

BABY GIRAFFE COMING SOON

**She's expecting again**  
April, made famous on YouTube,  
will have 2nd calf in March A5

## Documents don't match reason for firing

**Sumter Item** obtained Manning police chief Shaffer's personnel file from FOIA request

BY SHARRON HALEY  
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — A July 11 letter that was hand-delivered to then-Manning Police Chief Blair Shaffer terminating his employment sheds new light on several issues the city Public Safety Committee listed as

reasons for firing the 25-year law enforcement veteran.

The Sumter Item obtained the letter and more than 70 pages of documents through a Freedom of Information Act request, which asked for Shaffer's personnel file, a list of the "safety concerns" the city referred to in terminat-



SHAFFER

ing his employment and several other items including a request for information on any investigations regarding public safety or Shaf-

fer's employment.

Shaffer's termination letter was issued the same day that he met with members of the city's newly reorganized Pub-

lic Safety Committee regarding the performance of his duties as Manning's police chief.

In the letter signed by Manning Mayor Julia Nelson, who serves as the chairwoman of the PSC, the mayor stated, "we believe your performance and conduct do not reflect the City of Manning's expectations of professionalism for a department head nor serve the best interests of the City."

Issues have been raised in previous reports from The Sumter Item about the open meetings laws possibly being violated according to the FOIA. The law, which was confirmed on the record by South Carolina Press Association Executive Director Bill Rogers, states public policy, including the discussion or reading of proposed ordinances, is

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**WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING:  
SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL**

## Feather flags to fly, cemetery plans denied

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Sumter County Council gave the go ahead for businesses to display feather flags and denied a rezoning request for a cemetery after residents spoke out against it on Tuesday night.

### FEATHER FLAGS FINALLY FIND FAVOR TO FLY

**Reading:** Third and final

**Agenda item:** A request from county council to amend portions of the county's development standards ordinance to allow certain fluttering devices, including feather flags, to encourage business visibility in the county.

**Background:** The amendment will allow feather flags in all commercial zoning districts and at model homes in residential districts, according to Sumter Planning Department Director George McGregor.

He said the planning department has added provisions to the amendment for feather flags to also be displayed at model homes in developing subdivisions and provisions of how to manage the signs.

Per suggestions from a previous council meeting, the amendment now includes language that will allow feather flags to be displayed permanently as long as they are in good condition.

McGregor said he, the Sumter zoning administrator and other members of planning staff will determine if flags are in good condition.

Properties with 50 linear feet of frontage are permitted two feather flags; property with 50-100 feet of linear frontage can have three flags; and a maximum of four flags can be placed on property with more than 100 feet of linear frontage, according to the amendment.

**Discussion:** Chairman Jim McCain said he preferred that final reading be deferred after councilman Artie Baker had already made a motion for approval. Two other council members seconded at the same time.

**Vote:** 5-2 approval — McCain and councilman Gene Baten voted against the amendment.

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## A forum on the future



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Lefford Fate, incoming chairman of the Chamber's education committee, talks to participants Wednesday as Chamber Education Committee Chairman Dennis Turner looks on.

Below, Dennis Turner, left, talks to business leaders Wednesday as Brenda Golden, regional workforce adviser with the S.C. Department of Commerce, looks on.



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Kaydon plant manager Rhett Walker, center, interacts with a facilitator at Wednesday's Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Career Forum Luncheon at University of South Carolina Sumter.

## Luncheon thanks career forum participants, looks ahead to next year

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It was both a big "thank you" and a "how can we make it better" on Wednesday at the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce's Career Forum Luncheon.

The Chamber's Education Committee hosted the luncheon at the University of South Carolina Sumter to recognize local businesses that partnered last year to participate in student career forums at each of Sumter School District's middle schools, high schools and the Sumter Career and Technology Center.

A total of 12 forums took place with 40 students in each. Selected students got to rub shoulders in round-table discussions with Sumter business, industry, public ser-

vice and military leaders about topics including the importance of education, formulating a career goal and qualities of a good employee.

Longtime Education Committee Chairman Dennis Turner has facilitated the forums for five years in Sumter School District with Brenda Golden, regional workforce adviser with the state Department of Commerce.

Through the years, the forums have grown to include more schools and follow-up company tours for students expressing an interest in a particular field.

Often times in smaller cities, like Sumter, students are unaware of solid career opportunities right in their backyard, and the purpose of the forums is to link students with area businesses, Turner said.

The luncheon provided the oppor-

tunity for Turner, Golden and Chamber staff to pat business leaders on the back for lending their time and effort to the forums but also to brainstorm and get feedback from them on any format changes they see necessary for the events going forward.

Some of those ideas included increasing business diversity in the career forums, having fewer but longer round-table discussions and incorporating short business videos to inform students of available jobs and careers to adjust to new learning styles.

Four district students who participated in the career forums and follow-up tours last year attended the luncheon and shared what they learned.

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## Linginfelter, Hunter file for at-large school board seats



BY BRUCE MILLS  
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A military veteran turned Sumter Realtor and a retired, life-long educator have thrown their names into the

hat for the two at-large seats on Sumter School District's Board of Trustees.

Jay Linginfelter and Lloyd Hunter filed last week for the board's at-large seats along with incumbents Bonnie Disney and William Byrd. In the spring, both Disney and Byrd officially announced their intentions to run for the non-partisan, at-large seats after being appointed to them last year by the Sumter County

Legislative Delegation when it expanded the board by two members to nine.

Linginfelter said he's currently transitioning from

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## 3 suspects kidnap 3 teenagers at gunpoint

Boys were told to get into their own car naked

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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Three teenagers escaped their kidnappers early Wednesday morning after they were held at gunpoint and forced to take their clothes off and get into the trunk.

A 911 call came in just before 2 a.m. that three boys — two 16-year-

olds and one 15-year-old — had made it to a house near Narrow Paved Road after running away from three suspects, according to Sumter County Sheriff's Office Capt. Robert Burnish. The teens reportedly told investigators they were going to the area to meet someone when the three male strangers approached them.

Two of the suspects had guns, Burnish said. They reportedly told the teens to take their clothes off and get into the trunk of their Hyundai Sonata.

Only two of the victims could fit into the trunk, so the third got into the back seat of the car, and the suspects began to drive away with the teens inside, Burnish said.

At a point when the suspects told the victims to get out of the car for a minute, they ran away and found

someone to call 911.

The vehicle was recovered about 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, though the suspects remain at large.

Burnish said they have not been identified yet and that the only description the teens gave was of three black males wearing hoodies. One was red, one was gray and one was dark-colored.

The car is being processed by investigators, Burnish said, and the incident remains under investigation.

## Family's donation of land to allow expansion of Birnie HOPE center

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Visitors to Birnie HOPE Center will enjoy more room at the site after a family donated about half an acre on West Oakland Avenue to the city.

According to plans presented during a dedication ceremony Tuesday morning, Ladson Grove — the dedicated property named after the original property owners, Richard and Rosa Ladson — will be incorporated into the Birnie HOPE Center next door.

The Ladsons' granddaughter, Arthuree Wright, who now lives in Maryland, decided to donate her family's land to

honor the giving spirits of her grandmother and mother.

Her grandparents and their descendants have had the land since the early 1900s, at which time it was the location of the family's home with an attached corner store.

Wright said donating the now undeveloped land to the Birnie HOPE Center seemed like the right thing to do because the property backs up to the center. It's a place the community should have access to, she said.

"I thank you from the depths of my heart for being willing to accept this property and incorporating it into the Birnie



ADRIENNE SARVIS / THE SUMTER ITEM  
Arthuree Wright speaks about her family's history with land on West Oakland Avenue during a ceremony Tuesday when the property was donated to the city of Sumter.

HOPE Center so that it can be a place for families and children for many years to come," Wright said.

City of Sumter Quality Assurance Manager John Macloskie said the city

plans to extend the walking path at the HOPE center onto Ladson Grove and extend the fence to include the new property. The intent is to keep the land as natural as possible, he said.

## Toddler dies from injuries in I-95 crash

BY SHARRON HALEY

Special to The Sumter Item

ALCOLU — A 2-year-old child died late Tuesday afternoon from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle wreck on Interstate 95.

Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock identified the toddler as Talia Johnson of Orlando, Florida. She was one of six passengers in a vehicle that was driven by a family member.

"She was airlifted from the scene shortly after 3:35 p.m. and died at 5:40 p.m. at the Medical University of South Carolina," Mock said.

No autopsy has been scheduled, Mock said.

According to Lance Cpl. Matt Southern of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, the wreck occurred near mile marker 122 in the southbound lanes of I-95 around 3:35 p.m. when the driver of a 2018 Chevrolet SUV ran off the right side of the roadway and struck a vehicle that was parked on the shoulder.

Southern identified the driver of the SUV as Jamall Ikner of Orlando, Florida. Southern said Ikner was wearing a seat belt and was transported to McLeod Clarendon with minor injuries.

Six occupants were in the SUV along with Ikner. The toddler, who was unrestrained, was airlifted to the Medical University of South Carolina where she later died, Southern said. The other five occupants were transported to McLeod Clarendon with minor injuries, the trooper said.

Southern said the occupants of the parked vehicle also received minor injuries and were transported to the local hospital.

## Lee Correctional officer arrested for allegedly smuggling marijuana

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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A correctional officer has been arrested on accusations of attempting to bring 125 grams of marijuana hidden in her hair into Lee Correctional Institution.

Uniqueqa Akeema James faces charges of misconduct in office, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and furnishing a prisoner with contraband, according to Jeffrey Taillon, spokesman for the SCDC, in a news release.

James began working for the state agency on April 3, 2017, and was arrested on July 22 by the SCDC Police Services. According to her arrest warrant, she is accused of trying to enter the front gate of the prison with a package wrapped in electrical tape that was "concealed in her hair."

The maximum-security prison in Bishopville houses some of the most violent offenders in South Carolina and is where the nation's deadliest prison riot in the last quarter-century

occurred in April. Seven inmates were killed and more than 20 were injured after fighting reportedly broke out over territory, money and contraband that included drugs and cell phones, SCDC Director Bryan Stirling said at the time. The incident began in one housing unit and later separately broke out in two more, where the deaths were caused by stabbing and slashing.

Since then, at least 16 state corrections employees have been arrested on charges of bribery and bringing contraband into various facilities, including 14 who were federally indicted, a head nurse administrator at Lee Correctional and an employee at Turbeville Correctional Institution, according to previous reports from *The Sumter Item*. A Lee Correctional employee was arrested and charged with assault and battery in May after an incident of "excessive use of force" on an inmate.

Contraband cellphones in state prisons have been a focus of concern in recent years based on incidents that occurred at Lee Correctional and elsewhere. Judges in South Carolina and California ordered cellphone carriers

to disable nearly 200 contraband cellphones used by inmates to continue organizing crimes within and outside the prison on Friday. Both rulings make up the most "sweeping order of its kind ever won by corrections officials," *The Associated Press* reported this week.

A push for the Federal Communications Commission to block cellphone signals largely cites Sumter's Capt. Robert Johnson, who worked at Lee Correctional for 15 years and was shot six times at his house and left for dead from a hit that was ordered on him from an inmate's cellphone.

Authorities have said he was the first corrections officer in the U.S. harmed by a hit ordered from an inmate's cellphone, according to the AP. Johnson, who retired from the state corrections department in 2011, underwent months of surgeries and rehabilitation and has advocated for cellphone jamming in prisons.

In May, officials said S.C. will be the first state in the country to use drones to monitor 21 state prisons to try to keep contraband from being thrown over security fences, *The Sumter Item* previously reported.

## LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Coroner needs help finding deceased man's family

The Sumter County Coroner's Office is asking the public to help find a family member of a man who recently died.

Sylvester McMillan died on July 4 in Sumter, but Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker said his office cannot find a family contact for the man.

McMillan was born on Jan. 15, 1939.

Chief Deputy Coroner Bryan Rogers said McMillan died of natural causes.

"If you believe you may know Mr. McMillan or some family of his," Baker wrote in a news release, "please have them contact the Sumter County Coroner's Office at (803) 436-2111."

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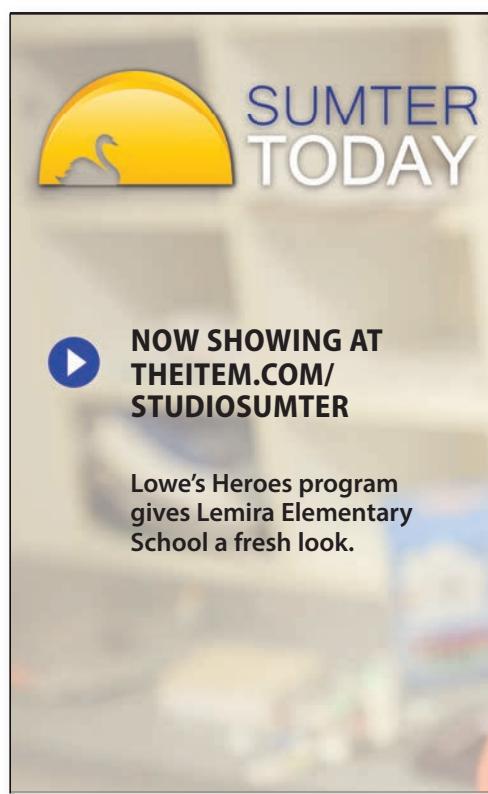
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## Friends of Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden award scholarships

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Friends of Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden have generously supported the Central Carolina Technical College Foundation Scholarship Program since 2008 according to a news release from CCTC.

Scholarship awards are designated for two Lee County students, with a preference given to one student from Lee Central High School and one student from Robert E. Lee Academy. This year's recipients are Tatyana Williams, a criminal justice technology program student, and Noah Mozingo, who is entering the automotive technology program.

Central Carolina Technical College Foundation operates exclusively for charitable educational purposes as a 501(c)3 organization. Support from

benefactors provides funding for scholarships that are awarded to CCTC students through the Foundation Scholarship Program. Benefactors include individuals, companies, clubs and organizations. Scholarships may be undesignated or the donor may designate certain criteria for the award.

"This is a wonderful opportunity that the Friends of Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden have provided for the last 10 years. Pearl Fryar has spent his life shaping these beautiful garden sculptures and now these scholarships will help shape these young minds for the future. We're very proud and excited about these students joining us at Central Carolina," CCTC President Dr. Michael Mikota said in the release.



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From left, Ruby Gibbs, vice chairwoman of the CCTC Foundation; Meree McAlister, CCTC Foundation executive director; Dr. Wanda Andrews, superintendent of Lee County School District; Tatyana Williams, scholarship recipient from Lee Central High School; Pearl Fryar; Noah Mozingo, scholarship recipient from Robert E. Lee Academy; Maria Watson, head of Robert E. Lee Academy; Dr. Michael Mikota, CCTC president; and the Rev. Jerome McCray, Friends of Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden president.

## S.C. DHEC: Rabid cat scratches 3 people in city

## BY KAYLA ROBINS

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Three people in Sumter were exposed to rabies when a stray cat scratched them.

The cat was submitted for testing on July 18 and tested positive for rabies on July 19 after the people were exposed on July 17, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control announced Wednesday.

"Rabies is usually transmitted through a bite which allowed saliva from an infected animal to be introduced into the body of a person or another animal," said David Vaughan, director of DHEC's Onsite Wastewater, Rabies Prevention and Enforcement Division. "However, saliva or neutral tissue contact with open wounds or areas such as the eyes, nose or mouth could also potentially transmit rabies."

The three people exposed to the cat's scratch were referred to their health care providers for consultation, according to DHEC.

"To reduce the risk of getting rabies, always give wild and stray animals their space. If you see an animal in need, avoid touching it and contact someone trained in handling animals, such as your local animal control officer or wildlife rehabilitator," Vaughan said.

The number of rabies-related human deaths has declined in the United States from more than 100 annually to just one or two a year. Human deaths from rabies exposure usually occur in people who fail to seek medical assistance, usually because they did not know they

## Did you know?

## The changing face of rabies

Rabies in the United States has changed dramatically in the last century. According to DHEC, more than 90 percent of all animal cases reported to the CDC now are in wildlife. Before 1960, the majority were in domestic animals.

Exposure to rabid dogs is the cause of more than 90 percent of human exposures to rabies worldwide and more than 99 percent of human deaths, most of which involve children and occur in countries with inadequate public health resources and limited access to preventative treatment.



had been exposed, according to DHEC.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, dogs, cats and ferrets that have not been vaccinated and have been exposed to a rabid animal should be euthanized immediately. If a pet owner is not willing to put the animal down, it should be placed in "strict isolation" for six months and vaccinated a month before being released.

While any mammal has the ability to carry and transmit rabies to humans and other animals, the CDC says small mammals, such as squirrels, rats, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, chipmunks, rabbits and hares are "almost never found to be infected with rabies and have not been known to cause rabies among humans in the United States."

Keeping pets up to date on their rabies vaccinations is

one of the easiest and most effective ways to protect both humans and pets.

There have been 51 confirmed cases of animal rabies statewide this year so far. There were 63 cases throughout the state in 2017. Since 2013, South Carolina has averaged about 110 positive cases a year, according to DHEC.

The cat was the second animal in Sumter County to test positive for rabies this year, and there were no cases reported to DHEC from Sumter last year.

In the same announcement

about the rabid cat, DHEC reported a fox in Berkeley County exposed two people to rabies on July 18 in the Pinelake area and that a rabid fox in Aiken County exposed two people when it attacked them on July 20 in the North Augusta area.

## HAVE YOU BEEN EXPOSED TO RABIES?

If you're bitten or scratched by a wild stray or unvaccinated animal, care for the wound and contact your health care provider. Health care providers are required to report the incident to DHEC.

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# Get back in sync with your body's natural rhythm

**R**esearch shows that Americans tend to consume more than half their calories after 3 p.m. The stress of a busy life increases the potential for skipping meals, nighttime binge eating, consuming large amounts of caffeine and getting by on minimal amounts of sleep.

One day, we wake up only to find that our waistline and our health has paid the ultimate price. This puts us in a desperate attempt to reverse these effects by jumping on the latest diet and exercise fad. We have become so focused on the external clock, ignoring our body's internal clock that actually determines our health survival.

The body's internal timing clock is

located in the brain's hypothalamus. It controls more than 37 trillion cellular clocks that control the body's natural rhythms of sleep, attentiveness, physical activity, body temperature, metabolism, immune function and digestion. In fact, in 2017, scientific research linked our internal body clock function to our own health and well-being. One of the scientists stated this clock is "represented all over the body in many different tissues and controls so many different biological processes that we go through every day." Getting out of sync with our natural timing threatens our physical and mental health.

This research concluded that we need to get back to strict feeding and non-feeding times. According to the National Institutes of Health, a free eating plan, or eating at any time within a 24-hour period, interferes with natural metabolic resets and cellular regeneration and repair. It was

also found that 12-16 hours of non-feeding time reduces excess body fat while lowering blood sugar and insulin levels. Furthermore, it was reported that restricted times strengthens cells' ability to adapt and cope with disease and aging.

Most individuals are not on an eating schedule. A 2015 study of approximately 150 adults found that more than 50 percent of them consumed food during the course of 15 hours, meaning they were out of sync with their natural rhythm. These rhythms are so important to the overall workings of the human body that behaviors like binge eating or not getting enough sleep actually harm our health.

In a comparison study where both groups consumed the same amount of calories, the group who ate within an eight-hour window had much more favorable results as opposed to those who were in the group who could consume their calories at any time within

a 24-hour period. The eight-hour group showed no signs of weight gain, obesity-related metabolic disorders or inflammation. Those who ate without time restrictions became overweight and diabetic.

While there is no one nutrition plan that meets everyone's individual needs, it is suggested that you plan the timing of your meals. Random feeding patterns not only lead to obesity-related disorders, but also stress the liver and its ability to produce glucose, leading to higher blood sugar levels and diabetes. To help minimize these self-destructive eating habits, set an eight- to 12-hour window for eating, and be sure to choose healthy, nutritious options, and allow the body to recover during the non-feeding hours.

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## Study: Lowering blood pressure helps cut the risk of mental decline

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CHICAGO — Lowering blood pressure more than usually recommended not only helps prevent heart problems, but it also cuts the risk of mental decline that often leads to Alzheimer's disease, a major study finds.

It's the first time a single step has been clearly shown to help prevent a dreaded condition that has had people trying crossword puzzles, diet supplements and a host of other things in hopes of keeping their mind sharp.

In the study, people treated to a top blood pressure reading of 120 instead of 140 were 19 percent less likely to develop mild cognitive impairment. They also had fewer signs of damage on brain scans, and there was a possible trend toward fewer cases of dementia.

"This is a big breakthrough," said Dr. Jeff Williamson of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in North Carolina. "It's more important than ever to work with

your physician to ensure that you have good blood pressure control."

He led the study and gave results Wednesday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Chicago. They're considered preliminary until published, expected later this year.

Independent experts cheered the news.

"We have long known that high blood pressure is bad for your heart. Now we're also learning it's bad for your brain," said James Hendrix, director of global science initiatives at the Alzheimer's Association.

### THE BRAIN-BLOOD PRESSURE LINK

About 50 million people worldwide have dementia, and Alzheimer's is the most common type. There is no cure — current medicines such as Aricept and Namenda just ease symptoms — so prevention is key.

Roughly half of adults in the United States have high blood pressure under guidelines adopted last year that define it as a top number of 130 or more, rather than 140.



Margaret Graham, 74, has her blood pressure checked while visiting the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on July 13. She participated in a multi-year study, published on Wednesday, investigating a connection between high blood pressure and the risk of mental decline. "I feel like maybe with this study, some findings may come that will develop new drugs and also new activities, exercise, theories that will help people to maintain an acceptable blood pressure level," Graham says.

Normal is under 120.

High pressure can damage blood vessels and has long been linked to a higher risk for dementia. But it's not been known if lowering pressure would reduce that risk or by how much. The federally funded study was designed to test this in the most rigorous way.

### ABOUT THE STUDY

It involved more than 9,300 people with high pres-

sure. Half got two medicines, on average, to get their top reading below 140. The rest got three drugs, on average, and aimed for 120. During the study, the top pressure averaged 121 in the intensive-treatment group and 135 in the other group.

The study was stopped in 2015, nearly two years early, when it became clear that lower pressure helped prevent heart problems and deaths. But tests of thinking



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## FORUM

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Rising Crestwood High School 10th-grader Gustavo Martinez said he learned about different businesses and services provided locally. He said his tour of Shaw Air Force Base was particularly informative.

"In my military tour, I got to see different things that helped me refine my idea about what I might try to do if I went into the Air Force," Martinez said.

He said he might want to be a technician or mechanic in the military and was able to see different systems and weapons at Shaw.

Turner, who is stepping down later this year as Education Committee chairman to assume the role as the next chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors, said the forums help students with essential job and life skills. He said he would love to see them expand to include more students and businesses.

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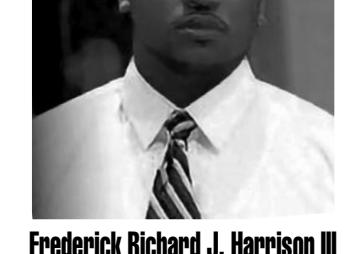
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**Italian researchers report: Water is buried beneath Martian landscape**

NEW YORK (AP) — A huge lake of salty water appears to be buried deep in Mars, raising the possibility of finding life on the red planet, scientists reported Wednesday.

The discovery, based on observations by a European spacecraft, generated excitement from experts. Water is essential to life as we know it, and scientists have long sought to prove that the liquid is present on Mars.

"If these researchers are right, this is the first time we've found evidence of a large water body on Mars," said Cassie Stuurman, a geophysicist at the University of Texas who found signs of an enormous Martian ice deposit in 2016.

Scott Hubbard, a professor of astronautics at Stanford University who served as NASA's first Mars program director in 2000, called it "tremendously exciting."

"Our mantra back then was 'follow the water.' That was the one phrase that captured everything," Hubbard said. "So this discovery, if it stands, is just thrilling because it's the culmination of that philosophy."

The study, published in the journal Science, does not determine how deep the reservoir actually is. This means that scientists can't specify whether it's an underground pool, an aquifer-like body, or just a layer of



sludge.

To find the water, Italian researchers analyzed radar signals collected over three years by the European Space Agency's Mars Express spacecraft. Their results suggest that a 12-mile-wide reservoir lies below ice about a mile thick in an area close to the planet's south pole.

They spent at least two years examining the data to make sure they'd detected water, not ice or another substance.

"I really have no other explanation," said astrophysicist Roberto Orosei of Italy's National Institute of Astrophysics in Bologna and lead author of the study.

Mars is very cold, but the water might have been kept from freezing by dissolved salts. It's the same as when you put salt on a road, said Kirsten Siebach, a planetary geologist at Rice University who wasn't part of the study.

"This water would be extremely cold, right at the point where it's about to freeze. And it would be salty. Those are not ideal

conditions for life to form," Siebach said.

Still, she said, there are microbes on Earth that have been able to adapt to environments like that.

Orosei said, "It's tempting to think that this is the first candidate place where life could persist" on Mars.

He suspects Mars may contain other hidden bodies of water, waiting to be discovered.

Our planetary neighbor has been a popular target for exploration, with rovers on its surface and other probes examining the planet from orbit. In May, NASA launched another spacecraft, the InSight Mars lander, that will dig under the surface after it reaches a flat plain just north of the Martian equator in November.

**Pregnant again: April the giraffe is due in March**

NEW YORK (AP) — You don't need to stick your neck out to predict that this pregnancy is going to get some attention.

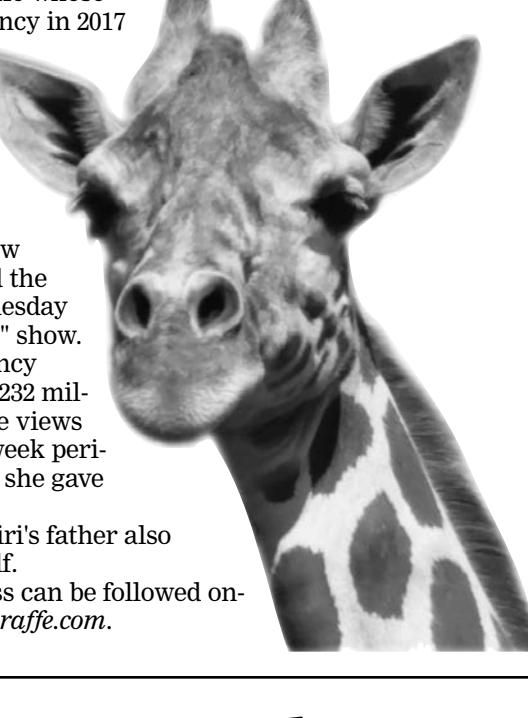
April, the giraffe whose YouTube pregnancy in 2017 made her famous, is due again around next March.

Jordon Patch of Animal Adventure Park in Harpursville, New York, announced the pregnancy Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show.

April's pregnancy drew more than 232 million YouTube live views during a seven-week period in 2017 before she gave birth to Tajiri.

Patch says Tajiri's father also sired the new calf.

April's progress can be followed online at [aprilthegiraffe.com](http://aprilthegiraffe.com).



## New Numbing Drug Relieves Crippling Arthritis Pain Without Pills or Needles

**New cream relieves arthritis in minutes after applying; uses the strongest approved dose an anesthetic drug which numbs the nerves that cause crippling joint pain**

By David Watson  
Associated Health Press

BOSTON — Expectations are high for a new blockbuster arthritis drug. But unlike so many of the others, it comes in the form of cream, not a pill. Initial users, including several clinical trial participants, say the relief is extraordinary and when you look at the science you'll see why.

The new pain relief cream numbs the nerves right below the skin.

When applied to an arthritic joint, or a painful area on the body, it delivers rapid relief that lasts for hours and hours.

### Blocks Pain from the Brain

The powerful painkilling effect is created by the cream's active ingredient, a powerful anesthetic drug.

Anesthetics are highly regarded by physicians in the medical community. They block nerve signals from the brain so that patients don't feel pain and are incredibly effective.

"Those suffering with arthritis or joint pain can expect relief within minutes of their first application," explains Dr. Henry Esber, creator of the hot selling drug Apeaz.

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### Works In Minutes

For arthritis sufferers, Apeaz offers impressive advantages over traditional medications. The most remarkable is how quickly it relieves difficult pain.

The cream contains the maximum approved OTC dose of an amazing anesthetic, which rapidly penetrates the skin to numb the area that's in pain. This relief lasts for several hours.

Published pre-clinical animal studies have shown that the other ingredients in Apeaz can also prevent further bone and cartilage destruction.

### No Risk of Ulcers or Stomach Pain

There are also no negative side effects as seen with oral medications. Apeaz delivers its ingredients through the skin. Oral medications are absorbed in the digestive tract. Over time, the chemicals in pills can tear the delicate lining of the stomach, causing ulcers and bleeding.

### A Low Cost Alternative That Works

There are also tremendous savings when switching over to a topical like Apeaz. When compared to other arthritis medications, Apeaz is a fraction of the cost. At less than \$2 a day, the cream quickly becomes a household name.

### Rapid Relief Without Pills or Needle Injections

Many Apeaz users report significant improvements in daily aches and pain. Many more report increased flexibility, less stiffness, and decreased muscle soreness.



### NEW PAIN RELIEF DRUG WORKS ON CONTACT:

**Apeaz delivers its active ingredient, a powerful painkiller, through the skin, providing users with rapid relief without oral drug side effects**

They are moving with less pain for the first time in years.

"I've tried more pills than I can count. I've also had a handful of cortisone shots. Nothing is as effective as this product. With Apeaz, I get relief right away. I rub a little on my hands. It keeps the pain away. It also prevents the pain from getting really bad. It's completely changed my life," raves one user.

### Apeaz™ is an FDA drug with approved claims for the pain relief of the following conditions:

- Temporary pain
- Simple back pain
- Strains
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- Athletic injuries
- Muscle stiffness and pain
- Wrist, elbow, shoulder, hip, knee, ankle, foot, muscle or joint pain

### A New Breakthrough for Arthritis

When applied to the skin Apeaz is absorbed in just minutes. It then penetrates through muscle and tissues, getting to the source of your pain, numbing the nerve endings.

"This is why Apeaz is so effective for people with arthritis pain. It reduces pain while adding an additional potential layer of joint support," explains Esber.

### A Better Way to Treat Pain

A pre-clinical trial on Apeaz was carried out by Dr. Esber and his research staff shortly after its initial production.

The results were published in the *Journal of Immunology*.

The study found that Apeaz induced an instant numbing effect, which blocked pain for several hours.

It was also shown to decrease swelling and inflammation.

Even more remarkable, Apeaz was also shown to prevent the

further destruction of cartilage, a major cause of arthritis.

"One of the most impressive things about the study was the various ways Apeaz was able to influence levels of pain. Many painkillers, and even creams, simply mask your pain. Apeaz is different. Since it is absorbed through the skin it deliver rapid relief and is able to deliver its ingredients directly to infected arthritic tissue" explains Esber.

### A New Weapon for Arthritis and Joint Pain

With daily use, Apeaz helps users live a more vital, pain free relief without any of the negative side effects or interactions associated with oral drugs.

Through the use of a powerful anesthetic drug, Apeaz is able to numb pain at the source, specifically around joints plagued by arthritis.

Readers can now enjoy an entirely new level of comfort that's both safe and affordable. It is also extremely effective, especially if nothing else has worked.

### How to Claim a Risk Free Supply of Apeaz

This is the official public release of Apeaz™. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to any joint-pain arthritis sufferer who calls within the next 48 hours.

A special hotline number and discounted pricing has been created for all South Carolina residents. Discounts will be available starting today at 6:00AM and will automatically be applied to all callers.

Your Toll-Free hotline number is 1-800-451-2380 and will only be open for the next 48 hours. Only a limited discounted supply of Apeaz™ is currently available in your region.

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## Driver hits 142 mph ... after cited for speeding

HERSHEY, Neb. (AP) — An Iowa woman who was ticketed for speeding in Nebraska perhaps didn't take the citation seriously — deputies clocked her driving at 142 mph as she accelerated away from the traffic stop.

The Lincoln County sheriff's office says the 31-year-old woman from Council Bluffs was eventually arrested on suspicion of willful reckless driving after deputies caught

up with her for a second time early Saturday.

Deputies first stopped the 2018 Ford Mustang around 1 a.m. Saturday on Interstate 80 near North Platte after it was recorded driving 92 mph in a 75-mph zone. The driver was cited and told she could leave.

But she took off at speed and the deputies gave chase, using radar to clock her driving at 142 mph.



## German beer brewers want their bottles back

BERLIN (AP) — Ninety-nine bottles of beer on the wall? Brewers in Germany would kindly ask you to return them when you're done passing them around.

The German Brewers Association said Wednesday that strong summer sales of beer and non-alcoholic beverages in recent weeks have left some drinks manufacturers high and dry.

Spokesman Marc-Oliver Huhnholz said some brewers have only limited supplies of bottles left: "It would be good if consumers brought their empties back to stores quickly."

The appeal is being backed by a campaign on social media.

Consumers in Germany pay a small deposit on bottles and crates, which is refunded when they are returned to a store. The bottles are cleaned and re-used.

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## FIRING

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prohibited in executive session.

An ordinance to give the Public Safety Committee the ability to fire Shaffer appears to have been discussed in executive session before a first reading at a June 5 city council budget meeting. City Administrator Scott Tanner and the mayor have since said that is not true.

The first reading was read in open session after executive session but with no discussion after two hours of executive session. The first reading was unanimously approved.

The agenda listed a personnel matter would be discussed in the June 5 executive session but did not list the specific department, which is an FOIA violation.

Shaffer's termination letter also said the meeting with Shaffer addressed concerns the PSC had concerning "complaints of inappropriate and unprofessional behavior displayed by you toward other city employees and officials."

The letter also stated: "Specifically, these concerns relate to you yelling and speaking in a harsh tone to a city council member during a private meeting and raising your voice at a judicial officer. In response to our concerns, you never acknowledged that you have

raised your voice and used an inappropriate tone with these officials, however there were others present who have a different belief. You did, however, acknowledge that your discussions were heated and confrontational. Either way, such behavior is not in line with the city's professional standards."

The letter also said that Shaffer admitted to not following the police department's promotions policy directive as another reason for his firing: "You admitted that you did not follow the department's Promotions Policy Directive in the most recent promotions of officers to the rank of sergeant as well as in other instances in the past."

The letter listed a third reason for terminating Shaffer: the requirement of officers "to sign a statement acknowledging that if they complain or raise any concerns regarding the department to any person outside of the department's chain of command, they will be subject to discipline." In citing this reason, the PSC said in the letter, "regardless of the intent of this action, all policy action must be approved by city council. Further, subjecting employees to disciplinary action for voicing concerns related to department employment practices could subject the city to liability."

In the letter, Nelson said, "as the Chief of Police, you are the

most visible spokesman for public safety both inside and outside the department. This role requires that you demonstrate professional behavior at all times and comply and enforce both city and department policies. Your conduct best resulted in the committee's lack of confidence in your ability to perform your duties in the best interests of the city, which justifies the immediate termination of your employment."

A copy of Shaffer's personnel file from city officials was also obtained by *The Sumter Item* on July 19. The file copy contained no documentation of conversations or contact with Shaffer concerning the issues the PSC listed in its July 11 letter. His personnel file did list several letters of commendation, a certificate of outstanding service and several job performance reviews that ranged from satisfactory to exceeding expectations. The most recent item in the file was a salary change form dated July 1, 2017. There were no letters of disciplinary action or reprimands contained in the file.

Shaffer told *The Sumter Item* after the June 12 meeting where Keith Grice was sworn in as interim police chief that the Manning Police Department was given a 100 percent score on its safety program by the South Carolina Municipal Association and that crime rates have declined by more

than 15 percent during his tenure.

The July 11 letter also stated that Shaffer had 14 days from July 11 to appeal the PSC's decision to the city's Employee Grievance Committee through the submission of a written request to the city's Personnel Department. The letter did not state that Shaffer had to reappear before the city's PSC for a second time to contest his termination. The letter also stated that should Shaffer have any questions concerning the letter he should contact the mayor directly.

Shaffer said Monday that when he contacted City Administrator Scott Tanner on Friday to request a meeting to discuss his termination, Tanner initially scheduled a meeting with Shaffer for Monday morning. Tanner called Shaffer back and told him that he

would not be the one Shaffer needed to talk to about his concerns but that the PSC would be next step in Shaffer's appeal process. On Monday, Shaffer was told that the PSC would hear his grievance at a meeting Tuesday afternoon. This was not what the July 11 termination letter stipulated as the procedure that Shaffer needed to follow.

In an executive session at the Tuesday meeting, Shaffer presented his case before the PSC committee for about an hour. After Shaffer left the meeting,

the committee met for about 15 to 20 additional minutes before returning to an open session where they voted unanimously to uphold their previous decision to fire him.

At the beginning of the meeting, Nelson addressed the audience and said reports from *The Sumter Item* claiming the mayor and city council have violated FOIA laws multiple times are false. An address to the audience from the mayor was not on that night's agenda.

In remarks following the executive session, Nelson called Shaffer a "good man" and called his firing "an unfortunate matter."

Following the meeting, Shaffer said he questioned the committee's grievance process that could require a vote on his termination by the full city council.

"If the council votes on this, I already have two members of council and the mayor, who have gone on the record as approving my firing," Shaffer said. "I really don't think that's fair."

Shaffer said Tuesday evening that he is continuing with the grievance process by requesting a meeting before the city's Grievance Committee. Shaffer said he will also request that the hearing be held in open session.

"I just want my job back," Shaffer said Tuesday evening. "I love my job."

## COUNCIL

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### CHURCH CEMETERY DENIED AFTER OPPOSITION FROM AREA RESIDENTS

**Reading:** Third and final

**Agenda item:** A request to rezone 1.9 acres of a 4.85-acre portion of land at 3425 Thomas Sumter Highway, across the street from an entrance into Kel-Sam Farm Subdivision, from general commercial to residential-9 for the development of a cemetery.

**Background:** Anointed Word Christian Worship Center, the applicant, received conditional use approval to construct a church and an associated cemetery on the property in 2017. The congregation has since found another location

for the church but still intended to use the land for the cemetery.

All of the property is located in the county's Military Protection Zone which discourages developments that could lead to high densities of people. About half of the property, the rear portion, is in a flood plain.

Cemeteries are permitted as an accessory use with churches in general commercial districts and are permitted as standalone conditional uses in residential-9 districts, according to Sumter Planning Department.

McGregor said Department of Health and Environmental Control has no oversight nor regulations in permitting cemeteries in the state.

**Public hearing:** The pastor of Anointed Word Christian Worship Center said the church was able to buy a church building, rather than build

one, at another location but the congregation still wanted to use the land on Thomas Sumter Highway for a cemetery because money was already spent to prepare the land for development.

"We want to use it as a standalone cemetery not only for the church, but to allow others to come in," the pastor said. "We don't plan to make the neighborhood a shameful place for people to live."

Five residents of Kel-Sam Farm Subdivision spoke against the rezoning stating concerns about coffins being exhumed if there is flooding; the long-term maintenance of the cemetery; the location of the cemetery in front of the subdivision entrance; and the potential reduction of property values.

Two other residents said they do not have an issue with the church using the land for another

purpose that would benefit the congregation and community.

**Discussion:** Councilman Artie Baker said though he does not think cemeteries are particularly negative developments for an area, that location on Thomas Sumter Highway may be the wrong place for one. Baker said he has also seen firsthand how bad flooding can be in that area.

Councilwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney said she understood both sides of the issue and hopes the church can find another option for its property that will be pleasing for the congregation and neighborhood.

Councilman Baker made a motion to deny the request, and Councilman Charles Edens seconded.

**Vote:** 6-1 denial — Councilman Chris Sumpter voted in favor.

## SEATS

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full-time, active real estate sales to a staff position with the Sumter Board of Realtors.

An Air Force veteran with an Associate Degree in Business Management from Central Carolina Technical College, Linginfelter said he can bring fiscal responsibility to the school board and would provide a "bottom-up style" of management, instead of "top-down" approach.

For example, he said he thinks district teachers and

students need to be involved in establishing a long-term vision for academic achievement in the district.

"I'm listening to what teachers and students are saying in what they feel are best practices for success," Linginfelter said.

Hunter has 40 years of experience in education, having served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and district superintendent, according to his resume. For three years last decade, he was superintendent of Lee County School District. Before that, Hunter was superintendent in McCormick

County School District. He also served as an assistant principal and principal in the former Sumter School District 17 before the two Sumter districts consolidated into one in 2011.

A long-time resident of Sumter County, Hunter said in a statement that consolidation has never been handled appropriately, in his opinion, and created a divisive culture.

Hunter said his main agenda as a board member would be to improve teaching and learning in all the district's schools. He said he thinks the community must

be involved in planning the future for Sumter schools.

"A top priority of Sumter School Board," Hunter said, "must be to immediately involve the Sumter community in making a comprehensive assessment of education in Sumter County to produce a long-range plan that defines what citizens want education to look like in our county."

For the first time since a

bill was passed in the General Assembly to add the two new at-large seats, the public will vote on the two seats.

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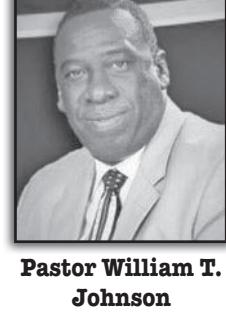
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## COMMENTARY

# The hypocrisy of the Democratic Russia hawks

**W**ASHINGTON — With his interference in the 2016 election, Russian President Vladimir Putin achieved something that none of his murderous Soviet predecessors were able to accomplish: He has turned Democrats into Russia hawks.

A few months after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Ronald Reagan addressed the 1992 Republican National Convention and said: "I heard those speakers at that other convention saying 'we won the Cold War' — and I couldn't help wondering, just who exactly do they mean by 'we'?" He had a point.

Today, Democrats may be deeply concerned about the threat Russia poses to our democracy.

But during the Cold War, when the Soviet Union posed an existential threat to our democracy, not so much. Most Democrats opposed the Reagan policies that led to the fall of the Soviet empire. They fought the Reagan defense buildup and his Strategic Defense Initiative (which Sen. Edward M. Kennedy dismissed as "Star Wars" and Sen. John F. Kerry called "a dream based on illusion"). They supported the Soviet-supported nuclear freeze movement and opposed Reagan's deployment of intermediate-range nuclear missiles to Western Europe. They criticized Reagan's efforts to arm freedom fighters seeking to overthrow Soviet puppet regimes and support to pro-American governments fighting communist insurgencies.

Not only did Democrats oppose Reagan's policies, but they also heaped scorn on his blunt anti-Communist rhetoric. After Reagan called on the Soviets to "tear down" the Berlin Wall, Democratic House Speaker Jim Wright declared he had "utter contempt for Reagan" because he had "spoiled the chance for a dramatic breakthrough in relations between our two countries." While Reagan denounced the Soviet Union as an "Evil Empire" and promised to leave it on "the ash-heap of history," Democrats such as Kennedy criticized Reagan for his "misleading Red-scare tactics."

There were exceptions, to be sure. The legendary Democratic Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson was a fierce anti-Communist. Those like him were known as "Scoop Jackson Democrats."

They were given this name for a reason: to distinguish them from most other Democrats who did not share Jackson's hard-line approach.

Old habits of appeasement die hard, so when the Cold War ended, the Democrats continued their soft line toward Moscow. Democratic opposition to President



**Marc Thiessen**

George W. Bush's withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty was more strident than that of Vladimir Putin. There was virtual silence from Democrats when President Barack Obama callously threw Poland and the Czech Republic under the bus by canceling our missile defense agreements in an effort to appease Moscow. In 2012, when Mitt Romney called Russia our "No. 1 geopolitical foe," Democrats mocked him mercilessly. Obama told Romney, "The 1980s, they're now calling to ask for their foreign policy back." And Vice

President Joe Biden said Romney "acts like he thinks the Cold War is still on." The Republican focus on Russia was considered laughable by most Democrats.

But now, a quarter century after the fall of the Soviet Union, the Democrats have belatedly decided that Russia is a threat.

For decades, while the Soviet Union sowed tyranny across the globe, sent millions to rot in the Gulag and threatened America with nuclear annihilation, Democrats were for detente and peaceful coexistence. Even as Putin continued Russia's pattern of authoritarian aggression, undermining democracy at home and invading his neighbors, they advocated a "reset" of relations. It was only when Russia invaded John Podesta's privacy that Democrats were finally — finally! — outraged.

But before Republicans gloat over the Democrats' hypocrisy, they need to be careful and not to mirror the Democrats' Russia transformation by becoming Kremlin apologists. The fact that Democrats are suddenly channeling their inner Reagan is no excuse for those on the right to start channeling their inner Kennedy. Conservatives don't have to take the Democrats' belated Russia outrage seriously. But they do need to take Russia seriously.

As for Democrats, let's hope their newfound antipathy for Russia is not just a convenient way to get President Trump. Russia is a threat not just because it interfered in the 2016 election. Russia is a threat because it assassinates Putin's critics with chemical weapons, shoots down civilian airliners, arms the Taliban, supports Iran, violates its treaty obligations, targets NATO allies with nuclear missiles and annexes the territory of its neighbors. That threat will still be there when Trump is gone. The question is: Will the Democrats still be Russia hawks then?

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## COMMENTARY

# Protectionism proves that evidence is unpersuasive

**W**ASHINGTON — If you are not collateral damage in the escalating trade wars, the bulletins from the wars' multiplying fronts are hilarious reading. You are collateral damage only if you are a manufacturer, farmer or consumer, so relax and enjoy the following reports.

Whirlpool, which makes

washing machines and demands for government protection, wheeled Washington into imposing tariffs on, and quotas for,

imported machines. Unfortunately for Whirlpool, American steel and aluminum makers horned in on the protectionist fun, getting tariffs — taxes paid by Americans — imposed on imports of those materials that, *The Wall Street Journal* says, account for most of the weight of 200-pound washing machines. And for part of the decline in Whirlpool's share price. And for declining demand for appliances, the prices of which have risen as protectionism increases manufacturing costs and decreases competition.

Citing the threat to America's "national security" from American consumers (they caused 2017's imports of \$192 billion worth of cars, 44 percent of all cars sold in America), the administration contemplates imposing tariffs on cars. *USA Today* estimates that the tariffs would add \$4,000 to \$5,000 (approximately the size of this year's tax cut on \$125,000 in income) to the price of a car (average price: about \$32,000). U.S. auto manufacturers oppose the tariffs, which would also cover vehicle components, \$147 billion of which (\$100 billion more than steel and aluminum imports combined) were imported last year for cars made in America by Americans and sold mostly to Americans.

General Motors' supply chain includes 20,000 businesses worldwide. Of the seven "most American" car models, measured by the value of domestically made components, four are Hondas, three models made in Alabama and one made in Ohio. The number of 2018 models whose parts are all American or Canadian: 0.

However, the hundreds of



Ralph Garcia, who works for Volvo in South Carolina, joins other Americans who work for international auto companies demonstrating on Capitol Hill in Washington on July 19 against trade tariffs they say will negatively affect U.S. auto manufacturing.

thousands of Americans employed by Japanese automakers have less to fear than other American auto-workers do from the American government's fears about American consumers' threat to America's security. China, retaliating against new U.S. tariffs on Chinese products, has raised to 40 percent the tariffs on imports of American-made autos. These include BMWs (87,600 of the 385,900 made in South Carolina in 2017 were exported to China) and Mercedes (*The Wall Street Journal* reports that two-thirds of the approximately 300,000 vehicles made in Alabama are exported worldwide). *The New York Times* reports that BMW has stopped exporting the X3 crossover from South Carolina to China, shifting production of it to plants in China and South Africa.

Volvo, formerly Swedish but now Chinese-owned, just opened a \$1.1 billion South Carolina plant that currently employs 1,200. Volvo has planned to increase employment to 4,000, with half the workers building cars for export, especially to the world's largest auto market, China. (In 2018's second quarter, GM sold 758,000 vehicles in America, 858,344 in China.) So, under current policies, China will impose a 40 percent tax on imports made by a Chinese-owned company.

Last year, soybeans were \$12.4 billion of America's \$19.6 billion in agricultural exports to China, which might impose a 25 percent tariff on soybeans. *The Wall Street Journal* reports that University of Illinois and Ohio State University researchers estimate that over four years this "would result in an average 87 per-

cent decline in income for a midsize Illinois grain farm."

The caroms of trade aggressions and retaliations call to mind an experience Gulliver had when his travels took him to the grand academy of Lagado. There he met a man who had worked "eight years upon a project for extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers, which were to be put in phials hermetically sealed, and let out to warm the air in raw inclement summers." To those who say that this is as plausible as trying to produce prosperity with protectionism — correctly likened to pursuing wealth by blockading one's own ports — today's trade warriors respond: Have patience. Given sufficient time, protectionism will pay.

But as the comedian Steven Wright says, everywhere is walking distance if you have the time. Speaking of time:

In the 1830s, a Baptist preacher predicted Jesus would return to Earth sometime between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844. When the world persisted, its end was re-predicted by the preacher's followers for Oct. 22, 1844. Between March and October, the number of believers increased substantially. Despite their great disappointment on Oct. 23, many followers held to their beliefs and went on to found the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The lesson from this story, as from the protectionists' sunbeams-from-cucumbers economics, is familiar: The persuasive power of evidence is overrated.

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## AROUND TOWN

**The American Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O.** Schedule your donation appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Help save a life by participating in one of the following American Red Cross blood donation opportunities: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. today, SAFE Federal Credit Union, 160 W. Wesmark Blvd.; 2-7 p.m. today, Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, USC Sumter Arts & Letters Building, 109 Miller Road; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 230 Alice Drive; 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, YMCA of Sumter, 510 Miller Road; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, Shaw Air Force Base BX Exchange Building, 370 Rhodes Ave., Building 1403, Shaw AFB.

**A Red, White and Blue Ball,** presented by American Legion Post 202 Women's Auxiliary, will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, July 28, at 310 Palmetto St. Event will feature DJ Smoove as well as free food. Tickets are \$20 each. Semi formal attire. Call Jannetta at (803) 406-8038.

**Central Carolina Technical College will hold a "Lunch and Learn"** noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, at the main campus, Building M400, Room M401. If you are the parent of a Sumter County high school student or eighth grade student, you are invited to have lunch on CCTC and learn about the college opportunities available to your child. Areas discussed will include: early college, dual enrollment, and Central Carolina Scholars and Scholarships. Please RSVP at [www.cctech.edu/lunchandlearn](http://www.cctech.edu/lunchandlearn) by Monday, July 30. For additional information, call Cathy Wood at (803) 778-6602.

**The Fourth Annual Unity Prayer Breakfast,** hosted by One Sumter Community, will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church Enrichment Center, 315 W. Fulton St. Tickets are \$10 each. Call Joshua Dupree at (803) 795-3600 or Calvin Hastie at (803) 774-7776 for tickets.

**The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will host a veterans helping veterans seminar** 11

a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Birne HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. This event will focus primarily on VA claims. All area veterans are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are having problems with your claims, there will be someone at this meeting with information and answers to your questions.

**The Sumter Satellite James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation will host a back-to-school giveaway** from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. There will be door prizes, lunch and fun and games.

**The Sumter Police Department's Annual Back-to-School Bash** will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Crosswell Park, North Lafayette Drive. Event will feature DJ Howie, food, balloon artists, face painting, a water park and more. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older.

**The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind** will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. It is also time to reserve gala tables for Dec. 11. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or [debra.canty@frontier.com](mailto:debra.canty@frontier.com).

**The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will hold its annual golf tournament** on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course, 1305 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is \$50 per golfer limited to the first 40 teams. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, souvenirs, cart, green fees and refreshments during play. Team format will be two person Captain's Choice. There will be first and second place prizes for men's and women's teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. Raffle tickets for a La-Z-Boy recliner will be \$2 each or three for \$5. Call Rich Grimsley at (803) 469-6227, Earnest Roland at (803) 840-0935 or Johnny Goodley at (803) 236-0488 or email at [vnam6970@yahoo.com](mailto:vnam6970@yahoo.com).

**The 12th Annual Art in the Park** will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Memorial Park. Vendor applications can be downloaded at [HSNAsumtersc.com](http://HSNAsumtersc.com).

## PUBLIC AGENDA

**CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION** Today, 5:30 p.m., building M500, second floor, President's Conference Room, Main Campus, 506 N. Guignard Drive

**The last word in astrology** ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't slow down or give up when you should move forward with enthusiasm. Network and share ideas with like-minded people to come up with ways to interest those less willing to take the plunge and follow your lead.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Live and learn. Don't be afraid of change. Do your research and make a point to leave no room for error. How you handle situations will make a difference. Diplomacy will trump force. Use your clout wisely.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Visiting friends or relatives can be stressful if you haven't made proper arrangements. Have alternative plans in place. Talks will lead to changes that may be challenging initially, but in the long run will be beneficial. Stick to your plans.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Don't let the past bring you down or hold you back. Look at the possibilities that come with change, and be willing to try something new. Love, romance and personal improvements will enhance your life and spark your creative imagination.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Think big, but proceed with moderation. Knowing your limits will help you avoid taking on too much. Suggestions rather than hands-on help will allow you to focus on your achievements instead of helping someone else surpass you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Creativity will help you reach your goal. Whether it's a partnership or personal growth you are trying to improve, addressing issues with an open mind will help you resolve any issues that arise. Romance is in

your best interest.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you want something done, do it yourself. Don't let laziness be what holds you back. Focus on finishing what you start before someone critical has a chance to put in a complaint. Personal change will prompt new beginnings.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make some noise if you aren't happy with something, but don't back yourself into a corner. Have an alternative plan ready to offer or put into play if you can't seem to work alongside someone you feel is asking too much.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use your intelligence and fortitude to help you reach your destination. Knowing what you want will help ward off someone trying to railroad you in a direction that doesn't show any apparent benefits. Put your faith and trust in yourself.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a moment to consider what others want from you. A change you make at home won't please everyone, but if it works for you, stick to your decision and follow through with confidence. An adjustment in your life is favored.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more time and effort into personal improvements. Discuss plans with someone you love or work with; you will come up with a plan that will serve everyone's best interest. Put some muscle behind your words and get things done.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Favors will be granted. Touch base with people you have worked alongside in the past; you will be given the support you need to accomplish your goals. A romantic gesture is favored and will bring you closer to someone you love.

## DAILY PLANNER

## WEATHER

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### AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
90°	72°	89° / 71°	90° / 73°	91° / 73°	88° / 73°
Chance of rain: 50%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 60%
SSW 3-6 mph	S 3-6 mph	S 3-6 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	S 4-8 mph	SSW 6-12 mph

### TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

#### IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Partly sunny. Winds west-southwest 3-6 mph. A moonlit sky.

**Friday:** Partly sunny. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

#### ON THE COAST

**Today:** Clouds and sun with a shower or thunderstorm; humid. High 87 to 91.

**Friday:** A shower or thunderstorm around. High 86 to 91.

#### LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

##### Temperature

High	87°
Low	72°
Normal high	91°
Normal low	70°
Record high	100° in 1952
Record low	65° in 2007

##### Precipitation

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	trace
Month to date	3.92"
Normal month to date	4.37"
Year to date	21.53"
Last year to date	26.06"
Normal year to date	27.16"

#### LAKE LEVELS

Lake

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.89	+0.01
Marion	76.8	75.66	-0.01
Moultrie	75.5	75.48	-0.21
Wateree	100	96.82	-0.12

#### RIVER STAGES

River

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	3.51	+0.30
Congaree River	19	3.88	-0.06
Lynches River	14	1.47	-0.01
Saluda River	14	4.14	+0.10
Up. Santee River	80	76.87	+0.18
Wateree River	24	7.99	+0.35

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:29 a.m. Sunset 8:27 p.m.

Moonrise 7:46 p.m. Moonset 5:22 a.m.

Full July 27 Last Aug. 4 New Aug. 11 First Aug. 18

#### TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:42 a.m.	2.7	3:35 a.m. 0.3
	9:22 p.m.	3.3	3:30 p.m. 0.2
Fri.	9:26 a.m.	2.7	4:16 a.m. 0.3
	10:02 p.m.	3.3	4:10 p.m. 0.2

## NATIONAL CITIES

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/72/pc	92/73/pc	Asheville	85/63/pc	85/64/pc	Gainesville	85/73/pc	89/73/pc
Chicago	80/6							

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

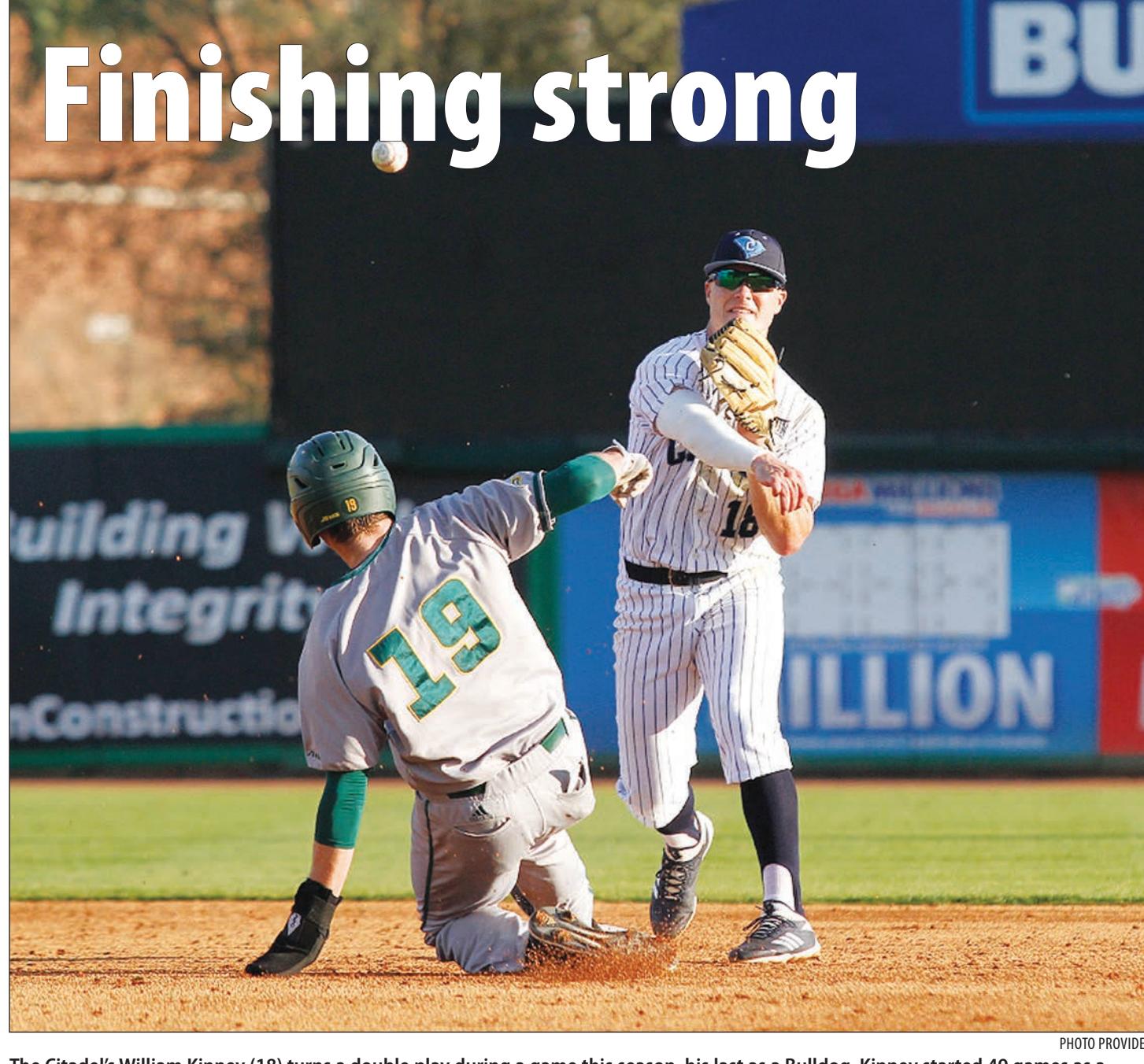


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The Citadel's William Kinney (18) turns a double play during a game this season, his last as a Bulldog. Kinney started 49 games as a freshman, played every inning as a sophomore, started all 51 games as a junior and 51 of 53 as a senior.

## Sumter's Kinney concludes Citadel baseball career with outstanding senior campaign

BY DANNY KELLY

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William Kinney was a major part of the The Citadel baseball program from the time he stepped on the Charleston military school campus as a freshman to the final game he played on May 22. He started 49 games as a freshman, played every inning as a sophomore and

started all 51 of the Bulldogs' games as a junior.

As a senior, he played in 51 of 53 games, starting all of those contests. However, as is normally the case for a senior, Kinney had a far greater impact on the program than he had in any of his first three seasons.

Kinney's senior season at The Citadel was by far his best offensively. A .230 ca-

reer hitter through his first three seasons, Kinney batted .332, recorded 67 hits, drove in 40 runs and hit six home runs. Kinney led the Bulldogs, who finished with a 19-34, in all of those categories. He also tied for the lead in most games played and most games started.

Kinney batted .274 as a freshman, but saw his average drop to .190 as a sopho-

more. He started moving on an upward trend as a junior, batting .240. He said it was simply hard work that helped him wrap up his career with a career year.

"I worked a lot in the summer and had a better approach," Kinney said of his increased production. "I was being more consistent."

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## PREP FOOTBALL

## SCISA schools begin football practice today; SCHSL Friday

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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With the start of the high school football season coming on fast, practice begins today.

The five schools in the South Carolina Independent School Association begin play today with six of the seven South Carolina High School League schools starting practice on Friday.

Wilson Hall and Clarendon Hall will both open practice today at 7:30 a.m., while Robert E. Lee Academy will begin practice at 6 p.m. Thomas Sumter Academy will begin its first practice under new head coach Randy Stogner today at 9 a.m., while Laurence Manning Academy will begin practice at 5 p.m.

Sumter High School will hold its first practice on Friday beginning at 7:30 a.m. Crestwood and Lakewood will both start their practices at 8:30 a.m. with Manning and Scott's Branch scheduled to start at 9 a.m. East Clarendon will open its practice in the evening, starting at 6 p.m.

Lee Central won't hold its first practice until Sunday at 7 p.m.

Robert E. Lee is the only SCISA school scheduled to



Lakewood head coach Larry Cornelius, right, watches his team during his first official practice as head coach last year. Cornelius and the Gators begin practice for the 2018 season on Friday. They will travel to Walterboro to take on Colleton County in their season opener on Friday, Aug. 17.

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## PRO FOOTBALL

## Panthers' Turner among intriguing new OCs

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

Head coaching changes get the most attention, and new guys normally decide who their coordinators will be.

For 2018, most offensive coordinator alterations came from incumbent coaches.

Some former coordinators moved up: Matt Nagy from Kansas City to Chicago, Pat Shurmur from Minnesota to the New York Giants. Some OCs were canned: Pittsburgh's Todd Haley, who landed in Cleveland; Mike Shula, going from the Panthers to the Giants. Others are returning to familiar ground: Joe Philbin in Green Bay, Greg Olson in Oakland.

Many simply got promoted.

Here are six intriguing new offensive coordinators:

Norv Turner, Carolina — One of the most successful OCs in NFL history — not so much as a head coach, with a 114-122-1 record — Turner tries to re-establish Cam Newton as an elite passer. Newton remains a dangerous runner and creator, but he's never devel-

oped the fundamentals to be a true pocket passer, and as he gets later into his career, the 2015 league MVP needs those basics in his repertoire.

Turner has been an effective QB whisperer for decades, going back to helping Troy Aikman become a Hall of Famer.

Turner has a strong relationship with Panthers coach Ron Rivera, and will get lots of leeway in running the offense, particularly in resurrecting the deep passing game.

"I think Cam gets that Norv is here to help," Rivera said.

Todd Haley, Cleveland — A former head coach with the Chiefs who spent the past six seasons in a love/hate relationship with Ben Roethlisberger in Pittsburgh, Haley faces a whole new set of challenges with the Browns.

Sure, he and Roethlisberger often quarreled, but they also won lots of games with a potent, dynamic attack. If you have a short memory, let us fill you in: Cleveland has won a single game, in total, over the past two seasons. Its offense has ranged from anemic to putrid.

So Haley steps in with the charge of grooming (or

## LOCAL SPORTS



## Palmetto Tennis Center hosting 12's Zonal Tournament

BY DANNY KELLY

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The City of Sumter will play host to the United States Tennis Association 12's Zonal Tournament for the sixth time at Palmetto Tennis Center.

The tournament begins today and will run through Monday.

"It's a team event, which is rare for these kids to experience," Palmetto Tennis Center Developmental Professional Brian Hodge said. "It creates such a dynamic environment, a lot of energy, a lot of cheering on of their teammates."

There will be 144 players and 12 teams participating in the event. The PTC also expects a lot of spectators with parents and siblings coming.

"There could be anywhere from like 300 to 500 people here each day," Palmetto Tennis Center Complex Coordinator Adrienne Singletary said.

Play will begin at 8 a.m. each day and continue through the middle of the afternoon. Thirteen different states will be represented in the tournament as there will be players from the Southern, Mid-Atlantic, Florida, and Caribbean sections.

Each day they will compete in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles to determine the daily winner. Friday has been designated as Game Day at the Zonals for the players. The participants will have a play break with a Mobile Video Game Theatre.

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## SCOREBOARD

## TV, RADIO

## TODAY

**5 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour European Open First Round from Hamburg, Germany (GOLF).  
**5 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: German Championships Early-Round Matches from Hamburg, Germany (TENNIS).  
**7 a.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Senior British Open Championship First Round from St. Andrews, Scotland (GOLF).  
**7:30 a.m.** — International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from Kallang, Singapore — Atletico Madrid vs. Arsenal (ESPN).

**8 a.m.** — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 18 from Pau, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**8 a.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Europa Under-19 Championship Semifinal Match (UNIVISION).

**9 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: German Championships Early-Round Matches from Hamburg, Germany (TENNIS).

**9:30 a.m.** — LPGA Golf: Ladies Scottish Open First Round from East Lothian, Scotland (GOLF).

**10 a.m.** — Youth Baseball: National Youth Championships Game 3 from Yaphank, N.Y. (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

**11:30 a.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Senior British Open Championship First Round from St. Andrews, Scotland (GOLF).

**Noon** — International Soccer: UEFA Europa Under-19 Championship Semifinal Match (UNIVISION).

**1 p.m.** — Youth Baseball: National Youth Championships Game 4 from Yaphank, N.Y. (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

**2 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Arizona at Chicago Cubs (MLB NETWORK).

**3 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Canadian Open First Round from Oakville, Ontario (GOLF).

**4 p.m.** — Horse Racing: John Morrissey Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).

**5 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXW-AM 1240).

**7 p.m.** — Exhibition Basketball: The Basketball Tournament South Regional Super 16 Game from Atlanta — Team DRC vs. Virginia Commonwealth Ram Nation (ESPN2).

**7 p.m.** — Women's International Soccer: Tournament of Nations Match from Kansas City, Kan. — United States vs. Japan (FOX SPORTS 1).

**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Washington at Miami or Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta (MLB NETWORK).

**8 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: New York City at Orlando (ESPN).

**9 p.m.** — Exhibition Basketball: The Basketball Tournament South Regional Super 16 Game from Atlanta — Louisiana United vs. Oversea Elite (ESPN2).

**10:30 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles Galaxy at Los Angeles FC (ESPN).

**10:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at San Francisco (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

**11 p.m.** — Amateur Swimming: U.S. National Championships Day 2 from Irvine, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**4:55 a.m.** — Formula One Racing: Hungarian Grand Prix Practice from Budapest, Hungary (ESPN2).

**5 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour European Open First Round from Hamburg, Germany (GOLF).

**5 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: German Championships Early-Round Matches from Hamburg, Germany (TENNIS).

## MLB STANDINGS

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

## East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	71	32	.689	—
New York	64	36	.640	5½
Tampa Bay	52	50	.510	18½
Toronto	46	54	.460	23½
Baltimore	29	73	.284	41½

## Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	55	46	.545	—
Minnesota	46	53	.465	8
Detroit	44	60	.423	12½
Chicago	36	64	.360	18½
Kansas City	31	70	.307	24

## West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	67	36	.650	—
Seattle	60	41	.594	6
Oakland	59	43	.578	7½
Los Angeles	50	52	.490	16½
Texas	42	60	.412	24½

## TUESDAY

Baltimore 7, Boston 6  
 Minnesota 5, Toronto 0  
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 0  
 Pittsburgh 9, Cleveland 4  
 Oakland 13, Texas 10, 10 innings  
 Kansas City 5, Detroit 4  
 Houston 8, Colorado 2, 10 innings  
 Chicago White Sox 4, L.A. Angels 2  
 San Francisco 4, Seattle 3

## WEDNESDAY

Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 2  
 Cleveland 4, Pittsburgh 0  
 Detroit 8, Kansas City 4  
 Minnesota at Atlanta, 4:07 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.  
 Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
 Houston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

## TODAY

Chicago White Sox (Covey 4-5) at L.A. Angels (Tropeano 3-5), 4:07 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Juniis 5-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 7-7), 7:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (TBD) at Baltimore (Cobb 2-13), 7:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Gibson 4-7) at Boston (Johnson 1-3), 7:10 p.m.  
 Oakland (Cahill 1-2) at Texas (Colon 5-8), 8:05 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Boston, 7:10 p.m.  
 Texas at Houston, 8:10 p.m.  
 Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
 Oakland at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
 Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

## East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	57	44	.564	—
Atlanta	54	44	.551	1½
Washington	50	51	.495	7
Miami	44	59	.427	14
New York	42	57	.424	14

## Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	59	42	.584	—
Milwaukee	58	46	.558	2½
Pittsburgh	53	50	.515	7
St. Louis	51	51	.500	8½
Cincinnati	45	57	.441	14½

## West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	56	46	.549	—
Arizona	56	47	.544	½
Colorado	53	47	.530	2
San Francisco	52	50	.510	4
San Diego	42	63	.400	15½

## TUESDAY

Miami 9, Atlanta 3  
 Philadelphia 7, L.A. Dodgers 4, 16 innings  
 N.Y. Mets 6, San Diego 3  
 Pittsburgh 9, Cleveland 4  
 St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 2, 11 innings  
 Arizona 5, Chicago Cubs 1  
 Milwaukee 5, Washington 4, 10 innings  
 Houston 8, Colorado 2, 10 innings  
 San Francisco 4, Seattle 3

## WEDNESDAY

N.Y. Mets 6, San Diego 4  
 Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 3  
 Philadelphia 7, L.A. Dodgers 3  
 Cleveland 4, Pittsburgh 0  
 Washington 7, Milwaukee 3  
 Chicago Cubs 2, Arizona 1

## PRACTICE FROM PAGE B1

start its season in Week Zero, and the Cavaliers will actually get a head start on everyone. REL will play host to Heathwood Hall on Thursday, Aug. 16. However, each of the seven SCHSL schools will be opening their season on Friday, Aug. 17.

Crestwood will play host to Rock Hill, while Crestwood will play host to West Florence and Lakewood will travel to Walterboro to take on Colleton County. Manning and

Scott's Branch will face off at Spann Stadium in Summerton, while East Clarendon will open on the road against Timmonsville. Lee Central will open its season on the road against Wade Hampton of Hampton.

Wilson Hall, LMA, TSA and Clarendon Hall will open their seasons on Aug. 24. Wilson Hall will be at home against Heathwood Hall, while LMA will play host to Augusta Christian School. TSA will travel to Spartanburg Christian for its opening game and Clarendon Hall will travel to Beaufort Academy.

San Francisco at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.  
 Houston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

**TODAY**

Arizona (Godley 11-6) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 4-5), 2:20 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Matz 4-8) at Pittsburgh (Kingham 5-4), 7:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Suarez 0-0) at Cincinnati (Mahle 7-8), 7:10 p.m.

Washington (Strasburg 6-7) at Miami (Straily 4-4), 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Hill 3-4) at Atlanta (Sanchez 5-2), 7:35 p.m.

Milwaukee (Miley 1-1) at San Francisco (Rodriguez 5-1), 10:15 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

Washington at Miami, 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

Oakland at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

Arizona at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

Milwaukee at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

**MLB LEADERS**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**BATTING** Betts, Boston, .351; Altuve, Houston, .328; Martinez, .315; Segura, Seattle, .320; Machado, Los Angeles, .315; Rosario, Minnesota, .307; Trout, Los Angeles, .305; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .305; Simmons, Los Angeles, .303; Benintendi, Boston, .302.

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## MLB ROUNDUP

## Indians top Pirates 4-0, end Pittsburgh's 11-game win streak

CLEVELAND — Trevor Bauer struck out 10 over seven innings, Brad Hand got his first save for Cleveland and the Indians stopped the Pittsburgh Pirates' winning streak at 11 with a 4-0 win on Wednesday.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run single in the third inning, and Yonder Alonso hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Pittsburgh was seeking its first 12-game winning streak since 1965 but only advanced one runner past second base as Bauer, Adam Cimber and Hand combined for a three-hitter.

Bauer (9-6) allowed Adam Frazier's leadoff double in the fourth and Jordy Mercer's leadoff single in the eighth. He reached double figures in strikeouts for the ninth time this year and walked two, improving to 3-0 with an MLB-low 0.33 ERA in four interleague starts this season.

Hand, making his third appearance since he was acquired from San Diego on July 19 along with Cimber, retired four batters and struck out three. He had 24 saves with the Padres.

Pittsburgh, which won the first two games by a combined 16-4, lost for the first time since July 10 against Washington. It has scored six or more runs in seven straight games for the first time since 1946.

Jameson Taillon (7-8) gave up two runs and seven hits over seven innings in his first start against the Indians.

Alonso greeted Felipe Vazquez with his 16th home run.

RAYS 3  
YANKEES 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Sergio Romo relieved in the eighth inning, shifted to third base when Jonny Venters replaced him in the ninth, then struck out Brett Gardner to end the game with two on and give the Tampa Bay Rays a 3-2 win over the New York Yankees on Wednesday.

Scheduled Rays starter Nathan Eovaldi was traded to AL East-leading Boston about two hours before game time, and six pitchers combined on a seven-hitter.



Cleveland's Jose Ramirez throws out Pittsburgh's Jordan Luplow after Luplow bunted in the third inning of their game on Wednesday in Cleveland. The Indians defeated the Pirates 4-0, snapping an 11-game winning streak by Pittsburgh.

New York has lost just two series since May, and both are against the Rays. Tampa Bay swept three games in late June, took two of three this week and has won six of its last seven against the Yankees. New York, 14-14 over its last 28 games, acquired reliever Zach Britton from Baltimore late Tuesday but said he will not report until Thursday's homestand opener against Kansas City.

TIGERS 8  
ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Moustakas had two hits, including a run-scoring double, in what might have been his final home game for the Kansas City Royals, an 8-4 loss to the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday.

A key member of the Royals' 2015 World Series championship team, Moustakas became a free agent after last season, then signed a one-year contract with the Royals in March that

includes a mutual option for 2019. With the Royals last in the AL Central at 31-70, he could be dealt before Tuesday's deadline for trades without waivers.

Jose Iglesias hit a three-run homer in a four-run fourth inning against Danny Duffy (6-9). Iglesias is 10 for 27 (.370) against Duffy in his big league career.

REDS 7  
CARDINALS 3

CINCINNATI — Eugenio Suarez homered for the third straight game, Tucker Barnhart added a two-run shot and the Cincinnati Reds powered to a 7-3 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday.

Adam Duvall also homered for the Reds. Sal Romano (6-8) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings to give the Reds consecutive series wins over St. Louis for the first time since 2011.

PHILLIES 7  
DODGERS 3

PHILADELPHIA — Scott Kingery homered and Carlos Santana hit a three-run triple in Philadelphia's five-run fifth inning, leading the Phillies to a 7-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday.

Rhys Hoskins also went deep for the Phillies, who increased their lead in the NL East to 1 1/2 games over the idle Atlanta Braves.

Jake Arrieta (8-6) allowed two earned runs on five hits in six innings for the victory.

METS 6  
PADRES 4

NEW YORK — Rookie Corey Oswalt beat his hometown Padres for his first major league win, pitching three-hit ball over five innings as the New York Mets beat San Diego 6-4 Wednesday for their first series win in two months.

A 24-year-old right-hander who made his big league debut in April, Oswalt took the mound hours after the Mets announced slugging outfielder Yoenis Cespedes will have operations to remove calcifications in both of his heels, surgeries that are expected to have a recovery time of at least 8-to-10 months.

Oswalt (1-2) made his fifth big league start and sixth appearance. He allowed two runs and two walks while striking out four, leaving after 62 pitches.

NATIONALS 7  
BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE — Bryce Harper tied for the NL lead with his 25th home run, Tanner Roark pitched eight scoreless innings to end a seven-start winless streak the Washington Nationals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-3 on Wednesday.

Harper hit a three-run homer in the fifth against Freddy Peralta (4-2) for a 6-0 lead, matching Milwaukee's Jesus Aguilar, Colorado's Nolan Arenado and St. Louis' Matt Carpenter for the NL home run lead.

*From wire reports*

## OBITUARIES

## MARTHA F. BOYLES

Martha Louise Fidler Boyles, age 83, beloved wife of 66 years to Ottis Jacob Boyles, died on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Tennessee, she was a daughter of the late Francis B. and Lula Ann

Whitman Fidler. Martha worked with the Base Exchange for 27 years. She loved fishing but her true love was her family. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Hickory Road Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband Ottis are her children, Sherry Lynne Scott and her husband, Gregg, Robert Joseph Boyles and his wife, Susan Diane, Debra S. Berard and her husband, Robert, and Robert Joseph Boyles Jr.; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Randall Lee Boyles.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hickory Road Baptist Church, 1245 Cherryvale Drive, Sumter, SC 29154.

You may go to [www.bullockfuneralhome.com](http://www.bullockfuneralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

  
**Bullock Funeral Home & Crematorium**

## NAOMI WALTERS BAXTER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Naomi Walters Baxter, 59, wife of Floyd Baxter, died on Friday, July 20, 2018.

She was born on Aug. 27,

1958, in Manning, a daughter of the late Robert and Bessie Thames Walters.

Funeral services for Mrs.

Baxter will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with the Rev. Ranzy Mc-

Fadden officiating, the Rev. David Pugh presiding and the Rev. Leroy McElveen and the Rev. Carnell Witherspoon assisting. Burial will follow at St. John Missionary Baptist Cemetery, Silver community, Manning.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Inez and Evane Stinnie, 1097 Chumley Lane, Summerton, and at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Evone Walters, 1123 Chumley Lane, Summerton.

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

## ROBERTA H. BROWN

ALCOLU — Roberta Harrison Brown, 97, widow of James Brown Sr., died on Sunday, July 22, 2018.

She was born on Nov. 5, 1920, in Alcolu, a daughter of the late Eddie and Lutisha Kingwood Harrison and stepdaughter of Viola China.

Funeral services for Mrs. Brown will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 10331 Plowden Mill Road, Alcolu, with the Rev. Hazel J. Charles, pastor, officiating, Minister David Brown presiding and the Rev. Otis Blackwell, Minister Rodrick Prioleau and the Rev. Cedrick Anderson assisting. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 1084 Sharpe Lane, Alcolu.

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

## SARAH S. LOCKWOOD

MOUNT PLEASANT — Sarah Segars Lockwood, 95, passed away on Friday, July 20, 2018, in Mount Pleasant. She was a resident of the Villages at Summerville for 14 years.

Born on July 31, 1922, at Camden, she was a daughter of the late Burrell Washington Segars and Edith Moore Segars. She was married to the late Col. Allison Lee Lockwood Jr. in Charleston. They lived in Mount Pleasant for many years, where they raised their daughters. They were members of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

Sarah enjoyed her church activities, working in the yard and being with her family. She will be remembered for her kindness, love for her family and devotion to her Christian faith.

Sarah was predeceased by her husband; brothers, Frank Segars and Burrell Segars; and sisters, Ellen Rogerson and Anne Mason.

Sarah is survived by daughters, Jan Pollard (Joe) and Carole Hassell (Clai); along with six grandchildren, Sarah Long (Michael), Clai Hassell Jr., Katharine Hassell, Keven Pollard, Caroline Morris and Lock Pollard; and many loving nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of her Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, 302 Hibben St., Mount Pleasant, SC 29464.

Following the service, the family will receive friends in the fellowship hall. Burial will be private.

In addition to flowers, memorial donations may be sent in her honor to Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, 302 Hibben St., Mount Pleasant, SC 29464.

Condolences may be viewed or submitted online at [www.mcalister-smith.com](http://www.mcalister-smith.com)

Arrangements entrusted to McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, 1520 Rifle Range Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464, (843) 884-3833.

## LOTTIE MAE M. ROGERS

NEW ZION — Lottie Mae McKenzie Rogers, 90, widow of Bossie Rogers, died on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at McLeod Hospice, Florence.

She was born on May 16, 1928, in Bishopville, a daughter of the late Willie and Minnie

Health Tuomey.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Willie and Brenda Rogers, 5609 Burnt Branch Road, New Zion.

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

## DIANE H. AURELUS

MANNING — On Monday, July 23, 2018, Diane Hilton Aurelus, wife of Paul Aurelus, heard her master's call at McLeod Health Clarendon.

Born on July 31, 1954, in Manning, she was a daughter of the late Clarence Sr. and Evangelist Rebecca "Bec" Blanding Hilton.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 5 to 9 p.m. at the residence of her sister, Edrena Hilton Conyers, of 1214 Conner Road, Paxville.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel.

## MASSIAH K. STREATER

Massiah Kadiaffi Streater, 13, departed this life on Saturday, July 21, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

He was born on May 6, 2005, in Willingboro, New Jersey, to Gene Streater and Tamika Hawkins.

The family is receiving friends at 1679 Musket Trail, Sumter.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

## CELINDA M. FULLARD-BRAND

Celinda M. Fullard-Brand, 47, wife of Tyrone Brand, departed this life on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on March 28, 1971, in Sumter, to Freddie and Joyce A. Fullard-Davis.

The family is receiving friends at 1877 Amberwood Drive.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

## DEBRA B. JETT

DARLINGTON — Minister Debra Boatwright Jett was born on July 13, 1954, in Darlington, to the late Hubert "HK" and Margaret C. Boatwright. She entered eternal

rest on Saturday, July 21, 2018, surrounded by her loved ones.

She is survived by her husband, Raleigh Jett Jr. The light of her life shines in the memory of three children, Lynette (Arthur) Pope of Goose Creek, and Mark (Latonya) Jett and Raleigh (Dana) Jett III, both of Florence; four sisters, Dr. G.Y. Boatwright of Chicago, Catherine (Thomas Anthony) Billups of Wallingford, Connecticut, her twin, Dianne Boatwright and Teresa Boatwright, both of Darlington; one brother, Kenneth L. Boatwright Sr. of Timmonsville; one aunt, Ophelia Harris of Pamlico; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister-law, Nora Lee Robinson of Darlington; one brother-in-law, David (Margee) Jett; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at Bethel AME Church. Interment will follow at Florence National Cemetery, directed by Jefferson Funeral Home Service Inc. of Lynchburg.

Public viewing is from 2 to 6 p.m. today at 501 S. Main St., Darlington.

## ARTHUR JACKSON

Arthur Jackson, of Florence, died on July 24, 2018.

Plans will be announced by JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

## SHARON ANN MACKEY

Sharon Ann Mackey, of Sumter, died on July 24, 2018.

Plans will be announced by JP Holley Funeral Home, Garners Ferry Road Chapel.

## RENEE S. HOSTEN

BISHOPVILLE — Renee S. Hosten passed away on July 17, 2018.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. today at JP Holley Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will be at Forest Green Memorial Park Cemetery.

JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

## RICHARD W. LAMBERT

Richard Worth Lambert, 54, died on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at his home.

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

## COMICS

## THE SUMTER ITEM

## BIZARRO



## WALLACE THE BRAVE



## ANDY CAPP



## GARFIELD



## BEETLE BAILEY



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## ZITS



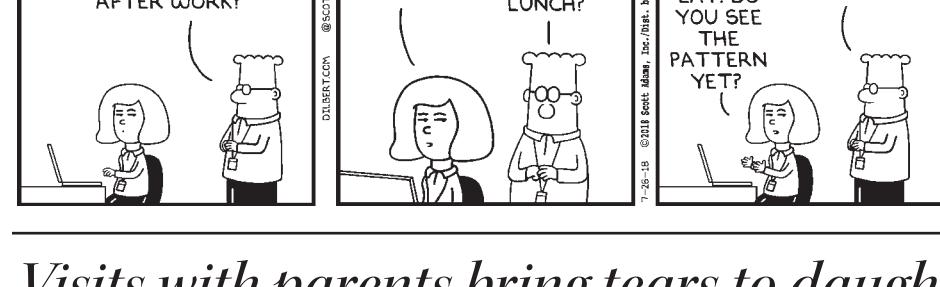
## MOTHER GOOSE



## DOG EAT DOUG



## DILBERT



## JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



## Visits with parents bring tears to daughter's eyes



**DEAR ABBY** — My parents live a simple life, enjoying their days as retirees. They invite me to join them for special occasions at their house (my childhood home) and although the house is organized and tidy, I become ill when I spend more than a few hours under their roof.

Their cleaning practices are questionable. They simply rinse plates and utensils after use, as opposed to using the dishwasher. Within an hour of arriving, the dust makes my allergies and asthma flare up. They prefer to launder clothes, sheets, etc. only occasionally

out of concern about "wasting water" and money. Their dog and cat have urinated throughout the house, and my parents claim to not be able to smell it.

I don't want to hurt their feelings by declining their invitations, but I can't stand to get sick every time I walk through their door. Help!

*Sneezing in the suburbs*

**DEAR SNEEZING** — You're right, you can't. That's why it's time to speak up and tell your parents your allergies flare up when you visit their house. If you're expected to spend the night there, tell them that from now on you'll sleep at a hotel/motel nearby. And before using them, either wash the utensils or take your parents out for meals, which will make it easier on all of you.

**DEAR ABBY** — My husband and I

will soon celebrate our 32nd wedding anniversary. It bothers me increasingly that he doesn't wear a wedding ring. He says a ring bothers him when he's working, but he has been retired for most of our marriage. He wears a chain with two pendants as well as a large gold bracelet every day.

When I bring it up, he says he tells everyone he meets that he's married or mentions me in conversation. I'm not worried about him being unfaithful. I just like the way a ring looks and makes me feel. Advice?

*Symbolic in Florida*

**DEAR SYMBOLIC** — You've been married — I presume happily — for 32 years. Not every man is comfortable wearing a ring. (My husband happens to be one of them.) My advice is to stop obsessing, let it go and let him be himself.

## JUMBLE

THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

**EEVUN**



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Did you get all the snacks we need? Yep!

Looks like you got everything on the list.

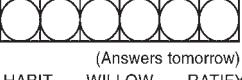
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WHEN ASKED IF HE'D BOUGHT AMPLE SUPPLIES FOR THE PARTY, HE SAID ---

**TRYEGA**



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**HCOSOM**



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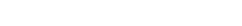


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LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Ellen's Game of Games "I'll Have What She's Playing" Bet Your Wife; One-Eyed Monster.	Trial & Error "The Murder Clock" (N)	Trial & Error Carol Anne argues to test the timeline.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Dare" Organs are harvested without consent. (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Leslie Jones; Vanessa Kirby. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory (DVS) (:31) Young Sheldon Sheldon asks for a computer.	Big Brother Eviction; head of household competition. (N)	S.W.A.T. "Seizure" Hostages are taken during a prison riot.	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Jake Tapper; Michael Peña; Dua Lipa. (N)				
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Gong Show "Alyson Hannigan; Will Arnett; Lil Rel Howery" Alyson Hannigan; Will Arnett. (N)	Match Game (Season Finale) Jack McBrayer; Christina Ricci; Ice-T. (N)	Take Two "The Devil You Know" A bounty hunter asks for help. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Sam Heughan; The Interrupters" Sam Heughan; The Interrupters perform. (N)	BBC World News	The This Old House Hour Roofing; concrete slab.		
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe	Palmetto Scene Best of the Original SC series.	"Gordon Getty: There Will Be Music" (2015, Documentary) Gordon Getty.	Endeavour on Masterpiece "Quartet" A death at an international sporting event leads Endeavour to investigate more than just the crime.	The Tunnel: Vengeance A development threatens Karl and Elise.						
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Luminous Fish Effect"	The Big Bang Theory A trip to wine country.	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Comeback Week" Fan favorites from Season 2 return. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)				
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing Kristin feels undermined by Ed.	Burden of Truth "Pilot" Joanna returns to her hometown. (DVS)	Black Lightning "Sins of the Father: The Book of Redemption" Black Lightning must rescue children.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "On Fire" Arson leaves church worker dead.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Tru Love" A teacher and her underaged student.	The Game Malik tries to end things with Parker.				
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol (N)	Live PD: Police Patrol (N)	(:01) Live PD Presidents: PD Cam (N)	(:32) Live PD Presidents: PD Cam (N)	(:04) Live PD: Police Patrol	(:34) Live PD: Police Patrol	(12:03) Live PD: Police Patrol	
AMC	48	180	**** "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci. An Irish-Italian hood joins the 1950s New York Mafia.						(:05) **** "Casino" (1995, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci. A mob employee makes a play for power in 1970s Las Vegas.					
ANPL	41	100	Lone Star Law	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Poached Shrimpers" (N)					Northwest Law (N)	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Poached Shrimpers"				
BET	61	162	(5:25) ** "Soul Plane" (2004) reprises his disguise, posing as a heavy nanny.	(:28) * "Big Momma's House 2" (2006, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nie Long, Emily Procter. An FBI agent					The Grand Hustle "Pop Up Shop" Teams sell merchandise in pop-ups. (N)	The Grand Hustle "Pop Up Shop" Teams sell merchandise in pop-ups.				
BRAVO	47	181	Southern Charm "Ho, Ho, Ho" Patricia makes peace with Kathryn.	Southern Charm "Reunion Part 1" Members of the cast come together.	Southern Charm "Reunion Part 2" (N) (Part 2 of 3)				Shahs of Sunset	Watch What Happens Live	Southern Charm "Reunion Part 2" (Part 2 of 3)			
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	Jay Leno's Garage "Size Matters" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "Getting Away" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage						
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)						
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "New Guys" (2004)	(:25) The Office "Roy's Wedding" reveals a secret.	The Office "Work Bus"	The Office "Here Comes Treble"	The Office "The Boat"	The Office "Lois" (N)	Detroits "Lois" (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah (N)	(:31) The Office "E-Mail Surveillance" the Hill	Anderson Cooper		
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp	Andi Mack Raven's Home	(:07) Big City Greens	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp	Andi Mack	Bunk'd	Bunk'd		
DSC	42	103	Shark Tank Meets Shark Week	Sharkcam Strikes Back	Sharkwrecked	Tiger Shark Invasion				Shark After Dark "Fintastic Beasts" (N)	Sharkwrecked			
ESPN	26	35	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	MLS Soccer New York City FC at Orlando City SC. (N) (Live)					MLS Soccer LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC. (N) (Live)					
ESPN2	27	39	Basketball TBT Tournament: Ram Nation (VCU) vs. Team DRC. (N) (Live)	Basketball TBT Tournament: Overseas Elite vs. Louisiana United. (N) (Live)					SportsCenter (N) (Live)					
FOOD	40	109	The Great Food Truck Race	The Great Food Truck Race	The Great Food Truck Race	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Food Truck Race					
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon							
FREE	20	131	(6:00) * "The Waterboy" (1998) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates.	Marvel's Cloak & Dagger Tandy and Tyrone return to old ways. (N)	(01) Marvel's Cloak & Dagger Tandy and Tyrone return to old ways.	(01) Marvel's Cloak & Dagger Tandy and Tyrone return to old ways.	The 700 Club Mother must tell son his father died.				How I Met Your Mother			
FSS	21	47	Braves Live!	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	Braves Live! Post.	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves.								
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Crown for Christmas" (2015, Romance) Danica McKellar.	"Christmas in Evergreen" (2017, Romance) Ashley Williams, Teddy Sears, Barbara Niven. A veterinarian wishes upon a snow globe for romance.		"A Gift to Remember" (2017, Romance) Peter Porte, Ali Liebert, Jennifer Koenig. A hopeless romantic finds love with a handsome stranger with amnesia.								
HGTV	39	112	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Texas Turnaround	House Hunters	Flip or Flop		
HIST	45	110	Mountain Men (DVS)	Mountain Men "Nowhere to Run"	Mountain Men "Time and Tide" (N)	(:03) Alone "Desperate Measures" (N)	(:05) Mountain Men "Time and Tide"							
ION	13	18	Blue Bloods "Shadow of a Doubt" Frank handles a PR crisis.	Blue Bloods "A Deep Blue Goodbye" An ex-NYPD officer disappears.	Blue Bloods "Love Lost" Jamie rides with a new partner. (DVS)	Blue Bloods Danny and Baez probe a teen's death. (DVS)	Blue Bloods "Foreign Interference" A dangerous Russian enters the U.S. Thin Blue Line"							
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy A family feuds after a funeral accident.	** "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey. An event organizer has eyes for her biggest client's beau.		(:03) ** "Jumping the Broom" (2011, Comedy) Angela Bassett, Paula Patton, Laz Alonso. A bride and groom's parents clash at the wedding.								
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)							
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare (N)	SpongeBob	★ ★ "Ice Age 2: The Meltdown" (2006) Voices of Ray Romano.	Friends	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends				
PARMT	64	153	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Lip Sync Battle (N)	(:32) **** "Titanic" (1997)					
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) ** "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" (2010) Jake Gyllenhaal. A prince and princess join forces to safeguard a supernatural dagger. (DVS)	Seinfeld "The Frogger"	Seinfeld Highlights from the series.	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	Conan Actor Ed Helms; actor Miles Brown.	Brooklyn Nine-Nine				
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Maid"	Seinfeld Highlights from the series.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Inside Carbonaro	Inside Carbonaro	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Inside Carbonaro		
TCM	49	186	(6:45) ** "Sued for Libel" (1939, Mystery) Kent Taylor, Linda Hayes.	*** "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1968, Crime Drama) Steve McQueen, Faye Dunaway. A self-made millionaire masterminds the perfect bank heist.		*** "The Getaway" (1972, Action) Steve McQueen, Ali MacGraw, Ben Johnson.								
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life "Susan's Story"	My 600-Lb. Life Sean must overcome recent tragedies. (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)								
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans "I Do" A Navy drone pilot is murdered. (DVS)	*** "American Sniper" (2014, War) Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Jake McDorman. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle logs an incredible number of kills. (DVS)		(:45) ** "Safe House" (2012, Action) Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds. A rookie and a renegade operative try to evade assassins. (DVS)								
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Inside Carbonaro	Inside Carbonaro	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Inside Carbonaro		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens		
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-son tries to stop a home invasion.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A hate crime against a Muslim family.	Queen of the South "Los Enamorados" Teresa tries to escape her captors. (N)	(:01) Shooter "Lines Crossed" Julie stands up to the Bama family. (N)	(:02) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An investigation reveals a conspiracy.							
WE	68	166	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	(:04) Growing Up Hip Hop	(:04) Growing Up Hip Hop						
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing		

# Guilty pleasure 'Nashville' comes to an end

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

"Nashville" (9 p.m., CMT, TV-PG) wraps up its sixth and final season tonight. Beloved by some and yet bounced around the dial, "Nashville" is basically the very definition of a show that lasted a season or three too long. I'm sure it still has faithful fans, but I bet you could generate a more passionate conversation about the show with the question, "When did you stop watching 'Nashville'?"

I put up with the near-deaths of Deacon and Rayna (Connie Britton), but didn't stick around for the real death of Rayna. I did see the super-heel Jeff Fordham (Oliver Hudson) topple to his death. That was worth the time spent watching season three.

Never criticize a series for showing character change and growth. But why turn perfectly selfish Avery (Jonathan Jackson) into a diaper-changing good guy?

No matter how ludicrous the plotting, the performances were consistently good. The show seemed to have a mission, which was to be about country music for people who didn't necessarily like mainstream country music. Luke Wheeler (Will Chase), the megastar with the biggest crowds, was one of the least interesting characters singing the least inspired songs. Will Lexington (Chris Carmack) was on his way to becoming Luke Wheeler when he came out of the closet and got complicated and interesting.

Juliette (Hayden Panettiere) was a pretty consistent hot mess, but she was often redeemed by her efforts to grow as an artist and shed her boring teen pop sound without losing her audience.

"Nashville" emerged as one of those rare shows that wore



Hayden Panettiere stars as Juliette Barnes in the series finale episode of "Nashville," airing at 9 p.m. today on CMT.

out its welcome with two separate networks. Like "Friday Night Lights" (another Connie Britton vehicle) it wasn't popular enough for its original network (ABC) and went on to additional seasons on CMT and Hulu. Ultimately, CMT decided to opt out of the scripted series business and concentrate on performance and reality series. All in all, "Nashville" was a great advertisement for the culture and appeal of Nashville itself. See you at the Bluebird.

• **"Jay Leno's Garage"** (10 p.m., CNBC) resumes its fourth season with car-centric conversations between the longtime "Tonight Show" host and Arnold Schwarzenegger and Brad Garrett. Next Thursday, Leno chats with fellow late-night host Trevor Noah over the gentle gurgle of a Lamborghini Aventador's engine.

• Camera operators present

a best-of/blooper reel shot over six years of "Shark Week" production on "Shark-Cam Strikes Back" (8 p.m., Discovery). Followed by "Shark-wrecked" (9 p.m.) and "Tiger Shark Invasion" (10 p.m.).

**CULT CHOICE**  
Audiences and critics found the 1994 adaptation of "Hans Christian Andersen's Thumbelina" (8:30 p.m., HBO Family) less than enchanting.

**TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**  
• New challengers arrive on "The Four: Battle for Stardom" (8 p.m., Fox,

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