

Homes with grandparents weigh risk as school starts

State Senate is called back to 'protect the voter and the vote'

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The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's Senate is coming back into session in two weeks to consider possible election law updates necessitated by the coronavirus outbreak.

In a news release Monday, Senate President Harvey Peeler said state senators would return Sept. 2 to "make plans to protect the voter and the vote" given that the pandemic continues in the run up to the November general election.

"If the COVID-19 pandemic is still prevalent in our state, the Senate must make plans to protect the voter and the vote," Peeler said. "We don't know what the situation will be like in November, but we need to prepare for safe and secure voting."

State lawmakers had already been slated to return in mid-September, purportedly to discuss possible election tweaks, among other issues. House Majority Leader Gary Simrill said Monday that chamber would stick to its

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Local postal service concerns growing

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An uproar of complaints has been echoed across the United States since it was announced that citizens should expect mail delivery delays lasting through November, jeopardizing many who rely on the U.S. Postal Service.

The delay has been attributed to new Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, who has pushed cost-cutting measures amid the

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pandemic. President Donald Trump has voiced disdain for mail-in voting, saying in the past week he may hold up funding for the postal service to impede those

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Biden ally Clyburn brings civil rights legacy to DNC



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House Majority Whip James Clyburn, a Sumter native, speaks alongside House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California on April 29. Clyburn is now the highest-ranking Black lawmaker in Congress, the House Democratic Whip, and one of the few leaders of the civil rights movement still in elected office today.

Former vice president will accept nomination Thursday night virtually

BY LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional correspondent

WASHINGTON — In October 1960, a young James Clyburn gathered with other students and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. as frustrations mounted about civil rights protests in what was becoming a tumultuous, dangerous year.

John Lewis was there. Marion Barry, too. The one-hour meeting at Atlanta's Morehouse College stretched to 4 a.m. Clyburn, who said he had not "bought into nonviolence," emerged to view it as a valuable tactic in the struggle and a King "disciple."

Clyburn is now the highest-ranking Black lawmaker in Congress, the House Democratic whip, and with so many of his contemporaries gone, he is one of the few leaders of the civil rights movement still in elective office today.

He was to bring that connection to the Democratic National Convention on Monday, speaking to a coun-

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BOBBY DONALDSON

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try in a new, contentious chapter in its pursuit of racial justice and to a party on the verge of nominating the first Black woman for vice president.

"This country moves like a pendulum on the clock," Clyburn told The Associated Press in an interview. "It goes to the right for a while, and it goes back left for a while."

Whether it shifts again, he said, depends on "how we participate in November."

The 80-year-old from rural Sumter County has lived and worked through those swings and remained an often quiet political force throughout. Last year, he used his sway to help deliver his home state for Joe Biden. It was a moment that revived the former vice president's campaign and set him on a path to the nomination he is due to receive later this week, along with running mate Sen. Kamala Harris of California.

Clyburn is pressing many of the same issues he has for decades — particularly focusing on Black voting rights ahead of the election. Clyburn is also a close confidant of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and has been a prominent congressional critic of President Donald Trump.

"Sixty years ago, 19-year-old Jim Clyburn was seeking a better future

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Ballots set for Sumter mayor, city council, school board

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The field has been set.

Seven elected positions will be decided among 20 candidates in Sumter's non-partisan races, including a few late filers for mayor and only three incumbents.

Sumterites will decide who their new mayor will be on Nov. 3 after Joe McElveen announced at the beginning of the year he would not seek reelection after serving in the role for 20 years. Two city council members are running to succeed him, including one whose seat is up for election. Therefore, he left it open.

A second city council seat on the ballot also features all newcomers after Ione Dwyer also did not seek reelection. A third race features one candidate challenging the only incumbent to run for a council seat.

Two school board seats feature unopposed incumbents, while the third will be a race between four candidates after the Rev. Ralph Canty decided not to run again.

All City of Sumter residents will see the mayor's race on their ballots. Those

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Candidate in 5th Congressional District race runs for Sumter mayor

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A Sumter native who lost a congressional race in 2018 over revealed controversy is seeking another chance to become a politician by filing his candidacy for Sumter's next mayor.



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With plans to put the pandemic, government accountability and ethics at the top of his list, Archie Parnell said he decided to run for mayor to create a bold vision that will put the well-being of Sumter residents first.

"There is an opportunity in this crisis to make Sumter better," Parnell said. "We need a full-time leader who believes

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Sports Clips raises money for fallen Shaw pilot's wife



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Staff and customers at Sports Clips on Broad Street in Sumter rallied together after hearing of the death of First Lt. David "MEZr" Schmitz. In an effort to show support for the 32-year-old's widow, Assistant Manager Stephanie Amerson talked to her manager about holding a fundraiser at the store. Almost their entire customer base is military, she said. They raised \$2,700 and offered a box of handwritten notes to Valerie Schmitz on Friday. Her husband died in July at Shaw Air Force Base when his F-16 crashed during a training routine. The couple had moved to Sumter only in January, and Schmitz said while they didn't have much time to get to know people before COVID-19 hit, the show of support from all over Sumter has amazed her.

Morris awarded \$1.6M grant

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Morris College, a historically black college in Sumter, was recently awarded an educational assistance grant of \$1,679,210 by the United States Department of Education.

The money will be dispersed over a five-year period at \$335,842 each year beginning Sept. 1.

Morris College President Leroy Staggers said in a news release, "These funds will be most helpful in assisting many Morris College students to enrich their academic experiences while in college, as well as help them to realize their career goals."

The Student Support Services Program grant is funded under Title IV of

the Higher Education Act. These funds were awarded to the college to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education. In some cases, grant aid in the form of cash payments may be awarded to participating students.

Services provided through the Student Support Services Program, directed by Joseph Jones, include academic tutoring, advising and assistance in course selection, financial literacy, assistance in completing financial aid applications, group and individualized counseling for personal, career and academic matters, along with exposure to cultural events and academic pro-

grams not usually available to disadvantaged students.

The awarding of this grant will enable Morris College to continue providing academic and other support services to low-income, first-generation and students with disabilities to increase students' retention and graduation rates.

In July, Morris College was among eight HBSUs included in a \$2.4 million award from Gov. Henry McMaster's Emergency Education Relief Fund, distributed through the federal CARES Act. Funding must be used to boost technology for distance learning.

About \$740,000 in CARES Act funding was distributed directly to Morris students for financial assistance in May.

COVID-19 testing today in Sumter

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Free COVID-19 testing will be held today at the Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St.

MUSC Health in partnership with the state Department of Health and Environmental Control will run the pop-up testing site between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Testing is free, and anyone who drives or walks up can be tested.

Bring photo identification and an insurance card. Insurance is not required to be tested, but the CARES Act requires MUSC Health to bill your insurance provider if you are covered. There is no cost to you to be tested.

MUSC Health is also planning to open a mobile testing site in Manning on Monday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St.

UNC reports 130 confirmed infections, switches to online

BY SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
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North Carolina's flagship university canceled in-person classes for undergraduates just a week into the fall semester Monday as the school and other campuses across the U.S. scrambled to deal with coronavirus clusters linked in some cases to student housing, off-campus parties and packed bars.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill said it will switch to remote learning on Wednesday and make arrangements for students who want to leave campus housing.

"We have emphasized that if we were faced with the need to change plans — take an off-ramp — we would not hesitate to do so, but we have not taken this decision lightly," it said in a statement after reporting 130 confirmed infections among students and five among employees during the past week.

UNC said the clusters were discovered in dorms, a fraternity house and other student housing.

Before the decision came down, the student newspaper, *The Daily Tar Heel*, ran an editorial headlined, "UNC has a clusterf—k on its hands," though without the dashes.

The paper said that the parties that took place during the weekend were no surprise and that administrators should have begun the semester with online-only instruction at the university, which has 19,000 undergraduates.

"We all saw this coming," the editorial said.

Outbreaks earlier this summer at fraternities in Washington state, California and Mississippi provided a glimpse of the challenges school officials face in keeping the virus from spreading on campuses where young people eat, live, study — and party — in close quarters.

The virus has been blamed for more

than 170,000 deaths and 5.4 million confirmed infections in the U.S.

At Oklahoma State in Stillwater, where a widely circulated video during the weekend showed maskless students packed into a nightclub, officials confirmed 23 coronavirus cases at an off-campus sorority house. The university placed the students living there in isolation and prohibited them from leaving.

"As a student, I'm frustrated as hell," said Ryan Novozinsky, a junior from Allentown, New Jersey, and editor of the student newspaper. "These are people I have to interact with." And, he added, "there will be professors they interact with, starting today, that won't be able to fight this off."

OSU has a combination of in-person and online courses. Students, staff and faculty are required to wear masks indoors and outdoors where social distancing isn't possible.

CORRECTION

A story in Friday's edition about Sumter School District's LEAP Days referenced daily temperature checks for the district's hybrid/blended model of instruction, which it is not yet offering. District administration said daily temperature checks will not be mandatory at schools, citing what they said is an inconclusive nature of those tests.

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for himself and those around him," said Bobby Donaldson, a professor of history at the University of South Carolina who heads the Center for Civil Rights History and Research. "So it's ironic now, 60 years later, two generations later, he is now one of the architects of the very nation that he sought to be aspiring toward."

The son of a reverend and a beauty shop operator, Clyburn early on wanted to pursue a career in public service, only to be warned off by teachers as not the place for a Black boy from the South, he recounts in his autobiography, "Blessed Experiences: Genuinely Southern, Proudly Black."

As a South Carolina State University student, he quickly engaged in the 1960 student boycotts that sparked the civil rights movement. Within weeks of the Greensboro, North Carolina, lunch-counter sit in, Clyburn's classmates organized a 1,000-student march in rural Orangeburg, with hundreds arrested, jailed in an outdoor stockyard. A decade later, he made his first run for elective office.

He describes racial disparities that resonate to this day — boarding an airplane in "the most expensive suit I ever bought in my life," flanked by the Capitol Police security detail that are assigned to House leaders. The flight attendant mistook him for a prisoner transport, he said.

Clyburn is seen by many as a political kingmaker in South Carolina; he earned Bill Clinton's wrath for tipping the scales to Barack Obama over Hillary Clinton in the state's 2008 primary. Clyburn was instrumental in positioning the Palmetto State after Iowa and New Hampshire for the early vote.

This time around, Clyburn said, he didn't want to just back Biden. He wanted to ensure "the lift he needed" for the campaign.

"Joe Biden was limping along," Clyburn told the AP. "What we had to do was to do something that would allow him to take on the aura of a winner."

Clyburn said he recorded radio ads and calls to flood South Carolina with his endorsement. Some Democrats downplay the influence, arguing South Carolina's robust Black electorate was already inclined to vote for Biden.

What's happening at the U.S. Postal Service?

BY NICHOLAS RICCARDI
The Associated Press

The U.S. Postal Service is warning states it cannot guarantee that all ballots cast by mail for the Nov. 3 election will arrive in time to be counted, even if ballots are mailed by state deadlines. That's raising the possibility that millions of voters could be disenfranchised.

It's the latest chaotic and confusing development involving the agency, which has found itself in the middle of a high-stakes election year debate about who gets to vote in America and how. Those questions are particularly potent in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic, which has led many Americans to consider voting by mail instead of heading to in-person polling places.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE POST OFFICE?

The Post Office has lost money for years, though advocates note it's a government service rather than a profit-maximizing business.

In June, Louis DeJoy, a Republican donor and logistics company executive, took over as the new postmaster general, and Trump tasked him with trying to make the Postal Service more profitable. Doing so would also squeeze businesses such as Amazon. Its chief executive, Jeff Bezos, has come under criticism from Trump because of the coverage the

president has received from *The Washington Post*, which Bezos owns.

DeJoy cut overtime, late delivery trips and other expenses that ensure mail arrives at its destination on time. The result has been a national slowdown of mail.

The Postal Service is hoping for a \$10 billion infusion from Congress to continue operating, but talks between Democrats and Republicans about a broad pandemic relief package that could have included that money have broken down.

On Thursday, Trump frankly acknowledged that he's starving the postal service of that money to make it harder to process an expected surge of mail-in ballots. Trump on Saturday attempted to re-calibrate his position. He said that he supports more funding for the postal service but refuses to capitulate to other parts of the Democrats' relief package — including funding for cash-strapped states.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER IN AN ELECTION YEAR?

Mail-in ballots have exploded in popularity since the pandemic spread in mid-March, at the peak of primary season. Some states have seen the demand for mail voting increase fivefold or more during the primaries. Election officials are bracing for the possibility that half of all voters — or even more will cast ballots by mail in

November.

Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Washington state have universal mail voting, and California, Nevada and Vermont are starting universal mail voting in November. But the rest have little experience with such a volume of ballots cast through the mail.

Timely mail is key to voting by mail. In states without universal mail-in voting, applications for mail ballots are generally sent out to voters by mail. They're returned, again, by mail. Then the actual ballots are sent to voters by mail, and returned, again, by mail, usually by Election Day.

Late last month, Thomas J. Marshall, the post office's general counsel and executive vice president, sent states a letter warning that many of them have deadlines too tight to meet in this new world of slower mail.

Pennsylvania, for example, allows voters to request a mail ballot by Oct. 27. Marshall warned that voters there should put already completed ballots in the mail by that date to ensure they arrive by Nov. 3.

This has been a potential problem since the Obama administration, when the post office relaxed standards for when mail had to arrive. But it's particularly acute when the volume of mail ballots is expected to explode in states such as Pennsylvania, which only approved an expansion of mail voting late last year. It's also

acute when the president has said openly he wants to limit votes by his rivals by keeping them from voting by mail.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

It's unclear. The first question is whether there will be a coronavirus relief bill that could help fund the post office. Republicans and Democrats are far apart on the measure, and Congress has gone home for a few weeks.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is calling the chamber back into session this week to address the Postal Service.

A vote is expected Saturday on legislation, the "Delivering for America Act," that would prohibit any changes in mail delivery or services for 2020. Congress is on summer recess and had not been expected to return until September. The Senate remains away.

If there's no resolution of the coronavirus aid, the matter is sure to come up during negotiations in September to continue to fund the federal government. The government will shut down if Trump doesn't sign a funding bill by Sept. 30.

States can also act to change their mail balloting deadlines. That's what Pennsylvania did this past week, with the state asking a court to move the deadline for receiving mail ballots back to three days after the Nov. 3 vote, provided the ballots were placed in the mail before polls close on Election Day.

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plans to return Sept. 15, not earlier.

Ahead of the state's June primary elections, state lawmakers in May agreed to several changes including universal absentee voting and a waiver of the witness requirement for absentee ballots.

Referencing the "bi-partisan manner" in which those issues were handled, Peeler wrote he was "hopeful we can do it again and return later in September to address the remaining legislative business."

In July, South Carolina Democrats again

took legal action to challenge limits on absentee voting for the general election, filing a petition asking the state Supreme Court to take action against Peeler and House Speaker Jay Lucas, warning that poll workers and voters "are headed for calamity" unless changes

are made.

The filing sought adoption of a plan by state election officials — strapped by limited numbers of poll workers willing to man booths on Election Day and confronted by voters fearful of getting sick while voting — that calls in part for no-excuse absentee vot-

ing, eliminates the absentee witness requirement and gives more time for counting absentee ballots.

In subsequent filings, attorneys for Lucas and Peeler asked that the case be dismissed, arguing that election law changes should be handled by legislators, not the courts.

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Homes with grandparents weigh risk as school starts

PHOENIX (AP) — Zita Robinson, who's 77 and diabetic, has been careful around her granddaughter since the coronavirus pandemic took hold.

A door connects Robinson's apartment in Phoenix to the main house where 8-year-old Trary "Trary" Robinson-Newman and her mother live, but it mostly stays shut. Their only physical contact is if Trary walks in with her back toward Grandma. Then Robinson will kiss her own hand and lightly touch Trary's back — "like I'm sending her a kiss with my hand."

"It's very hard," Robinson said. "We live together, but we live apart."

Not hugging Grandma is hard for Trary, too: "It's like I can't see her anymore."

The separation Trary and her grandmother experience in their home is becoming a bigger issue as children go back to school. Many public schools nationwide are starting remotely in the fall, but if classes resume in person later this year, the chasm could grow between generations who live together.

Millions of seniors 65 and up, one of the populations most vulnerable to the virus, live with a school-age child. For those households, the new school year means reconsidering interactions from family dinner to bedtime hugs.

While studies so far suggest children are less likely to become infected with COVID-19 or only experience mild symptoms, data isn't conclusive on whether infected kids easily spread the disease. In a Georgia school district that has reopened classrooms, possible exposure has forced more than 1,200 students and staff into

quarantine and two high schools to close.

If a grandchild does bring the virus home, grandparents of color are at higher risk than their white counterparts, experts say.

As of 2018, the U.S. had 51 million seniors, with 3.3 million, or 6%, living with at least one child between 5 and 18, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation study. The situation is far more prevalent among communities of color: 19% of Asian and Pacific Islander seniors live with a school-age child, 17% of Hispanics, 13% of American Indian or Alaska Natives and 11% of Black people. Just 4% of older whites live with a school-age child.

"I think there hasn't been a lot of attention to the ripple effects on older people who may live in the same household," said Tricia Neuman, one of the report's authors.

People of color are already at greater risk from the virus because they're more likely to be essential workers who can't work from home, among other factors, Neuman said. They more often live in multigenerational households because of cultural norms, sharing expenses or getting help with child care.

That could become more prevalent as COVID-19 clobbers the U.S. economy. Living with extended family increased during the Great Recession in 2009, according to Jaia Peterson, deputy executive director of Generations United, an advocacy group focused on intergenerational issues.

Malia Letalu lives in a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house in Santa Clara, California, with her husband,



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Zita Robinson, left, who is 77 and diabetic, blows a kiss to her granddaughter, Trary "Trary" Robinson-Newman, 8, who blows a kiss back to her, on Tuesday in Phoenix, Arizona. Robinson has been careful around her granddaughter amid the pandemic.

four children — ages 9, 5, 2 and 3 months — and her mother and stepfather. Letalu, who is Samoan and Filipino, decided to live with her parents a few years ago so she could help if they got sick. They're in their mid-60s and have several health conditions between them, including diabetes and heart disease.

But Letalu won't separate them from her oldest kids if school transitions to both remote and in-person learning later this year.

"I guess you could say it's for emotional reasons," Letalu said. "If there really was a possibility of exposure at the school ... then I would definitely social distance them and quarantine them inside. I would also take us all to go get tested."

Yoma Villalobos, whose parents live with her in Phoenix, worries about big changes at home if the virtual lessons for her 12-year-old and 9-year-old sons at the start of the school year become

a mix of in-person classes.

If that happens, she will have them shower and change clothes when they get home from school. The boys hate wearing masks, but Villalobos thinks they might use them if it meant protecting their grandparents, who they kiss and hug each morning.

"We're such a close family. For us, eating together is our thing," said Villalobos, who's Latina. "If we were to change our dynamic, that changes the whole family."

Being in the same house can make it tempting to bend the rules on social distancing or wearing masks. Peterson of Generations United advises families to agree on what rules to stick to and find unique ways to connect.

"I also believe when something happens and families get creative ... those can be some of the strongest memories for children and positive memories," Peterson said.

New push on training officers how to stop abuse in own ranks

BY DAVE COLLINS

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Despite policies on the books for years that require officers across the United States to stop colleagues from using excessive force, there has been little or no effort to teach officers how to intervene, law enforcement officials and experts say.

That's now changing following the killing of George Floyd, who died after a white Minneapolis police officer held a knee to Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes while three colleagues watched. Police departments nationwide are showing new interest in training officers how they should stop, or try to stop, abuse in their own ranks.

"I don't think departments have prepared their officers sufficiently to deal with that sort of situation," said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington-based think tank. "Have we really thought through what that actually means, what's actually expected of them? 'Duty to intervene' has to mean more than words. It has to mean actions."

Officials in New Orleans, which has what many consider to be the nation's model police peer intervention program, say that since Floyd's death in May, they have received more than 100 inquiries from police departments seeking information about their specialized training.

Baltimore's police department, led by former New Orleans Police Superintendent Michael Harrison, is putting in

place similar peer intervention training, as are the Philadelphia police and several other departments.

Minneapolis adopted a policy in 2016 requiring officers to intervene when colleagues are using inappropriate force. Yet three other officers at the scene failed to stop 19-year police veteran Derek Chauvin when he put his knee on Floyd's neck despite Floyd's cries that he could not breathe.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. The three other officers — two of whom say they voiced concerns to Chauvin — are charged with aiding and abetting.

In New Orleans, all officers have to take the peer intervention training, called Ethical Policing Is Courageous, or EPIC. They are put through a variety of scenarios in which they are taught different ways to verbally intervene, then physically intervene if needed, and how to respond when they themselves are the target of the intervention.

"Almost all situations are not going to be like the one in Minnesota where you actually have to physically remove

somebody," said Chief Deputy Superintendent Paul Noel.

"Most of the interventions that we're talking about are going to be verbal."

Floyd's death spurred nationwide protests and prompted many places to consider policing changes. Dallas; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Louisville, Kentucky, are among the cities that have implemented duty to intervene policies in recent months. Connecticut recently passed a wide-ranging police law that includes a statewide duty to intervene.

"These reforms are long overdue," Gov. Ned Lamont, D-Conn., said after signing the bill into law.

The duty to intervene is not a new concept. There were calls for requiring officers to stop inappropriate use of force after the beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles police in 1991 as many officers looked on. Similar calls came after Eric Garner died in 2014 when a New York City officer put him in a chokehold with other officers present.

New York City has had an intervention policy since 2016. Los Angeles has had a policy for years requiring officers to stop others from committing

misconduct, but officials are now updating it to specifically include excessive force.

Court rulings, some dating to the early 1970s, have said officers are required to intervene when colleagues are violating people's civil rights.

But the culture at many departments may look down at officers who intervene and lead to retaliation against them, and that has been an obstacle to duty to intervene policies, said Jon Blum, a law enforcement consultant and former police officer.

"Having a policy in place is great, but to a degree it can be window dressing," said Blum, who was North Carolina's statewide police training director in the late 1990s and early 2000s. "Policy does not necessarily change the culture of an organization or the culture of what officers are doing. I think it comes down to training."

In 2008, Buffalo, New York, police officer Cariol Horne was fired for interfering with another officer who she said was choking a handcuffed suspect. When she yelled at Officer Gregory Kwiatkowski and grabbed his arm during the 2006 incident, he responded by punching her in the face, she said.

An arbitration process determined she put the lives of the officers at the scene in danger, and she lost her appeals of her firing. Buffalo officials recently asked New York's attorney general to review the case.

In New Orleans, calls for change came more than a decade ago in response to deadly incidents against unarmed civilians following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The police department remains under a consent decree with the U.S. Justice Department that resolved allegations of unconstitutional conduct and ordered an overhaul.

Noel, the New Orleans chief deputy police superintendent, said there was a lot of skepticism within the department when officials launched the peer intervention program in 2016.

"As it was unveiled, more and more people saw how important this was, and eventually we were able to get our department on board," he said. "Our organization didn't have the best reputation about seven to 10 years ago. We've been working really hard to change the culture of our organization, and this has been a major piece of that."

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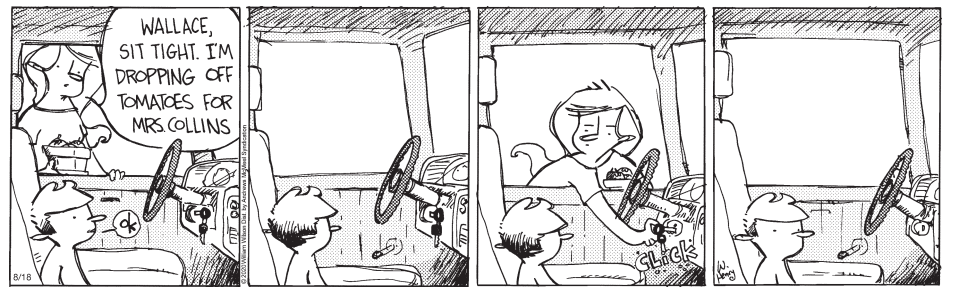
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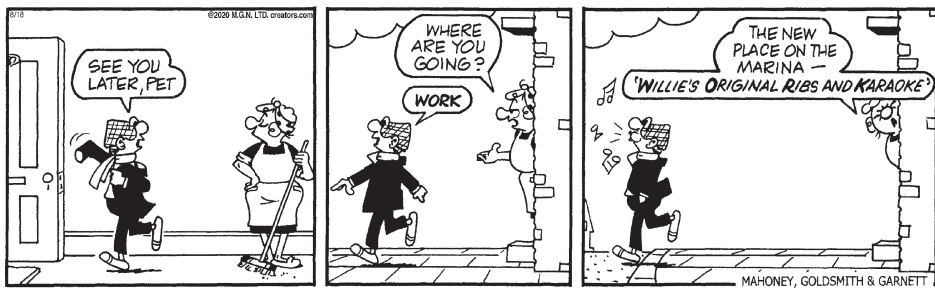
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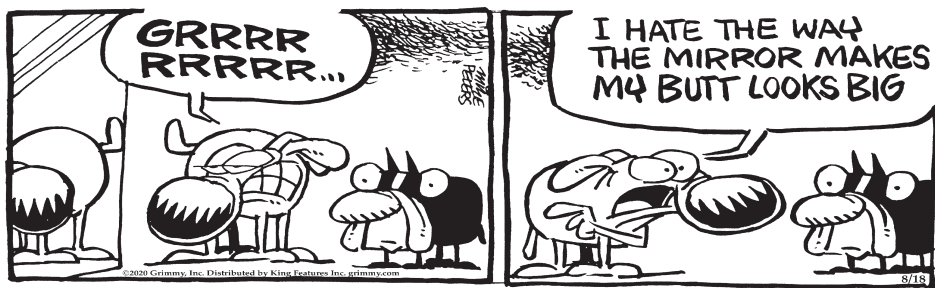
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Man pines for wife who left without an explanation



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — My wife left me a little more than two years ago, and I can't seem to get over it. All she said was that we had an "emotional disconnect." I don't believe she

was unfaithful. getting out and participating in leisure activities since your wife left? That would be one way to get your mind off her because sitting around thinking about her is counterproductive.

Your ex should've been more specific about why she left. Understanding would have helped you start to really heal. Because it has been two years and you haven't been able to work this out, please talk with a licensed psychotherapist. Your physician or health insurance provider can give you the names of qualified professionals. Please don't wait to ask.

DEAR ABBY — My daughter just informed me that she will be hanging a deer head in their living room. Her live-in boyfriend loves to hunt, and she's doing this for him. Just thinking about it makes me physical-

ly ill. My thoughts turn to a dying animal who is suffering.

My husband and I gave my daughter \$12,000 to buy this home. I want her to rethink her decision based on the fact that this disturbs me, not that I'm trying to push her around because we gave her this money. I know she will take it personally and be upset at me. Help!

Uneasy in Oregon

DEAR UNEASY — I think we both know your daughter is an adult and entitled to make that decision without worrying that her fella's hobby bothers you. We don't have to like it or approve. Because what's upsetting you is the idea that the deer suffered, ask your daughter (or him) how many shots it took to take the creature down. If it was more than one, you might be happier entertaining them in your home.

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.

CEJTE

SOMEQ

VLRIDE

GTARYE

Answer here:



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CROAK SHOWN EFFORT PREFER
Answer: When the new horse track opened, they were — OFF TO THE RACES

SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	2	5	3	7	6	8	4	1
6	4	7	2	1	8	9	3	5
8	3	1	5	9	4	7	6	2
1	7	8	6	3	2	5	9	4
4	5	3	9	8	7	2	1	6
2	9	6	1	4	5	3	8	7
7	1	9	4	2	3	6	5	8
3	6	2	8	5	1	4	7	9
5	8	4	7	6	9	1	2	3

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Mark McClain 8/18/20

- ACROSS**
- 1 Give kudos to
 - 5 Trudge through water
 - 10 News piece
 - 14 Marriott alternative
 - 15 Cake instruction
 - 16 Empty-truck weight
 - 17 *Bring dinner to diners, say
 - 19 Gumbo pod
 - 20 Villainous expressions
 - 21 Jamaican export
 - 22 Revolutionary Trotsky
 - 23 To and
 - 24 *Discover incriminating information
 - 26 Not yet resolved
 - 29 Yorkie, size-wise
 - 30 Sans accomplices
 - 31 Work on punches
 - 34 Buffalo hockey pro
 - 38 ID checker's concern
 - 39 *Band's cheat sheet
 - 41 Schlep
 - 42 "Sorry to say ..."
 - 44 Apiary unit
 - 45 Yao of hoops fame
 - 46 Connections
 - 48 Storefront covers
 - 50 *Stiletto on a shoe
 - 55 "Not only that ..."
 - 56 Put to work
 - 57 " let you know"
 - 58 Stream crosser
 - 61 Word in a hot day simile
 - 62 Sport that involves the moves that start the answers to starred clues
 - 64 Speech quality
 - 65 Olympic blades
 - 66 Molecule component
 - 67 Hearty bowlful
 - 68 Tenant payments
 - 69 Credit union seizure, briefly
 - 7 Kohl, first chancellor of reunified Germany
 - 10 "Listen to me next time!"
 - 11 "Star Trek" actor George
 - 12 Fielder's fluff
 - 13 Should have said
 - 18 God of love
 - 24 Pool diver's concern
 - 25 Fence support
 - 26 "Sorry to say ..."
 - 27 Forum garment
 - 28 Purpose
 - 32 Oscar winner
 - 33 Adversary
 - 35 Sight-unseen encounter
 - 36 Ladder part
 - 37 Incubator contents
 - 39 Last word in the first song of the year
 - 40 Suture, say
 - 43 Showing no wear
 - 45 Pay-for-what-you-use hotel feature
 - 47 React to cold
 - 49 ___ a one: zero
 - 50 Annual pet checkup components
 - 51 Turn on a shaft
 - 52 Cara of "Fame"
 - 53 Marry on the fly
 - 54 DeGeneres who voices Dory
 - 58 Gershwin heroine
 - 59 Unsavory stuff
 - 60 Saint with a fire
 - 63 Tennis do-over

Previous Puzzle Solved

E	L	F	R	A	D	A	R	A	R	S	O	N
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PARNELL

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in all that Sumter can be.”

Parnell ran twice for South Carolina’s 5th District congressional seat. He narrowly lost a special election in 2017 but lost to U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman in 2018 by a greater margin after reports of domestic

violence from his first marriage in 1973 were revealed by *The Post and Courier*, a controversy that led to staff members quitting his campaign.

Parnell insisted then he is a changed man.

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Parnell has provided face masks to Sumter residents and helped local small businesses and churches navigate federal COVID-19 relief resources.

“We’ve been engaged in several ways during this crisis,” Parnell said. “I have also chaired the Sumter County Bar Association’s COVID-19 Help Committee, providing pro bono assistance to help Sumter residents navigate new laws enacted in response to the coronavirus.”

He said he’s currently working with several community leaders and churches to raise money to provide face masks for students at local schools for free.

“We’re living through a crisis. There’s no doubt about that,” Parnell said. “But there’s also an opportunity in this crisis to make Sumter into the place we know it can be. Washington won’t save us. Columbia won’t save us. We have to save ourselves, and we can do that by working together.”

Sumter County has seen a decline in new cases per day since

a peak around mid-July, though recent data shows the county is now testing at among the lowest rates in a state that is overall testing less. Sumter City Council passed a mask requirement at the beginning of July.

As a young lawyer, he said he gained government experience as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, and he later served on the staff of the House Ways and Means Committee. He has worked with governments around the world as a tax attorney and at multiple levels throughout his career as a subject matter expert.

Parnell said he’s not satisfied with the status quo.

“There are so many things to be done,” Parnell said, “and this is our moment to make that vision a reality.”

Parnell’s vision for Sumter includes: raising the bar on government transparency and accountability by adopting a City Ethics Code and holding two-way conversations with all of Sumter’s neighborhood associations; examining, with input from interested parties, the city’s connection to social and criminal justice issues and developing needed solutions; leveraging Shaw Air Force Base’s prominence as Sumter’s pivotal economic development partner and welcoming Shaw personnel even more into Sumter’s community; developing affordable housing alternatives and partnering with neighborhoods to transform vacant and overgrown lots; ensuring the long-term viability and safety of Sumter’s water and sewer systems; working with Team Sumter to provide quality public education for Sumter’s children; and confronting COVID-19 with common sense

and compassion, according to his mayoral bid announcement.

“Imagine a city that ensures fairness and dignity for everyone. Imagine a city where government departments are transparent and accountable. Imagine a city that steps up to protect families from COVID-19 and uses this pandemic as an opportunity to move us forward together as one community,” Parnell said. “That is the Sumter we all want to be a part of.”

While growing up in Sumter, Parnell attended local schools and graduated from Sumter High School before going on to college and law school. His ties to Sumter began with his father, who was a master sergeant stationed at Shaw Air Force Base.

He currently resides with his wife, Sarah, and their daughter, Lydia, in Ward 4 of the city. They have another daughter, Julia, who lives in Washington, D.C.

Filing for the mayoral race, Wards 2, 4 and 6 on Sumter City Council and Seats 5, 6 and 7 on the Sumter school board, all of which are nonpartisan, closed Monday at noon. Parnell will face five candidates, including Sabrina Belcher, who works in private home health care, Debbie Bowen and Foxy Rae Campbell, both Real Estate agents, Sumter City Councilman Calvin Hastie of Ward 3 and Sumter City Councilman David Merchant of Ward 6.

The city’s current mayor, Joe McElveen, announced at the beginning of the year he would not seek reelection after serving in the role for 20 years.

Anyone who lives in city limits can vote for its next mayor on Nov. 3. Those voting for council and board seats must live in that district.

2020 ELECTION

POSITION	CANDIDATE
Mayor	Sabrina Belcher Debbie Bowen Foxy Rae Campbell Calvin K. Hastie Sr. David Merchant Archie Parnell
City Council Ward 2	James B. Blessingame Elayne Mandie Brunson Talitha R. Harrison Keith Ivey
City Council Ward 4	Steven H. Corley* Mark Dingle
City Council Ward 6	Eddie Drayton Gifford Shaw
Sumter School District 5	Daryl F. McGhaney*
Sumter School District 6	William Levan Byrd Bonnie S. Disney Gloria J. Rose Lee Jay Linginfelter
Sumter School District 7	Barbara Jackson*

* Incumbent

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who live in the city council and school board districts will be able to vote for those respective districts. School board districts are the same as county council.

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CONCERNS

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votes across the nation and falsely claiming it would lead to voter fraud.

For most, mail deliveries to home or P.O. boxes are Americans’ only routine contact with the federal government, according to The Associated Press. The agency consistently earns favorability marks that top 90%.

However, operational changes amid the coronavirus pandemic have led to mail backlogs across the U.S., including Sumter.

From community members not receiving their mail to residents missing a mail-in ballot deadline, the postal service has caused a stir of concern in Sumter County.

Recently, AP reported the 2020 presidential election could hinge on the U.S. Postal Service, which has faced a growing number of concerns about how the agency is handling the expected spike of mail-in ballots due to the pandemic.

Carolynn Ellis, a Sumter County resident from Oregon who resides in the Hunters Crossing Neighborhood, was waiting for her state’s voters ballot to arrive in the mail, but it never arrived.

“I did not get my Oregon voters ballot in the mail,” Ellis said. “Even though I saw it come up on my Informed Delivery (a daily email tracking mail and packages), it never made it to my house, and I was not able to get a new ballot in time to vote.”

Ellis reached out on her neighborhood’s Facebook page for other people having the same issue. They planned to talk to the Sumter postmaster

Your Voice: Experiences with USPS

“I run a small online business from my home for two years now. I have never had any issues until about four or five months ago. I normally receive packages daily but that hasn’t been the case lately. When I track them, they sit in the same place for days, even weeks. It is crazy and makes it near impossible to keep customers happy at this rate. I’m definitely hoping it changes soon.” – Tammy Bradley-Frye, Nettles Road

“I have packages that say undeliverable, and it takes several days to arrive. I also go days with no mail. I also work on South Guignard at a business, and on Aug. 14 we got mail that was postmarked on the 6th from businesses that are a mile down the road.” – Samantha Horne, North Salem Avenue

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after making several complaints but said it didn’t help and that she was met with rude customer service and no solutions.

“To this day, we are still not getting our mail regularly,” she said.

Sumter Mayor Joe McElveen said he has heard several complaints about the local postal service from his community, and he, too, experienced issues receiving mail.

“At home, my mail comes much later than in the past,” McElveen said. “Several folks have said they believe they did not get mail delivery some days.”

A week ago, McElveen said, an older constituent contacted him and said she waited all day for her mail, but it never arrived.

Many Sumterites still rely on USPS for social security checks, paying bills, mailed medicine or prescriptions and more, which can be a pressing issue if it doesn’t make it to its destination on time.

“All people in Sumter are depending on the mail system,” McElveen said. “There are a lot of concerns that are much greater than just a matter of convenience.”

Kristen Dorr, of Congruity Road, said she experienced sev-

eral issues with her mail service recently. From sending out important documents pertaining to her family farm business that don’t make it to its destination to waiting on deliveries to finally arrive, she said it’s been nothing but worrisome.

“Last tax season, we mailed out W4s and W9s,” Dorr said. “We had one W4 that to this day has not arrived. We also mailed out a W9, and it arrived in Columbia at the business three months after we mailed it.”

Recently, she ordered a package that was expected to arrive by Aug. 5, but she still hasn’t received it.

“I checked the tracking number. It said there was no access to delivery location, which is funny because UPS, FedEx and my old mail lady never had an issue delivering to my house,” Dorr said. “At the end of our driveway, there are also three signs taller than me with an arrow pointing to my house/store. They did not leave a note in my mailbox or nothing to say my package was at the post office.”

Dorr said she went to the post office on Aug. 13 to pick up the package, but it was nowhere to be found.

It wasn’t the first time Dorr has had this issue. A couple months ago, she ordered a package out of California, and

she received a notification that it was delivered. Dorr checked the mailbox, front porch and her store, but she never found the package.

“I filed a complaint on the USPS website,” she said. “The package was then delivered four days later after it said it had been delivered.”

She also has had problems picking up her packages. A couple weeks ago, she ordered live honeybees and requested the post office call when they arrived.

After receiving the call from the post office, she waited an hour in line at the USPS downtown, and the cashier said she couldn’t pick up the package without a pink slip that mail delivers usually leave in a mailbox. Dorr ended up being transferred to a manager.

“She (the manager) went to the back to ‘look’ for the package. She said it had not arrived yet,” Dorr said. “I told her we received a phone call saying it was at the post office. She got rude with me and said it was not there. I then told her that this package contained live honeybees that will die if I do not get them ASAP. She went back to the back and found that package in record time.”

Efforts to reach the Sumter postmaster Monday were unsuccessful.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blassingame is excellent choice to represent Ward 2

I am happy, honored and delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. James B. Blassingame for Sumter City Council Ward 2. Dr. Blassingame has been outstanding and exemplifying impeccable servant leadership in Sumter County for several years as the pastor, community organizer, political adviser, representation on community boards, and the list goes on and on. He is and has the ear and voice of the community.

Dr. Blassingame will be an excellent choice for Sumter City Council because he possesses the characteristics and susceptibility to serve due to encompassing the four L's for being a community servant. These L's are Leadership, Loyalty, Learner and a good Listener. The virtues that he holds and upholds will allow him to stand the test of political and community pressure to make sound and clear decisions in the best interest of his constituents and the City of Sumter.

In conclusion, Dr. Blassingame has been many things to people in Sumter County. For me personally, he is a father, friend, brother and pastor who you can trust, believe in and know that all our conversation, whether good or bad, has never been repeated or talked about. This is the type of representation that City of Sumter needs, especially during this unwavering social and political environment to help heal and strengthen our beloved Sumter County.

With no hesitation, I endorse and encourage Ward 2 constituents to vote for Dr. James B. Blassingame. He is the people's choice for Sumter City Council.

DR. TRAVIS S. HOLMES
Former youth pastor, Mount Zion
Missionary Baptist Church
Sumter

Warren is just another big-business Republican

Mr. John Warren talks a good game — he says he wants a “conservative reform movement” to support candidates that are “conservative, capable and courageous.” He has also, it seems, pulled together a PAC out of nowhere to support that vague platform that he insists will be “very well-funded.” A polite observer might ask how a political action committee founded by a Greenville banker, with large donors from who-knows-where is going to contribute to a grassroots conservative revival in South Carolina. It seems fishy!

What are the issues facing conservatives in South Carolina? And what kind of courage will it take to stand up to them? Mr. Warren ran against the Trump-endorsed candidate in the last gubernatorial race, and lost. Donald Trump won the popular vote in South Carolina by a landslide, and will likely do so again. He has been successful in our state because he has been willing to stand against the rising Chinese influence in our politics, he has been able to unilaterally move to extend coronavirus relief while Congress is gridlocked and has stood against far-left radicalism often far out in front of his own party.

This is the kind of courageous, conservative leadership America and South Carolina need. Courageous, conservative leadership in South Carolina right now is following Donald Trump and condemning the evisceration of historical monuments. John Warren has shown no conviction on this issue. He is just another big-business Republican who once said “we’d made great strides with Mark Sanford and Nikki Haley, and over the past year we’ve gone backwards.” Mr. Warren may be able to buy an election or two, but right out of the gate this looks like more of the same old Haley machine, big business, anti-Trumpism.

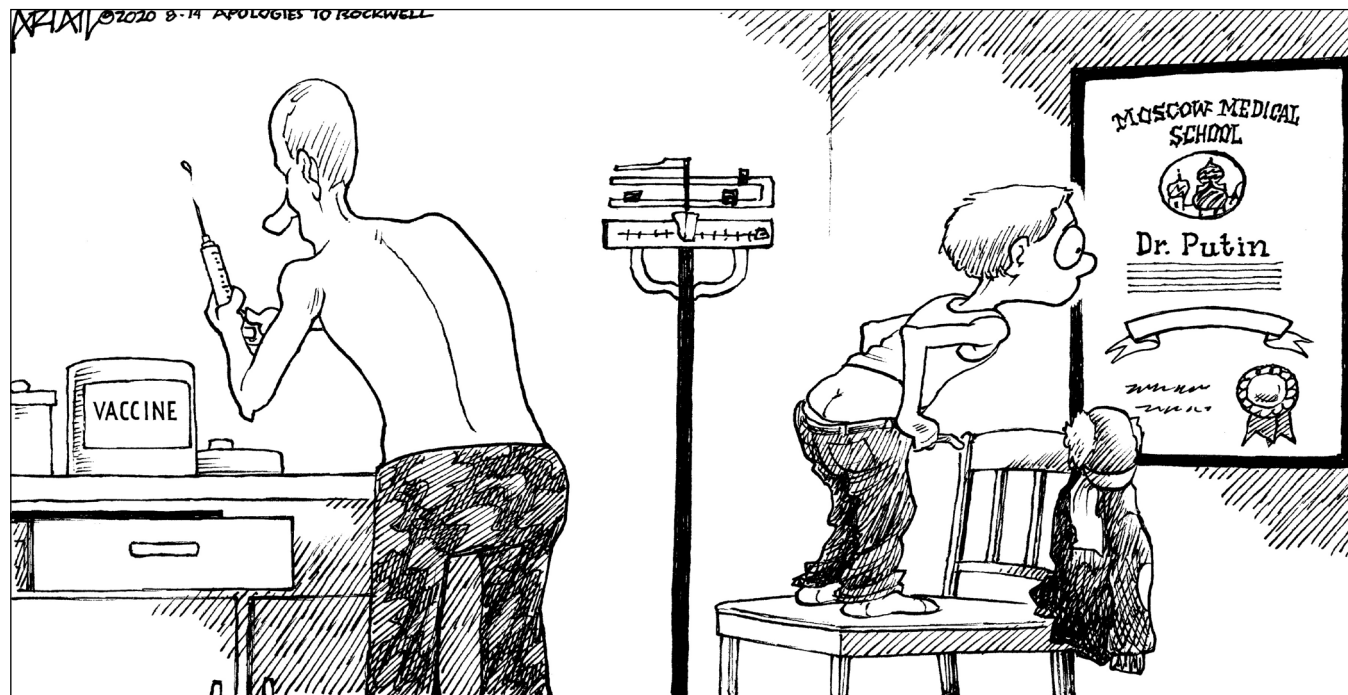
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COMMENTARY

Election is choice between Trump, Harris

After months of carefully choreographed suspense-building that produced more ennui than curiosity, Joe Biden finally made a decision: In November, voters will choose between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris.

Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee, all but handed the presidency to his significantly younger and battle-ready running mate, at one time even saying the California senator is ready to lead the country.



Kathleen Parker

Never mind that his own party found her insufficiently nominatable when she was running against Biden and a throng of other candidates during the Democratic primary. Biden is painfully familiar with her courage — or at least her audacity — having served as her target during a debate last year when she came close to accusing him of once being a racist. Like millions of Americans in the 1970s, Biden had opposed government-mandated busing as a young senator from Delaware.

Harris, one of those children who was bused to school, took a big chance in attacking Biden, who throughout his public-service career has worked alongside African-Americans, as well as women, in securing equal rights. It was a low blow that Biden has clearly forgiven. Or, perhaps, one that he has embraced in a gesture of restitution, if partly in the service of political advantage.

Or maybe it was just smart politics on both their parts. How, after all, can two old white guys, a.k.a. Republicans, compete with a stentorian

senator holding hands with a tough, smart, telegenic woman who represents a full-house of firsts? Not only is Harris the first woman of Indian and Jamaican descent to take her place at the top of the ballot, but she's also the first Black woman to be tapped for vice president.

And, therefore, president, or at least a better-than-even shot at the big job. If he wins, Biden, at 78, would be older than Ronald Reagan was when he left the presidency. You can do the math. If 78 seems old for a grueling job known to turn younger men gray, imagine what it will feel like at the end of the first term, when he will be 82.

This is not a welcome exercise. Needless to say, no one wishes Biden ill. Nor is it satisfying to examine a candidate's age when being sensitive to age seems kinder. Besides, Biden deserves respect for his long service, whatever his missteps along the way, including his abysmal handling of the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court confirmation hearings in 1991, when he was chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

But, of course, age matters a great deal when the presidency is at stake. Even if Biden serves out his full term, it is unlikely that he will run again, which means Harris will run for president in 2024 and, though it is impossible to know for sure, likely emerge in that circumstance as the frontrunner for the Democrats.

That prospect tees up a second, even more-interesting prospect — the first Black and Indian-American vice-president would be running against another Indian-American woman, Nikki Haley.

Two women running against each other for president? Can't you just feel the excitement from the National Organization for Women?

Although some have speculated that Trump would ditch Mike Pence and grab Haley's comet if things become desperate enough, the clock is winding down for that drama. Haley's too smart to risk her own presidential ambitions by involving herself any further with the Trump brand. Instead, she'll continue making speeches — and money — and cast her own lot in 2024.

It's almost worth electing Biden to ensure that we get the Kamala-Nikki showdown.

But not quite. Biden tapped Harris because she was the least risky choice. In doing so, he may have written the script for his party for the next decade, though nothing is assured. Polls indicating that Trump trails Biden, er, Harris may not be telling us much. Fence-sitters who watched the primary debates and came away disliking Harris' attack on Biden — and recalling her attacks on now-Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation hearing — may be more comfortable with a known quantity than with Harris, whose policies would offend anyone to the right of Bernie Sanders.

Biden, though he has made some adjustments to accommodate the more-progressive wing of his party, isn't a natural radical in the way Harris appears to be. If he wants to win with Harris by his side, he'll need to bring her with him toward a less-radical, more-centrist position. And, if Harris wants to secure her presidential future, she would do well to pick her battles carefully going forward. Like or dislike Mike Pence as vice president, he's a decent man who won't enjoy fighting a woman. And even these days, most Americans won't like watching it.

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COMMENTARY

Some of America's problems can be fixed

Some of America's problems can be fixed. Voting in the November election should not be a problem for Americans. Open the polls for at least two days. Every state should open its polls from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. Some states already have later evening hours, like Californians, who may vote until 8 p.m., and New Yorkers, who may vote as late as 9 p.m.



Glenn Mollette

Some states allow you to show up at the courthouse and vote early. You vote on one of the voting machines like always if you aren't available to vote on Nov. 3. Indiana will allow voters to come in as early as Oct. 6 to cast their ballot. It's called “absentee in-person voting.” This would be a good idea for every state. You will never have more than one or two people in front of you when you vote early. Social distancing occurs, you pick the day, and you know for sure your vote has been

cast.

The stage for a fiasco is set for any kind of mail-in ballots this year. It's a big issue. Some people want it, and others don't. This is not the year to try it out. People are hollering social distancing and COVID-19. Yet, these same people are walking through Walmart.

One idea for handling the election day voting is to let Chick-Fil-A handle the process. I've never seen anyone take the orders of 50 cars and have all their food to them in 10 minutes like they do at our local Chick-Fil-A. Every time I go there, I think, “Wow, this being closed on Sunday is just killing them.” I say that as a joke, of course, as their business is better and greater than ever.

The United States post office has timed its demands for money at the right time. It has declared it can't guarantee delivery of mail-in ballots on time because of lack of funds. Can it ever really guarantee delivery? I mail stuff out priority mail occasionally, and sometimes it shows up 10 days down the road. The promised delivery time is sometimes much shorter than actual de-

livery. I would never depend on my vote making it to the courthouse via mail. Oregon uses mail entirely for voting. Washington state has a lot of mail-in votes.

I'm sympathetic with the needs of the post office. Eliminate Saturday mail delivery, and close the post offices on Saturday. This should save some money. Go ahead and raise all the postage costs five percent. Many Americans pay their bills online. Christmas cards are going out online for many. Plus, someone needs to make sure Amazon is paying a fair price for delivery of its goods. Free delivery of Amazon products is not really free. Someone is paying the cost. For seniors over 70 on minimal incomes, give them some free stamps every month to mail their bills. They're already hurting enough.

Some of America's problems can be fixed. Our greatest problem is fixing Congress. They are the greatest obstacle in solving most of our problems.

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Flyers take down N. Augusta before suffering 1st loss to Rock Hill in SCAL championship



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Sumter pitcher Timmy Gotschall delivers against North Augusta on Sunday at Riley Park. Gotschall didn't earn the win, but allowed just one hit and one run over four innings of work in the Flyers' 3-2 victory.

BY TIM LEIBLE
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The Sumter Flyers had a wild Sunday. After Saturday's matchup with North Augusta Black was postponed due to rain, the Flyers spent most of their day on Sunday at Riley Park. The day opened with a 3-2, walk-off win over North Augusta to advance to the championship round of the South Carolina American League state tournament with an undefeated record.

The Flyers suffered their first defeat on the season though as they fell to Rock Hill 9-2. The loss set up a rematch with Rock Hill for the title on Monday, where Sumter trailed 8-1 after 4 innings at press time.

The day started with a dramatic win for the Flyers, who were 21-1 on the season after Sunday's game. Pitching was the name of the game against North Augusta, as the first three innings were scoreless for both sides with Timmy Gotschall commanding the mound for Sumter.

The Flyer offense finally broke through in the fourth inning after Kyler Odom reached on an error and Travis Pillsbury smacked a single. Jess Schwedler stepped up and stroked a double into right-center field, which allowed both runners to score.

That 2-0 lead held until the fifth. Gotschall opened the inning for Sumter, but was pulled after allowing a leadoff single.

His shutout looked to be intact initially, as Odom came in and struck out the first two batters he faced. A bunt single from Grayson Bridgers opened the door for North Augusta, then Bryson Nuckols lined a single to right-center to bring in a run. After that, Odom was able to shut the door for Sumter, forcing Austin Harrell to line out to end the threat.

Things then got hairy for Sumter in the sixth. The Flyers led 2-1 and had two outs in the top of the frame with a runner on second when North Augusta pitcher Cale Clary chopped a ball in front of home plate. Pillsbury, the catcher, gathered

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Workouts begin for fall sports

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Mark Barnes has been a football head coach for 31 years, so he's got a few opening practices under his belt. However, the Sumter High School head coach admits getting out on the practice field with his players on Monday was met with a little more anticipation than normal.

"We've been waiting for this day to get here, and it's here, so they're excited and obviously we're excited and just everybody's ready to get back as close to normal as you can with the restrictions we have on us," Barnes said.

Monday was the first day Sumter School District high schools Sumter,

Crestwood and Lakewood were allowed to have their fall sports programs gather for workouts to prepare for their upcoming seasons after being shut down since March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sumter had two practices on Monday because of the size of their squad. Crestwood and Lakewood had one session apiece.

The Gamecock football players had to have their temperatures checked before being able to go to their groups with coaches. The day was spent running various conditioning drills in Phase 1.5 workouts approved by the South Carolina High School League.

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The Sumter High School football team began summer workouts with some extra precautions on Monday. Players had their temperatures checked on the way in and were required to wear masks during the workouts.

No playoffs a painful lesson for Ja Morant, young Grizzlies

BY TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

Ja Morant will have a painful memory from his rookie season to help remind him — and the rest of the NBA — just how far ahead of schedule the Memphis Grizzlies' rebuilding project is.

"How close I was to the playoffs," Morant said Saturday after the Grizzlies' playoff hopes ended in a 126-122 loss to the Portland Trail Blazers in the Western Conference's play-in game.

"Obviously, now I feel like I kind of know what it takes to make it. We're some games away. I learned a lot through the amount of games I played this whole season. I say people try to put a lot of pressure on me, but I'm a rookie. Just turned 21 a couple days ago. At this point, I'm still learning."

The likely NBA rookie of the year capped off his sea-



Memphis Grizzlies guard Ja Morant, right, hopes to learn from falling shy of the playoffs in his rookie season.

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son by scoring a career-best 35 points despite playing with a broken thumb the final four games of the NBA's restart in Florida. Only three Grizzlies rookies previously scored 35 or more in a regular-season game: Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Dillon Brooks and Jaren Jackson Jr.

Better yet, Morant finished the regular season as the seventh rookie in NBA history to score at least 17 points a game and hand out seven or more assists. He finished at 17.8 points and

7.3 assists, joining Oscar Robertson, Magic Johnson, Isaiah Thomas, Damon Stoudamire, Allen Iverson and Trae Young.

A very nice debut indeed for the No. 2 pick overall in the 2019 draft.

"I feel like I got better as the season went on," Morant said. "Obviously not the outcome we wanted, but we have to be proud of what we accomplished this season coming in, being projected to be 27th in the league and was right there in the play-in game."

Rodonis gets Street Stock win at Sumter Speedway

BY CODY TRUETT
Sports Contributor

Mother nature made it difficult to get racing action started at Sumter Speedway on Saturday as a rain shower hit the track moments before the first race was scheduled to begin. That led to a lengthy delay, but the track was rolled back in and that led to a wild night of racing.

Tanner Rodonis highlighted the eventful night by picking up the victory in the Street Stock main event.

As the race began, Robbie Disher shot into the lead. However, a quick caution would bunch the field up for a restart, and after a few attempts, the feature finally got going with Disher showing the way.

Cameron Holloway worked his way to the front and challenged Disher for the top spot. Holloway looked to the outside of Disher in the exit of Turn 4 and the two made contact. Holloway smacked the wall, but kept rolling and held his second-place position. A spin

would bunch the field up for a restart.

On the restart, Holloway turned Disher into the inside guard rail, causing heavy damage to Disher's car. As a result, Holloway was sent to the rear of the field for rough driving. When racing resumed, Rodonis found himself out front with Adam Hill and Jason Potts on his heels. Rodonis came around and took the white flag and held on to pick up the big win and the \$1,000 payday.

Hill settled for his third second-place finish of the year with Potts third and Dalton Coursey fourth. Taylor Geddings made his first start of the season and came home fifth with Holloway in sixth.

Greg Anderson picked up the win in the Stock V8 division, holding off Terrell Holloway and Willie Hill throughout the feature. Holloway came home second with Hill third, Walter Anderson fourth and Allen Jones fifth.

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Even though the SCHSL had said schools could have workouts since early June, Sumter School District had not allowed its student-athletes to have any workouts until announcing last week that workouts could begin.

Sumter defensive back Kameron Pearson said he is happy to gather together with his teammates, even though it was at a social distance with most of them.

"It means everything, it means the world to me to get out here and be with my teammates," Pearson said. "It was a lot of anticipation. I couldn't wait as soon as I heard that workouts could begin. I was waiting on Monday."

"Look at it. What's not amazing. I get to be with my teammates, we get to be out here as a team. It gives me another chance to play football, and football means the world to me."

Barnes is happy that the start of the season itself has been pushed back until Sept. 25. He feels that affords him and his staff ample time to get the players in condition and then ready for the season.

"I feel a lot more comfortable now that we've got six



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The Sumter High School football team began workouts for the upcoming season on Monday.

more weeks before we play a game," Barnes said. "The thought of having four weeks was kind of tight, but when you get six weeks, we're going to relax a little bit and take our time getting them back in shape, and realizing you're working from zero from where we normally are

with the starting point. We've got to be smart with the way we handle that."

Defensive end Miles Capers hopes that there will be setbacks and the season will take place.

"It feels good (to be out here)," Capers said. We get to get on the field and try to

have a season. We can build up our chemistry and go on a run.

"It was stressful (to not be allowed to work out) because I wanted to practice with my brothers, but I couldn't do it because of COVID."

Pearson said he doesn't mind the social distancing or

the restrictions that are in place as long as games await him and his teammates.

"We'll put up with it as long as we get to be out here and play football," he said. "I don't care about wearing a mask, bringing my own water, as long as we get to come out here."

SPEEDWAY

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Banjo Duke picked up another win in the Late Model division. Duke made his way around race leader Derek Lane coming to the white flag and held Lane off to pick up the win. Lane settled for second with Travis Sharpe third, Banks Johnson fourth, David Pack fifth, Dalton Hodge sixth and Gene Kinard seventh.

Scott Shirey picked up his first Super Street win of the season, leading flag to flag. Drew Shealy gave Shirey all he could handle, but settled for a hard-fought second. Ricky Hair came home third with Michael Stuart fourth, Terrell Holloway fifth, Trey Shirey sixth, Ronnie Anderson seventh, Daulton

Dabbs eighth and Stevie Jones ninth.

Joseph Thompson got back on track and picked up another win in the Extreme 4 feature, leading every lap. Derek Kemper came home second with David Burch third and Ben Hinson fourth. Craig Nelson was fifth with Thomas Ingle sixth, Marty Horne seventh, John Harper Livingston eighth, Chappell Brogdon ninth, Alex Myers 10th and Ronnie Perritt 11th.

Terry Caples notched another win in the Mod 4 division, leading flag to flag. DJ Carraway came home second with Bubba Miller third and Wayne Powell fourth. Miles Mintz was fifth and Richard Burns was sixth.

Sumter Speedway's season continues on Saturday, and the Blue Ridge Outlaw Late Models will join the show. Gates open at 4 p.m. with hot laps starting at 7.

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up the ball, but his throw went over the head of first baseman Schwedler, allowing the game-tying run to score.

Luckily for Pillsbury, he had a chance to make up for his mistake.

Clark Kinney reached on an error to lead off the seventh inning, making his way to second in the process. A bunt single moved him to third with one out, so North Augusta loaded the bases with a pair of intentional walks. That's when Pillsbury stepped in and chopped a single into left for the walk-off single.

"My heart was racing," said Pillsbury of his final at-bat. "I knew I couldn't let my team down and I didn't. That's just how baseball works. I knew I'd get a chance to walk it off and I did."

Gotschall didn't get the win for Sumter, but allowed one run in four innings of road, striking out one and allowing just one hit. Odom earned the victory in relief, allowing one unearned run in three innings with five strikeouts.

The Flyers couldn't quite carry that momentum into their nightcap against Rock Hill. The second game of the afternoon saw Rock Hill smash North Augusta 15-1, and its offense stayed hot for the matchup with Sumter, collecting 12 hits.

"You gotta give them credit, they swung the bats well," said Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson. "Our kids competed and our kids threw strikes. I don't think we walked a bunch of guys, they just got 12 hits. It is what it is, they got 12 hits and when you give up 12 hits, it's hard to win."

Sumter survived allowing a hit and a walk in the first to keep the game scoreless through an inning, but Rock Hill broke through in the second. Flyers starter Hunter Hoff

started the inning by inducing a line-out, but followed by surrendering a walk and a single. A throwing error allowed the lead runner to get to third, putting runners on the corners with one out. Rock Hill put on a hit-and-run with Hudson Robinson at the plate, which drove in the first run of the game. A wild pitch then put runners on second and third. Hoff got a strikeout for the second out before Maddox Mobley drove in a pair of runs with a double. Mobley would eventually come around to score on a single by Ethan Belk to give Rock Hill a 4-0 lead.

Rock Hill added to its lead in the fourth as Minor Gaskins lined a 2-run double in the inning to push the lead to 6-0 before some self-imposed damage by the Flyers. Bryce Coulter came in to pitch after the double and seemed to get out of the inning with a groundout and a strikeout, but the third strike was dropped on the last out of the inning and an errant throw allowed Nicholas Cain to reach first safely and another run to come across to score.

Both sides were quiet until the sixth when Rock Hill tacked on two more runs to push the lead to 9-0.

The Flyer offense finally found some life in the sixth, but it was too little too late. Jackson Brown led off the inning with a base hit, Sumter's second of the game. Landon DeLavan followed with a sharp grounder to short, which nearly led to runners on first and second to start the inning, but Brown was called out on a close call at second for the out. Kinney then grounded to short and Rock Hill tried to get the out at second again, but DeLavan made it in safely. A walk by Goff loaded the bases before a deep fly ball from Odom turned into a sacrifice fly and Sumter's first run. A wild pitch brought a second run home.

Road king: Elliott wins at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Chase Elliott was already NASCAR royalty. Now he's also the sport's road king.

Elliott won the Cup Series' first road course race at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday, holding off hard-charging Denny Hamlin following a late restart and notching his third consecutive victory away from ovals.

"I had a phenomenal car. I don't think I did anything special today," Elliott said.

NASCAR's most popular driver, the son of Hall of Famer Bill Elliott, also won on road courses at Charlotte and at Watkins Glen last year. He got a tougher challenge than many expected down the

stretch in his latest roadie.

The 24-year-old driver had a 10-second lead with 10 laps to go and was pulling away when Kyle Busch blew a tire and brought out a caution that gave his Joe Gibbs Racing teammates, Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr., a chance.

But Elliott stayed out front on the final restart. Hamlin got to his rear bumper on the last lap, but couldn't do enough to mount any significant pressure.

"I kept him honest there," Hamlin said. "He had such good drive off (the corners) I couldn't do anything with him."

Hamlin finished second, followed by Truex and seven-time series

champion Jimmie Johnson.

Elliott, Hamlin and Truex had the cars to beat all afternoon.

Truex's chances took a huge hit near the end of the second segment. He was caught speeding on pit road and forced to start the last stanza at the back of the pack. Hamlin also got stuck behind slower cars early in the final stage.

Making up that kind of ground on a 14-turn, 3.61-mile road course was a nearly impossible task, especially considering Elliott was turning mistake-free laps at the front of the field.

But that late caution gave both a shot, albeit an unlikely one given Elliott's road repertoire.

OBITUARIES

DILLARD NORMAN THOMPSON JR.

COLUMBIA — Dillard Norman Thompson Jr., much loved father, brother and friend, died on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, after a long illness.

Dillard was born on Aug. 2, 1946, in Elberton, Georgia. He was predeceased by his parents, retired Lt. Col. Dillard Norman Thompson and Katherine McCalla Thompson.

Growing up in a military family, Dillard lived on bases and in homes around the world, including Germany and Japan. In the United States, his family lived in Illinois and Sumter. Dillard attended Edmunds High School in Sumter, where he excelled scholastically and athletically. He was both a merit scholar and the most valuable player on his high school basketball team. He attended Furman

University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree. After college, Dillard worked for the Social Security Administration in Greenville. After suffering a stroke in 1985, he moved to Columbia to be closer to family.

Dillard became a Unitarian Universalist while still in high school. He was a devoted member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, where he attended faithfully and served in leadership positions including being a member of the board of trustees.

All during his lifetime, Dillard was a supporter of progressive organizations. He also loved nature and being in the outdoors whenever possible, especially in the mountains of Georgia. He lived gently on this Earth. His wonderful good nature, intelligence and sense of humor made lifelong friends of many that he met. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his son, Jonathan Wade Thompson of Seattle, Washington; his sisters, Karen Thompson and Stephanie Thompson of Co-

lumbia; and his niece, Kathleen Florence Warren of Seattle, Washington.

Inurnment will be at Memorial Garden of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia. A memorial ser-

vice will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the UU Congregation of Columbia, SC, 2701 Heyward St., Columbia, SC 29205.

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of Lexington is assisting the family.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book at www.thompsonsfuneral.com.

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REBECCA SUE INGRAM

Rebecca Sue Ingram, 44, wife of John G. Ingram III, died on Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, at her home.

Born on Aug. 4, 1976, in Sumter, she was a daughter of Sue Elaine Carpenter Timmons and the late Randy Willard Timmons Sr.

Survivors include her husband; mother of Sumter; a sister, Peggy Goodwin (Matthew) of Sumter; 12 nieces and nephews; father-in-law, John G. Ingram Jr. of Sumter; and brothers-in-law, Gene Ingram (Lisa) and Harold Ingram all of Sumter.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Randy Willard Timmons Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Paul Goff officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to the SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

BARBARA WATFORD SHIRAH

Barbara Watford Shirah, age 77, beloved wife of the late Jimmy Ashton Shirah Sr., died on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at her residence.

Born on Nov. 29, 1942, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late James and Lillian Watford. Barbara loved the Lord and her church, Walker's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Surviving are five children, Jimmy Shirah Jr. and his wife, Gayle, Bobby Shirah and his wife, Phyllis, David Shirah, Betty Shirah and Sandy Conner, all of Sumter; one brother, Carol Watford of Sumter; one sister-in-law, Linda Nesbitt of Sumter; seven grandchildren, Hailee, Stefanie, Anthony, Ashley, Cody, J.J. and Andy; and seven great-grandchildren, Christopher, Ashton, Kelsey, Jaydon, Destiny, Carter and Jasmine.

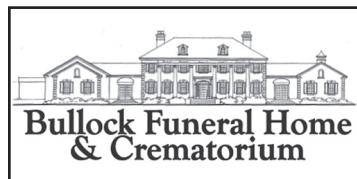
In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Calvin Nesbitt.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Florence National Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jimbo, Bobby, David, Anthony, Andy and J.J.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**MARGARET J. BURNS JOHNSON**

Margaret Janet Burns Johnson, age 90, beloved wife of the late Byrum William Johnson, died on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, at NHC Sumter.

Born in New Zion, she was a daughter of the late James F. and Corina Morris Burns. Margaret worked for many years as a cashier at Capital Department Store in Sumter. She was a woman of strong faith and was a long time member of Bethel United Methodist Church. She loved to sing, especially hymns. Margaret was a very gracious and loving woman

with an infectious smile, who was always willing to help wherever she was needed. Her true joy in life was spending time with her family. She will be remembered as a very loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by two sons, William Mitchell Johnson and his wife, Sandra, and James B. Johnson and his wife, Janice, both of Sumter; three brothers, Robert Burns of Florence, Eugene Burns and his wife, Rose, of Sumter and Charles Burns of Sumter; one sister, Burnell Wood of Sumter; four grandchildren, Chan Griffith and her husband, Jamey, Ryan Johnson and his wife, Annie, Emily Coke and her husband, Brad, and Justin Johnson and his wife, Katie; and five great-grandchildren, Mitch Griffith, Peyton Griffith, Ruthie Johnson, Jacob Johnson and Landon Johnson.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin Burns and David Burns; and two sisters, Olene Brown and Evelyn Lybrand.

Due to COVID-19 and other restrictions, a private family graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Kevin Howell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church, 5575 Lodebar Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

You may view the service live at www.bullockfuneralhome.com and clicking on the obituary of Margaret Johnson.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**HARRY BENBOW**

FLORENCE — On Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, Harry Benbow departed our midst at Regency Hospital in Florence.

Born on April 10, 1944, in Summerton, he was a son of the late Tossie Sr. and Annie Johnson Benbow.

Graveside services will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Benbow family plot located at Manning Cemetery, where Elder Melvin Belton, pastor of Bible Life Holiness Church, Rock Hill, will officiate.

Public viewing will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Fleming & DeLaine Chapel, 222 W. Boyce St., Manning.

In accordance with the CDC in reference to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family is not receiving relatives and friends at the residence.

Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel of Manning is assisting the Benbow family. Online condolences may be sent to www.flemingdelaine.com or flemingdelaine@aol.com.

JIMMIE LEE FRANK

MANNING — Jimmie Lee Frank, 72, died on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, at MUSC Health Florence.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1948, in Summerton, a son of the late John Frank and Louise Jones Frank.

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

LAURA BELL MCKENZIE

Laura Bell McKenzie died on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at 875 Salterstown Road.

She was a daughter of the late Ribbie and Eva Mae Miller McKenzie.

The family is receiving friends at 3115 Homestead Road. All visitors are asked to please wear a mask.

The staff of Sumter Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

ROSA MAE SCARBOROUGH

BISHOPVILLE — Rosa Mae Scarborough, 72, beloved wife of Eddie Scarborough Sr., passed on Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at her residence in Bishopville.

Born in Lynchburg, she was a daughter of the late Willie and Mae Frances Wells Addison.

Due to COVID-19, the family is not receiving visitors at the home, but welcome your phone calls.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

ISAIAH SCRIVEN

Isaiah Scriven, 75, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia.

Born on Oct. 4, 1944, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Robert Sr. and Mattie Gilliard Scriven.

Graveside services honoring the life of Isaiah will be held at noon today at the Church of Christ Cemetery, 680 Sandy Grove Road, Lamar, with the pastor, Minister Sylvester McCray, officiating. Burial will follow immediately after the service.

Those attending the funeral service are asked to wear a facial mask and social distancing will be enforced.

Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral, 230 S. Lafayette Drive, Sumter, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 775-8911, "The House of Excellence and Quality."

GEORGE PRIMES

BISHOPVILLE — George "Lark" Primes entered eternal rest on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. today at St. Paul Memorial Garden, Highway 527, Elliott, with the Rev. Kay Adams Best, pastor.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

CARL C. HOGUE

Carl C. Hogue, 86, husband of Loretta Pudliener Hogue, died on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born on Feb. 14, 1934, in Danville, Kentucky, he was a son of the late Raymond and Nancy Rice Hogue. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service and was a Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam War veteran. He also worked for North American Van Lines in Massachusetts. He formerly served as pastor of Bennettsville Church of Christ and Plaza Church of Christ in Sumter.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 64 years; four sons, Mark Hogue (Debbie) of Bolivia, North Carolina, Ronald Hogue (Octavia) of Sumter, James Hogue of Greenville, Tennessee, and Derek Hogue of Cottageville; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Shelba Jean Edwards of Danville; and a brother, Tony Hogue (Marcella) of Danville.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Raymond Hogue Jr., Phil Hogue and Hugh-Marshall Hogue.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel. Burial with military honors will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Plaza Church of Christ, 1402 Camden Highway, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

ROBERT E. BLACKMON

Robert E. Blackmon, 90, husband of the late Barbara Westberry Blackmon, died on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, at the home of his daughter.

Born on Sept. 25, 1929, in Randolph, Alabama, he was a son of the late Robert Lee

and Ruby Helen Madaris Blackmon. He was a member of Northside Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. Blackmon retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service and was a Korean War veteran. He also retired from Independent Life Insurance Co.

Survivors include three children, Annette Blackmon Adams and Lee Blackmon (Celeste), both of Sumter, and Robbie "Mel" Blackmon (Lynn) of Hanahan; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jennifer R. Flowers; and a brother, James Donald Blackmon.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery with the Rev. Jimmy Holley and the Rev. Jim Johnson officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service at the graveside and other times at the home of Lee and Celeste Blackmon.

Memorials may be made to Northside Memorial Baptist Church, 1004 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29153.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Covenant Place Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facility for their kind and loving care of Mr. Blackmon.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family requests that those attending wear a mask and practice social distancing.

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

SUSANNA BRAILSFORD CANTY

PINEWOOD — Susanna Brailsford Canty, 91, died on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, at her residence, 2569 Elliott Road, Pinewood.

She was born on July 14, 1929, a daughter of the late Edward and Sarah Watson Brailsford.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, visitation with mask and close family only.

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

CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ

SUMMERTON — Christina Rodriguez, 57, died on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1962, in Bronx, New York, a daughter of Barbary Johnson Rodriguez and the late William Rodriguez.

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

CARRIE BOWMAN

Carrie Bowman, 84, died on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at her place of residence in Pinewood.

Born on March 28, 1936, in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of the late Ellen Fordham Bowman and Emanuel Cantey.

A public viewing will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel.

Graveside services are scheduled for noon on Wednesday at Mt. Pleasant UME Church, 1628 Fullerton Road, Pinewood.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summerton.

WILLIAM EDWARD JOINER

MANNING — William Edward Joiner, 83, died on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

He was in Blackville, a son of the late John C. and Irene Walker Joiner.

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

RAYMOND J. MCGILL

LAKE CITY — Raymond J. McGill, 94, died on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, at Ron E. McNair Nursing Home, Lake City.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1924, in Cades, a son of the late Davis and Amelia Burgess McGill.

These services have been

entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

EDNA ROBINSON GOLDSTON

Edna Robinson Goldston, 89, widow of Elbert Goldston, died on Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at her home in Sumter.

Born on July 14, 1931, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late David and Sarah Dow Robinson.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, the family is requesting no visitation at the home.

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

ANDREW HUNT

Andrew Hunt, 66, husband of Patricia Ann Glass Hunt, died on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

Born on Sept. 6, 1953, in Sumter County, he was a son of Andrew Hunt Sr. and Bessie Tention Hunt.

The family is requesting no visitation at the home.

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

SHARON A. BRASHEAR BAILEY

Sharon Arlene Brashear Bailey, age 82, beloved wife of 63 years to the late Albert Lee Bailey, died on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, at Covenant Place.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**WILLIAM EVERETTE TEAL**

William Everette Teal, 77, husband of Linda Floyd Teal, died on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia.

Born on Jan. 5, 1943, in Chesterfield, he was a son of the late Rufus Everette Teal and Donna Mae Gainey DuBose. Mr. Teal served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He enjoyed golf and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years; two children, Timothy Teal and Almada Lyvette Teal, both of Sumter; four grandchildren, Caleb Leivold, Cameron Hartfield, Landon Brewer and Sydnae Teal; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt Brewer and Elyie Hartfield; one sister, Donna Nell Littleton of Texas; and two special nieces, Tammy Renee Geddings and Donna Singleton, both of Sumter.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Berry.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Robert Galloway. The family requests those in attendance wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.

Memorials may be sent to the Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

WILLIAM DAVIS

William Davis, 82, widower of Rosa McDuffie Davis, died on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at his home.

He was born on May 11, 1938, in Sumter County.

The family is requesting no visitation at the home.

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

CHARLES L. WINDHAM

Charles "Chuck" L. Windham, 66, husband of Becky Tidwell Windham, died on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, at his home.

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

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)	America's Got Talent "Live Show 2" Eleven performers compete live. (N) (Live)		2020 Democratic Convention (N) (Live)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Hugh Jackman; Lili Reinhart. (N)				
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "In a Nutshell" A Navy officer is murdered. (DVS)	FBI "Legacy" Armor-piercing rifles are stolen.	CBS News: 2020 America Decides: Democratic Convention (N) (Live)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert				
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great American Cities: Nashville"	Jeopardy! "Spring Break College Championship"	Modern Family Gloria secretly baptizes the twins.	Modern Family Dylan's hippie mom moves in.	What Would You Do?	The Democratic National Convention -- Your Voice/Your Vote 2020 (N) (Live)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(12:06) Nightline (N)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow Host Amanda McNulty and Clemson Extension Agents answer viewers' gardening questions.		PBS NewsHour Convention Coverage "Democratic National Convention" Coverage of the Democratic Convention. (N) (Live)						Amanpour and Company (N)	Great Performances "Much Ado About Nothing"	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "Five Is the New Black" A series of three difficult challenges. (DVS)	Prodigal Son "The Job" A robbery turns into a murder. (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)			
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike bonds with a new neighbor.	Last Man Standing The father of Kristen's baby returns.	The Doctors	Judge Jerry	Judge Jerry Skipping out on a lease.	Chicago P.D. "You Wish" A sex offender is found mutilated. (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "Sanctuary" Two murder suspects hide in a church. (DVS)	The Game "Mommy Dearest"			
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130		What's It Worth?	What's It Worth?	What's It Worth?	What's It Worth? "Exotic Treasure"	What's It Worth? (N)	What's It Worth? "What's It Worth?"	(:01) Extreme Unboxing (N)	(:32) Extreme Unboxing (N)	(:04) Extreme Unboxing	(:34) Extreme Unboxing	(12:03) What's It Worth?
AMC	48	180		(6:30) ** "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003, Action) Paul Walker, Tyrese.		** "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" (2006, Action) Lucas Black, Zachery Ty Bryan, Bow Wow. An American street racer takes on a Japanese champion.			** "Training Day" (2001, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn. A rookie cop meets a corrupt Los Angeles narcotics officer.	** "Fast & Furious" (2009, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Fugitive Dom Toretto and Brian O'Conner resume a feud in Los Angeles.				
ANPL	41	100		I Was Prey "Dragged Below"		"Capsized: Blood in the Water" (2019) Josh Duhamel, Tyler Blackburn.				Killer Whales: The Mega Hunt			Capsized-Blood	
BET	61	162		(6:00) *** "Hustle & Flow" (2005, Drama) Terrence Howard, Anthony Anderson, Taryn Manning. A pimp wants to rap his way out of his dead-end life.		Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles Altman races against the clock.	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles Fredrik's arrival adds pressure.	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles Altman lists a castle in Beverly Ridge. (N)	Backyard Envy Tuscan-themed backyard in New Jersey. (N)	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles Altman lists a castle in Beverly Ridge.	Below Deck Mediterranean			
BRAVO	47	181		Shark Tank (DVS)		Shark Tank (DVS)		Shark Tank (DVS)	The Profit "A Crash Course in Vanlife"	The Profit "NYC Bagel Deli"	The Profit			
CNN	3	80		Erin Burnett OutFront (N) (Live)		2020: Democratic National Convention		America's Choice 2020: Democratic National Convention "Night 2" (N)		2020: Democratic National Convention	Convention			
COM	57	136		(6:50) The Office "Christening"	(:25) The Office "Viewing Party"	The Office "WUPHF.com"	The Office "China"	The Office "Ulti-matum"	The Office Erin and Gabe compete.	The Office "The Search"	The Office "PDA"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:45) South Park "Toilet Paper"	(12:15) South Park
DISN	18	200		(:05) Raven's Home	(:35) Sydney to the Max	Sydney to the Max	(:25) Coop & Cami Ask the World	Coop & Cami Ask the World	(:05) Bunk'd	Gabby Duran & the Unsittables	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:20) Coop & Cami Ask the World	(12:10) Jessie	
DSC	42	103		Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Undercover Billionaire "Return to Erie"	(:07) I Quit "Taking the Leap" (N)	(:07) Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch			
ESPN	26	35		MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live)		ESPN Original Documentaries	WNBA Basketball Las Vegas Aces vs Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay: Battle 2"	Chopped "The chefs work with pate. (N)	Chopped Sweets (N)	Chopped "So Sumac Me!"	Chopped		
ESPN2	27	39		NFL Live		ESPN Original Documentaries	WNBA Basketball Las Vegas Aces vs Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay: Battle 2"	Chopped "The chefs work with pate. (N)	Chopped Sweets (N)	Chopped "So Sumac Me!"	Chopped		
FOOD	40	109		Chopped The chefs make appetizers.		Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay: Battle 2"	Chopped "The chefs work with pate. (N)	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay: Battle 2"	Chopped "The chefs work with pate. (N)	Chopped Sweets (N)	Chopped "So Sumac Me!"	Chopped		
FOXN	37	90		The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) (Live)	Hannity (N)	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay: Battle 2"	Chopped "The chefs work with pate. (N)	Chopped Sweets (N)	Chopped "So Sumac Me!"	Chopped		
FREE	20	131		(6:00) *** "Edward Scissorhands" (1990) Johnny Depp. A man-made misfit cuts a tragic figure in suburbia.		*** "Wonder" (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school.					The 700 Club Book The End of Alzheimer's. (N)	*** "Kung Fu Panda" (2008)		
FSS	21	47		MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)		Wedding Every Weekend" (2020, Romance) Kimberley Sustad, Paul Campbell. Sparks fly between a man and woman who attend four weddings.			Braves Live! Post.	Swing Clinic	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves.			
HALL	52	183		(6:00) "Love Under the Olive Tree" (2020, Romance) Tori Anderson.		"Wedding Every Weekend" (2020, Romance) Kimberley Sustad, Paul Campbell. Sparks fly between a man and woman who attend four weddings.			The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "Melodrama"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "Witness"	
HGTV	39	112		Good Bones A brick house renovation.		Good Bones (N)		Good Bones (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Good Bones	
HIST	45	110		America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition		America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition		America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition	The psychological allure of cults. (N)	(:05) America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition				
ION	13	18		NCIS: Los Angeles "Command & Control" A caller threatens innocent lives.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Blame It on Rio" DiNozzo's prisoner escapes custody.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Unspoken" Sam's former partner disappears.	NCIS: Los Angeles Kensi and Deeks pose as cult members. (DVS)	NCIS: Los Angeles A woman led to asylum by Sam vanishes.	NCIS: Los Angeles "Defectors"			
LIFE	50	145		Rizzoli & Isles "Dirty Little Secret" Tension mounts between Jane and Maura.		Rizzoli & Isles Maura meets a man in an unusual way.		Rizzoli & Isles Jane learns more about Casey's injury.	(:03) Rizzoli & Isles Angela gets involved in politics.	(:03) Rizzoli & Isles "Money Maker" Jane and Maura investigate.	(12:01) Rizzoli & Isles			
MSNBC	36	92		Democratic National Convention		Democratic National Convention		Decision 2020: Democratic National Convention (N) (Live)		Democratic National Convention	Democratic			
NICK	16	210		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	64	153		Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SYFY	58	152		(6:00) ** "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (2013) Dwayne Johnson. Threats from within the government jeopardize the G.I. Joes.		** "Shooter" (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña, Danny Glover.		** "Gods of Egypt" (2016, Fantasy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. A mortal forms an alliance with the god Horus to save Egypt.	** "Four Brothers" (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson.					
TBS	24	156		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory	Celebrity Show-Off "Best in Show-Off" (N)	Conan With guest John Lithgow.	Celebrity Show-Off "Best in Show-Off"			
TCM	49	186		(6:00) *** "Bonnie and Clyde" (1967) Warren Beatty.		*** "Reds" (1981, Drama) Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton, Jack Nicholson. Oscar-winning account of the life of journalist John Reed.					*** "Bugsy" (1991, Biography) Warren Beatty, Annette Bening.			
TLC	43	157		Doubling Down With the Derricos		Counting On Lauren goes into labor. (N)		Counting On "Highs and Lows" (N)	Doubling Down With the Derricos (N)	Outdaughered	Counting On			
TNT	23	158		(6:30) NBA Basketball First Round, Game 1: Teams TBA. First Round action, Game 1. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)		(6:30) NBA Basketball First Round, Game 1: Teams TBA. First Round action, Game 1. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)		NBA Basketball First Round, Game 1: Teams TBA. First Round action, Game 1. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)		Inside the NBA (N) (Live)				
TRUTV	38	129		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Hot One-Game	Hot Ones (N)	Impractical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161		Andy Griffith Show		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens		
USA	25	132		NHL Hockey (N) (Live)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit SVU investigates a woman's group.		Law & Order: Progeny	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit SVU investigates a woman's group.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Blackout" A defense attorney is raped.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			
WE	68	166		Law & Order "Scoundrels"		Law & Order "House Counsel"		Law & Order "Guardian"	Law & Order "Progeny"	Law & Order "Rage"	Law & Order			
WGNA	8	172		*** "Argo" (2012) Ben Affleck. A CIA agent poses as a producer to rescue Americans in Iran.		*** "Argo" (2012) Ben Affleck. A CIA agent poses as a producer to rescue Americans in Iran.		*** "Argo" (2012) Ben Affleck. A CIA agent poses as a producer to rescue Americans in Iran.	*** "Argo" (2012) Ben Affleck. A CIA agent poses as a producer to rescue Americans in Iran.	*** "Argo" (2012) Ben Affleck. A CIA agent poses as a producer to rescue Americans in Iran.	Married ... With			

The CW imports gamer comedy 'Dead Pixels'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

You can't say COVID hasn't scrambled things for TV programmers. We're now seeing obscure imports that we'd never see on network television under "normal" circumstances.

Best known as an outlet for comic book adaptations like "Riverdale," the CW offers a chance to sample "Dead Pixels" (8 p.m., TV-14) from the U.K. The 2019 comedy follows a group of young people whose relationship to the real world has taken a backseat to their devotion to a fictional game called "Kingdom Scrolls."

In some ways, "Pixels" offers a fan's eye view of the world explored in the Apple TV+ series "Mythic Quest: Raven's Banquet." Set among the corporate executives, coders, writers and promoters of a video game, "Mythic" stars Rob McElhenney ("It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"). Given how much gaming has eaten into the audience (or eyeballs) that used to consume television, you'd think there might be more scripted fare set either in a game or in the gamer demimonde.

This is not the first time that a dominant medium has ignored or denigrated an upstart rival. Throughout the 1950s, the first decade of TV competition, Hollywood movie studios dismissed the "boob tube" as a passing fancy. Some 60 years later, the small screen has become the dominant partner in that equation. But video games have long made as much money as both TV and movies, and dominate the popular imagination in ways that are most probably underexplored.

"Dead Pixels" is produced by the team behind the U.K. cult series "Peep Show." Even if you've never seen it, you've probably heard of Olivia Colman, who graduated from goofy appearances on that series to starring roles in "Broadchurch" and "The Crown" and an Oscar-winning performance in "The Favourite."

Speaking of imports, Sundance Now begins streaming "The Suspect," a hit for Canada's CBC. In the tradition of "The Staircase," it follows the investigation of a brutal

crime involving one of Canada's wealthiest families that involved police misconduct, prosecution in the media and the unraveling of the case against the one and only "logical" suspect. Sundance Now is AMC's premium streaming service, home to the addictive series "A Discovery of Witch-

es."
• Timing is everything. I have a good feeling that the producers of the new series "I Quit" (10 p.m., Discovery) didn't plan on launching their new series in the teeth of a pandemic-related recession. As unemployment rolls soar and evictions loom, "I Quit" will follow would-be entrepreneurs who finally gather the courage to quit their steady job and follow their startup dreams.

• "Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel" (11 p.m., HBO, TV-MA) profiles former Oakland Raiders and Philadelphia Eagles star Nnamdi Asomugha as he embarks on a career as an actor and film and theatrical producer. Also profiled is Eddy Alvarez, a silver medalist speed skater at the 2014 Winter Games now pursuing his baseball dream, as well as Bruce Maxwell, a catcher for the Oakland Athletics, who received death threats after kneeling during the National Anthem.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Live performances from 11 contestants on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- In the realm of the senses on "Hell's Kitchen" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).
- "Pavarotti" (8 p.m., TMC) documents the life and impact on the popular tenor who helped create a new generation of opera lovers.
- "Undercover Billionaire" (9 p.m., Discovery, TV-PG) returns to Erie, Pennsylvania.
- Coverage of the Democratic National Convention (8 p.m., PBS, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC; 10 p.m., CBS, NBC, ABC).
- A weapons heist on "FBI" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).
- Mayim Bialik hosts "Celebrity Show-off" (10 p.m., TBS).

CULT CHOICE

Nothing nailed down the lid in the coffin of the Hollywood Code era like the 1967 gang-



Alexa Davies, left, stars as Meg and Charlotte Ritchie as Alison in the "Bears" episode of "Dead Pixels," premiering at 8 p.m. today on The CW.

ster epic "Bonnie & Clyde" (6 p.m., TCM, TV-14), starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. The entire history of the movie business can be divided into eras before and after this masterpiece.

SERIES NOTES

An officer's murder seems morbidly similar to his parents' slaying on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * On two helpings of "Modern Family" (ABC, TV-PG): Gloria's secret ceremony (8 p.m.); Dylan's funky mom raises eyebrows (8:30 p.m.) * A motorcycle robbery results in homicide on "Prodigal Son" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * John Quinones hosts "What Would You Do?" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Wee, wee, wee all the way home on "Tell Me A Story" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) practices social distancing * John Lithgow appears on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Russell Crowe, Patton Oswalt, the Lemon Twigs and Thomas Land visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC).

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LEGAL NOTICES

Abandon Vehicle / Boat

Abandoned Boat Notice
To all persons claiming an interest in: 1994 20' Hurricane - Fundeck GDT6851C494, James Huffman will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor. If you have any claims to the watercraft/outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-3858. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen, SCDNR shall issue clear title. Case No: 20191014950673.

Summons & Notice

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO.: 2020-CP-43-00671

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Ronald Jackson, Plaintiff
vs
Isaiah Jackson (Deceased) (July 23, 2002) Juanita J. McClain Jackson (Spouse of Isaiah Jackson) and the unknown heirs of any named Defendant herein who is deceased, and John Doe, a fictitious person representing as a class all persons suffering from the legal disability and claiming an interest in the property described, Defendant

TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Amended Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon, and to serve a copy of your Answer to this Amended Complaint to the office of Kenneth R. Young, Jr. Law Firm, P.A., 23 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina, 29150, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to Answer the Amended Complaint, Judgment by Default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

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Attorney for Plaintiff
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Sumter, SC 29150
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LIS PENDENS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A No.: 2020-CP-43-00572

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING

City of Sumter/Sumter County South Carolina, Condemnor,
vs.
Southampton Holdings, LLC Landowner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Condemnor above named pursuant to the South Carolina Eminent Domain Procedures Act, Section 28-2-10 et. seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, has brought an action against the Condemnee above named to acquire the real property described herein for public purposes,

To wit:
2.74 acres more or less, situate at the

Summons & Notice

corner of Rast and Dicks Street, according to Plat recorded in Plat Book Z-15 at Page 137, TAX MAP: 229-07-02-035

J. Calhoun Land, IV
Attorney for Condemnor
Post Office Box 138
Manning, SC 29102
Telephone: 803-435-8894

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (Non-Jury) Foreclosure

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT C/A #: 2020-CP-43-00617

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

TRUIST BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JESSICA A. GAINNEY; CITY OF SUMTER and SAFE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Defendants

TO THE DEFENDANT JESSICA A. GAINNEY 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 upon the subscribers, at their office, 1703 Laurel Street (29201), Post Office Box 11682, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint in the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on April 15, 2020.

Benjamin E. Grimsley
S.C. Bar No. 70335
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Estate:/Charles Ernest Braxton #2020ES4300361
Personal Representative:
Annette B. Griffin
1223 Bradd St
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Ricci L Welch
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Sumter, SC 29150

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Personal Representative:
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3235 Sarah Glen Dr.
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Estate:/Shirley McMillan #2020ES4300340
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Estate:/Barbara A. Knezevich #2020ES4300391
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Estate:/Teddie Roosevelt Simmons #2020ES4300383
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Personal Representative:
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J. Alton Bivens
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Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Millie Garrett #2020ES4300397
Personal Representative:
Jaavon Garrett Collier
2650 Watermark Dr.
Dalzell, S.C. 29040

Estate:/Alok S. Patel #2020ES4300355
Personal Representative:
Amita Patel
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Cary, N.C. 27513

Estate:/Mary Edith Shumaker Bates #2020ES4300376
Personal Representative:
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3260 HWY 521
Sumter, SC 29153
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Ridgeway, S.C. 29130
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Estate:/Teresa Sharon McFadden #2020ES4300337
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Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/James Curtis Rutter #2020ES4300399
Personal Representative:
Ernest Eugene Phillips Jr.
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Summerton, S.C. 29148

Estate:/Norman Purdy Buddin Jr. #2020ES4300356
Personal Representative:
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Wilmington, N.C. 28409
J. Cabot Seth
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1268
Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/James Richardson #2020ES4300357
Personal Representative:
Michael Richardson
7408 Lea Wood Ln
Charlotte, N.C. 28227

Estate:/Marilyn Ruth Walker Follin #2020ES4300331
Personal Representative:
Ann Follin Brown
1069 Shoreland Drive
Sumter, SC 29154

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Estate:/Fay Cagile Hatfield #2020ES4300379
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Cynthia Hatfield
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Estate:/Laura Ellen Mccravy Mcclendon #2020ES4300400
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Charles Davis Mcclendon Jr.
Attorney at Law
1290 Llewellyn Rd
Mount Pleasant, S.C 29464

Estate:/Valarie Shirah Bass #2020ES4300373
Personal Representative:
James Terry Bass
251 Idlelake Ct.
Sumter, SC 29150
Heather Lynn Bass
Attorney at Law
215 Idlelake Ct.
Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Helen Joyce Dubose #2020ES4300332
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Asheville, NC 28803

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 Personal Representative: Alyssa Torres
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 Sumter, SC 29150

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Estate:/Emmett Preston Sanders #2020ES4300372
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Estate:/Gwendolyn V. Jefferson #2020ES4300374
 Personal Representative: Monica Kelley
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 Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Guelda Bryan #2020ES4300333
 Personal Representative: Glenda Painter
 4955 Queen Chapel Road
 Dalzell, SC 29040

Estate:/Andrew T. Ware #2020ES4300380
 Personal Representative: Martha Ware Carter
 160 Warburton Ave
 Apt. 16C
 Yonkers, N.Y. 10701
 Kenneth L. Hamilton
 Attorney at Law
 P.O. Box 1774
 Sumter, S.C. 29151

Estate:/Michael Harolyn Kirby #2020ES4300349
 Personal Representative: Michael William Kirby
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 Sumter, SC 29154
 Kenneth R. Young Jr.
 Attorney at Law
 23 W Calhoun St.
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Estate:/Milorad Robert Knezevich #2020ES4300375
 Personal Representative: Sherry L. Portillo
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Estate:/Lorie Ann James #2020ES4300352
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Estate:/Marlyn Jean Phillips Dault #2020ES4300396
 Personal Representative: Shannan Marie Dault
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Estate:/James Hinkle Jr. #2020ES4300354
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 EBONY My name is EBONY and I'm a 2 year old black and white male American Shorthair.	 IZZY My name is IZZY and I'm a 4 year old tricolored female Chow mix.	 NIGHTWISH My name is NIGHTWISH and I'm a 9 week old gray and white female American Shorthair.	 TRADEWIND My name is TRADEWIND and I'm a 10 week old tortoiseshell/tabby female American Shorthair.

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Marine Corps League 1202 meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the VFW, 1925 Gion St. All present and former Marines are welcome. Call (803) 972-4555.

American Legion Post 15 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month (except the month of September when they meet on the second Monday) at 34 S. Artillery Drive. All veterans, past and present, are welcome. Call (803) 968-5115.

The Civil Air Patrol Sumter Composite Squadron meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday at 2945 Airport Road. There are cadet programs, aerospace education programs and emergency services programs. Call Lt. Col. George Stanley at (803) 847-7640. Visit www.civilairpatrol.com.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-1 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Summerton Fire Station, North Cantey Street, Summerton. Membership is open to any U.S. citizen age 17 or older. Previous service in the Coast Guard is not required. The auxiliary's main objective is to promote safe recreational boating on Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie by offering safe boating classes, courtesy vessel checks for required safety equipment and patrolling the lakes offering assistance to anyone in need. The auxiliary also stands ready to assist the USCG with their mission along with search and rescue. We encourage anyone interested in participating in our mission to attend a meeting and learn more about the auxiliary.

Temple Sinai Jewish History Center is seeking docents. Docents must be 18 years of

age or older and willing to attend educational training prior to starting. This is a volunteer position and you will be asked to commit a few hours a week (Thursday or Friday afternoon or Saturday morning) for a minimum of three months. The museum will work with students who want to arrange class credit through their college. The Center covers South Carolina and Sumter Jewish history, the Holocaust and Sumter's ties to the Holocaust. Docents must be friendly and comfortable engaging with both children and adults. Contact Diana Roof at (803) 468-8630 or at temple@sumtercountymuseum.org or Annie Rivers at (803) 775-0908 or at arivers@sumtercountymuseum.org.

Lake Marion VFW Post 11078, Summerton, meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 Duke St., Summerton, behind First Citizens Bank. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. All VFW members are encouraged to attend. Call Carl A. Farley at (803) 460-8910.

The Bishopville / Manning / Shaw Air Force Base Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. meets at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the South Sumter Combat Veterans Group headquarters building, 529 N. Wise Drive. Call James at (803) 795-2903 or Kenneth at (803) 773-8514.

Connected Warriors Inc. offers evidenced based trauma-conscious therapeutic yoga to service members, veterans and their families at no cost to participants at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays on Shaw Air Force Base for those who have access to the base and at 5 p.m. on Fridays at Southern Bliss Yoga, 600 Bultman Drive, number 4. Call Melissa at (803) 468-1658, email southernblissyoga@yahoo.com or visit www.connectedwarriors.org for details.

PUBLIC AGENDA

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CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
Today, 5:30 p.m., district office, 15 Major Drive, Manning

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Today, 6 p.m., planning commission office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
Today, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology
EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's up to you to finish what you start. Put

your energy to good use, and take care of business before moving on to the things you'd prefer to pursue. Too much of anything will end up dragging you down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take care of yourself. Fitness, exercise, diet, rest and anything else that eases stress and makes your life better are encouraged. A healthy attitude will promote a better and brighter lifestyle. Personal gain is within reach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sit tight, take care of personal and domestic matters, make adjustments to the way you live and do your best to avoid anyone who likes to disrupt your life. Don't share secrets or gossip. Concentrate on making positive changes at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reach out to someone you enjoy working with, and an opportunity to do something unique will arise. Before you make a decision, confront issues that may become a problem before you begin. Personal improvement and growth are favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pick up the pace, and focus on whatever will help you accomplish what you set out to do. Change is about following your heart, not someone else's dream. Put your heart into whatever you feel passionate about, and you'll achieve peace of mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be creative when dealing with changes you are facing or want to pursue. Taking a different approach will alter your perspective regarding how you feel about someone close to you. Romance is on the rise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take the initiative, and do something that

will help your community or family. Getting angry will not solve problems, but making reasonable suggestions will. Don't take a risk when it comes to your health; proceed with safety measures in place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do what you can, and stop wasting time trying to achieve the impossible. Look for an alternative way to use your talents that will also improve your lifestyle as well as your relationship with the people you deal with daily.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Concentrate on what's important to you. There is money to be made if you market your skills, knowledge and experience to fit the current economic trends. Don't sit back when you have so much to offer. A contract looks promising.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Thrive on change, but don't go overboard. Know what you want, and focus on what's important. Make your home environment welcoming, and it will help keep you and those you love and live with safe, happy and emotionally sound.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be a follower or fold under pressure. Consider what's best for you and the people you love. Don't let temptation or uncertainty created by an outsider's influence overrule what is in your best interest. Be reasonable, respond intelligently and proceed with your plans.

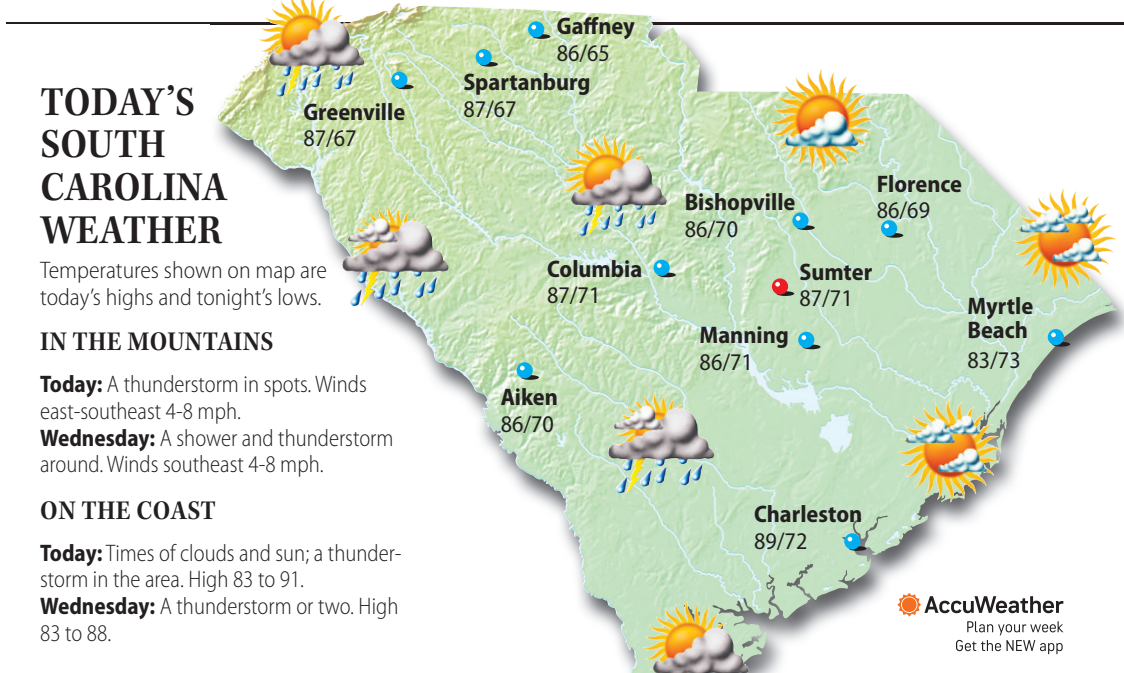
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for innovative ways to help those in need without yielding to unsafe situations. A positive change in your personal life will make your life easier. Share your intentions with someone you love, and make romance a priority.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
87°	71°	86° / 70°	84° / 70°	85° / 70°	86° / 69°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 50%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 35%
S 2-4 mph	S 2-4 mph	SSW 3-6 mph	E 3-6 mph	S 3-6 mph	SW 3-6 mph



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	88°	69°	89°	68°	104° in 1954	56° in 1979

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"	2.59"	3.04"	37.04"	25.88"	31.51"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.62	-0.03
Marion	76.8	75.83	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.47	none
Wateree	100	96.32	+0.09

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	9.16	+0.01
Congaree River	19	6.07	+0.32
Lynches River	14	7.59	-0.41
Saluda River	14	5.32	+0.91
Up. Santee River	80	78.60	+0.26
Wateree River	24	15.38	+4.38

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:46 a.m.	Sunset	8:05 p.m.
Moonrise	5:58 a.m.	Moonset	8:13 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Sep. 2	Sep. 10

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	9:04 a.m.	3.0	3:46 a.m.	0.2
	9:30 p.m.	3.7	3:49 p.m.	-0.3
Wed.	9:54 a.m.	3.1	4:32 a.m.	0.0
	10:18 p.m.	3.7	4:40 p.m.	-0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	89/71/t	88/69/c
Chicago	78/61/s	81/61/s
Dallas	94/71/s	91/73/pc
Detroit	77/57/pc	77/58/pc
Houston	99/74/pc	98/75/pc
Los Angeles	99/73/s	98/71/s
New Orleans	93/75/t	92/75/pc
New York	84/66/s	79/65/pc
Orlando	91/75/t	90/74/t
Philadelphia	84/67/s	80/65/pc
Phoenix	113/87/pc	114/88/pc
San Francisco	78/60/s	78/59/s
Wash., DC	85/68/s	80/66/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Asheville	83/63/t	77/63/t	Florence	86/69/pc	84/70/t
Athens	89/69/t	90/67/t	Gainesville	88/71/t	86/70/t
Augusta	88/70/t	89/68/t	Gastonia	88/67/t	84/67/t
Beaufort	91/74/t	88/73/t	Goldsboro	88/69/pc	85/70/t
Cape Hatteras	87/77/pc	86/76/t	Goose Creek	88/73/t	88/72/t
Charleston	89/72/t	89/72/t	Greensboro	85/64/s	80/64/t
Charlotte	89/65/pc	84/67/t	Greenville	87/67/t	85/66/t
Clemson	87/69/t	83/67/t	Hickory	85/65/t	80/64/t
Columbia	87/71/t	86/70/t	Hilton Head	87/75/t	85/74/t
Darlington	86/70/pc	84/70/t	Jacksonville, FL	90/72/t	90/71/t
Elizabeth City	89/72/pc	87/70/t	La Grange	92/70/t	90/68/c
Elizabethtown	87/70/pc	86/70/t	Macon	90/68/t	90/68/c
Fayetteville	89/69/pc	86/70/t	Marietta	90/69/t	87/67/c
			Marion	83/62/t	79/62/t
			Mt. Pleasant	88/74/t	86/73/t
			Myrtle Beach	83/73/pc	83/72/t
			Orangeburg	86/71/t	86/70/t
			Port Royal	89/75/t	87/73/t
			Raleigh	88/67/pc	86/65/t
			Rock Hill	87/67/pc	84/67/t
			Rockingham	87/68/pc	85/68/t
			Savannah	92/74/t	91/72/t
			Spartanburg	87/67/t	83/66/t
			Summerville	88/72/t	87/73/t
			Wilmington	87/71/pc	85/73/t
			Winston-Salem	84/66/s	80/63/t

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Christine Gonzales shares some pictures she took during a visit to Swan Lake-Iris Gardens.

