chicago P.D. "Assignment of the Year" Asher is killed on Antonio's watch.	Chicago P.D. "Called in Dead" Suspects hold Olin'sky's wife hostage.	Chicago P.D. "Called in Dead" Suspects hold Olin'sky's wife hostage.	Chicago P.D. Burgess recuperates in the hospital.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.
LIFE	50	145		Married at First Sight Shawneece launches her business.	Married at First Sight Fan-favorite couples followed. (N)	Married at First Sight Fan-favorite couples followed. (N)	Married at First Sight An intense Commitment Ceremony. (N)	(:03) Married at First Sight Newlyweds set off on their honeymoons. (N)	(:03) Married at First Sight An intense Commitment Ceremony. (N)	(:03) Married at First Sight An intense Commitment Ceremony. (N)	(12:01) Married at First Sight	
MSNBC	36	92		The Reid Out (N) (Live)	All In With Chris Hayes (N) (Live)	All In With Chris Hayes (N) (Live)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow	
NICK	16	210		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	** "Ice Age: Continental Drift" (2012) Voices of Ray Romano.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends The six friends say goodbye.	
PARMT	64	153		Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	** "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold.	** "Get Hard" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart. Premiere.	** "Get Hard" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart. Premiere.	** "Get Hard" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart. Premiere.	** "Get Hard" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart. Premiere.	** "Get Hard" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart. Premiere.	
SYFY	58	152		(6:15) ** "Clash of the Titans" (2010) Sam Worthington. Perseus, son of Zeus, embarks on a dangerous journey.	*** "The Bourne Identity" (2002, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper. An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit.	*** "The Bourne Identity" (2002, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper. An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit.	SYFY Wire's the Great Debate (N)	SYFY Wire's the Great Debate (N)	SYFY Wire's the Great Debate (N)	SYFY Wire's the Great Debate (N)	(:31) * "Jumper" (2008) Hayden Christensen, Jamie Bell.	
TBS	24	156		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Lost Resort (Series Premiere) Wounded souls begin a healing journey. (N)	Conan With guest Patton Oswalt. (N)	Lost Resort Wounded souls begin a healing journey.	Lost Resort Wounded souls begin a healing journey.	
TCM	49	186		(6:00) *** "Mr. Love" (1985) Barry Jackson, Maurice Denham.	*** "Camelot" (1967, Musical) Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave, Franco Nero. Adaptation of the Lerner-Loewe musical about King Arthur.	*** "Camelot" (1967, Musical) Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave, Franco Nero. Adaptation of the Lerner-Loewe musical about King Arthur.	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	Extraordinary-Pregnant Husband	Extraordinary-Pregnant Husband	Extraordinary People: Conjoined	Dr. Pimple Popper	
TLC	43	157		Dr. Pimple Popper "Mic Drop Pop!"	Dr. Pimple Popper	NBA on TNT (N) (Live)	** "San Andreas" (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. (DVS)	Extraordinary People: Conjoined	Extraordinary People: Conjoined	Extraordinary People: Conjoined	Dr. Pimple Popper	
TNT	23	158		Bones "The Eye in the Sky" A high-stakes gambler is found dead.	NBA on TNT (N) (Live)	NBA on TNT (N) (Live)	** "San Andreas" (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. (DVS)	Extraordinary People: Conjoined	Extraordinary People: Conjoined	Extraordinary People: Conjoined	Dr. Pimple Popper	
TRUTV	38	129		Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Tacoma FD (N)	Tacoma FD (N)	Hot One-Game	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers
TV LAND	55	161		Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132		(5:30) *** "John Wick: Chapter 2" (2017) Keanu Reeves. (DVS)	Cannonball "Dare to Cannonball" (N) (DVS)	Cannonball "Dare to Cannonball" (N) (DVS)	(:01) Chrisley Knows Best (N)	(:32) Chrisley Knows Best	(:02) Chrisley Knows Best	(:02) Chrisley Knows Best	(:02) Chrisley Knows Best	(:02) Chrisley Knows Best
WE	68	166		Madea Family	(:45) Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars Jealousy strikes.	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	Marriage- Stars
WGNA	8	172		How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Married ... With

'Lost Resort:' Extreme behavior at wellness spa

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

TBS launches its newest reality series, or "social experiment," tonight. "Lost Resort" (10 p.m., TBS, TV-14) follows nine strangers as they enroll in an extreme wellness center in Costa Rica. As you might expect, there's a lot of extreme behavior as well. Don't take my word for it; this is from the makers of "Real Housewives of New Jersey."

So, expect a gaggle of relatively good-looking types who fill out bathing suits quite nicely. The heat and the quasi-religious blend of sadism, inspiration and "orgasmic" stimulation push many to their breaking point. And of course, there will be mutual attractions and plenty of spats.

One attendee wonders why she thought it was a good idea to enroll at the spa along with her mother. And we have to wonder as well. One angry participant sums up things quite nicely when she shouts, "Y'all just dumb and young, and you don't get it." Indeed.

While it would be easy to blame the excesses of "spiritual healing" and "extreme wellness" on the hucksterism of Gwyneth Paltrow and her GOOP franchise, Americans have been falling for similar charlatans for centuries. Humorist T.C. Boyle set his brilliant 1993 novel "The Road to Wellville" in a Battle Creek, Michigan, turn-of-the-20th-century health retreat. The film was badly adapted for

screen in 1994, starring Matthew Broderick and Anthony Hopkins.

If the human behavior on display on "Lost Resort" is not to your liking, then you might enjoy "The Dog House: UK," an eight-episode feel-good series streaming on HBO Max. Set in the bucolic British countryside, "House" follows the staff of a rescue clinic famed for matching canines in need of a "forever home" with people who have emotional backstories of their own. So, every installment includes rather sad tales of animal abandonment, human loss and a third act replete with hugs and licked faces. Formulaic? Sure. But you'd have to be a beast not to shed a tear or two.

"Tacoma FD" (10:30 p.m., TruTV, TV-MA) resumes its second season after being on hiatus since April.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Time in the mud pit on "Killer Camp" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- Teamwork above all on the series finale of "Blindspot" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Poetry can be murder on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG).
- A pastor's arrest puts Chief Garland in a bind on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave and Franco Nero star in



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Working with a group of alternative healers, nine strangers embark on a voyage of self-discovery at an exotic wellness retreat on the new reality series "Lost Resort," premiering at 10 p.m. today on TBS.

the 1967 adaptation of the Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe Broadway musical "Camelot" (8 p.m., TCM, TV-14). Redgrave and Nero took their Guinevere and Lancelot roles to heart. They became a romantic item and co-starred in the Italian horror film "A Quiet Place in the Country" in 1968.

SERIES NOTES

A lesson in empathy on "Young Sheldon" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Not-so-casual on "The Unicorn" (8:30 p.m., CBS, r, TV-

PG) * On two helpings of "Mom" (CBS, r, TV-14): leaving the scene (9 p.m.), early release (9:30 p.m.).

LATE NIGHT

"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) practices social distancing * Andy Samberg is booked on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, TV-14) * Ava DuVernay and Ben Folds are scheduled on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Will Arnett, Mi-

chaela Coel and H.E.R. on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Sean Hayes guest-hosts Jason Bateman on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Al Gore, Rachel Brosnahan and Nikki Glaspie visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Thomas Middleditch, Ben Schwartz and Billie Joe Armstrong are on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., r, CBS).

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Christopher Nolan's 'Tenet' delayed indefinitely by virus

BY JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Christopher Nolan's "Tenet," which had hoped to herald Hollywood's return to big theatrical releases, has yet again postponed its release due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Warner Bros. said Monday that "Tenet" will not make its August 12 release date. Unlike previous delays, the studio this time didn't announce a new target for the release of Nolan's much-anticipated \$200 million thriller.

"Tenet" had already shifted from July 17, then July 31 and then Aug. 12. Nolan, a staunch advocate for the big-screen experience, has strenuously hoped that "Tenet" could lead the re-

sumption of nationwide and global movie going.

But the surge of the virus across much of the U.S. has upended the industry's aims for even a late-August return. Last week, California ordered its cinemas closed.

Warner Bros. Pictures Group chairman Toby Emmerich said the studio will soon share a new "2020 release date" for "Tenet." It may be a much different rollout, with the film opening in staggered international release.

"We are not treating 'Tenet' like a traditional global day-and-date release, and our upcoming marketing and distribution plans will reflect that," said Emmerich.

Emmerich said the pandemic's spread has forced the studio to reeval-

ate its plans. Warner Bros. also shifted the horror sequel "The Conjuring 3" from Sept. 11 to June 4, 2021.

"Our goals throughout this process have been to ensure the highest odds of success for our films while also being ready to support our theater partners with new content as soon as they could safely reopen," said Emmerich. "We're grateful for the support we've received from exhibitors and remain steadfast in our commitment to the theatrical experience around the world."

Other films have planned their releases partially around the launch of "Tenet." Walt Disney Co.'s "Mulan" remains scheduled for theatrical release on Aug. 21.

Movie theaters remain in a precarious limbo. Without new releases, U.S.

indoor theaters and drive-ins that are open have played mostly older films and a smattering of smaller new releases.

Before the recent spike in the coronavirus crisis, theater chains have sought to assure moviegoers with protocols like limiting theaters to 25-50% capacity and cleaning seats in between showings.

But months of closed theaters and no new product has put enormous pressure on an already stressed business. AMC Theaters, the world's largest chain, recently reached a debt deal to help itself remain solvent.

AMC has been aiming to reopen most locations July 30. Cineworld, which owns Regal Cinemas, had set July 31 for its reopening.

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SUMMONS

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER

Miguel Lothar Brunson,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
Kelso Dewitt McDonald
8 Warren Court
Sumter, South Carolina 29150,
DEFENDANT.

TO THE DEFENDANT HEREIN
NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED
and required to answer the
allegations of the attached
Complaint within thirty (30) days
from the first day after receipt of this
Summons. Your Answer must be
received by the Magistrate's Court
located at 190 East Canal Street,
Sumter, South Carolina.

If you fail to answer within the
prescribed time, a judgment may be
entered against you for the amount
or other remedy requested in the
attached Complaint, plus interest
and costs.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a
Complaint was filed in the above
entitled action in the Sumter County
Magistrate's Court Office on April 27,
2020, for the purpose of instituting
an action against the Defendant as a
result of an auto wreck which
occurred April 29, 2017.

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SUMMONS (NON-JURY)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Case No.: 2020-CP-43-00774

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER

Joseph D. Safford,
Plaintiff,

vs.
Catherine Jenkins, Defaulting tax
payer, her heirs and assigns, and
also all other firms and corporations
entitled to claim under, by and
through Catherine Jenkins and all
other persons or entities unknown
claiming any right, title, interest,
estate in or lien upon the real estate
described herein, and also any
unknown adults being as a class
designated as John Doe, and also any
unknown infants or Persons under
disability being as a Class designated
as Richard Roe,
Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE
NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED
and required to answer the
Complaint in this action, a copy of
which is herewith served upon you,
and to serve a copy of your Answer to
the said Complaint on the Plaintiff
or Patrick M. Killen, Esquire, at his
office located at 1 Law Range, Suite
B, Sumter, South Carolina, within
thirty (30) days after the service
hereof, exclusive of the day of such
service, and if you fail to answer the
Complaint within the time aforesaid,
the Plaintiff in this action will apply
to the Court for the relief demanded
in the Complaint.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE is hereby given that an
action has been commenced to quiet
tax title and confirmation of title in
Plaintiff. The property which is the
subject of the action is described as
follows:

All that certain, parcel or lot of land
with improvements thereon, situate,
lying, and being in the County of
Sumter, South Carolina, being shown
and designated as a Tract 9
containing 6.22 acres, more or less
on a plat prepared by Lewis E.
Leavell, Jr. Surveyor, dated
February 15, 1969 and recorded
October 6, 1969 in the Office of the
Register of Deeds for Sumter County
in Plat Book Z-27 at page 79.

Tax Parcel No.
136-00-03-020

NOTICE OF FILING

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the Summons and Complaint
were filed with the Clerk of Court for
Sumter County, South Carolina on
May 12, 2020. John S. Keffler, whose
address is 10 Law Range, Sumter,
South Carolina 29150, has been
named Guardian ad Litem Nisi to
represent any unknown minors,

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persons under disability or others
who have or may claim an interest in
the subject-property.

McGOWAN, HOOD & FELDER, LLC
Patrick M. Killen
1 Law Range, Suite B
Sumter, South Carolina 29150
(803) 774-5026
(803) 774-5028 Fax

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO: 2020-CP-43-00464 DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER

Wintrust Mortgage, A Division of
Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.,
PLAINTIFF,

vs.
Michael Compton a/k/a Michael F.
Compton a/k/a Michael Francis
Compton, Individually and as
Personal Representative for the
Estate of Belton O'Neal Compton Jr.;
a/k/a Belton O'Neal Compton Jr.;
Denize de Carvalho Caran Compton;
Kell B. Compton a/k/a Kell Brunson
Compton; Golden Construction, LLC;
Synchro Bank; American Express
National Bank; Synovus Bank;
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.;
Gatestone & Co. International, Inc.,
DEFENDANT(S).

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE
NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED
and required to answer the
Complaint herein, a copy of which is
herewith served upon you, or
otherwise appear and defend, and to
serve a copy of your Answer to said
Complaint upon the subscriber at his
office, Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O.
Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within
sixty (60) days after service hereof,
except as to the United States of
America, which shall have ninety
(90) days, exclusive of the day of such
service, and if you fail to answer the
Complaint within the time aforesaid,
or otherwise appear and defend, the
Plaintiff in this action will apply to
the Court for the relief demanded
therein, and judgment by default will
be rendered against you for the
relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE
that should you fail to Answer the
foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff
will move for an Order of Reference
of this case to the Master in Equity
for Sumter County, which Order
shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the
South Carolina Rules of Civil
Procedure, specifically provide that
the said Master in Equity is
authorized and empowered to enter
a final judgment in this case with
appeal only to the South Carolina
Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule
203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June
1, 1999.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN
YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO
MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN
YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON
WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S)
RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS
UNDER SOME LEGAL
DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED
AND NOTIFIED to apply for the
appointment of a guardian ad litem
within sixty (60) days after the
service of this Summons and Notice
upon you. If you fail to do so,
application for such appointment
will be made by the Plaintiff
immediately and separately and
such application will be deemed
absolute and total in the absence of
your application for such an
appointment within sixty (60) days
after the service of the Summons and
Complaint upon you.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE
that should you fail to Answer the
foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff
will move for an Order of Reference
of this case to the Master in Equity
in for this County, which Order shall,
pursuant to Rule 53 of the South
Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure,
specifically provide that the said
Master in Equity is authorized and
empowered to enter a final judgment
in this case with appeal only to the
South Carolina Court of Appeals
pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the
SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE
NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the foregoing Summons, along
with the Complaint, was filed with
the Clerk of Court for Sumter
County, South Carolina, on March 20,
2020.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT
pursuant to the South Carolina
Supreme Court Administrative
Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter
"Order"), you may have a right to

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Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available
Foreclosure Intervention, you may
communicate with and otherwise
deal with the Plaintiff through its
law firm, Hutchens Law Firm LLP,
P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or
call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law
Firm LLP, represents the Plaintiff in
this action and does not represent
you. Under our ethical rules, we are
prohibited from giving you any legal
advice.

You must submit any requests for
Foreclosure Intervention
consideration within 30 days from
the date of this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR
VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO
PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE
INTERVENTION, YOUR
MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT
MAY PROCEED WITH A
FORECLOSURE ACTION.

If you have already pursued loss
mitigation with the Plaintiff, this
Notice does not guarantee the
availability of loss mitigation options
or further review of your
qualifications.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
WITH THE CORONAVIRUS AID,
RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC
SECURITY ACT

My name is: Sarah O. Leonard
First Middle Last

I am (check one) the Plaintiff or X an
authorized agent of the Plaintiff in
the foreclosure case described at the
top of this page. I am capable of
making this certification. The facts
stated in the certification are within
my personal knowledge and are true
and correct.

1. Verification

Pursuant to the South Carolina
Supreme Court Administrative
Orders 2020-04-30-02 and
2020-05-06-01 and based upon the
information provided by the Plaintiff
and/or its authorized servicer as
maintained in its case
management/database records, the
undersigned makes the following
certifications:

Plaintiff is seeking to foreclose upon
the following property commonly
known as:
**2305 Hummingbird Lane,
Summerville, SC 29483**
Street Address & Unit No. (if any)
City County State ZIP

I verify that this property and
specifically the mortgage loan
subject to this action:

[] is NOT a "Federally Backed
Mortgage Loan" as defined by §
4022(a)(2) of the federal Coronavirus
Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
("CARES") Act.

[X] is a "Federally Backed Mortgage
Loan" as defined by § 4022(a)(2)
of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
and Economic Security ("CARES")
Act. Specifically, the foreclosure
moratorium cited in Section
4022(c)(2) of the CARES Act has
expired as of May 18, 2020, and the
property and mortgage are not
currently subject to a forbearance
plan as solely defined in Sections
4022(b) and (c) of the CARES Act.

Please identify which database or
the other information you have used
to determine that the property does
not have a federally backed
mortgage loan or federally backed
multifamily mortgage loan:

I hereby certify that I have reviewed
the loan servicing records and case
management/data base records of
the Plaintiff or its authorized
mortgage servicer, in either digital
or printed form, and that this
mortgage loan is not currently
subject to a forbearance plan as
solely defined in Sections 4022(b)
and (c) of the CARES Act. Pursuant
thereto, I certify that the facts stated
in this Certification are within my
personal knowledge, excepting those
matters based upon my information
and belief as to the said loan
servicing records and case
management/data base records of
the Plaintiff or mortgage servicer,
and to those matters I believe them
to be true. See, Rule 11(c), SCRPC;
BB&T of South Carolina v. Fleming,
360 S.C. 341, 601 S.E.2d 540 (2004).

2. Declaration:
I certify that the foregoing
statements made by me are true and
correct. I am aware that if any of the
foregoing statements made by me are
willfully false, I am subject to
punishment by contempt.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION

Summons & Notice

FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE
PURPOSE OF THIS
COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT
A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR
THAT PURPOSE, except as stated
below in the instance of bankruptcy
protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE
PROTECTION OF THE
BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE
BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT
OF A BANKRUPTCY
PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS
GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO
STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND
FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES
AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN
ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT
OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT,
ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR
ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT
FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements

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tools, and household items.

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Substitute teachers needed. Send re-
sume to info@sumterchristian.org

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AROUND TOWN

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please note that due to the threat of COVID-19, some events may be cancelled or rescheduled unexpectedly.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office Citizens Community Relations Advisory Board will hold its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 27, at the Sheriff's Office, 1281 N. Main St. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the meeting will not be open to the public. However, it will be televised live via the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. Attorney Glenn Givens will speak on wills.

FYI

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The National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina is in need of unwanted vehicles — even ones that don't run. The car will be towed at no charge to you and you will be provided with a possible tax deduction. The donated vehicle will be sold at auction or recycled for salvageable parts. Call (800) 488-2277.

The Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation Inc. (MDFF), a non-profit organization, accepts vehicle contributions. To complete a vehicle donation, call 1-800-544-1213 or log onto the organization's web site at www.mdff.org and click on the automobile icon to complete an online vehicle donation application.

Ebenezer Community (C.O.P.S.) meetings are held every third Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Ebenezer Community Center, 4580 Queen Chapel Road, Dalzell.

Sumter Area Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at the Sumter Mall community room, 1057 Broad St. The group helps in developing speaking and leadership skills. Call Douglas Wilson at (803) 778-0197

or Rebecca Gonzalez at (803) 565-9271.

Sumter Newcomers Club welcomes new residents (and even some longtime residents) with coffees and luncheons each month. Call Anna Nunnery at (803) 469-0143 or Jeanne Bessel at (803) 469-0598.

OASIS Care provides free medical and dental care for qualifying persons living with HIV and AIDS. Call LaVonda Johnson at (803) 775-8523.

The Rise and Shine Call Program, sponsored by LifeLine Senior Services Inc., is a free service that provides a daily "reassurance" call to older adults who live alone in the community. Call (803) 774-7414.

The Westside Neighborhood Association meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Bernie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St.

The Christian Golfers' Association (CGA) meets at 8 a.m. each Tuesday for Bible study at the CGA office in Dillon Park. Refreshments provided and golf will follow. Call (803) 773-2171.

The Ballard-Palmer-Bates American Legion Post 202 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Post, 310 Palmetto St. All veterans are welcome to attend. Call (803) 773-4811.

PUBLIC AGENDA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some of the following meetings/events may be cancelled, rescheduled or held virtually.

SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD CREATIVE ENVIRONMENTS INC. INDEPENDENT LIVING INC. ABILITIES UNLIMITED INC. ADAPTIVE LIFESTYLES INC. MAGNOLIA MANOR INC. FIRST FLIGHT INC.
Tuesday, July 28, 8 a.m., 750 Electric Drive, Call (803) 778-1669, extension 2537.

MCLEOD HEALTH CLARENDON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, July 28, 6 p.m., hospital board room, 10 E. Hospital St., Manning

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 28, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION
Today, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

SANTEE WATEREE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, July 27, 6 p.m., 129 S. Harvin St. For special accommodations, call (803) 934-0396, extension 103.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay focused on what you want to

achieve. Don't waste time and energy on negative situations, arguments or people who are too demanding. Consider what you want to accomplish, and follow a direct path to your designated destination. Romance will ease stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a moment to mull over what's happening around you. The changes others make will present an opportunity or a challenge, depending on how you handle the situation. Don't act in haste or on hearsay. Verify information and proceed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a step back, think matters through thoroughly and regroup. An emotional situation will be easy to handle if you are practical, intelligent and have something to offer that persuades others to support your efforts. Personal growth, fitness and love are encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Listen to your inner voice, and you will know precisely how to handle a delicate matter. You may not fancy a change, but today you will benefit if you make a move. Trust your intuition, and take a leap of faith.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Set your sights on what you want, but don't go overboard trying to achieve the impossible. Do your research, and you'll discover the ins and outs that will help you implement the success you are looking for at a price you can afford.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to let an emotional matter come between you and common sense. An effective change can make your life better and your troubles

diminish. Do what's best for you, and you will feel good about what you've accomplished.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your thoughts to yourself, and go about your business. Focus more on personal growth, achievements and health, not what others are doing. Don't let the implications or changes others make disrupt your plans or your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Discuss your options with someone who has experience, and the information offered will help you make a decision that will influence your future and where and how you live. Apply your skills and knowledge to something that excites you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get hung up on detail. Take a step back, consider what's most important to you and do what you feel will bring the return or response you want. Don't let anyone mess with your personal life or emotions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do what makes you feel comfortable. Altering your living space to fit your lifestyle will ease stress. An investment will pay off if your decision to invest was for practical reasons. Clear thoughts produce excellent results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep busy. Self-improvements will keep you from laboring over emotional issues you cannot change. You can't buy love or respect. Primping, pampering and spending quality time with someone you love are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider what you enjoy doing most, and try to work it into your daily routine. A little comfort, kindness or relaxation will go a long way toward easing stress. A creative project will lead to unexpected opportunities.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
A t-storm late in the p.m.	Humid with patchy clouds	A couple of afternoon t-storms	Mostly cloudy with a t-storm	A couple of afternoon t-storms	An afternoon thunderstorm
93°	73°	90° / 73°	90° / 73°	91° / 74°	96° / 75°
Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 50%
SSW 4-8 mph	S 3-6 mph	SSW 3-6 mph	SW 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph	WSW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

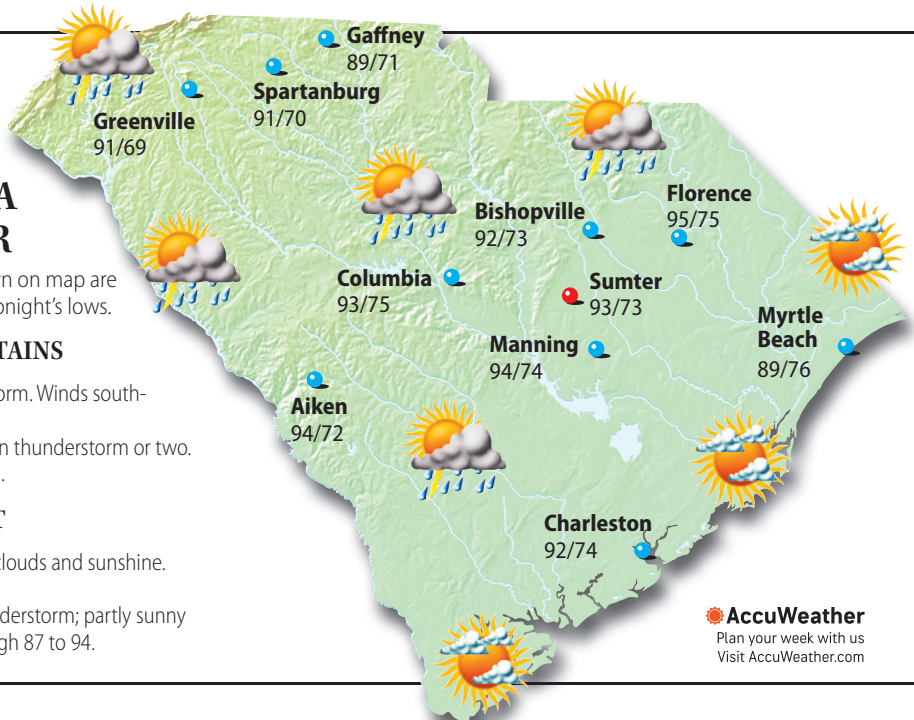
Today: A thunderstorm. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.

Friday: An afternoon thunderstorm or two. Winds west 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 89 to 94.

Friday: A stray thunderstorm; partly sunny in southern parts. High 87 to 94.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	93°	75°	91°	70°	104° in 1986	61° in 1974

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	0.00"	2.90"	3.76"	34.18"	20.63"	26.68"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.42	+0.01
Marion	76.8	75.39	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.23	-0.03
Wateree	100	96.75	+0.09

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.43	-0.88
Congaree River	19	3.05	-3.02
Lynches River	14	4.72	-0.29
Saluda River	14	4.31	-0.08
Up. Santee River	80	76.93	+0.11
Wateree River	24	9.31	-2.06

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:27 a.m.	Sunset	8:29 p.m.
Moonrise	9:27 a.m.	Moonset	10:57 p.m.

Phase	First	Full	Last	New
	July 27	Aug. 3	Aug. 11	Aug 18

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	11:56 a.m.	2.9	6:30 a.m.	-0.1
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Fri.	12:13 a.m.	3.5	7:17 a.m.	-0.2
	12:49 p.m.	3.0	7:32 p.m.	-0.1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	94/72/t	92/72/t
Chicago	81/67/pc	86/70/pc
Dallas	93/78/s	93/77/s
Detroit	83/65/pc	83/65/s
Houston	94/76/t	87/77/t
Los Angeles	77/60/pc	78/62/pc
New Orleans	86/80/t	84/79/t
New York	89/74/t	87/73/t
Orlando	88/77/pc	91/75/t
Philadelphia	91/74/t	89/73/t
Phoenix	100/85/t	99/82/t
San Francisco	70/56/pc	66/55/pc
Wash., DC	92/74/t	90/75/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	84/68/t	84/66/t	Florence	95/75/t	88/74/t
Athens	94/71/t	92/73/t	Gainesville	90/72/t	92/72/t
Augusta	97/72/t	94/74/t	Gastonia	91/72/t	89/68/t
Beaufort	94/75/pc	94/75/t	Goldsboro	94/73/t	87/72/t
Cape Hatteras	91/81/pc	88/79/t	Goose Creek	93/75/pc	92/76/t
Charleston	92/74/pc	91/75/t	Greensboro	90/69/t	87/70/t
Charlotte	91/71/t	88/69/t	Greenville	91/69/t	88/68/t
Clemson	91/72/t	90/70/t	Hickory	86/68/t	85/66/t
Columbia	93/75/t	90/73/t	Hilton Head	89/77/pc	90/78/pc
Darlington	92/74/t	88/72/t	Jacksonville, FL	90/74/t	92/73/pc
Elizabeth City	96/74/pc	89/73/t	La Grange	95/73/t	94/74/t
Elizabethtown	94/74/t	87/72/t	Macon	98/73/t	96/73/t
Fayetteville	94/72/t	87/72/t	Marietta	91/71/t	91/71/t
			Marion	86/67/t	85/64/t
			Mt. Pleasant	90/76/pc	90/77/pc
			Myrtle Beach	89/76/pc	87/73/pc
			Orangeburg	94/73/t	92/71/t
			Port Royal	91/76/pc	91/76/c
			Raleigh	92/73/t	88/70/t
			Rock Hill	91/71/t	87/68/t
			Rockingham	92/72/t	86/70/t
			Savannah	93/74/pc	94/73/t
			Spartanburg	91/70/t	88/68/t
			Summerville	92/74/pc	91/75/t
			Wilmington	92/76/pc	88/73/t
			Winston-Salem	89/69/t	87/70/t

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Kelly Logan shares this photo of a Mississippi kite. Logan comments, "He was after something on the ground and opened his wings when he saw me."