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# **USPS halts some mail** changes after outcry



The Sumter County downtown branch of the United States Postal Service is seen Monday.

#### New postmaster general says agency 'will deliver the nation's election mail on time'

#### **BY LISA MASCARO** and ANTHONY IZAGUIRR The Associated Press

 $W\!ASHINGTON-Facing$ mounting public pressure and a crush of state lawsuits, President Donald Trump's new postmaster general announced Tuesday he is halting some operational changes to mail delivery that critics blamed for widespread delays and warned could disrupt the November election.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said he would "suspend" several of his initiatives — including the removal of the distinctive blue mail boxes that prompted an outcry — until after the election "to avoid even the appearance of impact on election mail."

"We will deliver the nation's election mail on time," DeJoy said in a statement.

The abrupt reversal from DeJoy, who is set to testify Friday before the Senate, comes as more than 20 states, from New York to California, announced they would be suing to stop the changes. Several vowed they would press on, keeping a watchful eye on the Postal Service ahead of the election. Speaker Nancy Pelosi is pushing ahead with Saturday's vote to prevent election-year mail changes and provide emergency

postal funds.

"I don't, frankly, trust the post-master general," Pelosi said in San Francisco.

The crisis at the Postal Service has erupted as a major election year issue as DeJoy, a Republican donor who took control of the agency in June, has swiftly engineered cuts and operational changes that are disrupting mail delivery operations and raising alarms that Trump is trying to undermine the agency ahead of the election.

At the White House, Trump has flatly denied he is seeking to slow-walk the mail, even as he leveled fresh assaults Tuesday on mail-in voting and universal ballots. More Americans than ever are expected to choose to vote absentee during the coronavirus outbreak.

You can't have millions and millions of ballots sent all over the place, sent to people that are dead, sent to dogs, cats, sent everywhere," Trump told report-

#### Your Voice: Experiences with U.S. Postal Service

Sumter residents shared their concerns about United States Postal Service mail delivery recently with The Sumter Item.

"I signed up for the Informed Delivery emails from the USPS. It shows you what is expected to be in your mail for the day. Our mail would show up by 1 p.m. every day, sometimes earlier, but no later. The past few weeks it's been showing up after 5 p.m. or not at all! I know what days I'm supposed to be getting mail and what is supposed to be in the mail. I had a package a couple weeks ago scheduled for delivery, and that night I received an email from Amazon stating that I requested for the package to be held at the post office; I did no such thing. They never tried to deliver it, just blamed it on me as the customer."

- Sabrina Behuniak, Horseshoe Cove

"My father-in-law gets his medication delivered through the mail, and there are times he has not received them. We know the doctor sent them, as they always do. I understand with everything going on things will be different, but mail is extremely important. If someone misses a bill, they could get penalized. If a person misses their medication, that could have a negative impact on their health."

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"This isn't games, and you have to get it right," Trump said.

Some of the initiatives DeJoy said he was shelving until after the election had already been announced.

DeJoy said Tuesday he is halting the planned removal of

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PHOTOS PROVIDED BY CHASE SMOAK A large Gordonia tree in Sumter was nominated for the South Carolina Champion Trees.

# Trees are crowned champions, too

2 friends, colleagues discover potential largest of its species in South Carolina

**BY SHELBIE GOULDING** shelbie@theitem.com

Some kids grew up wanting to be storm chasers, but two college friends and experts in garden cultivation and management grew up wanting to chase down giant trees.

Champion Trees are the largest of their species according to a standard measuring formula based on trunk circumference, tree height and average crown spread, and the two friends recently discovered a potential candidate planted right in Sumter.

Phillip Carnley, a horticulturist for Swan Lake-Iris Gardens, came upon a rare, giant Loblolly Bay (Gordonia *lasinathus*) tree that is

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# Colleges grapple with coronavirus as students return

#### **BY BRYAN ANDERSON** and MICHELLE LIU

The Associated Press / Report for America

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Notre Dame University became the latest college to move classes online because of the coronavirus, after nearly 150 students tested positive.

"It is very serious, and we must take serious actions,'

university president the Rev. John Jenkins said in an address to students and staff Tuesday.

Tuesday's action follows the decision by officials of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to switch to remote learning starting today, as the virus makes its mark on colleges — and college towns — across the United States. Some universities are

reconsidering plans to hold inperson classes or implementing new testing regimes. Others are threatening crackdowns on students who

get too close with others, in violation of social distancing rules.

The University of Oklahoma is requiring its sororities

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to recruit new members virtually after learning of students attending large social events without taking precautions against the virus.

Notre Dame canceled inperson undergraduate classes for two weeks. Jenkins said he decided against sending students home after consulting

with health care experts. Instead, the university is imposing restrictions on student activity, including limiting access to dormitories to residents and barring students from major gathering places on campus.

UNC-Chapel Hill freshman Mackenzie Holland spent two weeks in her dorm before she

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# Manning pedestrian struck, killed by vehicle

#### **BY SHARRON HALEY**

Clarendon contributor

MANNING — A 54-year-old Manning man died early Tuesday after being struck by a vehicle on Silver Road near U.S. 15 shortly after 10 p.m. Monday, according to Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock.

"Marvin Rhames died at Prisma Health Richland at 3:50 a.m.," Mock said. "Rhames died from multiple blunt-force trauma."

According to Cpl. Matt Southern with the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Rhames was walking south on Silver Road when he was struck by a 2005 Mazda that was traveling south on Silver Road. The driver of the vehicle was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured in the collision, Southern added.

"This collision remains under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol," Southern said.

This is the second pedestrian fatality in Clarendon County in the past two months.

On July 10, Harvin Watson, 59, of Manning, was riding his bicycle along Moses Dingle Road near Jordan when he was struck by a vehicle and left injured beside the roadway. Watson died less than 90 minutes after he was transported to McLeod Health Clarendon.

No arrests have been made in the hit-and-run fatality.

The SCHP is asking for assistance in identifying the driver of the vehicle that struck Watson. The vehicle is thought to have after-market tinted windows with one broken side window. Anyone with information on the vehicle or the driver of the vehicle is asked to call CRIMESTOP-PERS at 888-274-6337, SCHP at (803) 896-7603 or local authorities. Callers may remain anonymous.

# **Sandy Hook families: Gun** maker trying to wipe out lawsuit with bankruptcy

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A lawyer for some of the Sandy Hook school shooting victims' families accused Remington Arms on Tuesday of using its new bankruptcy case to try to wipe out their lawsuit over how the company marketed the rifle used in the massacre.

An attorney for Remington denied the allegation during a phone conference call presided over by a federal bankruptcy court judge in Decatur, Alabama.

Also Tuesday, the judge, Clifton Jessup Jr., denied the families' request to create a committee — comprised of people who are suing Remington over the use of its products that would have a say in the bankruptcy proceedings. The judge, however, allowed one lawsuit plaintiff — not the Sandy Hook families — to sit on the main committee of unsecured creditors.

David Elsberg, a lawyer for the families, said Remington is trying to rush an auction of its holdings, leave the families out of the process and has not included their lawsuit or other lawsuits over its products in the new bankruptcy case it filed late last month. He said the bankruptcy case is so new that many people who may have claims against the company may not even know about the case.

"The families have grave concerns about the speed, the breakneck speed, that the debtors (Remington) are setting up for the sale," Elsberg said. "There won't be, there simply can't be, a full and fair process unless this high-speed train that we're on slows down."

Despite the bankruptcy case being filed only last month, Remington — the nation's oldest gun maker, based in Madison, North Carolina — already is planning to sell off its holdings in a Sept. 17 auction. The company has a plant in Huntsville, Alabama.

It's the company's second bankruptcy filing in two years. Remington, weighed down by lawsuits and retail sales restrictions following the Sandy Hook school shooting in 2012, listed assets and liabilities of between \$100 million and \$500 million, and between 1,000 and 5,000 creditors, in its new case.

A gunman using a Bushmaster AR-15-style rifle made by Remington killed 20 children and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, on Dec. 14, 2012.

# Convalescent plasma donation drives Fridays at Tuomey outpatient center

**BY KAYLA GREEN** 

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**Recovered COVID-19 patients** will have the chance to help those still battling the virus every Friday in Sumter for the next few months.

Convalescent plasma collection events will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each week at the Prisma Health Tuomey Outpatient Rehabilitation Services center at 1215 Alice Drive. Whole blood donations also will be collected, and those donors will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. People who have recovered from the coronavirus have developed antibodies to the disease, which are proteins the body uses to fight off infections, in their blood. Plasma is the liquid portion of the blood, and donated blood plasma can be made into a serum and given to patients within days. The convalescent plasma can help severely ill COVID-19 patients fight the virus by giving them the antibodies they may not be able to develop themselves.



# Rental assistance available with updated eligibility requirements

#### **SUBMITTED**

SC Thrive, a nonprofit offering solutions to South Carolinians in need of resources but facing a multitude of barriers to accessing them, offers immediate relief for South Carolina residents still struggling to pay rent during the coronavirus pandemic. The organization is now accepting Rental Assistance Program applications from households that previously collected Pandemic Unemployment Assistance — a change that significantly expands participation eligibility. Designed to provide emergency rental assistance to South Carolinians facing financial hardships because of the ongoing pandennic, the program was previously not available to applicants also receiving the now-expired \$600 weekly PUA benefit. However, the end of the benefit creates a timely opportunity for those previously rendered ineligible, and SC Thrive recommends that interested applicants take advantage. Eligible households could now receive assistance of up to \$1,500 for rent in a one-time, lump-sum payment made directly to property owners or management companies. Launched in late May in cooperation with the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority (S.C. Housing), the Rental Assistance Program aims to lessen the economic impacts of the COVID-19 health crisis on state residents by providing funds to renters affected by shutdowns, closures, layoffs, reduced work hours or unpaid leave due to the outbreak. The organization hopes the current transition period between the previous and the next wave of federal support will extend this benefit to more S.C. residents in need of rent money by greatly expanding accessibility to it. "We recognize that the effects of coronavirus are far reaching, and South Carolinians are still struggling just to pay their rent or trying to hang on until their next paycheck." said SC Thrive CEO Tricia Richardson. "But we want everyone to know that assistance is available now. This SC Thrive program is here to help South Carolinians stay housed

during this difficult time. We strongly encourage anyone struggling - especially those who were previously denied or who didn't apply for the program due to this requirement — to apply.

SC Thrive understands that it can be difficult to send in supporting documentation, especially when many places that offer document scanning and faxing are closed. The organization encourages applicants to seek assistance for submitting documents through landlords, county government offices, employers and community-service organizations that currently allow visitors. Many of these organizations and offices are doing every thing they can to help fill in the gaps for their neighbors. Those wishing to submit new applications for the program or simply learn more about it can do so at *rent.scthrive.org*.

#### **HOW TO DONATE**

To donate convalescent plasma, donors must be at least 14 days symptom-free and will be asked to provide documentation of a positive COVID-19 test result or antibody test. Positive test documentation/results can include the following:

• A copy of the lab results showing a positive test and date for COVID-19; or

• A document from a health

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care provider stating the donor had a positive test for COVID-19 and the date of the test. This document must be on the letterhead or prescription pad of the health care provider and must be signed and dated by the health care provider.

Convalescent plasma drives do not provide COVID-19 diagnostic testing, meaning they don't test for active infections. Antibody tests do not confirm infection or immunity.

The process take a little more than an hour. That includes completing a questionnaire and a mini-physical, the donation itself (30-45 minutes) and a 15-minute wait period before leaving the facility.

To donate, contact Jill Williamson at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital at (803) 774-8658 or The Blood Connection at (864) 751-1168 to make an appointment.

Applicants must meet a number of requirements to qualify for the program, including:

· Applicants must be South Carolina residents:

• Applicants' household income at the time of application must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income for the county in which they reside. Income eligibility by county can be found at: https://bit.lv/2LPONAh;

 Applicants' employment/income must have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning March 10, 2020, or later;

Applicants must be past due on rent;

• The rent assistance payment must bring the rental balance current; and

 The applicant cannot currently receive any subsidized rental assistance.

In addition to the COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program, SC Thrive stands firm in helping South Carolinians in need access available resources in innovative ways. Primary areas of focus at SC Thrive include physical, mental and financial health. The organization also provides a variety of training and technology to other direct-service organizations so that they can more effectively help those in need access the resources available to them. To find out about all of the resources SC Thrive has to offer, visit scthrive.org.

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# USC announces free COVID-19 tests; classes start Thursday

COLUMBIA (AP) — The University of South Carolina is joining a handful of universities nationwide to implement saliva tests for COVID-19, as part of its plan to reopen for classes this week.

The tests will be free for students, faculty and staff on the school's Columbia campus, the university said in a news release Tuesday. The tests, which require a single spit sample, are an alternative to nasal swab tests and typically deliver results within 24 hours.

The implementation of the tests comes amid the university's attempt to hold classes, which are set to begin Thursday, in person. Other higher education institutions in the state, including Clemson University and the

College of Charleston, are delaying the start of in-person teaching because of the pandemic.

Elsewhere, schools including Colorado College and the University of Notre Dame have already begun reporting spikes in coronavirus cases this fall. The University of North Carolina announced it will shift to remote learning after identifying multiple clusters of cases among students.

The University of South Carolina is now the only school in the state to receive state certification for the saliva tests and one of a handful of universities nationwide approved for the tests.

The school said West Columbiabased Nephron Pharmaceuticals donated 50,000 sample tubes and a robot for processing samples.

"If we want to stop the spread of this deadly virus, we have to expand COVID-19 screening where breakouts can occur, such as college campuses. and that is why this partnership with Carolina is so important," Nephron CEO Lou Kennedy said in a news release.

The saliva testing approach could lower the barrier to testing across the state, as no trained personnel, testing sites or personal protective equipment are needed to collect samples, USC School of Medicine professor Helmut Albrecht told state legislators earlier this month. People could provide samples in classrooms and airports, churches and dinner parties and even

at home, Albrecht said.

New COVID-19 cases and deaths have begun to fall in the state during the last month. Public health officials say data from municipalities that have implemented mask orders since the beginning of the summer show the masks have helped slow the spread of the virus.

On Tuesday, health officials announced 940,948 tests have been conducted in the state since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak. The Department of Health and Environmental Control reported 691 new confirmed cases and 47 additional deaths. The state has now totaled 106,574 confirmed cases, and 2,230 South Carolinians have died of COVID-19 so far.

# Clemson finds hundreds of unmarked graves of slaves

CLEMSON (AP) — The possible locations of hundreds of unmarked graves have been discovered in a Clemson University cemetery, including those of slaves and Black men whose hard forced labor built the campus long after the Civil War.

The graves are thought to be of those enslaved at John C. Calhoun's Fort Hill Plantation from about 1830 to 1865, as well as sharecroppers and convicts leased from the state to construct campus buildings nounced on Monday includes recently discovered graves beyond a previously identified area, on the south end of what was once Calhoun's plantation, The Post and Courier reported.

Lead researcher Paul Anderson said more graves are expected to be uncovered. Testing has revealed more disturbed soil roughly five feet beneath the surface, and they could be identified as burial sites "in the coming weeks and months," Clemson said. Students sparked a renewed push for recognition of the graves, by raising concerns about the state of the unmarked plots in a fenced-off. littered area, The Greenville News said. In March, the university committed to maintaining the graves, and the students said they were designing a memorial for them. The university also plans to share the stories of those buried there in a website. "We are committed to taking all the critically important actions to enhance these grounds, preserve these grave sites and to ensure the people buried there are properly hon-



Unmarked stones on a hill on the edge of Woodland Cemetery, also known as Cemetery Hill, are seen March 18 near Memorial Stadium at Clemson University in Clemson. Created in the early 20th Century, Woodland Cemetery is a burial ground for prominent Clemson University figures — presidents, professors and football coaches are all buried in the hilltop plot beside Memorial Stadium.

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Black lives hardly mattered at all at Clemson until after desegregation," she said. "And the discovery that we made in this burial ground tells me that Black deaths mattered even less. The thing that I found is that Black labor mattered the most on this land."

from 1890 to 1915, the univer sity said in a statement Monday.

Researchers used radar technology to identify the possible locations of at least 215 bodies in Woodland Cemetery, the university graveyard beside the school's football stadium, where Calhoun's family and university employees also are buried.

Researchers had long known that unidentified bodies of African-Americans were buried among the graves of prominent university figures, and previous efforts to locate their graves had been attempted. The new total anored and respected," Smyth McKissick, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said in the statement Monday.

The university, meanwhile, has been under pressure to address the racist legacy of Calhoun and his ties to the school. A former U.S. vice president and supporter of slavery, he once called the practice a "positive good." The university stripped his name from its honors college in June.

Rhondda Robinson Thomas, a Clemson professor who researches African-American literature and history, said

she would be notifying local people whose ancestors may be buried in the cemetery, news outlets reported.

"My research shows that





A sign warns of extreme heat danger at Badwater Basin on Monday in Death Valley National Park, California. Death Vallev recorded a scorching 130 degrees Sunday, which if the sensors and other conditions check out would be the hottest Earth has been in more than 89 years and the third warmest ever measured.

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# Death Valley's 130 degrees may be record if verified

#### **BY SETH BORENSTEIN**

AP Science Writer

California sizzled to a tripledigit temperature so hot that meteorologists need to verify it as a planet-wide high mark.

Death Valley recorded a scorching 130 degrees Sunday, which if the sensors and other conditions check out would be the hottest Earth has been in more than 89 years and the third warmest ever measured.

The temperature, measured at the aptly named Furnace Creek during a blistering heat wave, would be the hottest temperature recorded on Earth in August, said Arizona State University professor Randy Cerveny, who coordinates the World Meteorological Organization's extreme temperature team, which is already investigating the mark.

That 130 is only below the disputed all-time record of 134 degrees at nearly the same spot in 1913 and a 131-degree mark in Tunisia in 1931, but both were in July, traditionally the planet's hottest month.

The relentlessly hot weather conditions at the spot support such an extreme reading, so much of the verification effort will be looking at how the measurement was taken and the sensor itself, Cerveny said. Sunday's temperature would beat marks of 129 recorded three times in recent years, he said. The monitor is an official one that follows world guidelines but still extremes tell us a lot about what will happen in the future."

The western heat wave is due to a "massive dome of high pressure" that keeps roasting the West, and the normal Southwest monsoon that would provide rain and relief is missing, so there has been no cooling, Cerveny said. Phoenix has gone weeks with temperatures not dipping below 90, even at night or early in the morning, he said.

The 130-mark capped a week and an ongoing summer of "very strange" weather, said Deke Arndt, director of the National Weather Service's Center for Weather and Climate and former chairman of the U.S. national weather extremes committee.

On Saturday, a fire tornado formed during a wildfire near Chilcoot, California, worsened by the western heat wave. The fire was "burning so incredibly intense, so there is just so much heat going into it" that air rose in a swirl just like what happens in some thunderstorms, said Dawn Johnson, senior meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Reno, Nevada. "It almost looks like a bomb went off."

And days before that, a violent straight-wind derecho devastated parts of Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, killing four people and causing billions of dollars in damage. Also, the Atlantic keeps setting records for earliest hurricanes, with 11 forming before mid-August and the beginning of peak season.

"These kinds of things are certainly consistent with everybody's expectation for what we expect to see more often" with manmade global warming, said Jennifer Francis, a senior scientist at the Woodwell Climate Research Center, formerly Woods Hole Research Center, in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Death Valley's National Park's 130-degree temperature was recorded at 3:41 p.m. at Furnace Creek near the park's visitor center. It's the same area that holds the world record for highest temperature ever recorded — 134 degrees — set on July 10, 1913, although that record remains in dispute. Arndt said meteorologists have made good cases for and against the record's legitimacy.

With this new temperature, Arndt said his former committee might look yet again at the 1913 record, which Cerveny said is based on peer-reviewed research and is official.

While individual one-day records shouldn't be used to make a case for or against climate change, scientists say the overall context of more extreme weather and higher temperatures shows global warming at work.

# Suffrage anniversary commemorations highlight racial divide

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — As the U.S. marks the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, many event organizers, mindful that the 19th Amendment originally benefited mostly white women, have been careful to present it as a commemoration, not a celebration.

The amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920, but many women of color were prevented from casting ballots for decades afterward because of poll taxes, literacy tests, overt racism, intimidation and laws that prevented the grandchildren of slaves from voting. Much of that didn't change until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

From exhibits inside the Arizona Capitol Museum to a gathering on the North Carolina Statehouse lawn, many commemorations, including those that moved online because of the coronavirus pandemic, have highlighted a more nuanced history of the American women's suffrage movement alongside the traditional tributes to wellknown suffragists such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The 100th anniversary has arrived during a year of nationwide protests against racial inequality that have forced the United States to once again reckon with its uncomfortable history.

"Like many movements, the stories are complicated, and I think it's important, as we have an opportunity to reflect and to celebrate, that we also are honest about how we didn't meet all of our aspirations," said Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea, a Democrat born and raised in Puerto Rico who has helped to organize her state's suffrage commemoration efforts. "It's important to have these conversations so we can do a better job of going forward."

The Connecticut Historical Society last month unveiled an online exhibit titled "The Work Must Be Done: Women of Color and the Right to Vote." It highlights Black women from Connecticut who fought for suffrage rights as well as other issues, such as antidiscrimination, anti-lynching, labor reforms and access to education.

"We have really been wanting to make sure we talk about the complicated history of these issues in our country," said Arizona Assistant Secretary of State Allie Bones, whose office came up with a program after working with about 60 community groups across the state, many of which were "very focused on not calling it a celebration, but ... a commemoration."

While their names are not as well-known as the white suffragists, Black women played both prominent and smaller roles in the movement. Members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, for example, participated in the 1913 suffrage march in Washington, taking great personal risk while not being welcomed by some white suffragists who ultimately insisted the Black women march at the end of the procession, said Cheryl A. Hickmon, national first vice president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

"They felt that it was their obligation, if you will, even though it was unsafe to march with the other women and show their dissension and feelings," said Hickmon, whose organization has been working with organizers of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial that's being constructed in southern Fairfax County, Virginia, and includes an overview of the entire movement, including Black suffragists.



# Report: Trump campaign's Russia contacts a 'grave' threat

#### **BY ERIC TUCKER** and MARY CLARE JALONICK The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump campaign's interactions with Russian intelligence services during the 2016 presidential election posed a "grave" counterintelligence threat, a Senate panel concluded Tuesday as it detailed in a report how associates of the Republican candidate had regular contact with Russians and expected to benefit from the Kremlin's help.

The report, the fifth and final one from the Republican-led Senate intelligence committee on the Russia investigation, describes how Russia launched an aggressive, wide-ranging effort to interfere in the election on Donald Trump's behalf. It says Trump associates were eager to exploit the Kremlin's aid, particularly by maximizing the impact of the disclosure of Democratic emails that were hacked by Russian military intelligence officers.

The conclusions mark the culmination of a bipartisan probe that spanned more than three years and produced what the committee called "the most comprehensive de-



**AP FILF PHOTO** 

Senate Intelligence Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C., right, accompanied by Committee Vice Chairman Mark Warner, D-Va., speaks as Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson appear before a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing on election security on Capitol Hill in Washington on March 21, 2018.

scription to date of Russia's activities and the threat they posed."

The findings echo to a large degree those of special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, with the report's unflinching characterization of furtive interactions between Trump associates and Russian operatives contradicting the Republican president's claims that the FBI had no basis to investigate whether his campaign was conspiring with Russia.

The report was released as two other Senate committees, the Judiciary and Homeland Security panels, conduct their own reviews of the Russia probe with an eye toward uncovering what they say was FBI misconduct during the early days of the investigation. A prosecutor appointed by Attorney General William Barr, who regards the Russia investigation with skepticism, disclosed his first criminal charge on Friday against a former FBI lawyer who plans to plead guilty to altering a government email.

Among the more striking sections of the nearly 1,000page report issued Tuesday is the committee's description of the close professional relationship between former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and Konstantin Kilimnik, whom the committee describes without equivocation as a Russian intelligence officer.

"Taken as a whole, Manafort's high-level access and willingness to share information with individuals closely affiliated with the Russian intelligence services, particularly Kilimnik, represented a grave counterintelligence threat," the report says.

The report notes how Manafort shared internal Trump campaign polling data with Kilimnik and says there is "some evidence" that Kilimnik may have been connected to the Kremlin's operation to hack and leak Democratic emails, though it does not describe that evidence. In addition, the report says that "two pieces of information" raise

the possibility of Manafort's potential connection to those operations, but what follows next in the document is blacked out.

Both men were charged in Mueller's investigation, but neither was accused of any tie to the hacking.

A Manafort lawyer, Kevin Downing, said Tuesday that there is information that was sealed at the request of Mueller's team "that completely refutes whatever the intelligence committee is trying to surmise." He added: "It just looks like complete conjecture.'

The report purposely does not come to a final conclusion, as the other reports did, about whether there is enough evidence that Trump's campaign coordinated or colluded with Russia to sway the election to him and away from Democrat Hillary Clinton, leaving its findings open to partisan interpretation.

A group of Republicans on the panel submitted "additional views" to the report saving that it should state more explicitly that Trump's campaign did not coordinate with Russia. But Democrats on the panel submitted their own views, arguing that the report clearly shows such cooperation.

# Golden State Killer faces his victims in 1st day of hearings

#### Convicted murderer will be sentenced to life in prison

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Victim after victim lined up on Tuesday to describe Joseph DeAngelo as a "sick monster," "horrible man" and "subhuman" who stole their innocence and changed their lives during a more than decadelong reign of rape and murder that earned him the nickname of the Golden State Killer.

The daughter of one rape victim gave him an obscene hand gesture and cursed him during the first of four days of hearings in Sacramento County Superior Court before he is formally sentenced to life in prison on Friday.



heading to prison. "He and his knife had complete control over me for the next two hours," the daughter of rape survivor Patricia Murphy read from her mother's statement.

"He truly is an evil monster with no soul." Murphy in her own statement raised her middle finger and said DeAngelo

"can go straight to hell."

He was a former police officer in California who eluded capture for four decades. The scope of crimes "is simply staggering," prosecutors said in a court summary released Monday: 13 known murders and nearly 50 rapes between 1975 and 1986.

Sixteen of his Sacramento County rape victims began confronting him Tuesday in a courthouse that is otherwise still sealed from the public because of the coronavirus. A similar number planned to tell Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Michael Bowman today and Thursday how DeAngelo's crimes changed their lives.

Pete Schultz told how he "performed horrific acts against our mother while

she was tied and blindfolded." He himself was tied to a bedpost at age 11, while his 7-year-old sister was locked in her room during the attack on Wini Schultz.

DeAngelo in June pleaded guilty to 13 murders and 13 rape-related charges but publicly admitted to dozens more because the statute of limitations for sexual assaults had expired.

Defense attorneys did not respond to requests for comment and did not file a response to prosecutors' outline of the case. All told, DeAngelo admitted to harming 87 victims in 53 separate crime scenes spanning 11 California counties in a plea deal that spares him the death penalty, prosecutors said.









# Coin shortage hits retailers, laundromats, tooth fairy

#### **BY SARAH SKIDMORE SELL**

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A convenience store chain is offering a free beverage or sandwich in exchange for them. A laundromat owner drove four hours across state lines to get \$8,000 worth. A young girl in Illinois wrote the tooth fairy saying she'll gladly take dollars as a substitute if it helps.

There is a shortage of coins across the U.S., yet another odd side effect of the coronavirus pandemic. Quarters, dimes and nickels aren't circulating as freely as they usually do because many businesses have been closed and consumers aren't out spending as much.

The Federal Reserve announced in June that the supply system for coins had been severely disrupted. The U.S. Mint and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin have urged Americans to use coins or turn them in to banks. As the economy recovers and businesses reopen, the coin supply is expected to normalize.

Meanwhile, retailers large and small have urged shoppers to use cards or exact change whenever possible. Some won't provide change. Grocery giant Kroger Co. is still accepting cash but offers customers the option to load their change onto loyalty cards to use on their next visit or to donate the balance to charity.

Convenience store chain WaWa offered customers a free beverage at some of its stores if people brought in \$5 worth of coins, or a sandwich for \$50 or more. Community State Bank, a regional bank chain in Wisconsin, even offered a \$5 bonus for every \$100 worth of coins that people brought in. They had to suspend it after a week due to overwhelming response.

As the shortage persists, it's become clear that there are still some conundrums that only coins can solve.

'It's at the minimum an inconvenience ... at worst it's a business challenge," said Brian Wallace, CEO of the Coin Laundry Association, a trade group for laundromats.

About 56% of laundromats that serve the public take quarters as the only form of payment. And 89% take quar ters as some form of payment, with cards, loyalty programs or mobile payments as an alternative, according to the trade group. Laundromats rely heavily on coins, in part, because many of their customers are "unbanked" or "underbanked," meaning they mostly or entirely use cash instead



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On July 24, The Associated Press reported on stories circulating online incorrectly denying the existence of a coin shortage in the U.S. The shortage is real, says The Federal Reserve, which manages the country's coin inventory. Coins aren't being circulated because businesses are closed and sales are down during the pandemic.

of cards to pay for things.

Daryl Johnson, who owns Giant Wash Laundry — a chain of 11 laundromats in the Minneapolis area — said his company normally buys anywhere from \$4,000 to \$8,000 in quarters a week for its change machines. But after the Fed began rationing distributions of coins, his bank said it might not be able to provide any.

"Obviously we were freaking out a little bit," he said.

Johnson got creative: he offered to buy change from friends and family on Facebook. He put up signs in stores asking customers to bring in their own coins and adjusted his change machines to only accept smaller bills to

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limit outflow. He even drove more than four hours to Omaha to buy \$8,000 in quarters from another laundry operator.

"It's that or my businesses close," he said.

Things have stabilized some, both for himself and his bank, in terms of supply.

People who rely on coin-operated laundry machines in laundromats and apartment buildings are struggling as well. Stephanie Sabin of Portland, Oregon, has a washing machine at her apartment complex that only takes quarters. In July, her neighborhood bank was closed for inperson business. The next five locations she tried were either closed or unable to give

her quarters. She's been able to get her laundry done with quarters her family had on hand or that she bought from her boss.

"Desperate times," she said. "You can no longer request rolls of quarters at grocery stores or even get change back if you pay with cash at a food drive-through."

Toll booths, parking meters, vending machines and other spots that were once coinheavy have largely modernized to accept other forms of payment. But people are finding themselves in need of change for other situations.

Leigh Ann Tognetti of Rio Grande City, Texas, had just started her 5-year-old daughter on an allowance in July:

two quarters for every day she picks up her room.

"It's a lot of quarters to go through in a week," she said. "I had no idea or even crossed my mind that there could be a coin shortage."

To keep good on her promise, she has used change from the vending machine at work and coins mailed to her by a friend. She has also used a stack of dimes or doubles up two days' payments with a dollar bill instead.

"If she would pick up every single day we would have a problem," she said. For the North Carolina

Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, a shutdown in March turned into an unexpected opportunity to help offset lost revenue and ended up helping address the coin shortage too.

The aquarium shut down its waterfall and cleared out about 100 gallons of coins that visitors had thrown in over the past 14 years. The coins, which are still being washed and counted, will go toward operating costs.

"We are definitely feeling the pinch," said Danielle Bolton, a spokeswoman for the aquarium. "Every penny counts, literally."

The shortage is even being felt by the young.

Take Jen Vicker, of Bollingbrook, Illinois. Her 10-year-old daughter woke up with a loose tooth recently and worried the tooth fairy wouldn't be able to pay because of the shortage.

So she wrote a note: "Dear tooth fairy, you may already know this but there is a national coin shortage in America. You usually leave me dollar coins, but until this situation is resolved, I would like cash for my teeth. I apologize for the inconvenience."







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# CHANGES

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mail-processing machines and blue collection boxes, as well as an initiative to change retail hours at post offices. He also said that no mail processing facilities will be closed and said the agency has not eliminated overtime.

One initiative that DeJoy didn't single out in his announcement was the newly imposed constraints on when mail can go out for delivery a change that postal workers have said is fueling delays. The statement also did not specify whether the agency would restore mail-sorting machines that have recently been taken offline.

A Postal Service spokesman declined to comment beyond DeJoy's statement.

"What's going on right now is nothing less than a full-on assault by this administration on the U.S. Postal Service, an institution that millions of Americans rely on every single day," said Bob Ferguson, the attorney general in Washington state, at a news conference.

Ferguson and Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced they were leading collections of other states in suing to block service changes at the Postal Service,

just as the postmaster was making his own statement Tuesday. Both Shapiro and Ferguson said they would not take DeJoy at his word.

We need to see binding action to reverse these changes,' Shapiro said.

Trump made clear last week that he was blocking \$25 billion emergency aid to the Postal Service, acknowledging he wanted to curtail election mail operations, as well as a Democratic proposal to provide \$3.6 billion in additional election money to the states to help process an expected surge of mail-in ballots.

Key Republicans are now sounding the alarm. In the pivotal swing state of Ohio, Attorney General Dave Yost pleaded with Trump to postpone any needed changes to the Postal Service until after Election Day. GOP Sen. Rob Portman and other Republicans in Ohio's congressional delegation urged DeJoy to "ensure timely and accurate delivery of election-related materials."

Mark Dimondstein, president of the American Postal Workers Union, welcomed DeJoy's decision but said the Postal Service needs COVID-19-related financial relief. "It's time for Congress to deliver," he said.

Pelosi is gaining GOP support for Saturday's vote, according to two Republican

aides granted anonymity to discuss the situation. She is calling lawmakers back to Washington for the "Delivering for America Act," which would prohibit the Postal Service from implementing any changes to operations or level of service it had in place on Jan. 1. The package would include the \$25 billion approved as part of the COVID-19 rescue that is stalled in the Senate.

Democrats held events in cities nationwide, some pressuring Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to resume session. One protest was in Atlanta, where vulnerable GOP Sen. David Perdue faces a tough reelection.

McConnell, though, is unlikely to change the Senate schedule. In Kentucky, he said he viewed the postal legislation as an opportunity to resume talks over a broader COVID-19 relief bill.

"I don't think we'll pass, in the Senate, a postal-only bill," he told the Courier-Journal in an interview.

DeJoy, a former supply-chain CEO who took over the Postal Service in June, has sparked nationwide outcry over delays, new prices and cutbacks that could imperil not only the election, but also what some call a lifeline for those receiving mail prescriptions and other goods during the COVID-19 crisis.

#### YOUR VOICE FROM PAGE A1

"I am a female combat veteran who served in Afghanistan and uses the VA systems for my health care. Unfortunately, I have been affected by the politics surrounding the postal service. Prior to the changes, I typically would receive my medication in the mail within three business days. On Aug. 4, my high blood pressure medicine was filled at the pharmacy and shipped from the VA shortly thereafter. I did not receive it in the mail until 10 days later. The same for my sleep medication. Thankfully, I had medication to sustain me during that time. It is heart wrenching for those who depend on the mail. I honestly am not sure if the policymakers in D.C. understand the trickle-down effect. We all know that much of the controversy around the mail revolves around mail-in ballots. However, the postal service provides so much more for millions of people. We have to remember that the post office is a government agency and not a business. As an American, we do not want any entity of it in a deficit, but it is not a commercial business designed to generate massive profits, and it's important to remember that. If

improvements are necessary, I'm sure they can be done in a way that to where it is not detrimental to the people!"

– Jamilla Jenkins, Haynsworth Street

"I work at Jefferson Barns and Lumber, and we have terrible delivery service here with the mail. Our normal mail lady is nice and tries to help us out, but if it is anyone else, we won't receive our mail, or they will try to say we are closed, but we have set hours every day. One time before, I went to the main post office because Amazon sent me a notification and said that they couldn't deliver my package and that it was being held at the post office to pick up my package there. When I got there and showed the man at the desk my notification, he yelled at me and said that my package wasn't there, and if they didn't leave it, then oh well. I asked him could he please go double check, and he said no that was a waste of his time. I eventually had to get loud with him before he would go check; finally he did and had my package."

Teresa Zearfoss

# **COLLEGES**

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found herself moving back out again on Tuesday, after the university canceled in-person classes for undergraduates when clusters of coronavirus infection surfaced among students

Holland said she sobbed for an hour after learning the news

"I kind of expected it, but I'm just kind of disappointed in my classmates and the people that are out partying and stuff because now I can't finish my college experience," Holland said. "I know that we'll be back one day, but it's just sad right now.'

In the last few days alone, college students in places including North Carolina, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Vermont, Kansas, Colorado and the Air Force Academy have tested positive, creating a ripple effect that has put hundreds of other students into quarantine or

online and in-person classes. She did not anticipate having to move back to Raleigh with her family just eight days after classes started.

"I was surprised because I thought we were going to be better, but I guess not," Popoola said.

Holland said she wants other colleges to learn from the Chapel Hill students who participated in large, maskless gatherings.

"A lot of kids our age don't understand the result of their actions, and this is kind of showing what can result of that," Holland said.

Students at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville could face punishments as stiff as expulsion if they are "irresponsible" in hosting big parties, if they won't cooperate with COVID-19 contact tracing or if they don't complete forms documenting their self-isolation, the chancellor said Tuesdav

"It's possible that you could be expelled from school, and I will not hesitate to do that if people, our students, are irresponsible," Chancellor Donde Plowman said in a video conference. Plowman also noted five cases linked to an off-campus party last week. Today is the first day of classes at the flagship Knoxville campus. School officials have confirmed 75 active COVID-19 cases there, involving 66 students and nine employees. About 6,500 students have moved in on campus, while an additional 30,000-plus live off campus.

#### **CHAMPIONS**

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expected to be the state's new champion or co-champion of the Gordonia species.

"It was kind of a happy accident," Carnley said. "It was just kind of awe inspiring to see one as massive as this one was."

Carnley found the tree in a swampy area off Gordonia Drive, which he thought was ironic given the name, on July 22. He said this one was massive in comparison to what he has seen of this species.

Just a week after discovering the giant, Carnley took his friend, Chase Smoak, a horticulturist serving the Clemson University Extension Office covering Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties, to measure the tree.

An American native, the Loblolly Bay reaches an average height of 35-60 feet, according to a plant profile from

the University of Florida. According to the South Car olina Champion Tree database, the current Loblolly Bay state Champion Tree is based in Aiken County, measured with a circumference of 68.4 inches, a height of 82 feet and a crown spread of 38 feet. Carnley and Smoak measured the Gordonia in Sumter with a circumference of 88 inches, a height of 81 feet and a crown spread of 33.5 feet. The two immediately realized they found a Gordonia that reached Champion Tree status and nominated it immediately.

sidered a co-champion because it is within a 5-point difference of its competitor, according to Smoak, but regardless of its rank, he and Carnley are just glad to have found such an amazing giant.

Smoak said if horticulturists love one thing, it's finding large trees, and to be able to find a potential state or national Champion Tree is even better.

"For somebody to be able to find a Champion Tree in their lifetime alone, that's an accomplishment," Smoak said.

The two friends have known each other since attending Clemson, and they've been pushing each other in

their fields since for the horticulture and the fun behind the job, Carnley said. This is one of the aspects

that makes horticulture fun for them.

Smoak said the Gordonia

perity. As the population grows, we see fewer and fewer large native species due to habitat loss and encroachment," Carnley said. "The value of a tree is relative. Each tree has its own benefits, whether it be economical or social or ecological.'

Smoak said there are many ways a community can protect big trees like the Gordonia they found. It just takes a bit of caring.

"It's kind of the same thing with yourself. You always make sure that your heart is in good health," Smoak said. "The same thing goes for trees."

Smoak said landowners

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If you have been diagnosed with sleep apnea and

wishing to protect large trees may benefit from installing lightning protection on the tree, cor-

recting soil compaction around the root zone with the use of an air spade and proper pruning of dead and/or structurally compromising limbs, which often requires a professional for larger trees. A key point with any tree is that you want to keep it as stress-free as possible, Smoak said. Once a tree becomes stressed by factors like bad pruning or compacted root systems, it opens itself up for secondary problems like pest insects or plant diseases. He said if any landowner wants to help preserve and protect large trees like the Gordonia in Sumter, Clemson Extension agents are a free resource to the public.

isolation.

The U.S. leads the world in the number of coronavirus cases, with 5.4 million cases reported as of Tuesday, and more than 170,000 confirmed dead, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

In Chapel Hill, the university on Monday reported a spike in the proportion of its COVID-19 tests coming back positive, prompting the university to move all classes online starting today.

'We had anticipated and planned for COVID cases on our campus this fall," UNC **Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz** told faculty members in a Zoom call Monday. "However, seeing the COVID-19 positivity rate rise from 2.8% to 13.6% at Campus Health over the past week is very concerning."

On Tuesday, a smattering of **UNC-Chapel Hill students** packed up their belongings and headed back home with their families. Oyeronke Popoola, a 17-year-old freshman living near two COVID-19 clusters, was taking a mix of

The campus currently has 270 people in isolation due to contacts, symptoms or positive tests, including 51 students living on campus, Plowman said.

Some neighbors in college towns are fearful that students could spread the virus outside of campus and overwhelm local health care systems. In Flagstaff, Arizona, Vice Mayor Adam Shimoni said he would like the University of Northern Arizona to cancel in-person classes for the semester.

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isn't the first potential Champion Tree in Sumter, though. Not too long ago, someone discovered a Magnolia tree that even made the national rank.

"We had a champion Magnolia here in Sumter that we lost last year," Smoak said. "In fact, it was the secondlargest Magnolia in the nation, but it got struck by lightning."

Smoak and Carnley agreed that preserving and protecting large trees is extremely important.

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# To keep pets in homes, animal welfare groups help owners

#### **BY LINDA LOMBARDI**

The Associated Press

Early in May, Nydia Bonefont was concerned when her dog wouldn't eat and seemed lethargic. She realized that Papi, a 9-year-old Beagle/Cavalier mix, must have hurt himself — he cried when he was touched. But she was without income to pay for vet care.

"I lost my job a while ago, and then the pandemic started," she says. "I went in March to see the doctor for very bad bronchitis and asthma, and he said that I have to stay home because I was high-risk."

Fortunately, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has a clinic in her Brooklyn, New York, neighborhood where she had taken Papi before. She got him some pain medication and free dog food there, and after a few days he was his old self again, running and playing with her son.

Many pet owners are finding themselves in financial straits during the pandemic. At the same time, there's a growing recognition among animal welfare organizations that to help animals, they need to help struggling pet owners.

"Increasing access to health care and critical resources for pets that are living in poverty is the best way to keep pets out of the shelter," says Matt Bershadker, president and CEO of the ASPCA. "If we can provide those services, we can keep animals in a home where they're bonded and loved."

Bershadker said the need is rising: "We estimate that another 4.2 million pets will likely enter poverty over the



DUSTIN BROWN / ASPCA VIA AP

Animal welfare organizations such as the ASPCA are increasing their efforts to help people affected financially by the pandemic care for their pets. Seen here is an APSCA pet food distribution point in the Bronx borough of New York.

next six months as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and the ensuing economic fallout. That's a 21 percent increase in the number of pets living in poverty, bringing that to about 24.4 million pets living in poverty."

Since it was launched in March, the ASPCA's \$5 million COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Initiative has provided \$2 million in grant funding, set up new petfood distribution centers in cities including Los Angeles, Miami, New York and Asheville, N.C., and helped more than 268,000 dogs, cats and horses nationwide, including distributing about 1,800 tons of food. "In response to COVID, we put a lot of this work into hyperdrive," says Bershadker. "We made grants to about 50 organizations across 30 states to support them as they navigate the crisis."

Another organization offering subsidized veterinary care to low-income pet owners is Mission Animal Hospital, a nonprofit in Minnesota.

Executive Director Dr. Susan Miller says the price of care is a common reason people give when surrendering their pets to shelters and rescues.

"They can't afford it, so they think their only option is to surrender," she says. "I believe that everyone is entitled to the relationship you can have with a pet, no matter what your finances, because I so strongly believe in what pets bring to our quality of life and our humanity."

Mission opened up their subsidized price program to anyone in need due to the pandemic.

"We're seeing about 200-250 more pets per month due to COVID-related issues — so that would be 10-15 percent more pets per month," she says. "And that number's only been getting larger month after month for the past four months."

Mission also has formed partnerships with organizations that distribute free pet food.

"We never had that before as a resource for our clients, but now we know we really need it," Miller says. "We had a thousand pounds of food delivered a few days ago and it was gone in a little over two days."

Bershadker notes that so far most shelters are not seeing an increase in surrendered pets. While they're tracking this carefully – the potential for an eviction crisis is of particular concern – it's not a surprise to him that even when people have to cut back, caring for their pets is a priority.

"We see people go to extraordinary lengths to keep and care for their pets," he says. "I think that speaks to the power of the human-animal bond. They are part of the family."

Bonefort agrees. "I don't even use that word, 'give him up.' I don't even want to put that phrase in my mouth," she says. "He's adorable, he's my baby, he's my companion. I love him so much."

# National Zoo awaits birth of pandemic panda cub by 22-year-old Mei

WASHINGTON (AP) — Zookeepers at Washington's National Zoo are on furry black-and-white baby watch after concluding that venerable giant panda matriarch Mei Xiang is pregnant and could give birth this week. It's a welcome bit of good news amid a pandemic that kept the zoo shuttered for months.

"We need this! We totally need this joy," said zoo spokeswoman Pamela Baker-Masson. "We are all in desperate need of these feel-goods."

Although so-called "phantom pregnancies" are common with pandas and other large bears, Baker-Masson said an ultrasound scan revealed a "really strong-looking, fantastic fetus" that could be delivered this week.

"The image was great. She is absolutely pregnant. But things could still happen, just like in a human pregnancy," Baker-Masson said.

The zoo posted a video from the ultrasound on Instagram. "Keep your paws crossed!" the zoo posted, reporting that the fetus was "kicking and swimming in the amniotic fluid."

The announcement of the pregnancy has already touched off a fresh round of panda-mania for one of the zoo's feature attractions. Viewership on the zoo's panda-cam (*https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams/panda-cam*) has increased 800%.

The zoo reopened on a limited basis July 24, with restrictions in place to keep the crowds down. However, all indoor exhibits, including the extremely popular panda house, have remained closed. Visitors can still view the outdoor panda enclosure, but Mei has mostly been staying indoors, creating a nest out of branches. She can still be viewed on the panda cam.

Panda births are inherently tricky, with stillbirths and miscarriages happening frequently. There is also a phenomenon called "resorption" whereby the fetus is unexpectedly absorbed back into the mother's body. Baker-Masson said that is rare with a fetus this well-developed.

Another potential complication is the age of the mother. Mei, at 22, would be the oldest giant panda to successfully give birth in the United States. The oldest in the world gave birth in China at age 23.

"Reproductively speaking, she is an older bear," Baker-Masson said. "But she has been a great mother in the past."

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#### COMMENTARY

# **Back to** academic nonsense

arents, legislators, taxpayers and others footing the bill for college education might be interested in just what is in store for the upcoming academic year. Since many college classes will be online, there is a chance to witness professors indoctrinating their students in real time. So, there's a chance that some college faculty might change their behavior. To see recent examples of campus nonsense and indoctrination, visit the Campus Reform and College Fix websites.

George Washington University Law Professor Jonathan Turley warned congressional lawmakers that antifa is "winning" and that much of academia, whether wittingly or unwittingly, is com-



plicit in its success. In his testimony before Congress, Turley said: "To antifa, people like me are the personification of the classical liberal view of free speech that perpetuates a system of oppression and abuse. I wish I could say that my view remains strongly implanted in our higher educational institutions. However, you are more likely to find public supporters for restricting free speech than you are to find

Walter Williams

defenders of free speech principles on many campuses.'

The leftist bias at our colleges and universities has many harmful effects. A University of California, Davis, mathematics professor faced considerable backlash over her opposition to the requirement for "diversity statements" from potential faculty. Those seeking employment at the University of California, San Diego, are required to admit that "barriers" prevent women and minorities from full participation in campus life. At American University, a history professor wrote a book calling for the repeal of the Second Amendment. A Rutgers University professor said,

"Watching the Iowa Caucus is a sickening display of the over-representation of whiteness." A Williams College professor has advocated for the inclusion of social justice in math textbooks. Students at Wayne State University are no longer required to take a single math course to graduate; however, they may soon be required to take a di-



# COMMENTARY The Rock of Ages wants to guide you

ll across America we have a group of bloodrelated people called families. At a time not too long ago, these groups lived relatively close or on the family farm. Family, at one time, always looked out for each other. The larger the family, the more man-



power was available to produce crops, etc. On the flip side of that equation, more mouths had to be fed and more bodies clothed. The memories within the life and times of families

will always be remembered. Regardless of the size of the family, there was always one person who was the go-to individual for almost everything.

The go-to person in every family was considered to be the "rock" of the family. This person would personify wisdom, knowledge and grit. The rock was the person you sat down with when you lost your direction. They always had the directional compass to get you back on course. The rock of the family would often be a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or a trusted cousin. This person was not afraid of anything and seemed to have superpowers. Some families

were fortunate to have had several rocks on board. The rock was steady and always willing to share knowledge. These individuals can be traced back for as many generations as we can retrieve them. If there are only three individuals within a family unit, one person somehow automatically assumes the position of the family go-to person. All of us within a family unit provides some type of support from time to time to other members of the group. However, each unit would have that person or persons who carry the family through continuous leadership.

Who is the rock in your family unit? Somehow these gifted, talented people do not have to ask people to seek advice from them. Advice seekers gravitate to them without advertisement. Sometimes, the rock can provide all the answers for those who visit their family counseling office but have difficulties getting his or her immediate family to drink from the well of wisdom.

This person is oftentimes viewed as a leader in the community and is often asked to seek public office to fulfill the need of the people from a political base. We often hear people say, "Leaders are made to lead." I believe. however, that leaders are born to lead. Certain individuals have a special gift to lead others from an idea to tangible solution to the problems that plague a community, city, state or nation. We often encounter problems when we try to make those who lack leadership skills and abilities leaders. The rock can lead without even acknowledging he or she is leading the pack.

When King David thought about all of the close calls that he had, like how the Lord delivered him out of the hands of his enemies and out of the hands of Saul, he spoke these songs, "And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence" (2 Samuel 22:1-3). David was able to call the Lord his rock because he confided in him constantly.

The Lord wants us to confide in him. He desires to be our Rock of Ages. Will you let him guide your life today? You can still confide in your family rock, just include the Lord in the decision-making pro-



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versity course.

Maybe some students will be forced into sharing the vision of Professor Laurie Rubel, a math education professor at Brooklyn College. She says the idea of cultural neutrality in math is a "myth," and that asking whether 2 plus 2 equals 4 "reeks of white supremacist patriarchy." She tweeted, "Y'all must know that the idea that math is objective or neutral IS A MYTH." Math professors and academics at other universities, including Harvard and the University of Illinois, discussed the "Eurocentric" roots of American mathematics. As for me, I would like to see the proof, in any culture, that 2 + 2 is something other than 4.

Rutgers University's English department chairwoman, Rebecca Walkowitz, announced changes to the department's graduate writing program, emphasizing "social justice" and "critical grammar." Leonydus Johnson, a speech-language pathologist and libertarian activist, says Walkowitz's changes make the assumption that minorities cannot understand traditional and grammatically correct English speech and writing, which is "insulting, patronizing, and in itself, extremely racist.'

Then there is the nonsense taught on college campuses about white privilege. The idea of white privilege doesn't explain why several historically marginalized groups outperform whites today. For example, Japanese Americans suffered under the Alien Land Law of 1913 and other racist, exclusionary laws legally preventing them from owning land and property in more than a dozen American states until the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. During World War II, more than 120,000 Japanese Americans were interned. However, by 1959, the income disparity between Japanese Americans and white Americans had almost disappeared. Today, Japanese Americans outperform white Americans by large margins in income statistics, education outcomes and test scores and have much lower incarceration rates.

According to Ray Arora, writing for the New York Post, several black immigrant groups such as Nigerians, Trinidadians and Tobagonians, Barbadians and Ghanaians all "have a median household income well above the American average." We are left with the question whether the people handing out "white privilege" made a mistake. The other alternative is that Japanese Americans, Nigerians, Barbadians, Ghanaians and Trinidadians and Tobagonians are really white Americans.

The bottom line is that more Americans need to pay attention to the miseducation of our youth and that miseducation is not limited to higher education.

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# **COMMENTARY** Lessons for us all as school starts

e all want our children in school, and we all want to be safe. Nobody is quite sure how to make that happen, but we do know the roles of teachers have never been more important. I've learned from many master teachers during my career. Their styles may be wildly different, but the best ones all share some common traits. We'll call this master class in education, but most of these principles apply to all situations, not just the classroom.

#### HARSH WORDS, GENTLE DELIVERY

Good teachers must have difficult conversations with parents and students. Years of experience has taught them that it's OK for their words to be harsh, as long as the tone and delivery are soft. As long as the intention comes from a place of genuine care, the message can be as direct and detailed as it needs to be. This strategy works in almost all situations, not just the classroom. Mind your tone. Operate from a place of concern. Do that, and everything else falls into place.

#### **QUIT YELLING**

Good teachers know how to command a room without raising their voice. You'll never be louder than a group of kids, so don't bother trying. No, the best teachers simply stop and let silence do the work. After a powerful pause, they lower their voice and slow the cadence of their speech. I saw a teacher hold the attention of an entire fifth-grade class while standing in the pitch dark on the

streets of historic Williamsburg, Virginia. A logistical issue caused a delay, and the kids were getting restless. My co-worker gathered all 76 children to her by whisper-



**Tammy Davis** 

ing, "Come here. Come closer. I need to tell you something important." It was amazing to watch her herd them in. They listened attentively to her barely audible words. I stood in

amazement as she distracted them until we were ready to carry on. In the classroom, on field trips, on social media and in life, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all quit yelling?

#### **NO SURPRISES**

It's OK to send home a bad grade now and again, but the best teachers always reach out to the student and parent first. The "no surprises" philosophy applies across the board. Always give someone a heads up. Never let anyone get broadsided.

#### **CONNECT AND EMPOWER**

Early in my teaching career, I had trouble connecting with a student who struggled academically and was awkward and selfconscious. I never called on him in class because I didn't want to put him on the spot. I went to one of my wise colleagues for advice. She taught me the value of setting students up for success, not just giving false praise but truly giving students the chance to show what

they know. "Always look ahead at his work. Find a question that he got right, and call on him for that one. If you can, give him a heads up. Just tap that question so he knows it's his. He'll pick it up quickly enough." Genius. I would scan his work for something, anything, that he could share with others without being embarrassed. He learned that I expected him to do his work, that I believed his work had merit and that he could count on me to always give him a heads up. That simple strategy gave me a way to connect with the child in a way that made him feel smart and safe.

Wouldn't this world be a better place if we could all learn that lesson? At school and in life, what if we all set our friends and family up for success?

The next few weeks will be interesting, no doubt. Face to face. virtual, hybrid models, it seems everything is changing, but the basics of education stay the same. No matter the setting, we could all benefit from these four tried and true philosophies. Mind your tone, and think about your intention. Quit all the yelling. Try to limit surprises. And, look for the good in those around you.

We all feel like there is a giant question mark on our planners. But if we can implement some lessons from the very best teachers, each day might be a little bit better for us all. Fingers crossed.

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# **SUPPORT GROUPS**

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

#### AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN:

AA - Monday-Friday, noon and 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.

AA Women's Meeting -Wednesday, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.

AA "How it Works" Group -Monday and Friday, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St., (803) 494-5180.

441 AA Support Group - Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.

C/A "Drop the Rock" Group -Thursday, 9:30 p.m., 1154 Ronda St., (803) 607-4543.

Al-Anon "Seekers of Serenity" – Monday, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 720-1747

#### **MONDAY MEETINGS:**

Sumter Vitiligo Support Group - Second Monday, 5:45-6:45 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St., (803) 316-6763. The group is also on Facebook.

#### **TUESDAY MEETINGS:**

Celebrate Recovery - Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m. coffee/ snacks, 7 p.m. meeting, Alice Drive Baptist Church, Studio 4.3 (youth building), 1305 Loring Mill Road. Help with struggles of addictions, family problems, anxiety, etc.

Heroin Anonymous - Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St., (803) 494-5180.

Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group - First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle, (803) 773-0869.

**Sumter Combat Veterans** Group Peer to Peer - Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and benefits.

"The Gathering" - Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Support group for teens and adults with special needs. Call Joan at (803) 972-0051 or Carrie at (803) 468-5745 or email thegathering23@aol.com.

Sumter Amputee Prosthetic Support Group - Second Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital (private dining room next to cafeteria), SAPSG@yahoo. com.

Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) -Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m.,

Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to murder in a violent way.

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) - Third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church, (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498 or (803) 316-4506.

#### **EFMP Parent Exchange Group**

- Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.noon, Airman and Family **Readiness Center. Support** to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call Dorcus at (803) 895-1252/1253 or Sue at (803) 847-2377.

#### WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

Sickle Cell Support Group -Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Call Bertha at (803) 774-6181.

Divorce Care and Grief Share -Two separate groups that meet Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road, (803) 481-2160.

#### **THURSDAY MEETINGS:**

TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off **Pounds Sensibly)** — Thurs-days, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Call Cathy at (803) 481-2505 or Edna at (803) 905-3268.

**Alzheimer's Support Group** through S.C. Alzheimer's Association - First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call Cheryl Fluharty at (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.

Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of **Suicide Support Group** – Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive. Call Fred Harmon at (803) 905-5620.

#### **FRIDAY MEETINGS:**

Celebrate Recovery - Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, 360 Miller Road. For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

#### **SATURDAY MEETINGS:**

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/ **Complex Regional Pain Syn**drome Support Group — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7. Call Donna Parker at (803) 481-7521.

#### **SUNDAY MEETINGS:**

Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email I.am.me.not. ms.@gmail.com or msmiles013@gmail.com.

#### **DAILY PLANNER**

# WEATHER

#### AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					Jan Barris
Mostly cloudy with a t-storm	Some clouds, a stray t-storm	A thunderstorm or two	Cloudy, a t-storm; humid	Clearing, a t-storm or two	Mostly cloudy, a stray t-storm
<b>85°</b>	68°	84° / 69°	85° / 69°	85° / 70°	87° / 69°
Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 40%
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#### Precipitation

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24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	1.22"
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Normal month to date	3.19"
Year to date	38.26"
Last year to date	25.88"
Normal year to date	31.66"

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Atlanta	87/70/t	83/69/t	Asheville	80/64/t	76/65/t	Florence	84/69/t	84/68/t	Marion	81/64/t	75/64/t
Chicago	81/63/s	86/65/s	Athens	87/68/t	82/68/t	Gainesville	87/69/t	88/71/t	Mt. Pleasant	86/73/t	86/74/t
Dallas	92/69/pc	92/69/s	Augusta	89/69/t	87/69/t	Gastonia	84/68/t	81/68/t	Myrtle Beach	83/71/t	84/73/t
Detroit	76/58/s	82/62/s	Beaufort	89/73/t	89/73/t	Goldsboro	83/69/t	85/70/t	Orangeburg	84/69/t	85/70/t
Houston	97/71/pc	95/72/t	Cape Hatteras	85/75/t	85/76/t	Goose Creek	86/72/t	86/72/t	Port Royal	87/73/t	87/73/t
Los Angeles	98/71/s	95/70/s	Charleston	88/71/t	87/71/t	Greensboro	82/67/t	77/66/t	Raleigh	84/67/t	83/69/t
New Orleans	92/73/t	89/74/t	Charlotte	85/69/t	81/68/t	Greenville	85/68/t	80/67/t	Rock Hill	84/68/t	82/68/t
New York	81/63/pc	81/66/s	Clemson	85/68/t	79/68/t	Hickory	82/66/t	77/66/t	Rockingham	83/68/t	82/69/t
Orlando	89/72/t	90/74/t	Columbia	85/69/t	84/70/t	Hilton Head	86/73/t	85/73/t	Savannah	90/73/t	89/72/t
Philadelphia	82/64/pc	82/66/pc	Darlington	82/69/t	83/70/t	Jacksonville, FL	88/70/t	88/71/t	Spartanburg	83/67/t	79/67/t
Phoenix	113/91/pc	111/89/c	Elizabeth City	87/72/t	85/73/t	La Grange	90/69/t	85/69/t	Summerville	86/71/t	86/71/t
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Wash., DC	83/67/t	82/69/c	Fayetteville	84/69/t	84/70/t	Marietta	86/68/t	81/68/t	Winston-Salem	82/67/t	76/67/t



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important and the people who can make a difference to the way your plans unfold. Don't let a change someone makes throw you off guard. Offer others the same freedom you expect in return.

ARIES (March

21-April 19):

Stay focused

on what's

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make change happen. If you want something, go after it wholeheartedly. Less talk and more action will be your ticket to a better future. Use your imagination, and you'll come up with an innovative way to get ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stop worrying and start doing. Put your plans in motion, and you will improve your lifestyle, home environment and relationships with the people who matter to you most. Refuse to let someone from your past stand in your way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You won't have to stand alone if you are willing to compromise. Don't let stubbornness be an issue. Keep the peace, and you will get more than you expect in the end. A personal change will lift your spirits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gather information concerning something you want to achieve. Keep an open mind, and you will discover a way to overcome anything that might get in your way. Dedication and determination will set you apart from any competition you encounter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll come up with a host of good ideas. Before you share your intentions, test your plans. Perfection will make the difference to the response you receive when trying to gain support. Celebrate your achievements with someone you love

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let what's going on around you

disrupt your day. Act according to what will benefit you and your loved ones. Consider a change at home or to your financial wellbeing rationally if you want to come out on top.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Run the show instead of letting someone else take over. Make suggestions that will appease anyone who may try to oppose you. Act passionately, and you will win support from fence sitters waiting for someone to make the first move. Romance is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotions out of the equation. Discuss matters rationally, and offer solutions that will improve your home life and your relationship with those you love. An unexpected lifestyle change is heading your way. Prepare to make adjustments without making a fuss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be the one to take action. Don't sit around waiting to see how others respond. Focus on taking advantage of an opportunity that will safeguard you from the economic fallout. Consider home improvements, moves and cutting your overhead. Romance is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Change only what's necessary. Your best response to someone putting demands on you is to step back and observe. Choose intelligence over pleasing others. Take charge of your life, and refuse to let someone dictate what you can do. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pay

attention to what others are experiencing. Make personal improvements that boost your confidence and attract compliments. Dealing with problems that the seniors or children in your life face will bring you closer to a solution. Romance is favored.

### SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



#### SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL NEEDS

YOUR HELP. The animal control volunteers are looking for people to help walk dogs, foster or help with transport. We desperately need 9 a.m. Monday – Friday walkers. Message us if interested. Must be at least 18 years old. Don't have extra time to be a volunteer? We gladly accept donations of the following: newspapers, puppy pads, canned and dry puppy food, paper towels, Clorox wipes and heavy duty slip leashes. You can also donate from our Amazon Wishlist under Saving Sumter's Strays at https://www.amazon.com/qp/ registry/wishlist/10Q422KA0MI19.All donations go toward helping Sumter dogs. Our all-volunteer organization is making a big difference in the lives of so many homeless pets. Please help us continue to save animals.

TOP: Sheldon is full of spunk. This precious fella is full of love despite having been neglected. He came into animal control very thin with fly bites on his ears. Sheldon gets along with the other dogs. He weighs 47 pounds and is approximately 2-4 years old. If you are looking for a walking partner, Sheldon will be very happy to keep you company.

BELOW: Linsey only weighed 34 pounds and her ears were raw with fly bites when she arrived at the shelter. She is a very sweet and gentle lady who is also full of spunk. She seems to have been allowed to have several litters of puppies. This beauty gets along well with all the other dogs at the shelter. She is approximately 2-4 years old. Linsey deserves a better life than she has had. She is waiting on a new safe and caring home.

If you are interested in meeting Sheldon or Linsey at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumtersc@gmail.com. With all of our adoptable dogs, a spay/neuter agreement is required, and it is strictly enforced. Proof of spay/neuter after adoption will be required. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.



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# Flyers come up short of title, fall to Rock Hill 8-2

#### **BY DENNIS BRUNSON**

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What was an outstanding season for the Sumter Flyers ended in very disappointing fashion.

Sumter, which took an undefeated record into the championship round of the South Carolina American League junior state tournament, lost to Rock Hill 8-2 on Monday at Riley Park in the deciding game.

The Flyers, who lost to Rock Hill 9-2 on Sunday, finished with a 21-2 record.

"I'm so proud of our kids, it's been unbelievable," said Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson. "We ran into a buzz saw right there, and they played better than we did for two games."

Rock Hill lost its first game in the tournament on Thursday, falling to Hartsville Red 17-7. It won four straight games to bring home the title.

The Flyers, who were the visitors on Monday, went down in order in each of the first two innings. Rock Hill, on the other hand, left three runners stranded in scoring position.

In the first, Sumter starting pitcher Clayton Goff retired the first two batters. However, Michael Gibson, who was named the tournament's top offensive player, singled before Ethan Belk walked and Kyle Wimmer was hit by a pitch. Goff got out of the jam by getting Hudson Robinson to line out to second baseman Jackson Brown.

Nick Cain reached on an infield single with one out in the second. Cain stole second before Goff struck out pinch hitter Cole Jordan. Cain moved to third on a balk, but he was left there as Ben Venables flew out.

The Flyers couldn't dodge the bullet in the third inning though as it walked five batters, hit another and Rock Hill mixed in a couple of big hits.

Goff walked Maddox Mobley to open the third and went to a 2-0 count on Gibson before Johnson brought in Clark Kinney. The right-hander finished the walk to Gibson and then gave up an RBI double to Belk to make it 1-0.

Kinney walked Wimmer to load the bases, still with no outs. before Bryce Coulter came on in relief. He walked Robinson to force in a run and hit Gage Gaskins with a pitch to bring in another and make it 3-0. Robinson scored on a wild pitch before tournament most valuable player Venables delivered a 2-run single to make it 6-0.

"We walked too many guys," Johnson said. "We limited their hits (to six after getting 12 on Sunday), and that's what we were trying to do, but we just walked too many guys.

"That's what caused crooked numbers. Our whole goal was to throw strikes and play defense to give us a chance to win, and we didn't throw strikes in that inning."

The Flyers managed to get a

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TIM LEIBLE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Bryce Coulter delivers a pitch during the Flyers' 8-2 loss to Rock Hill in the championship of the South Carolina American League junior state tournament on Monday at Riley Park.

# **Crestwood**, Lakewood knock out the kinks after a successful first workout



#### **BY TIM LEIBLE**

for everything being kind of last minute as far as us starting to work out, but just being prepared," said Lakewood head coach Larry Cornelius. "I figured there would be a few hiccups here and there, just various issues with all the procedures we have to follow, but I thought it went very well considering the first day of workouts with the COVID situation."

Cornelius said the major hurdle the Gators had to clear was the first thing on their to-do list: checking kids in. Lakewood did a great lob of spreading athletes out throughout the campus, but based on the layout of the school, there was going to be a bottleneck at the parking lot as kids did their temperature checks and handed in paperwork. "One of our hiccups that we're correcting is that we had a little bit of

COVID-19, not championships, hot topic at SEC practices

#### **BY JOHN ZENOR**

The Associated Press

Southeastern Conference teams opened preseason camp Monday with the precarious status of the season largely overshadowing even the annual ambitions of Alabama and Georgia.

Questions like how will LSU fare without quarterback Joe Burrow took a backseat to uncertainty. Quarterback battles seem fairly inconsequential with COVID-19 threatening the season — and teams' depth charts.

"The teams that handle this the best and the players that are the safest, those teams are going to win a lot of games," first-year Mississippi coach Lane Kiffin said.

The SEC, winner of 10 football national championships since 2006, is just hoping to have a season and play out the league-only schedule starting Sept. 26. It's an open question of how a national champion will even be crowned, with the PAC-12 and Big Ten opting not to play this fall.

Masks and social distancing are hot topics even with LSU trying to repeat as national champions without its Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback and Alabama

aiming for another national championship run after failing to make the playoffs last season.

Safety protocols have been the norm around football buildings, with frequent testing and temperature checks and a largely bubblelike existence. But now students are returning, creating troublesome scenes on some campuses, including Alabama.

SEC coaches and officials have sounded the alarm in efforts to save the season.

Alabama athletic director Greg Byrne Tweeted a photo Sunday showing dozens of people, many not wearing face masks, bunched together waiting to get into a popular bar in Tuscaloosa on the day sororities accepted new members.

"Who wants college sports this fall?? Obviously not these people!!" Byrne said in a tweet, urging people to wear masks.

Likewise, Kiffin addressed the lack of precautions among some people and predicted the number of students testing positive won't be a low one.

"If people think people are doing this well, open your eyes." he said. "Just drive around. This

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# Yanks win 10th straight vs Red Sox, best streak since '53

#### **BY JAKE SEINER** The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ted Williams was piloting fighter jets in Korea the last time the New York Yankees dominated the Boston Red Sox like this.

Luke Voit homered twice, Aroldis Chapman returned from the COVID-19 injured list to pitch the ninth inning and the Yankees beat the Red Sox 6-3 Monday night for their 10th straight victory in the famed rivalry.

Sumterite Jordan Montgomery played a part in the Yankees' victory as well. The lefthander started on the mound and worked 3 2/3 innings before the game was delayed by rain.

The tarp was rolled out with the Red Sox rallying in the fourth inning. Montgomery had pitched no-hit ball until J.D. Martinez, Xander Bogaerts and Vázquez hit consecutive 2-out



New York Yankees starting pitcher Jordan Montgomery delivers a pitch during the Yankees' 6-3 win over the Boston Red Sox on Monday in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

singles. Vázquez's soft liner bounced off shortstop Gleyber Torres glove on a tough play in shallow left field, allowing Martinez to score. The grounds crew came out moments later just before a light drizzle turned into a downpour.

Luis Avilán relieved Montgomery after the delay, walked Michael Chavis to load the bases and struck out Alex Verdugo to end the inning.

Montgomery struck out four and walked

none while allowing the three hits. Montgomery got a no-decision, leaving his win-loss record at 2-1. However, he did drop his earned run average from 5.17 to 4.66. He has worked 19 1/3 innings and has 14 strikeouts against three walks.

New York capped a 4-game sweep and is on its best run against Boston since winning a franchise-record 12 consecutive games in 1952-53 — a stretch when Williams was serving in the Korean War.

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# **NBA ROUNDUP Orlando stuns Milwaukee** 122-110 in playoff opener

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Nikola Vucevic scored a playoff career-high 35 points and had 14 rebounds, and the Orlando Magic stunned the top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks 122-110 on Tuesday in the playoff opener of the NBA's pandemic-altered season.

Terrence Ross scored 18 points, Gary Clark added 15 and D.J. Augustin had 11 points and 11 assists for the eighth-seeded Magic, who took a 1-0 lead in the best-ofseven series.

Giannis Antetokounmpo finished with 31 points, 17 rebounds and seven assists for Milwaukee, but was held without a field goal over the final 11 minutes.

The Bucks came into the postseason as the favorites to win their first NBA title since 1971 despite finishing 3-5 in seeding games. But their sluggish play in the NBA bubble at Disney World carried over into the postseason.

Milwaukee swept the season series against Orlando, winning four games by an average of 17 points, but struggled with the Magic defense, which repeatedly clogged the lane and forced Antetokounmpo to settle for jump shots.

#### **HEAT 113 PACERS 101**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Butler scored 28 points, Goran Dragic had 24 and the Miami Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 113-101 on Tuesday in the opener of their Eastern Conference firstround series.

The Heat pulled away in the closing minutes, long after the Pacers had lost star guard Victor Oladipo to an eye injury.

Bam Adebayo had 17 points, 10 rebounds and six assists for the Heat, who were just a little bit better in a mostly even matchup between the Nos. 4 and 5 seeds, who were separated by a game in the standings in this pandemic-shortened season.

T.J. Warren and Malcolm Brogdon scored 22 points apiece for the Pacers, who will try to even the series on Thursday.

3-point range and the Raptors shot 22 of 44 from beyond the arc as a team as they maintained playoff intensity even without any fans attending postseason games at Disney's Wide World of Sports. The Raptors' 22 3-pointers matched a season high and set a franchise playoff record.

#### **CLIPPERS 118 MAVERICKS 110**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Kawhi Leonard and the Clippers had enough answers to withstand Luka Doncic's record-setting debut especially after his running mate was thrown out of the game.

Leonard had 29 points and 12 rebounds, and the Clippers got a big boost from the ejection of Kristaps Porzingis to beat the Dallas Mavericks 118-110 on Monday night in Game 1 of their Western Conference playoff series.

Doncic finished with 42 points, most ever by a player in his first postseason game, and added nine assists and seven rebounds. He had the No. 7 seed hanging right with the Clippers for much of the night.

#### **CELTICS 109** 76ERS 101

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Jayson Tatum had career playoff highs of 32 points and 13 rebounds, and the Boston Celtics beat the Philadelphia 76ers 109-101 on Monday in Game 1 of their first-round Eastern Conference playoff series.

"Offensively, it doesn't feel like he's got 32 at the end of the night," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "He just plays the game within himself. He did a lot of good things tonight."

Jaylen Brown scored 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter.

Kemba Walker added 19 points for the Celtics.

Joel Embiid had 26 points and 16 rebounds and Josh **Richardson and Alec Burks** each added 18 points for the 76ers.

#### **NUGGETS 135 JAZZ 125**



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a logjam of cars coming in, but a lot of that was first-day stuff, making sure that waivers were signed and all of that stuff," said Cornelius. "Really that was our biggest issue. Once they got into the gate and did the temperature checks and all that and getting onto the field, they did an excellent job."

Over at Crestwood, head coach Roosevelt Nelson thought the 2-step check-in process the Knights implemented ran smoothly.

"It went pretty well for the first day. The second day is going to be better, and it'll be better as we go along," said Nelson. "The two check-in points went well for the most part because a majority of the kids that came through the check-in stations already had their physicals and their COVID-19 waivers signed prior to coming in, so it was pretty much just checking their temps, filling out the questionnaire and making sure they parked in the proper parking spaces."

Paperwork is typically the biggest hurdle to clear when it comes to high school athletics and this year is no different, but Nelson would rather have extra paperwork than risk the health of his players and coaching staff.

"It's a hurdle, it's something we have to work through," said Nelson on the paperwork his players need to have ready to go. "I would rather have those hurdles and keep everything as serious as possible in a controlled environment than have them not in place and put kids at risk."

Once teams got to the actu-



#### ty smoothly.

"Pretty good. Most of our workout is consisting of basic athletic movement and conditioning, about two-thirds of the workout is that and the last 30 minutes is fundamentals within that position group," said Cornelius. "We're going to stay on that schedule for a while, at least that first week as far as that 2-to-1 ratio, because we've gotta get these kids in shape and assess where they're at."

Nelson said the biggest difference between these workouts and the workouts Crestwood holds every year is just making sure he and the coaches, as well as his players, are making sure everyone is masked up.

"Little small things like reminding them to keep their masks up, when we came to the hydration station to make sure they kept six feet apart when it came to resting time," said Nelson. "I think that was the extent of it. I think practice went well for the most part. Kids were working hard, coaches kept up the intensity, but we have a long way to go."

With all the regulations in place, Crestwood's biggest obstacle had nothing to do with COVID-19. The Knights' of the rain that came through in the last week, so the grass was soaked.

"That was very surprising," said Nelson. "We're going to relocate a couple of our pods to get a much drier surface to work on, because it was pretty soaked.'

It was far from a regular practice, but both Cornelius and Nelson were just glad to be out on the field with their athletes again.

"It's awesome," said Cornelius. "I was on pins and needles, because every time you do something different, your comfort level might not be too high and in my 20 years of coaching, this is definitely the oddest situation I've been in as far as conditioning and practices are concerned.

"Even with all that, just to see the kids, that was great. Just so we could interact face to face, or mask to mask, I guess."

Nelson echoed that sentiment.

"I felt really blessed," said Nelson. "The opportunity to get back to doing what you love to do, but at the same time, we're just going day by day. I'm happy everything went by (Monday) with no hiccups, no issues and we're

The Crestwood and Lakewood football teams had their first workouts of the season on Monday. PHOTOS BY TIM LEIBLE / THE SUM-TER ITEM

Oladipo was limited to 8 minutes before he was scratched in the left eye with 3:26 remaining in the first quarter, appearing to be hit first by Miami's Jae Crowder.

#### **RAPTORS 134 NETS 110**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Fred VanVleet scored 30 points and led Toronto's sizzling 3-point attack as the defending NBA champion Raptors beat the Brooklyn Nets 134-110 in the opening game of their first-round playoff series Monday.

VanVleet went 8 of 10 from

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Jamal Murray showed up for his postgame Zoom call wearing a shirt featuring the image of boxing great Muhammad Ali.

Almost fitting, given the Denver Nuggets withstood blow after blow from Donovan Mitchell before landing the knockout punch.

Murray scored 10 of his 36 points in overtime on a day Mitchell erupted for a Jazz playoff-record 57 points and the Nuggets beat Utah 135-125 on Monday in Game 1 of their first-round series.

**FLYERS** 

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run back in the fourth. Goff reached on an infield single before Rock Hill starting pitcher Cayden Towell walked the bases loaded. Goff scored on a wild pitch.

Rock Hill got two runs in the bottom of the inning, one coming on an RBI double by Robinson.

Sumter's other run came in the sixth. Goff again reached on an infield single and eventually scored on a ground out by Travis Pillsbury.

The Flyers finished with just three hits.

The hits didn't come, but those were some pretty good arms," Johnson said. "We didn't square the ball up offensively."

Even though disappointed with the year's conclusion, Johnson had nothing but praise for his team.

"Our kids did this on short notice," Johnson said of playing in the SCAL after the American Legion season was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. "They went to practice every day at Patriot Park (SportPlex) on a Little League field, and they just worked so hard. We won 21 straight games, and I'm so proud of our guys.'

## SEC FROM PAGE B1

ain't kids. Adults don't do it. Just drive through downtown and look around or look at pictures on the Internet of other places.

"This is not taken very serious by a lot of people and especially by young people who are back at college that have been sitting at their house with their parents for however many months.'

But those are the challenges SEC teams face with it becoming harder for players to remain in their virtual protective bubble.

Auburn, for instance, had 33 positive tests among players over the summer, according to coach Gus Malzahn. A high number of players in quarantine either for positive tests or contact with those who have the virus could derail a team's fortunes faster than any injury wave.

It has Malzahn talking about the importance of not just second-teamers but third-teamers.

"It's going to be a telling time right now with all the students coming back to

the campus," the Tigers coach said. "What we've just told our guys, is let's control us. Most of our classes are going to be on line for all our players, so we're just doing everything we can to really stay selfisolated to protect our players so we have a good chance of playing the season."

Some players around the country have opted to sit out the season, and Florida coach Dan Mullen expects more — and perhaps some coaches, too.

"Really wouldn't be surprised if we had coaches opt out, to be honest with you," said Mullen, who declined to identify which "couple" of players were held out of practice. "Coaches are at such high risk because of the age group that they're in."

But, he agrees with Kiffin, saying "the team that's able to adapt will end up holding up that national championship trophy at the end of the season."

Alabama coach Nick Saban said he believes there should still be a playoff if the ACC, Big 12 and SEC play out a season.

"That's one of the biggest questions our players ask is, 'Coach, if we play will be be able to play in a playoff? We want a chance to play for a championship if we have a good season.'

For his own safety, the 68-year-old says he and wife Terry have stayed in a "personal bubble" with immediate family. He said he sits on a park bench 10 feet away when visiting his 88-year-old mom.

"I don't fear this because we're trying to do the right thing and we have great medical care here and we have great medical protocols here to try to keep people safe," Saban said.

Georgia cornerback Eric Stokes said players are safer on campus than at home, but urged students to wear masks, wash hands and practice other safety protocols. Like the players themselves presumably are

"I know for a fact that everybody here on our team wants to have a season and play this fall," Stokes said. "So we're doing everything in our power to make sure we can."

#### **2020 SEC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

Alabama at Missouri Georgia at Arkansas Kentucky at Auburn Mississippi State at LSU Florida at Mississippi Tennessee at South Carolina Vanderbilt at Texas A&M

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 3

Texas A&M at Alabama Arkansas at Mississippi State Auburn at Georgia South Carolina at Florida Mississippi at Kentucky LSU at Vanderbilt Missouri at Tonpossoo Missouri at Tennessee

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 10

Alabama at Mississippi Arkansas at Auburn Florida at Texas A&M Tennessee at Georgia Mississippi State at Kentucky Missouri at LSU South Carolina at Vanderbilt

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 17

Georgia at Alabama Mississippi at Arkansas Auburn at South Carolina LSU at Florida Kentucky at Tennessee Texas A&M at Mississippi State Vanderbilt at Missouri

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Alabama at Tennessee Auburn at Mississippi Missouri at Florida Georgia at Kentucky South Carolina at LSU

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 31

Mississippi State at Alabama Arkansas at Texas A&M LSU at Auburn Kentucky at Missouri Mississippi at Vanderbilt

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 7

Tennessee at Arkansas Florida vs. Georgia, at Jacksonville, Vanderbilt at Mississippi State Texas A&M at South Carolina

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 14

Alabama at LSU Arkansas at Florida Auburn at Mississippi State Georgia at Missouri Vanderbilt at Kentucky South Carolina at Mississippi Texas A&M at Tennessee

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 21

Kentucky at Alabama LSU at Arkansas Tennessee at Auburn Florida at Vanderbilt Mississippi State at Georgia Mississippi at Texas A&M Missouri at South Carolina

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 28

Auburn at Alabama Arkansas at Missouri Kentucky at Florida Georgia at South Carolina LSU at Texas A&M Mississippi State at Mississippi Tennessee at Vanderbilt

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Alabama at Arkansas Texas A&M at Auburn Florida at Tennessee Vanderbilt at Georgia South Carolina at Kentucky Mississippi at LSU Missouri at Mississippi State

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 12

**Open Date** 

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 19

SEC Championship (Atlanta)

# Swanson's walk-off homer gives Braves 7-6 win over Nationals

#### **BY PAUL NEWBERRY**

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Dansby Swanson has never been part of a celebration like this. No complaints.

On a night when Washington's Luis Garcia hit a homer for the ages, Swanson delivered the decisive blow for the Braves with a two-out, two-run shot in the ninth inning to cap a four-run rally that gave Atlanta a stunning 7-6 victory over the Nationals on Monday.

Adam Duvall provided hope

for the home team with a tworun shot that **SWANSON** down to their

over the wall in right-center for his third homer of the season.

barely cleared the left-field wall off Daniel Hudson (1-2). Then, with the Braves

final out, Swanson drove one

It was the first walk-off homer of his career.

"I think I did it once when I was like 8," Swanson quipped.

"But other than that, I cannot think of a time.'

When he got to home plate, his teammates toasted him from afar in front of 40,000 empty seats, jumping up and down with their hands in the air to make sure they observed social distancing.

"That was the weirdest celebration," Swanson said. "I'm still a little confused what happened.'

Weird, maybe, but not unusual for the Braves. Since Brian Snitker took over as manager in 2016, Atlanta has won 82 games in its final at-bat - the most of any team during that span.

The rally ruined a memorable night for Garcia, who became the first player born in the 2000s to hit a big league homer.

The youngest player in the majors at age 20, Garcia delivered a two-run shot off Touki Toussaint in the second inning. Asdrubal Cabrera, Juan Soto and Eric Thames also homered for the defending World Series champs, but it wasn't enough.

Toussaint allowed another run in the third without giving up a hit. The right-hander hit a batter with a pitch and walked three more, including Kurt Suzuki with the bases loaded.

When Toussaint started the fourth with another walk his sixth of the game - Snitker had seen enough. It was another setback for Atlanta's beleaguered rotation, which lost ace Mike Soroka to a seasonending injury and demoted two other starters, Mike Foltynewicz and Sean Newcomb.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **BARBARA J. MOUNTS SMITH**

Barbara J. Mounts Smith, 81, wife of Homer J. Smith, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at Oak Leaf Village in Lexington.

Born in Williamson, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Gratho W. Mounts and Athalie Linken-



Mrs. Smith was retired from civil service at Shaw Air Force Base. Surviving are her husband of

hoker Mounts.

SMITH Sumter: two

daughters, Sharon Henkel (Louis) of Vine Grove, Kentucky, and Dianne Brazell (Eddie) of Chapin; five grandchildren, Andrew Henkel of Chicago, Illinois, Capt. Haley Spearman (USAF) of New Orleans, Louisiana, Steven Henkel of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 1st Lt. Swain Spearman (USAF) of Anchorage, Alaska, and Anthony Spearman Jr. of Macon, Georgia; and five step-grandchildren, Gabriel Henkel (Lauren), of Aldie, Virginia, Tanner Brazell of Chapin, Carly Burns (Charles) of Spartanburg, Evan Tucker of Chapin

and Isabella Brazell of Chapin Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral

Home. Burial will be in Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Harvest Hope Food Bank, 2220 Shop Road, Columbia, SC 29201, or to Sumter United Ministri P.O. Box 1017, Sumter, SC 29151

(John Chamlis); granddaughter, Quatisha Hilton; grandson, Karon Hilton; eight greatgrandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC.

#### MARTELL LOUIS ADAMS

Martell Louis Adams, loving son of Louis and Rutha Mae Junious Adams, was born Nov. 27, 1986, in Clarendon County. He was educated in the public schools of Clarendon County and was a 2005 graduate of Scott's Branch High School. Martell was known to many as Marty, Uncle Marty and Foxx. On



ADAMS

Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, God called Marty's name, and he answered. Martell accept-

ed Jesus Christ as his personal savior and was a

dedicated and lifelong member of Antioch Union Methodist Episcopal Church of Pinewood. He was very active and served in various capacities. He sang on the youth choir, served on the usher board, was soundman and church drummer until his health no longer allowed him the strength.

Martell was a former basketball assistant coach of Scott's Branch Middle/High School. Marty was also an AAU basketball coach/assistant. He was on the coaching staff of the Clarendon Hall varsity basketball team in Summerton. His team won the 2019-20 state championship. This was his proudest accomplishment. He had an abundance of love for the coaches and his players. Marty was formerly employed at Glasscock as a truck driver. Martell leaves to celebrate his legacy: his parents, Louis and Rutha Mae Adams, of the home; two sisters, Dr. Co-Trease (Brandon) Brooks of Sumter and Shamekia Adams of Pinewood; his niece, whom he loved dearly, Jazlyn Lawson, of Sumter; three nephews, Jeffery Lawson Jr., Brandon Brooks Jr. of Sumter and Kyson Adams of Pinewood; his grandfather, Esau Junious of Summerton; a special godsister, Erica Adams Caldwell; his adopted brothers, Jermell Adams, Jamall Adams, Jerrell Adams, Jeremy Butler, Louis Green Jr., Shimari Junious and Nicholas Ragin; his adopted sisters, Kimberly Johnson and Quaniece Robinson: aunts and uncles, Ruth Ann Adams (godmother), Willie Mae Adams, James (Evelyn) Adams, Gladys Nelson, Mateline Junious, Julia Jenkins, Ruth Williams, Patricia (Robert) Lancaster, Rutha (James) Hodge, Willene McBride, Minister Betty Adams, Issac (Yolanda) Junious, Dwayne Adams, Nathaniel (Bertha) Williams, Ernest (Loretta) Williams, Esau Junious, Minnie Horton Junious and Robert Williams; special adopted families, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dinkins, Willie G. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Ragin, Mrs. Maxine Madison and Mrs. Daisy Moore; special friends John Perry, Demond Lundy and his warrior partner, Mrs. Paula Bryant; godparents Mr. and Mrs. Ike Jordan; six godchildren, Cayden Lee, Jamarion Adams, Davion Jackson, Kyleigh Kind, Ni'Lynn Dow and Ezekiel Green; and a host of other God sisters, God brothers,

special cousins, cousins and a multitude of friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Dinah McConico Junious; paternal grandparents, Louis Adams and Victoria Adams; and godfather, Dennis Jake Adams.

Public viewing will be held today from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. Adams will be placed in the church on Thursday at 11 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Thursday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150, with Pastor Cheryl Gadsden officiating and Elder Barry Gadsden, eulogist.

Interment will follow in Antioch Memorial Gardens.

Family will receive friends at the home, 3875 Bomar

Trail, Pinewood, SC 29125. Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com, or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary. net.

#### JANE ROSS MCKELLAR

DALZELL — Jane Ross McKellar, 70, wife of Fred Austin McKellar, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey. Born May 30, 1950, in Sumter, she was a daughter of Mary Atkinson



Ross Barkley and the late David Clinton Ross. She was a retired manager for Walmart and a member of St. Andrew Church

mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are one son, Anthony "Tony" A. Bailey, and his wife, Wanda, of Sumter; two daughters, Sherri L. Jacobs of Sumter and Pamela B. Robinson and her husband, Richard. of Severn, Maryland; two brothers, Melvin Brashear, and his wife, Laura, of Indiana, and Berry Brashear and his wife, Katy, of Texas; four grandchildren, Shannon Jacobs-Littledale and her husband, William, Amanda Smith and her husband, TJ, Eric Benenhaley and his wife, Melissa, and Robert Bailey; and five greatgrandchildren, Madison, Lucas, Kylor, Kason, Ashton and one baby girl on the way.

A graveside service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

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

You may go to www.bullock*funeralhome.com* and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



#### **BURNETT MORRIS**

Burnett Maybank Morris, 81, husband of Jacqueline Barnes Morris, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced

Robinson, Willie Robinson Brevard, Johnnie Robinson, Sarah Robinson Mayrant, Martha Robinson Dinkins, Joe Robinson, Mamie Robinson Hyman, Magnolia Robinson Williams and James (Dee) Robinson; her husband, Elbert Goldston: and her youngest daughter, Terry Bernadette Goldson Agnew.

Edna accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior as a member of Rafting Creek Baptist Church, Rembert. She received her early academic education at Rafting Creek Elementary School, High Hills Middle School, Rembert, and Lincoln High School, Sumter. After graduation, she attended The Garner School of Cosmetology in Sumter.

Edna moved to New York City in 1953, where she joined her sister, Sarah Robinson Mayrant, and found employment at a nursing home and attended night school. She became a member of Walker Memorial Baptist Church in Harlem where her sisters, Sarah, Willie and Mamie, were members.

She met and married her husband, Elbert Goldston, on June 5, 1954. They had two children, Connie R. Goldston and Bernadette Goldston.

She was employed at Harlem Hospital, Harlem, New York, as a nurse's assistant on the male surgical unit and was later approached with the opportunity to become a certified surgical technologist. She was trained at Cornell University in 1965. Edna retired from Harlem Hospital as a surgical technologist after 40 years of service. She also worked in the bacteriology lab at Harlem Hospital and In nome nearth for cancer and heart patients after retirement. Edna continued to worship the Lord throughout her life. After leaving Walker Memorial Baptist Church, where she served for many years, she became a member of Bethany Baptist Church in The Bronx, where she served on the Nurse's Unit, Missionary's Ministry and Senior Citizens' Center. In 1999, she moved back to South Carolina, where she rejoined her family church, Rafting Creek Baptist Church. There she served on several choirs and the Outreach Ministry, where she remained a dedicated servant. She leaves to cherish her memories one daughter, Connie R. Goldston; one grandson, Payton (Erica) Goldston of Tucson, Arizona; special nieces, Carrie Robinson Mitchell of Rembert and Elizabeth Mayrant McCray of Los Angeles, California; a special nephew, Louis (Jean) Mayrant; an adopted daughter, Ann Dawson August; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family is requesting no visitation at the home. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Melvin Mack, officiating. The procession will leave from the home at 10:20 a.m.



Online condolences may be made at www.sumterfunerals. com.

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



#### **JIMMIE L. FRANK**

MANNING — Jimmie L. Frank was born in Summerton to the late John Frank and Louise Frank. He was preceded in death by this



brother, Robert Ragin Jr., and stepdaughter, Emma Pearson.

Jimmie L. Frank departed this life on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, and was

called home to our heavenly father.

Jimmie L. Frank, also known as Jimmy Lee, received his education at Scott's Branch High School. He later moved to New York City, where he worked as an electrician and received his master license as a plumber.

Jimmie accepted Christ at Liberty Hill AME Church in Summerton. He was loved by his family and friends. He was very passionate about teaching others the value of hard work and skill. Although his health declined, he kept in good spirits and loved everyone, especially his family.

He leaves to mourn his loving daughters, Delores Hilton and Malvinia Frank; daughters he reared, Elizabeth Pearson (Charles Dacus) and Maxine Pearson; sister Loretta

#### of Goa. She is survived

by her husband of Dalzell; her mother of Columbia; two sons, Shannon McKellar of Lexington and Clint McKellar (Mariah) of Sumter; three grandchildren, Katie McKellar, Jack McKellar and Bryce McKellar; a brother, David Ross (Frieda) of Lexington; a sister, Sheila Ross of Dalzell; and a stepmother, Linda Ross of Dalzell.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Donald A. Ross.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ross Memorial Cemetery, 4147 Red Lane Road, Dalzell.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the graveside service from 10 to 11 a.m. at Ross Memorial Cemetery and other times at the home, 4270 Ross Court (use entrance off Red Lane Road), Dalzell.

Memorials may be made to Ross Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 175, Dalzell, SC 29040.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

#### **SHARON ARLENE BRASHEAR** BAILEY

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



Bailey was the

backbone of the Bailey family. Her need to put others first was her priority. Losing her husband just eight days ago shows these two are meant to be together in the eyes of God. She will be remembered as a loving wife,

by Elmore-Cannon-Stepnens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

#### **RHONDA LITTLE**

Rhonda (Jones) Little, 67, of St. Marys, passed away Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

She was born Sept. 19, 1952, in Pennsboro, West Virginia.

Rhonda is survived by her partner, Larry Heater; her children, Mitchell, and his wife, Pamela, and Brian Little; grandchildren, Aaron and Austin Little; sisters, Carrie Hall, Carolyn (Bob) Tilley, Maxine Jones and Sheila (Mark) Ginanni; numerous nieces and nephews; and her special cat, Sheba.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Enith Wyvonne Jones, and sisters, JoAnne (Towner) Roberts and Sandra Irwin.

Rhonda was a caring and compassionate mother, grandmother and sister. She loved all and was loved by all. Rhonda will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The memorial service will be held at a later date that has yet to be determined due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Arrangements are entrusted to Leavitt Funeral Home Parkersburg. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.leavittfuneralhome.com.

#### **EDNA ROBINSON GOLDSTON**

Edna Robinson Goldston, 89, was born on July 14, 1931, in Rembert. She was the youngest daughter of the late Deacon David Robinson and Sarah Dow Robinson. God called her home to join her family on Friday, Aug. 14, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Deacon David Robinson and Sarah Dow Robinson; her siblings, Elise Robinson Dinkins, Russell

Burial will be in the Rafting Creek Baptist Church Yard Cemetery, 3860 S.C. 261 N., Rembert.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

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



#### **B4** THE ITEM

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TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of

which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the Plaintiff

or Patrick M. Killen, Esquire, at his office located at 1 Law Range, Suite

B, Sumter, South Carolina, within

thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such

service, and if you fail to answer the

Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded

NOTICE OF FILING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a

Complaint was filed in the above entitled action in the Sumter County

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#### Legal Notice

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE FTC PCS TOWER (436-030)**

FTC Communications Inc. proposing to construct a 250-ft. lattice monopole PCS tower on tax map parcel 157-00-03-003 located off Sky Lane, approximately 1.6 miles west of the city limits of Sumter, Sumter County. Comments will be received by FTC Communications. Inc. at 1101 East Main St., Kingstree SC 29556, Attn. Jonathan Tesenair until September 15th, 2020.

#### Beer & Wine License

Notice Of Application

Notice is hereby given that **Dolgencorp**, **LLC** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and OFF premises consumption of Beer & Wine at Dollar General Store #21678, 830 Race Track Rd. Sumter, SC 29150. To object to the issuance of this permit license, written protest must be



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postmarked no later than August 21, 2020. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should

(1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the

protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3)

that the person protesting is willing

to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that

the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within

five miles of the business; and (5) the

name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to:

S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to:

(803) 896-0110.

#### Abandon Vehicle / Boat

Abandoned **Boat Notice** To all persons claiming an interest in: 1994 20' Hurricane - Fundeck GDYT6851C494, James Huffman will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor. If you have any claims to the watercraft/outboard motor, contact have 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

# SUMMONS (JURY TRIAL REQUESTED)

IN THE COURT OF **COMMON PLEAS** CASE NO.: 2020-CP-43-00762 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Plaintiff.

Stephen Boyette,

James Milton Scott,

#### **CLERK'S OFFICE** NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES DOCKET NO. 2015-163-E

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Revised Cost Recovery Mechanism for Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs

Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of its revised cost recovery mechanisms for Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency ("DSM/EE") programs to be effective beginning January 1, 2022. The Application was filed pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. § 58-37-20 and S. C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-823. According to paragraph 5, page 3 of the Application, "The Company's proposed revisions to the Mechanism do not affect the Commission-approved tariffs currently in place and revisions to those tariffs are not required." DEP's proposed revisions to cost recovery mechanism include revisiting and updating the following components of the Mechanism: the cost benefit test used to screen new Programs; the Opt-Out Requirements for Industrial Customers and Certain Commercial Customers; the Portfolio Performance Incentive (PPI) and introduction of Program Return Incentive (PRI); other Incentives and Penalties; certain Net Lost Revenues provisions; and certain Program Cost recovery provisions.

Changes in the terms and conditions of the Mechanism will be applied prospectively only to Vintage Years beginning on or after January 1, 2022. With respect to the recovery of reasonable and prudent Program Costs and New Lost Revenues, except as may be explicitly provided for in the Mechanism, approved Programs and Measures will continue to be subject to the terms and conditions that were in effect when they were approved. With respect to the recovery of Portfolio Performance Incentives (PRI), except as may be explicitly provided for in the Mechanism; approved Programs and Measures will continue to be subject to the terms and conditions in effect in the Vintage Year that any applicable Measurement Unit was installed.

DEP requests to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adopting and implementing DSM and EE Measures and the additional principles related to such recovery set forth in the Application.

Details regarding DEP's proposed cost recovery mechanisms and the impact on and

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In Loving Memory of Nolan Bossard, Jr.

The Bossard family would like to thank you for the outpouring of love you showed us after the passing of our beloved Nolan (Ronnie) Bossard. Your presence, phone calls, cards, and so many beautiful flowers and other tokens of love were a great encouragement. We pray God pours out to you one hundred times the love you brought into our lives during our time of bereavement.





Happy Birthday Naomi James As each day passes I miss you more and more, but today, on your birthday, I miss you the most. On this day that honors you, I pray that the heavens above are rejoicing in your name, and also reminding you of how very special you are to me. I'll never forget you and how much you mean to me.

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recovery of related costs from its customers are located in the Company's Application. Please contact the Commission to request a copy of the Application.

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

A copy of the company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2015-163-E. Additionally, a copy of the Application is available from the office of Heather S. Smith, Esquire, Duke Energy Corporation, 40 West Broad Street, Suite 690, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 and Samuel J. Wellborn, Esquire, Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, Post Office Box 11449, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a Party of Record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before October 15, 2020, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all Parties of Record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2015-163-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket. Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before October 15, 2020. Please refer to Docket No. 2015-163-E.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a virtual hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on Thursday, December 03, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., before the Commission for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through December 4, 2020, if necessary.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and** Intervenors only):

\*\* On or before 11/19/2020, please provide the order of witnesses to be presented during the hearing, whether there is an objection to taking direct and rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony together during the hearing, and whether or not there is a desire to use panels of witnesses. \*\*

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's Direct Testimony Due: 10/22/2020; Other Parties of Record Direct Testimony Due: 11/5/2020; Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony Due: 11/12/2020; and Other Parties of Record Surrebuttal Testimony Due: 11/19/2020. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2015-163-E.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and Docket No. 2015-163-E.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding MUST present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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Wife looks for words to heal man hurt by his mother

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**Dear Abby** ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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DEAR ABBY — My husband's mother recently no longer matters to

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thrown at him by his own mother?

It infuriates me, but I don't think it would be right for me to step in and talk to her directly. How do you deal with a narcissist who constantly plays the victim even after all the support you've given to her, financially and emotionally?

Supportive wife in Alabama

**DEAR WIFE** — I'm glad you asked. Explain to your husband that by emotionally abusing him this way, his mother is attempting to control him. What she said is despicable, and if he is as emotionally dependent on her as you have described, he may need counseling to get past this. The way to deal with her emotional blackmail is to disnancially and emotionally, because she is manipulative and toxic.

**DEAR ABBY** — I have a medical alert service dog. People at the store won't leave him alone to do his job, and I don't know what to do. I don't want to be rude to these people, but my life depends on his alerting. Each time I must shop for groceries, I am very afraid. Advice?

No petting in Pennsylvania

DEAR NO PETTING — You are a nice person. Too nice, in fact. When someone attempts to distract vour service animal. TELL the person emphatically to stop immediately because he is on duty, working to ensure your safety, and being distracted could cost truth.

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# Belushi embarks on new career as cannabis farmer

#### **BY KEVIN McDONOUGH**

COVID has returned many to their backyard gardens, and even the country life. Even famous people. The notion of celebrities working the fields was the subject of the 1942 hit "Farming" for Danny Kaye, filled with bawdy puns and innuendos about folks from George Raft to Mae West rolling in the



nay.

Actor Jim Belushi shows off his green thumb in the new reality series **"Growing Belushi"** (10 p.m., Discovery, TV-14). The star of "According to Jim" has embarked on the career of raising legal cannabis in Southern Oregon. Since 2015, he has expanded from a minimal (and entirely legal) crop to more than 93 acres.

Belushi is more than a cannabis farmer; he has become a strong advocate of the herb's healing powers. He saw his older brother John Belushi die from an overdose of strong narcotics and has come to believe in the health benefits of legal marijuana. He'll be joined on the farm by Belushi relatives as well as John's old sidekick Dan Aykroyd, who will join with Jim in "Blues Brothers" performances.

• TCM spends 24 hours celebrating the movies of Dolores del Rio, a Mexican-American actress who made movies on both sides of the Rio Grande during a career that spanned the silent era to the late 1970s. Often cast as an exotic beauty, she played a Polynesian woman scheduled to be sacrificed to a volcano in the 1932 King Vidor thriller "Bird of Paradise" (9:45 p.m., TV). And you wonder where they got the idea for the Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan curiosity "Joe vs. the Volcano"? Del Rio worked with John Ford in the 1947 political drama "The Fugitive" (4 p.m., TV-PG) and Busby Berkeley in "I Live for Love" (10 a.m., TV-G) from 1935. She appeared in the Elvis Presley musical Western "Flaming Star," not included in this schedule.

A Hollywood star, she made many films in Mexico in the 1940s and 1950, embracing both cultures. That stands in contrast to the trajectory of actress Rita Hayworth. Born Rita Cansino to a Spanish father and trained in Spanish dancing, Hayworth's early career flourished in Tijuana, and she was later cast in **"In Caliente"** (11:30 p.m., TV-G) with Del Rio. Columbia Studios moguls thought her name would limit her to "exotic" roles, so she became Rita Hayworth; her natural red hair became blond and her hairline was subject to electrolysis to make her seem more "American."

It's illuminating to consider how long such questions of assimilation and "American" images have been discussed. Born in 1904, Del Rio died in 1983, five years after appearing in the Mexican-American production of "The Children of Sanchez." Hayworth suffered from Alzheimer's and died at 68 in 1987. For what it's worth, both actresses were romantically linked to director Orson Welles.

#### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Five acts move to the

semifinals on **"America's Got Talent"** (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).

• The Democratic Convention continues (8 p.m., PBS, check local listings, 10 p.m., CBS, NBC, ABC), and in continuing coverage from CNN, Fox News and MSNBC. Tonight's notable speakers include Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Kamala Harris.

• Gym class may be impossible, but there's always time for the new series **"Dodgeball Thunderdome"** (9 p.m., Discovery, TV-PG).

#### SERIES NOTES

Julie Chen Moonves hosts "Big Brother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) \* "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) plugs NASCAR \* An ugly truth about family time on "United We Fall" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* A new enemy emerges on "The 100" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) \* Beverly's counter culture on "The Goldbergs" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* "Tough as Nails" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) \* Harris loses her job on "The **Conners**" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* I dismembered Momma on **"Coroner**" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) \* Vacation worries on **"American Housewife**" (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14).

#### LATE NIGHT

"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) approaches the conventions at a distance \* Chris Redd is on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Tyler Perry, Maisie Williams and Trevor Daniel on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Sandra Oh, Gayle King and Thomas Land visit **"Late Night With Seth Meyers"** (12:35 a.m., NBC).

#### **CULT CHOICE**

A therapist (Richard Gere) treats three patients convinced they are the living Jesus in the 2017 drama **"Three Christs"** (8 p.m., Sho2), adapted from Milton Rokeach's nonfiction book "The Three Christs of Ypsilanti."

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Informative and entertaining, the new series "Growing Belushi," premiering at 10 p.m. today on Discovery, takes viewers inside actor Jim Belushi's world to show the enormous effort it takes to build a legal cannabis operation.