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# Mayor: List was 'administrative error'

*Item* received Manning committee list in FOIA request; group to hear grievance filed by fired police chief today

**BY SHARRON HALEY**  
Special to *The Sumter Item*

MANNING — Manning Mayor Julia Nelson said a document detailing the members of a committee set to hear a case from fired police chief Blair Shaffer today was

wrong and given to *The Sumter Item* in a FOIA request with an "administrative error."

Nelson said the information provided to *The Sumter Item* in the state Freedom of Information Act request listing the names of the members of the city's Grievance

Committee and their term expiration dates should have listed Carroll Harrington's tenure as ending on June 30, 2018, instead of Dec. 31, 2018.

The mayor also said the Grievance Committee is comprised of five members with one-third of the

members replaced yearly. Referring from the city's policies, Nelson said the committee does not include an alternate.

One-third of a five-member committee would mean 1.67 committee



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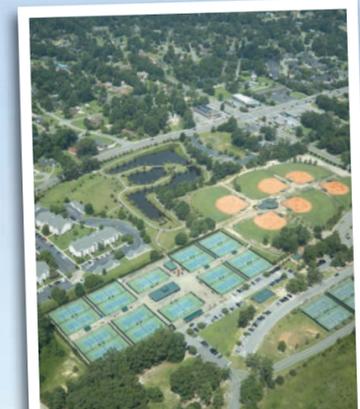
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*The Sumter Item* was able to fly along Saturday morning with Sumter County Sheriff's Office's aviation unit, which provides aerial support to deputies on the ground.

## In the sky to combat crime



The tennis courts and ball fields off Alice Drive are seen.

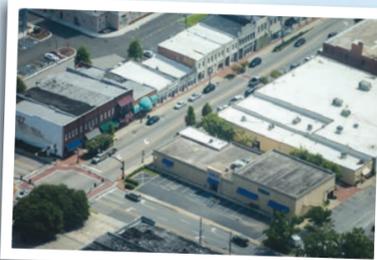
At left are downtown businesses along West Liberty Street.



Broad Street, with Sumter Mall at left, is seen from overhead.



The plane flies by Lee Correctional Institution.



## More throw names in hat for school board

**BY BRUCE MILLS**  
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The field of candidates for Sumter School District's Board of Trustees continues to grow as more residents have filed for available area seats in the November, non-partisan election.

To date, Area 3 and Area 1 both have three candidates, who have filed with the Sumter County Voter Registration

and Elections Office, and none are incumbants. Cherryvale resident Barbara Bowman announced her candidacy for the Area 1 seat even before filing opened on July 16.

In the last week, Rembert residents Brian Alston and Mark Myers have both filed for Area 1, which represents that small town, the Horatio, Hillcrest, Cherryvale and

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## ELIZABETH MOSES • 1964 - 2018

# Community remembers devoted friend who helped create museum

**BY IVY MOORE**  
Special to *The Sumter Item*

With the death last week of Elizabeth Moses, her family, the Sumter community and friends across the state and the country lost a devoted and giving friend, a historian, an animal lover and advocate, a mentor and a loved one.

Dale Rosengarten, director of the Jewish Heritage Collection at the College of Charleston and associate director of the Center for Southern Jewish Culture, delivered the eulogy at Ms. Moses' memorial service.

"We ache with her death because, whether we knew her as daughter, sister, colleague, co-worker, friend,

mentor or prayer leader, she was a loved one," Rosengarten said. "In all the roles she played, under all the hats she wore, she never let anyone down. Elizabeth would do for you and go as far for you as she could, and then go some more."

"Elizabeth was proud of

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Morris College to open Veterans Resource Center

Morris College will host a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for its campus Veterans Resource Center on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m.

The college's center director distributed an event invitation to the media earlier this week.

The new center will be in Room 103 in the campus' Student Health and Wellness Center, 100 W. College St.

The resource center will serve military veterans who are students at the college and also the dependents of veterans. Information on various veteran resources in the community will be available at the center.

The Aug. 15 event will be open to the public to attend.

### Hometown heroes to be honored Aug. 30

A First Responders Appreciation Night will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, at University of South Carolina Sumter Nettles Auditorium, 200 Miller Road.

Community Broadcasters, McLaughlin Ford and Hines Furniture invite all first responders to attend so Sumter can celebrate its hometown heroes.

To RSVP, call (803) 775-2321, extension 220, or send an email to [carolyn\\_garris@com-broadcasters.com](mailto:carolyn_garris@com-broadcasters.com).

### Ballot set for Pinewood mayor, council seats

Three incumbents will be on the ballot in November for the Town of Pinewood.

Sarah Mathis filed on July 16 for re-election to be mayor of the 538-person town, according to the South Carolina Election Commission. Jackie Spann is running for re-election for Ward 4 of the Pinewood Town Council after filing on July 27, and Leonard Houser is running to stay on Ward 3 of the town council after filing on July 16.

Filing was open from July 16 to July 30.

The town council and mayoral position are nonpartisan. Elections will be on Nov. 6.

### Shaw training today will increase noise

The 20th Medical Group will conduct combat skills training from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The training will test airmen's ability to perform essential duties in a simulated combat environment. Portions of the training will include increased noise and simulated weapons fire. The training may include abnormal operational patterns; expect longer lines at 20th MDG facilities.

Contact the medical appointment line at 895-2273 for any appointment-related questions.

For general questions or concerns, contact the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at [20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil](mailto:20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil) or (803) 895-2015.

## SCDOT: Alice Drive area to have road closures, traffic delays

Project begins Monday, expected to take approximately 3 weeks

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Multiple roads in the Alice Drive area will be closed starting Monday when South Carolina Department of Transportation and C.R. Jackson, a roadway construction company, begin work to patch, resurface and widen the road and repair sidewalks.

The construction — which is part of SCDOT's strategic 10-year plan — is anticipated to take approximately three weeks depending on weather conditions, according to a release from SCDOT.

Will Fulton, SCDOT resident construction engineer for Sumter, Lee and Kershaw counties, said the project should be completed before school starts if the weather allows.

Residents and those who work in or commute through the area should expect lane closures, road closures, heavy traffic and delays.

The following roads that intersect with Alice Drive will be closed to safely control traffic: Kenilworth Avenue, Sunset Street, Dorn Street, Baldwin Drive, Arnold Avenue and Owens Drive. These roads will be routed to Phelps Street so drivers can exit the area at either Adams Avenue or Liberty Street.

Covington Street, Reynolds Road, Snowden Street and Conyers Street will also be closed at the intersections with Alice Drive and will be routed to Covington Street so drivers can exit at Haile Street or routed to Pringle Street to exit at Wise Drive.

Haynsworth Street and Burns Drive

will be closed at their intersection with Alice Drive and routed to Robbins Street to exit at Adams Avenue. Baldwin Drive and Aldersgate Street will be closed where the roads intersect with Alice Drive and routed to Garrett Street to exit at Miller Road.

The construction project will begin at Haile Street and proceed to West Liberty Street.

Right and left turns will be severely limited from Alice Drive onto Miller Road, and vice versa, at times during the project.

Drivers are asked to choose alternate routes to avoid this section of Alice Drive during the period if at all possible.

Closure lengths will vary with the type and location of the work.



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Sumter Palmetto Rotary Club awarded scholarships to, from left, Thomas Richburg, Grace Towery and Zachary Fugate.

## Students put service above self

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter Palmetto Rotary Club awarded \$4,500 in scholarships to three college-bound students for their academic accomplishments and understanding of the world around them.

Each student — Thomas Richburg, Zachary Fugate and Grace Towery — received a \$1,500 scholarship from the club based on their academic and personal accomplishments and the completion of an essay about one of two topics: the meaning of the phrase "service over self" or how they can promote world peace and understanding, states a news release from Sumter Palmetto Rotary Club.

The scholarships were made possible by the organization's annual Vidalia onion fundraiser.

Service Above Self and Promoting World Peace are key missions of Rotary International, states the release.

Richburg, Fugate and Towery were joined by family members during the Rotary club's weekly lunch meeting at Sunset Country Club on July 26.

Richburg, a son of Les and Candy Richburg, attended Sumter High School before going to South Carolina Governor's School for Science and

Mathematics. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina.

"Service above self is selflessness," Richburg wrote in his essay. "The greatest examples of human achievement have come from people working together to leave a lasting mark on their countries or nations."

Fugate, a son of Dexter and Alyceson Fugate, is a graduate of Thomas Sumter Academy. He plans to attend Clemson University.

"Patriotism to one's country is a great thing," he said. "However, I believe that in order to achieve world peace, we need not think of ourselves as citizens of the United States, Japan, the Soviet Union, Iraq or any other nation, but rather as citizens of the united world."

Towery, a daughter of Lance and Vicki Towery, is a graduate of Wilson Hall. She plans to attend the University of South Carolina.

"Service above self is compassion, humility, kindness, grace, but most importantly, service above self is love," she said. "The joy that is to be gained by helping others expecting nothing in return is incomparable to the fleeting joy experienced in serving oneself."

## Sumter Clemson Club to honor new students with send-off

BY DANNY KELLY

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The Sumter Clemson Club will be having a send-off for Sumter, Clarendon and Lee area students who were accepted at Clemson University this fall. The ceremony will be held at the Swan Lake Heath Pavilion on Thursday, Aug. 9, at 6:30 p.m. A large group of Clemson alumni will be there to congratulate the students. Admission is free, and attire is Clemson casual.

"We recognize that Clemson enrollment is competitive," Clemson alumnus Ben Griffith said. "Ten to 11 percent of students get in."

This year, between 65 and 70 students were accepted to Clemson in the Sumter-Clarendon-Lee area.

"We want to honor and encourage them," Griffith said. "They're about to be in a great environment; their lives will be changed forever."

This is the first time the event is being held.

"We hope it's the first of many," Griffith said.

For some of these area students, this is an even more meaningful accomplishment.

"Some of these students will be the first member of their family to go to college," Griffith said. "They also will be going 180 to 200 miles away."

Roughly 200 people are expected to attend, including some high-level Clemson officials making their way to Sumter.

"And the Clemson Tiger (mascot) might be there," Griffith said.

The event will include a reception, food and 25 gallons of home-made premium Clemson ice cream.

"It's the orange event of the season," Griffith said.

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# Change perception of healthy habits to change your life

Every day we see messages and tips about making healthy choices, eating better and exercising. The body is naturally meant to be healthy and move. Exercise energizes the body and improves mental and physiological health.

While we all know what to do, actually doing it is the hard part. This may be because messages are just reminders; they don't necessarily focus on people's perceptions about healthy behaviors.

In fact, a growing volume of research shows that perceptions and mindsets actually predict health and longevity. According to a recent study published in *Health Psychology*, "those who are made aware of their healthy activity levels can build on them and exercise more. Those who deem themselves unfit

are more likely to remain inactive, fueling feelings of fear, stress or depression that negatively affect their health." This strongly suggests that everyday experiences, thoughts and beliefs can shape our own physiology.



**Missy Corrigan**

Perceptions have powerful effects, affecting motivation, both positively and negatively. With exercise, it's difficult to get excited about it if it is seen as a chore. Keeping this current thought pattern doesn't spark change, but it is much more comfortable and easier than it is to try to change it. So those who don't find the joy in it or see the benefits of it are less likely to ever engage in exercise. To have the ability to change, it does take willpower and commitment to get going, but perception is

the primary determining factor in initiating change.

One way to change your perception is by linking it to things that matter to you. If you are exercising because you have to, you are less likely to do it or stick with it. If you are exercising because it gives you more energy and helps you maintain mobility for activities with kids, grandkids or friends, there is value in engaging in exercise. The idea is to bring what is truly important to you into your everyday actions and behaviors. How are your current thoughts and beliefs preventing you from adopting healthy behaviors? What needs to change so that you can allow yourself to create new and better habits? It's not just about engaging in the behaviors; rather, it is understanding why you are doing it and connecting with the important things in your life.

Making change is a process. Many people believe that you must eliminate certain foods from your diet or engage

in strenuous exercise in order to see any benefit. This extreme approach is overwhelming and can bring about a negative response to any healthy behaviors. Experts say a healthier mindset shouldn't be about completely changing your lifestyle; it should be more about being mindful and feeling good about the choices you make every day.

Considering that every day experiences where our beliefs, thoughts and expectations influence our physiology, we need to be more mindful about the choices we make and why we make them. Something as simple as taking the stairs or eating breakfast is an easy first step for improving health. However, before we can do this and make it sustainable, we must create supportive, positive, healthy thoughts.

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# Nursing instructor creates artwork for unit

BY PALMETTO HEALTH TUOMEY

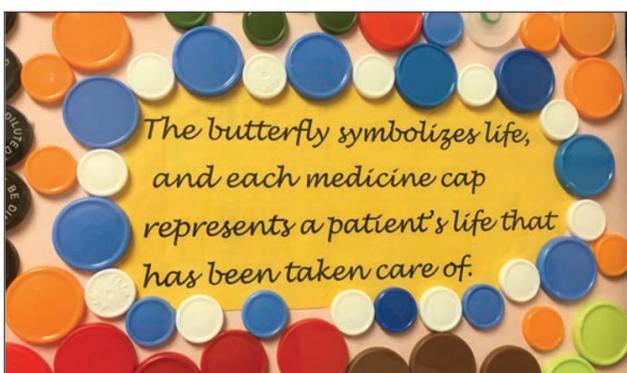
Caroline Dyson, a nursing instructor at Central Carolina Technical College, incorporated caps from medicine vials used throughout Palmetto Health Tuomey to create a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork which features a butterfly for Jeanne C. Watson Oncology Unit.

"Butterflies represent life," Dyson said.

Recently, Amanda Hansen, RN, an oncology unit nurse, started collecting the tops and then shared the idea of creating a piece of artwork with Dyson. The final inspiration for the piece came from an issue of the *American Journal of Nursing*, which featured a similar piece created by a fellow nurse.

Dyson says it took four hours alone to figure out the placement of the butterfly, not including countless hours of testing ways to secure the caps. She says that it most likely took another 10 hours to sort and finish the piece. Kristen Hodge, one of Dyson's nursing students, also helped with the creation of the butterfly.

The piece includes the following statement: "The butter-



fly symbolizes life, and each medicine cap represents a patient's life that has been taken care of."

Dyson says she wanted to add something pretty to the floor and give patients and visitors something to stop and

look at. "I hope it gives people an idea that a lot happens at a hospital, with medicines..." She is currently working on another piece of artwork for the pharmacy, which helped collect vial caps for the butterfly project.



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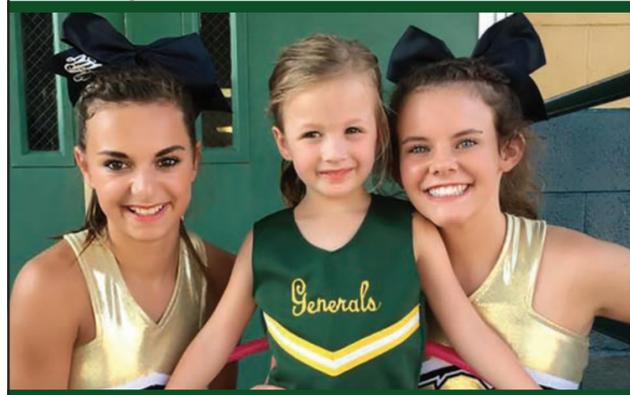
Caroline Dyson, a nursing instructor at Central Carolina Technical College, teamed up with an oncology nurse at Palmetto Health Tuomey to create artwork with caps from medicine vials used at the hospital.

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A man walks past the building of the Russian military intelligence service in Moscow, Russia. The leak of an alleged Russian hacker's conversations with a security researcher shows more about the shadowy group of 12 Russian spies indicted by the FBI last month for targeting the 2016 U.S. election.

## Leaked conversations show alleged Russian spy seeking hacking tools

MOSCOW (AP) — Six years ago, a Russian-speaking cybersecurity researcher received an unsolicited email from Kate S. Milton.

Milton claimed to work for the Moscow-based anti-virus firm Kaspersky. In an exchange that began in halting English and quickly switched to Russian, Milton said she was impressed by the researcher's work on exploits — the digital lock picks used by hackers to break into vulnerable systems — and wanted to be copied in on any new ones that the researcher came across.

"You almost always have all the top-end exploits," Milton said, after complimenting the researcher about a post to her website, where she often dissected malicious software.

"So that our contact isn't one-sided, I'd offer you my help analyzing malicious viruses, and as I get new samples I'll share," Milton continued. "What do you think?"

The researcher — who works as a security engineer and runs the malware-sharing site on the side — always had a pretty good idea that Milton wasn't who she said she was. Last month, she got confirmation via an FBI indictment.

The indictment, made public on July 13, lifted the lid on the Russian hacking operation that targeted the 2016 U.S. presidential election. It identified "Kate S. Milton" as an alias for military intelligence officer Ivan Yermakov, one of 12 Russian spies accused of breaking into the Democratic National Committee and publishing its emails in an attempt to influence the 2016 election.

The researcher, who gave her exchanges with Milton to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said she wasn't pleased to learn she had been corresponding with an alleged Russian spy. But she wasn't particularly surprised either. "This area of research is a magnet for suspicious people," she said.

The researcher and Milton engaged in a handful of conversations between April 2011 and March 2012. But even their sparse exchanges, along with a few digital breadcrumbs left behind by Yermakov and his colleagues, offer insight into the men behind the keyboards at Russia's Main Intelligence Directorate, or GRU.

### A NEW PROJECT

It isn't unusual for messages like Milton's to come in out of the blue, especially in the relatively small world of independent malware analysts.

"There was nothing particularly unusual in her approach," the researcher said. "I had very similar interactions with amateur and professional researchers from different countries."

The pair corresponded for a while. Milton shared a piece of malicious code at one point and sent over a hacking-related YouTube video at another, but contact fizzled out after a few months.

Then, the following year, Milton got back in touch.

"It's been all work, work, work," Milton said by way of apology, before quickly getting to the point. She needed new lock picks.

"I know that you can help," she wrote. "I'm working on a new project, and I really need contacts that can provide information or have contacts with people who have new exploits. I am willing to pay for them."

In particular, Milton said she wanted information on a recently disclosed vulnerability code-named CVE-2012-0002 — a critical Microsoft flaw that could allow hackers to remotely compromise some Windows computers. Milton had heard that someone had already cobbled together a working exploit.

"I'd like to get it," she said.

The researcher demurred. The trade in exploits — for use by spies, cops, surveillance companies or criminals — can be a seedy one.

"I usually steer clear from any wannabe buyers and sellers," she told the AP.

She politely declined — and never heard from Milton again.

### ACCOUNT GOES DORMANT

Milton's Twitter account — whose profile photo features "Lost" star Evangeline Lilly — is long dormant. The last few messages carry urgent, awkwardly worded appeals for exploits or tips about vulnerabilities.

"Help me find detailed description CVE-2011-0978," one message reads, referring to a bug in PHP, a coding language often used for websites. "Need a work exploit," the message continues, ending with a smiley face.

It isn't clear whether Yermakov was working

for the GRU when he first masqueraded as Kate S. Milton. Milton's Twitter silence — starting in 2011 — and the reference to a "new project" in 2012 might hint at a new job.

In any case, Yermakov wasn't working for the anti-virus firm Kaspersky — not then and not ever, the company said in a statement.

"We don't know why he allegedly presented himself as an employee," the statement said.

Messages sent by the AP to Kate S. Milton's Gmail account were not returned.

The exchanges between Milton (Yermakov) and the researcher could be read in different ways.

They might show that the GRU was trying to cultivate people in the information security community with an eye toward getting the latest exploits as soon as possible, said Cosimo Mortola, a threat intelligence analyst at the cybersecurity company FireEye.

It's also possible that Yermakov might have initially worked as an independent hacker, hustling for spy tools before being hired by Russian military intelligence — a theory that makes sense to defense and foreign policy analyst Pavel Felgenhauer.

"For cyber, you have to hire boys that understand computers and everything the old spies at the GRU don't understand," Felgenhauer said. "You find a good hacker, you recruit him and give him some training and a rank — a lieutenant or something — and then he will do the same stuff."

### A LOOK INSIDE

The leak of Milton's conversations shows how the glare of publicity is revealing elements of the hackers' methods — and perhaps even hints about their private lives.

It's possible, for example, that Yermakov and many of his colleagues commute to work through the arched entrance to Komsomolsky 22, a military base in the heart of Moscow that serves as home to the alleged hacker's Unit 26165. Photos shot from inside show it's a well-kept facility, with a czarist-era facade, manicured lawns, flower beds and shady trees in a central courtyard.

The AP and others have tried to trace the men's digital lives, finding references to some of those indicted by the FBI in academic papers on computing and mathematics, on Russian cybersecurity conference attendee lists or — in the case of Cpt. Nikolay Kozachek, nicknamed "kzak" — written into the malicious code created by Fancy Bear, the nickname long applied to the hacking squad before their identities were allegedly revealed by the FBI.

One of Kozachek's other nicknames also appears on a website that allowed users to mine tokens for new weapons to use in the first-person shooter videogame "Counter Strike: Global Offensive" — providing a flavor of the hackers' extracurricular interests.

The AP has also uncovered several social media profiles tied to another of Yermakov's indicted colleagues — Lt. Aleksey Lukashov, allegedly the man behind the successful phishing of the email account belonging to Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta.

Lukashov operated a Twitter account under the alias "Den Katzenberg," according to an analysis of the indictment as well as data supplied by the cybersecurity firm Secureworks and Twitter's "Find My Friends" feature.

A tipster using the Russian facial recognition search engine FindFace recently pointed the AP to a VKontakte account that, while using a different name, appears active and features photos of the same young, Slavic-looking man.

Many of his posts and his friends appear to originate from a district outside Moscow known as Voskresensky. The photos show him cross-country skiing at night, wading in emerald waters somewhere warm and visiting Yaroslavl, an ancient city northwest of Moscow. One video appeared to show Russia's 2017 Spasskaya Tower Festival, a military music festival popular with officers.

The AP could not establish with certainty that the man on the VKontakte account is Lukashov. Several people listed as friends either declined to comment when approached by the AP or said Lukashov's name was unknown to them.

Shortly thereafter, the profile's owner locked down his account, making his vacation snaps invisible to outsiders.

## 1st sighting of dolphin hybrid proves 'genetic diversity of the ocean'

HONOLULU (AP) — Scientists are touting the first sighting of a hybrid between a melon-headed whale and a rough-toothed dolphin in the ocean off Hawaii. But don't call it a "wholphin," they say.

The melon-headed whale is one of the various species that's called a whale but is technically a dolphin.

"Calling it something like a wholphin doesn't make any sense," said one of the study's authors, Robin Baird, a Hawaii research biologist with Washington state-based Cascadia Research Collective. "I think calling it a wholphin just confuses the situation more than it already is."

In a study published last week, scientists say the animal spotted off the island of Kauai in August 2017 appears to be the first record of a hybrid involving either species. It's also only the third confirmed instance of a wild-born hybrid between species in the Delphinidae family.

The label "wholphin" has stuck for a hybrid of a false killer whale and an Atlantic bottle-nose dolphin born in 1985 at Hawaii's Sea Life Park. The hybrid named Kekaimalu still lives at the marine mammal park,

where she helps teach children about genetics.

News of the hybrid spotted in the wild last year during Navy-funded research on the effects of sonar proves the "genetic diversity of the ocean," Sea Life Park curator Jeff Pawloski said.

"I always thought they were out there in the wild existing — it only makes sense," he said. "And to know she has cousins out there in the ocean is an amazing thing to know."

Some news organizations have described the melon-headed whale and rough-toothed dolphin hybrid as a new species, but other things would still need to occur, including more widespread hybridization, Baird said.

"That isn't the case, although there are examples where hybridization has resulted in a new species," he said. "There's no evidence to suggest it's leading toward anything like species formation."

The male hybrid presents an opportunity to look for others. Hybrids generally occur when there's a decline in the population in one of the parental species, so scientists will be looking out for such a decline.



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This Aug. 11, 2017, photo shows a hybrid between a melon-headed whale and a rough-toothed dolphin, in the foreground, swimming next to a melon-headed whale near Kauai, Hawaii. Scientists are touting the first sighting of the hybrid off Hawaii. It's also only the third confirmed instance of a wild-born hybrid between species in the Delphinidae family.

## Trump imposes sanctions over Turkey's detaining of minister

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will impose sanctions on two Turkish officials over a detained American pastor who is being tried on espionage and terrorism-related charges, the White House announced Wednesday.

President Donald Trump warned last week that he might impose sanctions against Turkey, a key NATO ally, for its treatment of Andrew Craig Brunson in a case that has strained U.S.-Turkish relations. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said his government won't back down and was willing to "go its own way" if the U.S. imposes sanctions.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the sanctions would target Turkey's justice and interior ministers, whose agencies she said were responsible for the pastor's arrest and detention.

"We've seen no evidence that Pastor Brunson has done anything wrong, and we believe he is a victim of un-

fair and unjust attention by the government of Turkey," Sanders said.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the Turkish government refused to release Brunson "after numerous conversations between President Trump and President Erdogan," along with his conversations with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu. "President Trump concluded that these sanctions are the appropriate action," Pompeo said.

Brunson, 50, was arrested in December 2016 following a failed coup on charges of "committing crimes on behalf of terror groups without being a member" and espionage. He was recently released to home detention. He faces a prison sentence of up to 35 years if he is convicted on both counts at the end of his ongoing trial.

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# Officials promote lower-cost, short-term health plans

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is clearing the way for insurers to sell short-term health plans as a bargain alternative to pricey Obama-law policies for people struggling with high premiums.

But the policies don't have to cover existing medical conditions and offer limited benefits. It's not certain if that's going to translate into broad consumer appeal among people who need an individual policy.

"For many who've got pre-existing conditions or who have other health worries, the Obamacare plans might be right for them," Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar told "Fox & Friends" on Wednesday. "We're just providing more options."

Officials say the plans can now last up to 12 months and be renewed for up to 36 months. But there's no federal guarantee of renewability. Plans will carry a disclaimer that they don't meet the Affordable Care Act's requirements and safeguards.

"We make no representation that it's equivalent coverage," said Jim Parker, a senior adviser at HHS. "But what we do know is that there are individuals today who have been priced out of coverage."

Unable to repeal much of the Obama-era law, Trump's administration has tried to undercut how the law is supposed to work and to create options for people who don't qualify for subsidies based on their income.

Officials are hoping short-term plans will fit the bill. Next year, there will be no tax penalty for someone who opts for short-term coverage versus a comprehensive plan, so more people might consider the option. More short-term plans will be available starting this fall.

Critics say the plans are "junk insurance" that could lead to unwelcome surprises if a policyholder gets sick, and will entice healthy people away from the law's markets, raising premiums for those left. Under the Obama administration, such plans were limited to three months' duration. Some states do not permit them.

President Donald Trump has been enthusiastic. "Much less expensive health care at a much lower price," he said, previewing the plans at a White House event last week. "Will cost our country nothing. We're finally taking care of our people."



Seen is the *HealthCare.gov* website main page. The Trump administration is clearing the way for insurers to sell short-term health plans as a bargain alternative to pricey "Obamacare" for consumers struggling with high premiums. But the policies don't have to cover pre-existing conditions, and benefits are limited.

The administration estimates that premiums for a short-term plan could be about one-third the cost of comprehensive coverage. A standard silver plan under the Obama law now averages \$481 a month for a 40-year-old non-smoker. A short-term plan might cost \$160 a month or even less.

But short-term insurance clearly has fewer benefits. A Kaiser Family Foundation survey of current plans found none that covered maternity and many that did not cover prescription drugs or substance abuse treatment — required under the Obama law. They can include dollar limits on coverage, and there's no guarantee of renewal.

At a hearing Tuesday, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., called the administration's anticipated action "a new sabotage step that will do even more to let insurance companies offer junk plans."

Short-term plans have been a niche product for people in life transitions: those switching jobs, retiring before Medicare eligibility or aging out of parental coverage.

"It may not cover every condition, but

it's a really important option for a lot of people in transition between jobs, those gig economy workers who work on their own as independent contractors or the folks who are struggling with three part-time jobs and don't get insurance through any one employer," Azar said.

Some in the industry say they're developing "next generation" short-term plans that will be more responsive to consumer needs, with pros and cons clearly spelled out. Major insurer United Healthcare is marketing short-term plans.

Delaware insurance broker Nick Moriello said consumers should carefully consider their choice.

"The insurance company will ask you a series of questions about your health," Moriello said. "They are not going to cover anything related to a pre-existing condition. There is a relatively small risk to the insurance company on what they would pay out relative to those plans."

Nonetheless, the CEO of a company that offers short-term plans says

they're a "rational decision" for some people.

"It's a way better alternative to not being insured," said Jeff Smedsrud of Pivot Health. "I don't think it's permanent coverage. You are constantly betting that for the rest of your life you won't have any health issues."

Smedsrud said most plans restrict coverage for those who have sought treatment for a pre-existing condition over the past five years.

Short-term plans join "association health plans" for small businesses as the administration promotes lower-cost insurance options that cover less. Federal regulations for association health plans have been approved. Such plans can be offered across state lines and are also designed for self-employed people.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that roughly 6 million more people will eventually enroll in either an association plan or a short-term plan. The administration says it expects about 1.6 million people to pick a short-term when the plans are fully phased in.

# Inflation, gas prices, tariffs squeeze consumers

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The price of a can of Coca-Cola? Likely going up. A package of Pampers? That too. Plane tickets? They also may be more expensive. These items and more may cost more in the coming months as people start feeling the effects of higher fuel prices and raw-material costs as well as a range of tariffs.

Janette Hendricks said she has noticed higher prices on "just about everything" in the past three months or so. That's put a little pressure on the recently retired nurse in Washington. So she goes shopping less often, "makes things stretch," and she always shops for things on sale. She said she has also considered going back to work to have more cushion in the budget.

"The economy is doing great, so why is everyone doing so poorly?" she asked.

The consumer price index, the government's primary measure of inflation, rose 2.9 percent in June from a year earlier, the fastest increase in six years. Starbucks had said in June that it had raised the price of a regular drip coffee, and McDonald's said it raised prices when it reported its latest sales figures.

"I cut back on a lot of things," said Ada Caro of New York, sitting outside a Target in lower Manhattan. "I just buy the necessities."

Procter & Gamble, one of the biggest makers of consumer products, had said Tuesday that Pampers prices will increase by an average of 4 percent in North America, while the Bounty, Charmin and Puffs brands could see 5 percent increases.

Gas prices have already surged more than 24 percent in the past year. Rent and other housing costs were up 3.4 percent in June compared to a



Consumers can expect the price of many items including Coca-Cola to go up in the coming months in reaction to higher fuel prices, raw-material costs and tariffs.

year earlier, and auto insurance has jumped more than 7 percent.

Hendricks said she and her husband also drive far less as they've noticed gas prices on the rise. Halla Byer, 28, has also seen the cost of filling up her car go up. The recently un-

employed Portland, Oregon, resident feels optimistic about opportunities in the city, but joked of higher prices "making broke people more broke."

The Federal Reserve, which tries to keep inflation at or slightly above 2 percent, has been raising interest rates to

make sure that price pressures don't get out of hand. Though President Donald Trump has criticized the central bank for raising rates, economists expect increases again in September and perhaps December.

Some of the higher prices also come as companies react to the Trump administration's tariffs on steel, aluminum, lumber from Canada, and on \$34 billion of imports from China. Beijing has imposed new duties on U.S. exports as well.

Overall, the aluminum and steel tariffs could cost the U.S. beverage industry nearly \$348 million, according to The Beer Institute. Coca-Cola has announced plans to raise prices, citing the cost of raw materials and packaging, though the impact on retailers and consumers is hard to gauge.

"Clearly, it's disruptive for our customers," Coca-Cola Co. CEO James Quincey said in a call with investors last week.

Rising fuel costs are prompting airlines to cull unprofitable flights and consider boosting ticket prices. Spot prices for jet fuel are up about 50 percent from a year ago.

American Airlines Group Inc. saw its second-quarter profit plunge by more than a third as spending on fuel surged, and CEO William Douglas Parker warned about rising fares. Delta Air Lines Inc. CEO Edward H. Bastian said prices are up about 4 per-

cent from last year.

"Pricing is certainly a function of cost, and with higher fuel prices, you're going to expect to see ticket prices go up as well," he told investors in July.

Industrial equipment companies are feeling the impact of the trade disputes. Caterpillar, which makes construction and agricultural equipment, said it plans to raise prices to offset the steel and higher material costs.

The National Association of Home Builders estimates that the tariffs the Trump administration placed on Canadian softwood lumber — along with other factors — have increased the cost of constructing a house by \$7,000. Higher lumber prices may cause a slowdown in home construction, which would also mean a possible slowdown in job growth. Both building permits and ground breakings slowed in June, according to the Commerce Department.

"Any higher costs for material comes right out of our profit," said Randy Noel, a custom builder in Louisiana and chairman of the home builders' board.

Higher costs mean his company has only sold 30 homes this year, rather than the normal 40. He's been using fewer subcontractors on projects — which means those workers lose income.

"They're sitting at home and looking for remodeling jobs," Noel said.

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## MOSES FROM PAGE A1

her heritage and devoted to her family, but her most outstanding characteristic, in my opinion, was her commitment to truth-telling. She was one of those people who cannot tell a lie, or even a half truth. She told it like she saw it and would not hesitate to point out when the emperor had no clothes.

"She also had a keen sense of humor, a deep interest in history and a way with words."

The youngest of five daughters of Robert A. Moses and the late Harriett P. Moses, Elizabeth held degrees in science from Wofford College and the University of Massachusetts and spent 20 years working with marine life and 10 as interpretive ranger with historic houses for the S.C. Parks Service. Other careers included writing, editing and photography.

She was a longtime member of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina and worked for the Jewish Heritage Collection and the Jewish Studies Program at the College of Charleston.

In Sumter, she served as a staff chaplain at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Her most recent position was as education and outreach coordinator with Sumter County Museum.

Museum director Annie Rivers and staff called her "a wonderful addition to the museum (who) played a major role in helping to bring the Temple Sinai Jewish History Center to fruition. She will be greatly missed."

Michael Mellen met Ms. Moses when he was a student rabbi in Sumter in 1996-97.

He recalled, "While she grew up exposed to Judaism and was part of the Sumter Jewish community, she grew up identifying as Christian and going to church. She had grown more and more sure that she wanted to be Jewish. ... I do remember two elements from the experience. The first was her Beit Din, the meeting with three peo-



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**Elizabeth Moses, who died July 23, 2018, is shown at Temple Sinai, where she often led sabbath services.**

ple, including me and the Rabbi, who ask a series of questions about Jewish knowledge and her desire to be Jewish. She was clearly ready. The second was how she did her mikveh, the submersion in water that represents the shift she was making.

"She chose to do this in the Atlantic Ocean off a North Carolina beach. I was not there. It was her moment, and she chose how to do it. She brought me two perfect stones from the beach, which I still have.

"... when I think about her, I remember her caring and warmth, along with her creativity and passion."

Cathy Smith volunteered to survey

dolphins for Coastal Carolina University almost two decades ago. She said Ms. Moses was training graduate students "to study dolphins in the waters off Georgetown County ... once you went out on the water with Elizabeth you were there all day, no matter what the circumstances. ... (She) took her job seriously. ... She loved ... being in nature, and she could find those marvelous creatures because she knew them so well."

The friendship grew over the years, Smith said, as they "shared a love of animals. ... She was the person who would not let a cat suffer and would sacrifice things for herself to care for an animal. Her compassion was overflowing.

"I will always remember Elizabeth as a sensitive, kind and caring person. She gave her all to the things in life that mattered. She was fiercely independent. She loved her family and her friends. She was a loyal friend to the end. ...

"As Dr. Rob Young, her supervisor at CCU, told me, 'She had a rich and meaningful life. I admired her passion and will miss it.'"

Beyond her professional achievements, Ms. Moses' sisters recall her great love for family and animals — her writing a letter to Santa "heart-wringingly detailing how her life would be so much better if only she could have a dear dog for her friend ... resulting in her being given a sweet dog she named Lassie — the first pet in our lifetimes that was allowed inside the house."

She was into family genealogy, they said, and kept up family ties. "Lizzie was deeply devoted to all the generations of her relatives, and particularly including her brothers-in-law, and her niece and nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews. She liked being in touch with them, was grand about remembering their birthdays, and always took time to stay in touch. ... She welcomed all the younger relatives."

## LIST FROM PAGE A1

members are replaced annually.

According to a list of the City of Manning Municipal Grievance Committee members given to *The Sumter Item* with more than 70 pages from a FOIA request about the firing of Shaffer, the Public Safety Committee that approved the firing and other related city groups, the members are: Carroll Harrington, whose term expires on Dec. 31 of this year; James Pringle, whose term expires June 30, 2019; Edward Pompey, Mitch McElveen and alternate Donna Hodge, whose terms expire June 30, 2020; and Jason Montgomery, whose term expires on June 30, 2021.

Nelson added that Hodge, from the city's Public Works Department, had been serving as alternate and that she may be appointed to fill an expired term.

A motion was made and seconded Wednesday to appoint

Hodge to the committee with her term expiring on June 30, 2021.

Mayor Pro-tem Sherry Welle and all five of the other city council members — Clayton Pack, Ervin Davis Sr., Julius Dukes Jr., Diane Georgia and Johnny Gordon — voted unanimously to approve Hodge's appointment.

From opening gavel to the vote to adjourn, the special called meeting that was convened to appoint a replacement for Harrington lasted four minutes.

Hodge will serve along with the remaining four members of the committee. McElveen is the fire chief for Manning. Pringle is a firefighter and reserve police officer. Montgomery is the municipal clerk of court.

The committee will convene at 10 a.m. today to hear from Shaffer. He was fired on July 12 by the city's Public Safety Committee, citing "complaints of inappropriate and unprofessional behavior displayed by you toward other city employ-

ees and officials" as one of three reasons he was terminated.

His termination letter was among the documents obtained by *The Sumter Item* through its FOIA request.

The committee, which consists of Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro-tem Welle and Councilman Pack, also raised concerns about Shaffer "yelling and speaking in harsh tones to a city council member during a private meeting and raising your voice at a judicial officer." The committee said "such behavior is not in line with the city's professional standards."

In his termination letter, the committee listed Shaffer's failure to follow the police department's policy on promotions during a recent promotion of officers to the rank of sergeant as another reason for his termination.

In the termination letter that was signed by Nelson, she 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."

While the PSC listed these reasons for firing Shaffer, none of those reasons or any letters challenging Shaffer's ability to lead the city's police department were included in the 70-page-plus copy of his personnel file that was included in the July 19 FOIA receipt of information from Manning officials.

In remarks following an executive session at a July 23 city council meeting, Nelson called Shaffer a "good man" and called his firing "an unfortunate matter."

The decision on whether Shaffer's firing was justified, including a question raised by *The Sumter Item* about whether the amended ordinance gov-

ing the Public Safety Committee the power to fire him was first read in executive session, which is a violation of state FOIA law, now rests with a five-member committee of his peers. Should the Grievance Committee rule in Shaffer's favor, the matter of his job with the city goes before Manning City Council, where three of those members — Nelson, Welle and Pack, who comprise the Public Safety Committee — have already, and originally, voted to fire him.

Shaffer has raised concerns about the fairness of grievance process.

"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."

Manning is governed by a strong council-weak mayor form of governance, which means the six-member city council has only and final say over council matters. The mayor breaks a tie.

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DeLaine communities and the Manchester Forest area.

Alston, 29, said he's not related to current Area 1 trustee Linda Alston. He ran against Alston in 2014 for the Area 1 seat and finished second to her, earning 24.4 percent of the public's vote.

Born and raised in Rembert through the eighth grade, Alston said he moved back home after graduating from Morehouse College in Atlanta in 2011.

He also ran for the State House of Representatives District 50 seat in 2014 and '16.

A workforce support coordinator with the state Department of Employment and Workforce in Columbia, Alston said, given his age he can relate well to today's youth and their educational experience, and he can be a "change agent" for the board.

"I bring a youthful perspective to the board," Alston said. "I think we have become set in tradition, and we need to explore youth because we are the present and the future of both the county and school district."

Myers, 67, is retired from DuPont in Camden and is a part-time farmer and horseman, he said. A graduate of Ebenezer High School in



MYERS

Sumter County in 1969, Myers attended Sumter Area Technical College in 1969-70.

He said he can bring honesty and integrity to the board with the main goal of doing what's best for the children and the community.

He said he thinks those qualities have been lacking in some school board members in recent years.

"I think the board got lost somewhere along the line about what the main objective is, and that's what's best for the children," Myers said.

Myers said he also thinks every student should be offered the same programs and opportunities as other students in other district schools.

Linda Alston, the Area 1 incumbent, said Wednesday that she has still not made a decision on whether she will run for re-election.

In Area 3, two additional candidates have filed for the seat after political newcomer Josh Coleman announced his candidacy in late June.

John Shipman, a U.S. Air Force veteran and educator, filed on July 16, the first day of the filing period. Shipman, 59, served 13 years in the Air Force before working 17 years as a teacher and depart-

ment head at Sumter High School. The last three years, he has served as the career and technical education director for the state Department of Corrections' unified school district, based in Columbia.

Holding a Master's Degree in International Relations from Troy State University with an additional certification in principal leadership, Shipman said he could bring numerous skills to the board with the goal of getting all students either college or career ready.

In addition to his military and educational experience, Shipman has also been a small-business owner, operating a part-time martial arts school in Sumter for about 14 years.

"I understand business needs, I understand from the military aspect, and I understand education," Shipman said, "and I want to bring that experience and help move Sumter School District forward and make it even better."

Matthew "Mac" McLeod also filed for the Area 3 seat last week. A product of the Sumter public schools and 1984 graduate of Furman High School, McLeod holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina and was a former Sumter School District 2 trustee from 2006-11.



MCLEOD

McLeod said he didn't run for the newly consolidated school board in 2011 and said he's been contacted many times since then by his former constituents to run again.

This upcoming school year will be his seventh year as a high school teacher at Thomas Sumter Academy in Rembert. McLeod also said he's a small-business owner with a home repair business on the side.

He said he can bring additional accountability to the board and fiscal responsibility to taxpayers. As a community, everyone has to support the schools and hold everyone in the system accountable for the community's ultimate success, McLeod said.

He said he thinks a board trustee position is critically important.

"In my personal opinion,

the school board is the most important elected office," McLeod said, "because we are dealing with the children, who are the future of our county, state and country."

As of Wednesday, Area 3 incumbent Lucille McQuilla said she still hadn't determined if she planned to seek re-election. Area 3 represents the southwest portion of the county to include Pinewood and the Pocalla Springs area.

In Area 2, retired Sumter educator John Michalik filed July 16. Charles Smith also filed for Area 2 on July 19. Smith was unavailable for comment on Wednesday.

A total of four non-partisan seats and the two at-large seats on the nine-member school board are up for election in November. Filing runs through Aug. 15.

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## COMMENTARY

# NATO isn't for defending Montenegro

**W**ASHINGTON — Fox News host Tucker Carlson recently asked

President Trump, “Why should my son go to Montenegro to defend it from attack?” It is a fair question — one that



**Marc Thiessen**

many Americans were asking following Trump's performance at the NATO summit — and it deserved a better answer than the

president's musing on the “aggressive” nature of Montenegrins.

Instead, Trump should have recalled the words he spoke last year in Poland praising the heroes of the Warsaw Uprising, the 74th anniversary of which is being marked on Wednesday. In one of the most powerful speeches of his presidency, Trump recalled the terrible price that millions paid for the West's failure to deter Nazi and Soviet aggres-

sion. “Under a double occupation, the Polish people endured evils beyond description,” Trump recalled: “the Katyn forest massacre, the occupation, the Holocaust, the Warsaw Ghetto and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the destruction of this beautiful capital city and the deaths of nearly 1 in 5 Polish people. A vibrant Jewish population — the largest in Europe — was reduced to almost nothing after the Nazis systematically murdered millions of Poland's Jewish citizens.”

The reason NATO was created out of the ashes of World War II was precisely to make certain such destruction never happens again. In 1938, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain famously dismissed Germany's threats to Czechoslovakia, declaring that Britain should not get drawn into war “because of a quarrel in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing.” The result was 50 million people dead, a continent in flames and the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

The lesson we learned from

that experience is that weakness is provocative. When adversaries believe you are weak, they are emboldened to act — and prone to miscalculate. When they believe you are strong and determined, however, they are far less likely to test you and start cataclysmic wars.

Trump believes in peace through strength. But to have peace requires not just military strength. As Trump said in Warsaw, “Our defense is not just a commitment of money, it is a commitment of will.” President Ronald Reagan used the military far less than any of those who succeeded him in office not just because he rebuilt America's military strength but also because America's adversaries did not doubt his willingness to use it.

Why did Russian President Vladimir Putin believe he could invade Ukraine and annex Crimea without consequence? It was no mere coincidence that Russia's intervention happened just six months after President Barack Obama failed to en-

force his red line in Syria. Putin saw that Obama imposed no costs on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's defiance, unwilling to launch strikes that a U.S. official said would be “just muscular enough not to get mocked.” At that moment, he knew there would be no real costs for his intervention in Ukraine.

Obama projected weakness. On taking office, Trump rectified that situation by enforcing Obama's Syria red line, not once but twice — sending a message of strength that was heard not just in Damascus but in Moscow as well.

There is a reason Putin despises the NATO alliance so much — and has fought to prevent further integration of the countries of Eastern Europe into it. He knows he may be able to bully his unallied neighbors, but he can't bully a NATO ally — because that ally is backed up by 28 others, bonded by a mutual commitment to each other's security and led by an American president who, while seeking friendship with all, is unafraid to flex U.S. military muscle.

That is why Putin opposed the admission of Montenegro into the NATO alliance, reportedly even backing a plot to assassinate Montenegro's prime minister in an effort to stop it. That is why Putin wants Trump to fail in his effort to get the NATO allies to meet their commitments and spend 2 percent of gross domestic product on defense. He understands that a weak NATO cannot deter him, but a strong NATO can.

As Trump said in Warsaw, “As long as we know our history, we will know how to build our future. Americans know that a strong alliance of free, sovereign and independent nations is the best defense for our freedoms and for our interests.” The whole point of NATO is not to defend Montenegro; it is to make sure we never have to defend Montenegro — or Warsaw, or Paris, or London again.

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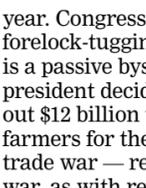


## COMMENTARY

# A California election could catalyze K-12 improvements

**L**OS ANGELES — November's congressional elections will decide which party will control a narcoleptic institution that is uninterested in performing fundamental functions: Only 43 of the 535 House and Senate seats — 10 in the Senate, 33 in the House — are occupied by legislators

who were serving in 1996, the last time Congress obeyed the law requiring it to pass all appropriations bills before the Oct. 1 beginning of the fiscal year. Congress, controlled by forelock-tugging Republicans, is a passive bystander as the president decides to shovel out \$12 billion to compensate farmers for the damage his trade war — regarding this war, as with real ones, Congress is powerless by choice — is doing to them. So, the country reverberates with campaign sound and fury signifying nothing so much as



**George Will**

the preposterous disproportion between the money and energy people expend to get into Congress and this institution's lassitude.

Here, however, there is a contest that might matter. The choice Californians make for the next superintendent of public instruction could catalyze improvements regarding the education of grades K-12. Marshall Tuck, who looks 10 years younger than his 45 years, worked in finance before Harvard Business School, then became an education reformer running charter schools, which explains why \$3.11 million of the \$3.7 million donated to support his opponent in the June primary came from teachers unions and other public-school employees organizations. The rest came from the Democratic Party.

Tuck is a Democrat, as is his opponent, Tony Thurmond, a state legislator. Thurmond finished a close second to Tuck in California's primary system, wherein candidates of both parties appear on the same ballot and the top two meet in the general election. Thurmond, who knows who

butters his bread, says, “I am not trying to cultivate Republican votes.”

California has the largest (about 6.2 million students; 33 states have fewer residents) and one of the most polyglot student population: There are 92 languages other than English spoken in the homes of Los Angeles pupils. More than 3 million of the state's children cannot read at grade level.

The 10 charter schools that Tuck helped to create in this city's poorest neighborhoods dramatically outperformed local schools in pupils' results on standardized tests and in graduation rates, and eight were ranked among the nation's top high schools. Education reform, says Tuck, is not like “trying to figure out how to colonize Pluto.” Often it just requires pruning the California Education Code's 2,500 pages, a 40-year accumulation of creativity-stifling regulations written to placate the unions whose membership dues help to elect the regulation-writers.

In endorsing Tuck, the *San Francisco Chronicle* noted that Thurmond “was nowhere to

be found” when the state Assembly voted on — and defeated — a measure that he claims he supports but that the California Teachers Association, the union supporting him, opposes. The bill would merely have extended from two to three the number of years teachers must teach before being given tenure. Forty-two states require three to five years before tenure; four states never grant tenure. California actually notifies teachers of their tenure status after just 18 months in the classroom.

When incompetent or negligent teachers get tenure, dismissal procedures are so complex, protracted and costly (upward of 10 years and \$450,000) that a court has called the power to dismiss “illusory.” Because about two of California's 277,000 teachers (0.0007 percent) are dismissed each year for unsatisfactory performance, school districts resort to what is called “the dance of the lemons,” shuffling incompetent teachers from one school to another. California's charter schools do not grant tenure. A French minister of educa-

tion once bragged that he could glance at his watch and tell what was being taught at that moment in every French classroom. Fortunately, California's superintendent of public instruction cannot set education policy for the entire state, which leaves room for local improvisations. The superintendent can, however, set a tone. Unfortunately, the best predictor of a school's performance is the quality of the family life from which the children come — the quantity and quality of reading matter in the home, the amount of electronic entertainment consumed in the home, the amount of homework done there — and, most important, the number of parents in the home.

Family disintegration is the stubborn fact that severely limits the efficacy of even the best education policies. But at least out in the country that is contiguous to Capitol Hill there are elections that might matter.

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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.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.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: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. today, 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.

**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 Birnie 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 Lee County Branch of the NAACP will hold its annual back-to-school giveaway** at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Dennis Community Development Center, 410 Cedar Lane, Bishopville. Event will feature free food, drinks and school supplies. Contact Willie Blyther at (803) 484-6594, Walter Boone at (803) 428-3387, Windi King at (803) 484-5068 or Patricia Carter at (803) 428-6191.

**The Mayesville Area Community Coalition's 12th annual back-to-school event** will be

held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11, at Mayesville Elementary School. You must have a completed application turned in no later than Aug. 6 to a coalition member or the local church to qualify for basic school supplies and free backpack. Applications are available at Mayesville local churches and The Station. Children must be present to pick up items. Ages 3-18 (no college students) may participate. Call Dr. Deborah L. Wheeler at (803) 983-7221, Margie Jefferson at (803) 453-5441 or Neola Davis at (803) 453-6078 for more information.

**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. Art and craft, community corner and children's craft center vendor applications can be downloaded at [HSNA-sumtersc.com](http://HSNA-sumtersc.com).

### The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Refuse to let anyone interfere with

your plans. If someone is being a bully, walk away. Your energy is better spent on the people who appreciate you. Use your intelligence to gain respect and to overcome adversity. Networking will pay off.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Keep your fears and concerns hidden. Don't give anyone the chance to take advantage of you. A change someone makes will surprise you. Be prepared to compensate for any shortcomings that may result from the actions of others.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Look for ways to help a legitimate cause, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness and generosity. Get the lowdown before you offer your time or services. Your time is best spent investing in yourself, not someone else.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Too much emotional drama will leave you exhausted. Focus on personal growth, physical improvement and creative endeavors that will ease your stress and make you feel good about your future. A romantic evening will stabilize any uncertainty you may be feeling.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep active and pursue the skills, knowledge and whatever qualifications you require to get ahead. Your Leo charm will help you sway others to your way of thinking. Face-to-face meetings will bring the best results. Avoid making unnecessary changes at home.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your personal financial dealings a secret. Deal with institutions or government agencies if it will help you resolve an issue that could result in an unwanted change.

Make adjustments at home that will secure your personal assets.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Show gratitude if someone lends you a helping hand, but don't give in to someone pressuring you to do things you don't want to do. There will be a fine line between positive and negative contributions someone makes. Ulterior motives are likely.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Concentrate on a creative project. It's better not to argue with someone who is stubborn. Do your own thing; you'll have something to show for your hard work. Networking will lead to an interesting encounter and potential partnership.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money and health should be top priorities. You can resolve issues that concern your home, living arrangements and personal overhead if you discuss your options with an expert or someone you love. Take better care of yourself physically.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An emotional incident with a friend or relative will leave you in a position of uncertainty. Don't feel you have to bail someone out of a mess you had nothing to do with. Offer advice, but don't pay for someone else's mistake.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A change in the way you or someone from your past feels will lead to serious talks. Wager all the pros and cons before considering what to do next. Put a budget in place prior to making a commitment.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Know where you stand and what you can do. Look for opportunities that are within your means and for people who can help you reach your goal. Someone you least expect will surprise you.

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Heavy t-storms; flash flooding	A t-storm early; cloudy, humid	Heavy t-storms; flood risk	A thunderstorm in the area	Humid with some sun	A thunderstorm possible
83°	71°	85° / 72°	86° / 71°	89° / 72°	91° / 72°
Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 30%
S 7-14 mph	SSE 4-8 mph	SW 6-12 mph	SSW 3-6 mph	SW 3-6 mph	W 3-6 mph

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

### IN THE MOUNTAINS

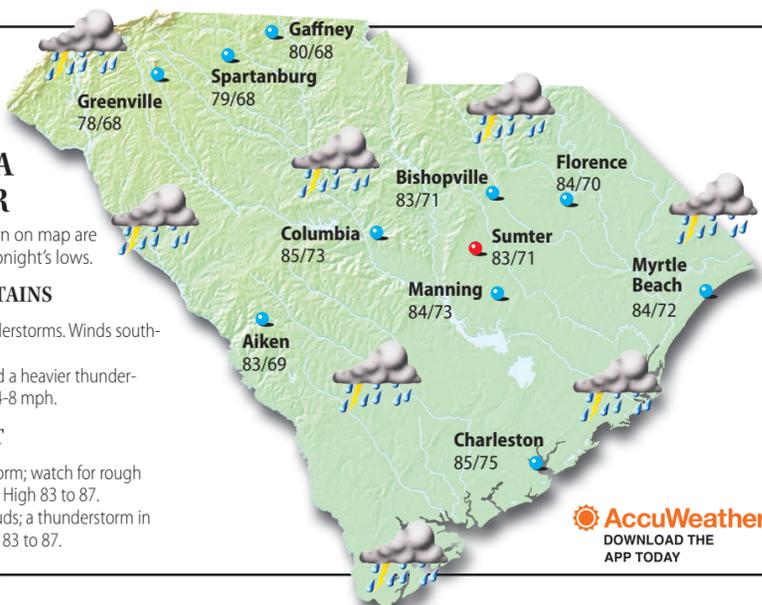
**Today:** Heavy thunderstorms. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

**Friday:** Showers and a heavier thunderstorm. Winds south 4-8 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** A thunderstorm; watch for rough surf and rip currents. High 83 to 87.

**Friday:** Variable clouds; a thunderstorm in southern parts. High 83 to 87.



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
89°	89°	73°	90°	69°	105° in 1980	59° in 1997

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.02"	0.02"	0.00"	0.19"	21.91"	26.54"	28.53"

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.80	-0.06
Marion	76.8	75.68	+0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.38	none
Wateree	100	96.93	+0.05

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.83	+0.46
Congaree River	19	3.25	-0.44
Lynches River	14	9.54	-0.39
Saluda River	14	3.60	+1.23
Up. Santee River	80	77.22	-0.17
Wateree River	24	6.87	-1.17

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:34 a.m.	Sunset	8:22 p.m.
Moonrise	11:52 p.m.	Moonsset	11:43 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 26

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:59 a.m.	3.0	8:00 a.m.	0.2
	1:22 p.m.	2.8	8:14 p.m.	0.7
Fri.	1:40 a.m.	2.9	8:44 a.m.	0.2
	2:09 p.m.	2.9	9:07 p.m.	0.7

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	77/67/t	80/67/t
Chicago	82/63/t	85/67/s
Dallas	96/74/pc	98/73/s
Detroit	86/67/pc	86/65/pc
Houston	94/72/s	94/74/pc
Los Angeles	87/68/s	86/67/pc
New Orleans	89/73/t	87/73/pc
New York	87/75/t	85/74/pc
Oriando	89/75/t	89/75/t
Philadelphia	88/75/t	87/74/pc
Phoenix	109/87/pc	109/87/pc
San Francisco	65/52/pc	68/53/pc
Wash., DC	88/74/t	83/72/t

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	73/65/t	77/66/t	Florence	84/70/t	85/70/t
Athens	77/66/t	80/67/t	Gainesville	87/74/t	89/74/t
Augusta	84/70/t	84/71/t	Gastonia	82/69/t	82/68/t
Beaufort	87/73/t	87/74/t	Goldsboro	87/72/t	85/71/t
Cape Hatteras	86/76/t	85/77/pc	Goose Creek	84/74/t	85/74/t
Charleston	85/75/t	85/74/t	Greensboro	80/70/t	80/70/t
Charlotte	81/70/t	82/71/t	Greenville	78/68/t	79/68/t
Clemson	78/70/t	81/69/t	Hickory	79/68/t	79/68/t
Columbia	85/73/t	83/73/t	Hilton Head	84/76/t	86/76/t
Darlington	84/72/t	86/71/t	Jacksonville, FL	87/74/t	87/74/c
Elizabeth City	88/75/t	85/74/t	La Grange	79/71/t	82/69/t
Elizabethtown	85/74/t	85/73/t	Macon	79/68/t	82/68/t
Fayetteville	86/72/t	84/71/t	Marietta	75/66/t	80/67/t
			Marion	75/67/t	78/66/t
			Mt. Pleasant	84/75/t	85/75/t
			Myrtle Beach	84/72/t	83/74/c
			Orangeburg	83/72/t	85/73/t
			Port Royal	85/74/t	86/76/t
			Raleigh	84/72/t	82/71/t
			Rock Hill	82/69/t	83/69/t
			Rockingham	83/71/t	85/71/t
			Savannah	87/73/t	87/74/t
			Spartanburg	79/68/t	81/68/t
			Summerville	83/73/t	84/73/t
			Wilmington	85/73/t	84/73/c
			Winston-Salem	80/69/t	79/69/t

## PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Paul Frey comments on his photo submission, "This sign was recently tacked to a tree on Live Oak Road just north of Peace Orchard Road in Dalzell. Apparently, someone has lost their patience with local thieves!"

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PRO BASEBALL



## Home sweet home

PHOTO PROVIDED BY ZACH BLAND / CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS

Charleston left-handed pitcher John Patrick Sears (12) delivers a pitch during a May game against the Columbia Fireflies at Joseph P. Riley Ballpark in Charleston.

### Sumter-native Sears anxious to return to mound for Charleston Riverdogs

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT  
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After spending much of April and all of July nursing a sore shoulder, Sumter native John Patrick Sears is ready to get back on the mound for the Charleston Riverdogs.

The former Wilson Hall and Sumter P-15's left-hander is



SEARS

in the pinstripes after a few months in the Seattle Mari-

ners system. He has been rehabilitating the shoulder and said he's almost ready to get back on the mound.

"I'm getting better, and I should be able to be back pitching in a couple of weeks," Sears said. "It's hard to (move up in the ranks) when you're on the DL, so I'm trying to get off the DL and

get back out there. I'm trying to move up through the ranks, but while I'm here I'm trying to enjoy it, also."

That's not so arduous a task in Charleston.

Sears feels right at home after a solid college career on the same mound as a Citadel Bulldog, where he posted 142 strikeouts in his senior sea-

son, good for fifth-best in Division I college baseball, and being traded to the Yankees in November 2017. The Riverdogs, New York's Single-A affiliate in the South Atlantic League, share Joseph P. Riley Park, AKA "The Joe," with the Bulldogs.

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PRO BASEBALL

### Gausman helps Braves hit boxes for NL East push

BY CHARLES ODUM  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — From the perspective of manager Brian Snitker, the addition of right-hander Kevin Gausman means the Atlanta Braves added help in all the right places for their push to win the NL East.

Snitker applauded four trades made by general manager Alex Anthopoulos.

"I feel really good," Snitker said. "We talked about what you would like to have, and I think he hit all the boxes. Bullpen depth, starting pitcher, maybe a bat off the bench. I think they did a great job."

The Braves acquired Gausman and veteran reliever Darren O'Day from the Baltimore Orioles in exchange for four prospects



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Former Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Kevin Gausman delivers a pitch during a July 28 game against Tampa Bay in Baltimore. Atlanta manager Brian Snitker says the Braves 'hit all the boxes' with four trade-deadline deals, including the acquisition of Gausman and Darren O'Day from Baltimore in their last trade on Tuesday.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### New redshirt rule in place for coaches

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
The Associated Press

For years college football coaches have labored, even agonized, over whether to play a freshman who might be able contribute immediately or hold him out of games to preserve a year of eligibility and hopefully cash in greater rewards down the road.

Those decisions are about to get a whole lot easier.

Rarely does the NCAA pass legislation that is both wholeheartedly endorsed by coaches and beneficial to players, but the new redshirt rule appears to be that kind of smash hit. Players will now be allowed to play in up to four games and still qualify for a redshirt season, maintaining four years of eligibility. In the past, playing just one game could cost a player an entire season of eligibility. Coaches say the change will provide needed roster depth, improve player development and avoid many of those damned-if-you-do-damned-if-you-don't situations where the choice becomes: Short-term need or long-term goals?

"Brilliant. Love it. Greatest rule the NCAA has ever put in in the last 20 years," Minnesota coach PJ Fleck said.

It's a game-changer. But how, exactly?

"I don't know if people on the outside or even maybe us on the inside understand how different that rule is. How much the game is going to be different, the strategy behind

PRO FOOTBALL

### Rivera: Only way to avoid camp injuries is to 'not practice'

BY STEVE REED  
The Associated Press

SPARTANBURG — Panthers coach Ron Rivera may have figured out the only way to avoid injuries to key players in training camp.

"Not practice," Rivera said after Wednesday's practice.

The Panthers are less than a week into training camp but have already lost two key players to potential season-ending injuries.

Right tackle Daryl Williams, a second-team All-Pro last season, dislocated his patella and tore his medial collateral ligament during blocking drills on Saturday. Two days later, cornerback Ross Cockrell broke two bones in his leg

while trying to break up a pass in the end zone during 11-on-11 team drills.

The Panthers aren't the only team hurting.

The Green Bay Packers have lost inside linebacker Jake Ryan and safety Kentrell Brice to severe leg injuries, while Los Angeles Chargers cornerback Jason Verrett also went down. Other teams have lost important players to injuries, too.

It's nothing new, of course.

Injuries happen every year in training camp, a reminder of the fine line coaches must walk between preparing their team for the physicality of the regular season and avoiding injuries to key players that can derail a season.



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Carolina's Ross Cockrell holds his leg in pain after being injured during a practice at the team's training camp in Spartanburg on Monday.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**6:30 a.m.** — LPGA Golf: Women's British Open First Round from Lytham, England (GOLF).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Colorado at St. Louis or Los Angeles Angels at Tampa Bay (MLB NETWORK).  
**1:30 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Bridgestone Invitational First Round from Akron, Ohio (GOLF).  
**4 p.m.** — Horse Racing: Birdstone Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**6 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: K&N Pro Series East from Newton, Iowa (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Barracuda Championship First Round from Akron, Ohio (GOLF).  
**7 p.m.** — Exhibition Basketball: The Basketball Tournament Semifinal Game from Baltimore — Marquette Golden Eagles vs. Overseas Elite (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — CFL Football: Ottawa at Toronto (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at New York Mets (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WFFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Boston or Cincinnati at Washington (MLB NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Dallas at Indiana (NBA TV).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Miami at Atlanta  
**8 p.m.** — NFL Preseason Football: Hall of Fame Game from Canton, Ohio — Chicago vs. Baltimore (WIS 10).  
**8:30 p.m.** — Women's International Soccer: Tournament of Nations Match from Bridgeview, Ill. — United States vs. Brazil (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**9 p.m.** — Exhibition Basketball: The Basketball Tournament Semifinal Game from Baltimore — Eberlein Drive vs. Team Fredette (ESPN).  
**10 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Minnesota at Los Angeles (ESPN2).  
**2 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Fiji International Second Round from Natadola, Fiji (GOLF).

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL**  
**Aug. 8-12**  
**at McCrary Park in Asheboro, North Carolina**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 8**  
 Game 1 -- Lyon County, Kentucky, vs. West Virginia, 9:30 a.m.  
 Game 2 -- Troy, Alabama, vs. Sumter (doubleheader)  
 Game 3 -- Tallahassee, Florida, vs. Wilmington, North Carolina, 4:30 p.m.  
 Game 4 -- Chapin/Newberry vs. Randolph County, North Carolina, (doubleheader)  
**Thursday, Aug. 9**  
 Game 5 -- Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3, 9:30 a.m.  
 Game 6 -- Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4 (doubleheader)  
 Game 7 -- Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3, 4:30 p.m.  
 Game 8 -- Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4 (doubleheader)  
**Friday, Aug. 10**  
 Game 9 -- Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7, 12:30 p.m.  
 Game 10 -- Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8, 4:30 p.m.  
 Game 11 -- Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (doubleheader)  
**Saturday, Aug. 11**  
 Game 12 -- Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11, 4:30 p.m.\*  
 Game 13 -- Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, 7:30 p.m.\*  
**Sunday, Aug. 12**  
 Game 14 -- Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, 1:30 p.m.\*\*  
 Game 15 -- If Necessary  
 \*Pairings for games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary  
 \*\*If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the bye for Game 14

MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	75	34	.688	—
New York	68	38	.642	5½
Tampa Bay	54	53	.505	20
Toronto	48	59	.449	26
Baltimore	33	75	.306	41½

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	59	48	.551	—
Minnesota	49	58	.458	10
Detroit	47	62	.431	13
Chicago	37	69	.349	21½
Kansas City	33	73	.311	25½

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	69	41	.627	—
Seattle	63	45	.583	5
Oakland	64	46	.582	5
Los Angeles	54	54	.500	14
Texas	46	63	.422	22½

**TUESDAY**  
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 3  
 Detroit 2, Cincinnati 1  
 Tampa Bay 10, L.A. Angels 6  
 Philadelphia 3, Boston 1  
 Cleveland 6, Minnesota 2  
 Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 2  
 Arizona 6, Texas 0  
 Oakland 6, Toronto 2  
 Houston 5, Seattle 2

**WEDNESDAY**

Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 5  
 Cleveland 2, Minnesota 0  
 Detroit 7, Cincinnati 4  
 Oakland 8, Toronto 3  
 Houston 8, Seattle 3  
 L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

**TODAY**  
 L.A. Angels (Heaney 6-6) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 1:10 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Keller 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 4-9), 2:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 6-4) at Boston (Johnson 1-3), 7:10 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Cashner 3-9) at Texas (Gallardo 5-1), 8:05 p.m.  
 Toronto (TBD) at Seattle (Hernandez 8-9), 10:10 p.m.

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

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	59	48	.551	—
Atlanta	57	47	.548	½
Washington	54	53	.505	5
Miami	46	63	.422	14
New York	44	61	.419	14

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	61	45	.575	—
Milwaukee	63	47	.573	—
Pittsburgh	56	52	.519	6
St. Louis	54	53	.505	7½
Cincinnati	48	60	.444	14

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	60	49	.550	—
Colorado	58	48	.547	½
Los Angeles	59	49	.546	½
San Francisco	55	54	.505	5
San Diego	42	68	.382	18½

**TUESDAY**  
 San Francisco 3, San Diego 2, 10 innings  
 Washington 25, N.Y. Mets 4  
 Pittsburgh 5, Chicago Cubs 4  
 Detroit 2, Cincinnati 1  
 Philadelphia 3, Boston 1  
 Atlanta 11, Miami 6  
 Colorado 6, St. Louis 3  
 Arizona 6, Texas 0  
 Milwaukee 1, L.A. Dodgers 0

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 3  
 Detroit 7, Cincinnati 4  
 Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Miami at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
 Colorado at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

**TODAY**  
 Colorado (Senzatela 4-3) at St. Louis (Mikolas 11-3), 1:15 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Mahle 7-8) at Washington (Scherzer 14-5), 7:05 p.m.  
 Miami (Richards 3-5) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 6-9), 7:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Foltynewicz 7-7) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 2-6), 7:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (Erlin 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 3-4), 8:05 p.m.  
 Milwaukee (Chacin 10-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-5), 9:00 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Bumgarner 3-4) at Arizona (Greinke 12-5), 9:40 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
 San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
 Miami at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
 Colorado at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.  
 Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

MLB LEADERS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
 BATTING Betts, Boston, .338; Altuve, Houston, .329; Martinez, Boston, .323; Machado, Los Angeles, .315; Segura, Seattle, .315; Trout, Los Angeles, .312; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .304; Simmons, Los Angeles, .304; Ramirez, Cleveland, .301; Rosario, Minnesota, .297.  
 RUNS Lindor, Cleveland, 92; Betts, Boston, 84; Trout, Los Angeles, 82; Ramirez, Cleveland, 77; Martinez, Boston, 76; Benintendi, Boston, 73; Bregman, Houston, 73; Segura, Seattle, 72; Springer, Houston, 72; Judge, New York, 70.  
 RBI Martinez, Boston, 89; Davis, Oakland, 84; Ramirez, Cleveland, 78; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 76; Bregman, Houston, 71; Haniger, Seattle, 69; Lowrie, Oakland, 68; Lindor, Cleveland, 67; Gattis, Houston, 66; 2 tied at 65.  
 HITS Altuve, Houston, 134; Segura, Seattle, 130; Rosario, Minnesota, 128; Lindor, Cleveland, 126; Martinez, Boston, 126; Castellanos, Detroit, 120; Jones, Baltimore, 119; Merrifield, Kansas City, 119; Ramirez, Cleveland, 119; Betts, Boston, 118.  
 DOUBLES Escobar, Arizona, 37; Bregman, Houston, 35; Lindor, Cleveland, 34; Bogaerts, Boston, 31; Castellanos, Detroit, 31; Merrifield, Kansas City, 31; Abreu, Chicago, 30; Andujar, New York, 30; Ramirez, Cleveland, 29; 2 tied at 28.

TRIPLES Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Smith, Tampa Bay, 7; Benintendi, Boston, 6; Hernandez, Toronto, 6; Chapman, Oakland, 5; Moncada, Chicago, 5; Profar, Texas, 5; 9 tied at 4.  
 HOME RUNS Martinez, Boston, 32; Ramirez, Cleveland, 32; Trout, Los Angeles, 30; Davis, Oakland, 29; Lindor, Cleveland, 27; Cruz, Seattle, 26; Gallo, Texas, 26; Judge, New York, 26; Betts, Boston, 25; 3 tied at 24.  
 STOLEN BASES Gordon, Seattle, 25; Ramirez, Cleveland, 25; Merrifield, Kansas City, 23; Anderson, Chicago, 21; Betts, Boston, 20; Trout, Los Angeles, 20; Benintendi, Boston, 19; DeShields, Texas, 18; Smith, Tampa Bay, 18; 2 tied at 16.  
 PITCHING Severino, New York, 14-4; Carrasco, Cleveland, 13-5; Kluber, Cleveland, 13-6; Porcello, Boston, 13-4; Gonzales, Seattle, 12-5; Morton, Houston, 12-2; Snell, Tampa Bay, 12-5; 4 tied at 11.  
 ERA Sale, Boston, 2.04; Verlander, Houston, 2.24; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.27; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.34; Cole, Houston, 2.55; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.79; Morton, Houston, 2.90; Severino, New York, 2.94; Skaggs, Los Angeles, 3.34; Gonzales, Seattle, 3.37.  
 STRIKEOUTS Sale, Boston, 207; Bauer, Cleveland, 195; Cole, Houston, 194; Verlander, Houston, 190; Paxton, Seattle, 163; Morton, Houston, 159; Severino, New York, 157; Berrios, Minnesota, 142; Kluber, Cleveland, 139; Carrasco, Cleveland, 138.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
 BATTING Yelich, Milwaukee, .321; Markakis, Atlanta, .319; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .318; Freeman, Atlanta, .316; Gennett, Cincinnati, .313; Realmuto, Miami, .308; Almora, Chicago, .307; Arenado, Colorado, .306; Suarez, Cincinnati, .300; Baez, Chicago, .300.  
 RUNS Blackmon, Colorado, 80; Albies, Atlanta, 77; Yelich, Milwaukee, 72; Arenado, Colorado, 70; Carpenter, St. Louis, 68; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 68; Harper, Washington, 67; Pham, Tampa Bay, 67; 3 tied at 66.  
 RBI Baez, Chicago, 82; Suarez, Cincinnati, 81; Arenado, Colorado, 79; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 74; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 70; Rizzo, Chicago, 69; Story, Colorado, 69; Freeman, Atlanta, 68; Gennett, Cincinnati, 67; Markakis, Atlanta, 67.  
 HITS Markakis, Atlanta, 130; Freeman, Atlanta, 128; Gennett, Cincinnati, 123; Castro, Miami, 122; Albies, Atlanta, 120; Anderson, Miami, 120; Blackmon, Colorado, 118; Peraza, Cincinnati, 118; Yelich, Milwaukee, 118; 2 tied at 117.  
 DOUBLES Markakis, Atlanta, 32; Carpenter, St. Louis, 31; Albies, Atlanta, 30; Story, Colorado, 29; Baez, Chicago, 28; Freeman, Atlanta, 27; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 27; Rendon, Washington, 26; Mercer, Pittsburgh, 25; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 25.  
 TRIPLES KMarte, Arizona, 10; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8; Baez, Chicago, 6; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 6; Difo, Washington, 6; Nimmo, New York, 6; Rosario, New York, 6; 5 tied at 5.  
 HOME RUNS Arenado, Colorado, 28; Carpenter, St. Louis, 26; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 25; Harper, Washington, 25; Muncy, Los Angeles, 24; Suarez, Cincinnati, 24; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 23; Baez, Chicago, 22; Blackmon, Colorado, 21; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 21.  
 STOLEN BASES Turner, Washington, 28; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 25; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 23; Inciarte, Atlanta, 23; Baez, Chicago, 19; Cain, Milwaukee, 19; Peraza, Cincinnati, 17; Dyson, Arizona, 16; 3 tied at 14.  
 PITCHING Scherzer, Washington, 14-5; Godley, Arizona, 12-6; Greinke, Arizona, 12-5; Lester, Chicago, 12-4; Nola, Philadelphia, 12-3; Mikolas, St. Louis, 11-3; Chacin, Milwaukee, 10-3; Newcomb, Atlanta, 10-5; 6 tied at 9.  
 ERA deGrom, New York, 1.82; Scherzer, Washington, 2.30; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.35; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.83; Greinke, Arizona, 2.96; Foltynewicz, Atlanta, 3.05; Freeland, Colorado, 3.13; Lester, Chicago, 3.22; Newcomb, Atlanta, 3.23; Corbin, Arizona, 3.26.  
 STRIKEOUTS Scherzer, Washington, 200; Corbin, Arizona, 166; deGrom, New York, 164; Greinke, Arizona, 143; Nola, Philadelphia, 142; Gray, Colorado, 136; Pivetta, Philadelphia, 134; Foltynewicz, Atlanta, 133; Godley, Arizona, 130; Velasquez, Philadelphia, 122.

WNBA STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	16	10	.615	—
Washington	15	11	.577	1
Connecticut	14	12	.538	2
Chicago	10	17	.370	6½
New York	7	18	.280	8½
Indiana	3	23	.115	13

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	20	7	.741	—
Minnesota	15	10	.600	4
Los Angeles	15	11	.577	4½
Phoenix	15	12	.556	5
Dallas	14	12	.538	5½
Las Vegas	12	13	.480	7

**TUESDAY**  
 Washington 86, Atlanta 71  
 Chicago 92, Dallas 91  
 Seattle 102, Phoenix 91

**WEDNESDAY**  
 New York at Connecticut, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.

**TODAY**  
 Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
 Las Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.

PANTHERS

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"If you look at what happened (with our injuries) the truth of the matter is there is nothing you can do about it," Rivera said. "That was a freak injury for Ross where the receiver was falling to the ground and he happened to step into it and got rolled up. Daryl was kick-sliding and turned his ankle and came down on it."

Rivera said injuries are the "unfortunate nature of this game."

Still, as a coach he is always looking for ways to prevent them, constantly telling players to "be smart" on the field.

He did that prior to Wednesday morning's practice on a slick field at Wofford College following overnight rain.

"I told the defensive backs and the linebackers, 'Hey, let's be smart about the receivers crossing because we don't want to catch anybody in a bad spot,'" Rivera said.

Some injuries can be prevented.

That's why Rivera and his assistants were unhappy with rookie safety Rashaan Gaulden earlier this week he knocked wide receiver Jarius Wright to the ground in the back of the end zone with a vicious blow to the upper body — one that might have collected a fine from the league had it happened in a game situation. Wright remained on the ground for almost a minute before getting up.

He returned to practice a short while later.

Panthers wide receiver Devin Funchess immediately yelled at Gaulden after the play, saying "that's what we talked about — you have to know better."

Coaches later called Gaulden aside to reprimand him.

"Hey, that's going to be very suspect because it falls right into the ram, butt and spear idea of using the helmet," Rivera said. "So we've got to make sure these young people understand it."

Overall, Panthers left Matt Kalil said that "sometimes you just can't control" injuries.

"You want to play aggressive out here and you want to go full speed and get a game-time simulation," Kalil said. "We want to be smart. I think what we can do as veterans, and as players, is we have a guy who is about to fall we want to keep him up and keep him off the ground. But it's hard because there are a lot of guys flying around out here."

Panthers cornerback James Bradberry said there is a contact on every play.

"It's very tough because one of the key components of making a Super Bowl run is having everybody healthy. And when you have prominent guys go down, it's tough," Bradberry said. "You've just got to have that next-man-up mentality. And that's what we have here."

BRAVES FROM PAGE B1

Tuesday. The Braves also added outfielder Adam Duvall, acquired from the Reds late Monday, and relievers Brad Brach and Jonny Venters in the last five days.

Atlanta didn't part with any of its top prospects in the process, either.

The Orioles acquired Triple-A right-hander Evan Phillips, Class A infielder Jean Carlos Encarnacion and two Double-A prospects — catcher Brett Cumberland and left-hander Bruce Zimmermann. Baltimore also received international signing bonus slot money.

"We're always reluctant to move some of our higher ranked guys," Anthopoulos said. "... We like the guys we lost. There are certain guys that are more high-profile. We didn't go into the trade deadline saying we refuse to move on our top prospects. Certain guys are harder to acquire than oth-

ers. For the right deal for the right player, we're open to it."

The Braves entered Tuesday's trade deadline a half-game behind first-place Philadelphia and five games ahead of third-place Washington in the NL East. The Phillies have also made a push, adding catcher Wilson Ramos and left-hander Aaron Loup on Tuesday after picking up infielder Asdrubal Cabrera last Friday. The Nationals traded away reliever Brandon Kintzler but otherwise stood pat at the deadline.

"We were just trying to make the team better," Anthopoulos said. "Obviously it's going to be a tight race in the East. Philadelphia made some nice moves. The Nats, we know how talented they are. ... It's going to be tough. We want to win the division, as all the other teams do, but even the wild card is going to be challenging."

Duvall joined the team Tuesday and has been designated for a platoon role,

with most of his starts coming against left-handers. He'll play left field, with rookie Ronald Acuna Jr. moving to center and Ender Inciarte moving to the bench against left-handers.

Duvall, hitting .205 with 15 home runs and 61 RBIs, also gives the team a powerful pinch-hitter.

Duvall said the platoon role "doesn't really matter to me."

"I'm excited to be here," he said. "However they use me, I'll go in there and do my best and hopefully win some ballgames."

O'Day had season-ending surgery on his left hamstring July 12 and was acquired to be part of Atlanta's 2019 bullpen.

Gausman, 27, was 5-8 with a 4.43 ERA in 21 games started for Baltimore. He is under team control through 2020.

"Really excited to go to a team that's playing really well right now, playing meaningful games," Gausman said, adding he was excited about his role

after talking with Anthopoulos.

"I think it's a good fit," Gausman said. "After talking to their GM, I think they really liked me and have some things that can help me."

This is the second deal between the teams in three days. Atlanta acquired Brach from Baltimore for an international signing slot Sunday.

Gausman adds experience to a rotation that has lost rookie Mike Soroka and right-hander Brandon McCarthy to injuries.

Anthopoulos said he didn't feel he had to add a starting pitcher because he likes the depth provided by prospects, including left-hander Kolby Allard, promoted from Triple-A Gwinnett to make his debut Tuesday night against Miami.

"We were just looking at the right value and the right deal," Anthopoulos said.

Allard is expected to be sent back to Gwinnett following Tuesday night's game.

SEARS FROM PAGE B1

"I feel like I'm back like I was at college, back at home kind of feeling," Sears said. "It's nice to have my family around and a lot of my friends, and not just for the games. It's not that hard to be here. I don't have to be away from my family or to be away from what I'm used to, so it's nice to be here." Sears has a 1-5 record in his 11 appearances with the Riverdogs but 54 strikeouts in 54 innings pitched and a 2.67 earned run

average. Numbers don't tell the whole story, however, and Sears is anxious to settle into his role.

"It's more of a lifestyle for sure," Sears said of the 140-plus game regular season.

"It's a lot more time spent at the stadium, spent on the bus traveling to different places around the Southeast. But it's kind of my job now, and it's not a bad job to have. I'm enjoying it."

Sears is also happy to be in

the same town as his younger brother, McClendon, who is playing for the Florence Redwolves of the Coastal Plain League this summer but will soon be returning for his red-shirt freshman season at the College of Charleston. He said he hasn't crossed paths very much with Montgomery or Caldwell but looks forward to representing Sumter along with them.

"We're in different areas and different situations right now," Sears said. "I got to talk to Jordan a little bit during Spring Training. I just saw

him one day, but he's more on the big league side of it, and Bruce was getting signed in the middle of the year, so I haven't really talked to him at all. But I'm sure I'll get to catch up with them in the off-season."

Sears said developing as a baseball player in Sumter is good preparation for playing at higher levels, and joining his former teammates in the Yankees organization is special.

"Sumter is not a big city, and there's not really a lot going on but has always bred good baseball talent," said

Sears, a 2014 graduate of Wilson Hall. "I'm fortunate enough to be one of those guys that is out here representing Sumter, and now representing Charleston. I'm proud to be from Sumter, and I'm sure the other guys that are doing the same thing I'm doing right now, like Jordan and Bruce, are too.

"I know we have some good young players coming up, too," he said. "I saw the Legion team was playing for state, so hopefully we'll be able to continue that in the next few years."

## SPORTS ITEMS

## Braves support Allard's debut with 19 hits, top Marlins 11-6

ATLANTA — Kolby Allard, supported by a 19-hit attack that included three home runs, won his major league debut and the Atlanta Braves beat the Miami Marlins 11-6 on Tuesday night.

Kurt Suzuki hit a three-run double in Atlanta's five-run fourth.

Ronald Acuna Jr. drove in two runs with three hits, including a leadoff homer in the first. Nick Markakis added a two-run homer and Johan Camargo also homered.

Ender Inciarte had four hits and Freddie Freeman drove in a run on three hits.

Allard (1-0), a 2015 first-round draft pick, allowed five runs, four earned, on nine hits and two walks in five-plus innings. Luke Jackson pitched three perfect innings with four strikeouts.

The Braves, who have won three straight, remained one-half game behind first-place Philadelphia in the NL East.

ATHLETICS 8  
BLUE JAYS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Sean Manaea pitched effectively into the seventh inning, Jonathan Lucroy drove in four runs and the Oakland Athletics completed a season sweep of Toronto, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 8-3 on Wednesday.



Atlanta's Kurt Suzuki follows through on a three-run double during the Braves 11-6 victory over the Miami Marlins on Tuesday in Atlanta.

ORIOLES 7  
YANKEES 5

NEW YORK — Sonny Gray was chased in the third inning by the team with worst record in the majors, big league-loss leader Alex Cobb ended a nine-start winless streak and the Baltimore Orioles beat the New York Yankees 7-5 Wednesday.

ASTROS 8  
MARINERS 3

SEATTLE — Marwin Gonzalez hit two of Houston's four home runs, and the Astros knocked the Seattle Mariners from the lead for the second wild card in the American

League with an 8-3 win on Wednesday.

INDIANS 2  
TWINS 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Carlos Carrasco struck out 10 while taking a shutout into the eighth inning, winning his fourth straight start since returning from the disabled list to carry the Cleveland Indians to a 2-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday.

NATIONALS 5  
METS 3

WASHINGTON — Tommy Milone worked seven strong

innings to get his first win in more than a year, Anthony Rendon homered and the Washington Nationals moved back above .500 with a 5-3 victory over the New York Mets on Wednesday.

NATIONALS JETTISON KELLEY  
AFTER HIS OUTBURST ON MOUND

WASHINGTON — Shawn Kelley's outburst on the mound got him booted from the Washington Nationals.

The Nationals designated Kelley for assignment on Tuesday, a day after he threw his glove to the ground and glared into the dugout while working the ninth inning of a 25-4 blowout of the New York Mets.

Manager Dave Martinez and general manager Mike Rizzo say Kelley's actions were disrespectful and unprofessional.

The 34-year-old Kelley signed as a free agent with Washington in December 2015 and appeared in 135 games with the team. He had a 3.34 ERA in 35 appearances this season. He has pitched in 424 games, all in relief, over 10 seasons with four teams, and has a 3.73 career ERA.

OHIO STATE'S MEYER PUT ON  
LEAVE, INVESTIGATION OPENED

Ohio State has placed coach Urban Meyer on paid admin-

istrative leave while it investigates claims that his wife knew about allegations of abuse against an assistant coach years before he was fired last week.

Courtney Smith gave an interview to Stadium and provided text messages to former ESPN reporter Brett McMurphy between her and Shelley Meyer in 2015 and with the wives of other Buckeyes coaches. Courtney Smith also provided threatening texts she claims came from her ex-husband, former assistant Zach Smith.

Zach Smith was fired last week after an Ohio court granted a domestic violence protective order to Courtney Smith.

Hours after Courtney Smith's interview was posted online Wednesday, Ohio State said it was conducting an investigation into the allegations and Meyer was being placed on leave. Offensive coordinator Ryan Day will serve as acting head coach for the Buckeyes, expected to be one of the top teams in the nation again this season.

Meyer said he and athletic director Gene Smith agree that being on leave during the inquiry was best for the investigation and the team.

From wire reports

## RULE FROM PAGE B1

it," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "I think it's going to be fun."

All players, no matter their class year, can be redshirted. Medical red-shirts are common in college football, giving a player back a season of eligibility that was mostly lost to injury.

But it is with the freshman class that teams need a redshirt plan.

Even before incoming recruits step on campus, coaches start mapping out

who is likely to play and who will probably sit. Sometimes the depth chart makes that decision. In other cases, player performance forces the issue.

The evaluation process is constant, but former UCLA coach Jim Mora said by the start of the season the staff has identified the players who will play, those who will redshirt and what players were on the bubble.

"But you had to stay fluid because of things that could happen during the season," said Mora, who will join ESPN as a studio analyst this season.

That is still the case, but now that fluidity is more manageable.

Stanford coach David Shaw said in 2014 the coaches had decided to redshirt Harrison Phillips, who turned into one of the most productive defensive linemen in school history. Injuries forced them to reconsider. The injured veterans returned after two games, but Phillips kept playing rather than returning to the practice squad.

On the flip side, Shaw said, defensive back Paulson Adebo was ready to

play by the end of last season but coaches decided it was not worth losing a year of eligibility.

Expect coaches to take the wraps off plenty of young players during bowl season. Teams often have an eye toward the next season when preparing for a bowl game. Add in the recent trend of some established players skipping the postseason to prepare for the NFL draft process, and the ability to tap into the freshman class without regret in the bowl game becomes even more useful.

## OBITUARIES

## LESLIE ROBINSON

A memorial service for Mr. Leslie Robinson will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main



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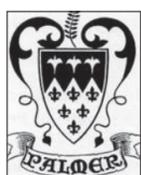
St., Sumter. The public may view today from 2 to 5 p.m. at Palmer Memorial Chapel and on Friday from 9 a.m. until the hour of service.

Leslie "Buck Warley" Robinson, the husband of Sarah Durant, transitioned on Monday, July 30, 2018, at his residence in Pinewood. Born in Sumter County, he was the son of the late Lawrence Warley and Susan Robinson. He was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. Mr. Robinson was employed by Kirven Mills Co., Pinewood, and was a former member St. James UME Church, also in Pinewood.

Survivors include: two daughters, Aletha (William) Shannon of Thomasville, North Carolina, and Betty McKnight of Sumter; two sons, Franklin (Janesta) Warley of Thomasville and Bernard Harvin of Brooklyn, New York; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; special cousins, Odell Robinson and Dolly McFadden; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

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## LINDA MAE TURNER

Linda Mae Brooks Moore Turner, age 56, beloved wife and partner of 23 years to John Wendell Turner, died on Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Sumter.

Born in Iowa, she was the daughter of the late John

Brooks and Marie Brooks. Linda graduated from Kent State University in Ohio. She became a registered nurse



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and worked for Palmetto Health Tuomey for more than 25 years. Her true joy in life was spending time with her family, especially her three grandchildren. She was given the name "NeNe" by her adoring grandbabies. She was passionate about horses, nature and her God. The Great Adventure Fellowship Horse Riding Club helped her find her way and created friendships that grew with each ride. Linda lived life to the fullest, enjoying scuba diving, kayaking, boating, ATV riding, camping with her horses and relaxing at the beach. She will be remembered as a very loving wife, mother, NeNe, sister and friend. Her feisty, loving spirit brightened many lives, and she will be dearly missed.

Loving family members missing her are: one daughter, Erica Rikki Lynn Moore, and her loving companion, Jerry Niles, of Sumter; one brother, John David Brooks and his wife, Helen, of Biloxi, Mississippi; four sisters, Mary Lou Brooks of Sumter, Tracey Redmon Lyall and her husband, Jim, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Carol Clemens and Rose Marie Cormeny, both of Centerville, Iowa; three grandchildren, Zachary Niles Moore, Xander Niles Moore and Skyler Niles Moore; and her chosen sister, Shirley Fink. She will also be missed by her two devoted puppies, Surci and Suki, as well as her two loving horses, Rocky and Tango.

She will be joining her sister, Dian Russell, in heaven.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to one of the

two following charities: Memorial Chapel, 2509 Greenlane, Bishopville SC 29010 or Bethlehem Therapeutic Riding Stables, Tally Ho Equestrian Center, 3962 Lawson Grove Road, Timmonsville, SC 29161.

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.



## BETH DICKERSON

CHARLESTON — Hazel Elizabeth "Beth" Parker Dickerson, 66, widow of David E. Dickerson, died Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at her home.



DICKERSON

Born Dec. 28, 1951, in Manning, she was a daughter of the late William Hazel Parker and Ruth Anderson Blake. Mrs. Dickerson was a charter member of Faith Outreach Assembly in Sumter, where she served as secretary/treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was instrumental, along with Stephen and Rhonda Barrineau, in organizing the Billy Jordan Life Center. She spent most of her employed years in the secretarial and bookkeeping field. After her mother passed away in 2013, she moved to North Charleston to be near her sister. There she made many friends she became very fond of.

Survivors include: her daughter, Melanie Sizemore (David), of Sumter; two grandchildren, John Jordan and Jennifer Hill, both of Eastover; four stepchildren, David Paul Dickerson (Christy) of Sumter, Russell Dickerson of Paxville, Michelle Creed (Steve) of Pinewood and Gina DuBose (Dwayne) of Paxville; several step-grandchildren; and her sister, Betty Welch (Reggie) of North Charleston.

She was preceded in death by her son, Billy Jordan.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Faith Outreach Assembly with the Rev. Betty Gainey officiating. Burial will be in Sumter Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Faith Outreach Assembly.

Memorials may be made to Faith Outreach Assembly, 42 Callen Drive, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

## JAMES L. ROBINSON

BISHOPVILLE — James Lee Robinson, 66, beloved husband of Lizzie Robinson, passed on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

Born in Lee County, he was a son of T.G. McKenzie Robinson and Elena Wesley Robinson.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 970 Calvary Church Road, Bishopville.

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

## HENRY GREENE

Henry Greene, 70, son of the late Joseph Green and Katie Levine Green Green, was born on Aug. 11, 1947, in Sumter. He departed this life on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, at his residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 1109 Jordan St., Sumter, SC 29153.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

## JAMES KITTRELL

James Kittrell, 82, son of the late Charlie Kittrell Jr. and Finittie Dixon Kittrell, was born on Jan. 11, 1936, in Lenior, North Carolina. He departed this life on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at Agape Hospice House, Lexington.

Family will receive friends at the home, 5550 Tally Yates Road, Rembert, SC 29128.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

## LILLIE MAE CANTEY

Lillie Mae Cantey, 70, widow of Joseph Smith and daughter of L.T. Rudd and the late Lula Gaymon Rudd, was born on April 26, 1948, in Sumter. She departed this life on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at her residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 613 N. Magnolia St., Sumter, SC 29150

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

## JADA D. DENNIS

Jada Dionne Dennis, 39, daughter of the late Frances Dennis Williams, was born on Aug. 9, 1978, in Sumter County. She departed this life on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at MUSC Hospital.

Family will receive friends at 534 Kingsbury Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

## PAUL D. MASISAK

WARNER ROBINS, Georgia — Paul D. Masisak, age 68, died on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



## DORIS N. GETER

Doris N. Furman Geter, 71, widow of Willie Geter Sr. and daughter of the late Susan Furman, and raised by the late Wilma Canty and William Levan, was born on Jan. 12, 1947, in Sumter. She departed this life on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at her residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 3925 Third St., Mayesville, SC 29104, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

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## JACOB W. WEATHERMAN

Jacob Wayne Weatherman, 81, of Sumter, passed away on Monday, July 30, 2018. Plans will be announced by Temples Halloran Funeral Home.

**BIZARRO**



**WALLACE THE BRAVE**



**ANDY CAPP**



**GARFIELD**



**BEETLE BAILEY**



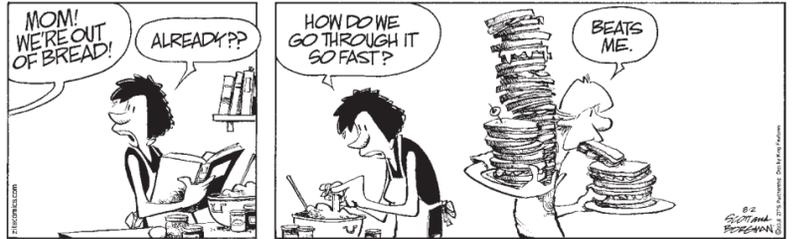
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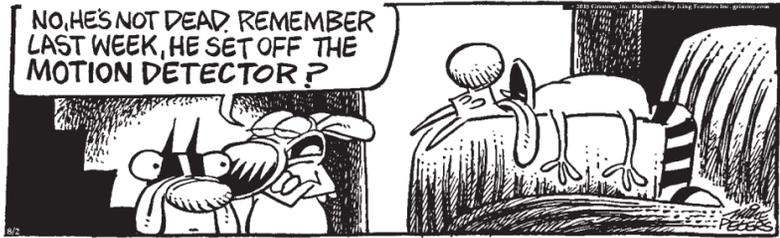
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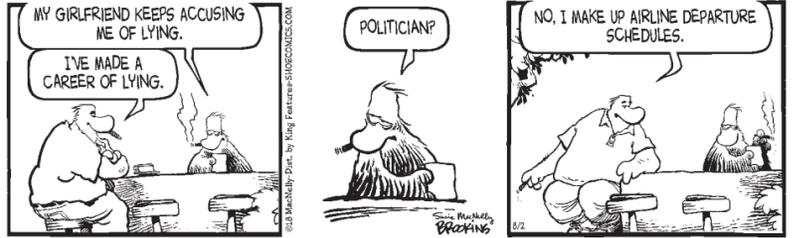
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**JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE**



*Policeman upset by mom using him to scare child*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — The media give us stories of racial conflict and the shooting of police officers almost daily, and every reporter and news anchor proposes solutions. As a Hispanic police officer in a small city, I have an observation.

I was having lunch the other day with two other officers. Sitting across from us was a young mom whose child was throwing a temper tantrum. I overheard her say, "If you don't behave, I'm going to give you to those police officers and let them

beat you!"

Abby, my parents taught me the police were my friends — people I could go to if I had a problem. We work hard to interact with the community. I wonder how many other tired and frustrated parents have made their children afraid of the police and created distrust. Like so many other "social problems," maybe a lot of this really starts with how parents teach their children.

*Police are my friends*

**DEAR POLICE OFFICER** — It is the parents' responsibility to discipline their children; it is not the job of the police! It is a huge mistake for parents to instill fear of authority figures in their children, because a day may come when

the kid needs help from one of them.

And by the way, this doesn't happen only with law enforcement officers. I have heard of children who are terrified of doctors because their mothers threatened them by saying if they misbehaved, "the doctor would give them a shot." To say these are prime examples of poor parenting is putting it mildly.

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**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

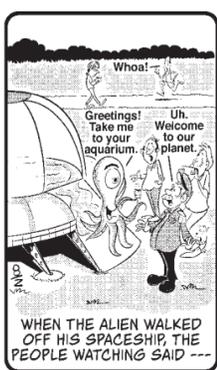
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VERPO

THAWC

NWORTH

OLAFTA



WHEN THE ALIEN WALKED OFF HIS SPACESHIP, THE PEOPLE WATCHING SAID ---

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: MAUVE TABOO BANISH TOMORROW  
Answer: When the pirate with the peg leg was told to walk the plank, he was — OUT ON A LIMB

**SUDOKU**

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

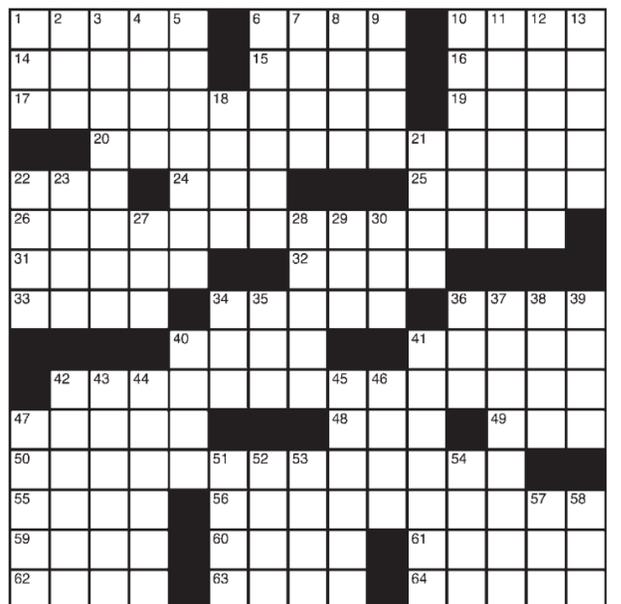
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**Ed Sessa**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Lacks options
- 6 Passion
- 10 Asian holidays
- 14 When Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are last seen in "Hamlet"
- 15 Super-large film format
- 16 Tons
- 17 Give some space
- 19 Filmmaker Vertmüller
- 20 The blacksmith was busted for
- 22 Chow line?
- 24 Clamor
- 25 Pistons great Thomas
- 26 The miner was busted for
- 31 Pattern for some school uniforms
- 32 French peak
- 33 Toga fighters
- 34 Dogpatch name
- 36 Some
- 40 Desertlike
- 41 Jane Curtin title role
- 42 The marathoner was busted for
- 47 Confuse with booze
- 48 Vein find
- 49 Word with bar or suit

- 50 The barber was busted for
- 55 "I hate the Moor" speaker
- 56 Creates opportunities
- 59 Piano piece for four hands
- 60 "Love Song" singer
- 61 China's Zhou
- 62 Alternatively
- 63 Cheribundi
- 64 Real cards

- 12 Some small trucks
- 13 Secret store
- 18 Not fer
- 21 Walk in the woods
- 22 iPhone downloads
- 23 Agitate
- 27 Soul supplier
- 28 Pampers maker, for short
- 29 World Cup cheer
- 30 EMT's skill
- 34 MSNBC journalist
- 35 Compost holder
- 36 Clerical vestment
- 37 Had no copilot
- 38 Joyce's land
- 39 Old place?
- 40 Not for
- 41 One changing a bill

- 42 Move again, as lumber
- 43 Linguist's concerns
- 44 Dissenting ballot
- 45 Presidential speechwriter
- 46 "Mila 18" novelist
- 47 Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive" was one
- 51 Odor detector
- 52 Students' stats
- 53 Blacksmith, miner, marathoner or barber, in this puzzle
- 54 "Beloved" author
- 57 Squeal
- 58 Part of the fam

**Previous Puzzle Solved**

J	E	D	I	A	M	C	S	E	I	Z	E	S		
A	X	O	N	L	O	L	L	E	N	O	V	O		
V	I	T	A	L	I	T	Y	O	L	D	M	E	N	
A	T	E	A	C	E	D	E	B	R	O				
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P	I	E	D	O	V	E	R	L	O	T				
S	P	L	I	T	I	N	F	I	N	I	T	I	V	E
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P	A	N	D	A	S	H	S	N	P	L	A	Y		

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM		
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>														
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears vs Baltimore Ravens. The NFL preseason begins with the Hall of Fame Game between the Bears and Ravens in Canton, Ohio. Both teams have outstanding middle linebackers entering the Hall of Fame this year as Baltimore's Ray Lewis and Chicago's Brian Urlacher are enshrined. (N) (Live)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)				
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory (DVS)	(:31) Young Sheldon (DVS)	(:01) Big Brother Eviction; head of household competition. (N) (Live)		News 19 at 11pm (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Chloë Grace Moretz; Bobcat Goldthwait. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Delicious Destinations"	Jeopardy! "Tournament of Champions: Week 1"	The Gong Show "Rob Riggle; Ken Jeong; Kristen Schaal" Rob Riggle; Ken Jeong; Kristen Schaal. (N)		Match Game Kenan Thompson; Niecy Nash.		Take Two "About Last Night" Sam and Eddie suspect they were drugged. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Bret Baier; Courtney Barnett" Bret Baier; Courtney Barnett performs. (N)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe Budapest, Hungary.	Palmetto Scene	Little Women on Masterpiece: Four sisters prepare for Christmas.		Endeavour on Masterpiece "Icarus" (Season Finale) A teacher goes missing. (N)		The Tunnel: Vengeance Karl makes a foreboding discovery.		BBC World News The This Old House Hour		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Loobenfeld Decay"	The Big Bang Theory	The Four: Battle for Stardom "The Finale" artist the winner. (N) (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike must act like a boss, not a dad.	Last Man Standing Eve's friend needs a place to stay.	Supernatural "Good Intentions" Jack and Mary escape Michael's clutches.		Black Lightning "Black Jesus: The Book of Crucifixion" Lynn seeks help from Henderson.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Maltese Cross" A firefighter is found stabbed to death.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Bedfellows" Detectives investigate a family.		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>														
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 Presents: PD Cam (N)	Nightwatch Presents	(:05) Live PD: Police Patrol	(:34) Live PD: Police Patrol	(12:03) Live PD: Police Patrol
AMC	48	180		(5:25) *** "The Goonies" (1985) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin.		*** "Men in Black" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino. Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.				(:05) *** "Men in Black II" (2002, Action) Premiere. Agents Jay and Kay defend Earth from a sultry alien enemy.		Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Rip Torn. from a sultry alien enemy.		(12:10) *** "Hancock" (2008)
ANPL	41	100		Lone Star Law "Run and You're Done"		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Predator Pests" Dangerous big cats; nasty alligator.				Northwest Law (N)		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Predator Pests"		
BET	61	162		(:01) *** "House Party" (1990, Musical Comedy) Robin Harris, Full Force, Kid 'N Play. Two teenage rappers try to throw a party.						The Grand Hustle "Failure to Launch" Teams throw launch parties for artists.		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Predator Pests"		(12:04) Martin "Fat Like Dat"
BRAVO	47	181		Shahs of Sunset "Reunion Part 1" Andy Cohen sits down with the Shahs.		Shahs of Sunset "Reunion Part 2" Shervin addresses rumors.		Shahs of Sunset (Season Premiere) Mike is single and ready to mingle. (N)		Shahs of Sunset Mike is single and ready to mingle.		Watch What Happens Live		Shahs of Sunset Mike is single and ready to mingle.
CNBC	35	84		Shark Tank Toilet training kit for cats.		Shark Tank		Shark Tank Fitness apparel line.		Jay Leno's Garage "Rolling Sculpture"		Jay Leno's Garage		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)		Anderson Cooper
COM	57	136		(6:50) The Office	(:25) The Office	The Office "The Return"	The Office "Ben Franklin"	The Office "Phyllis' Wedding"	The Office "Business School"	The Office "Cocktails"	Detroiters "Hark Motors" (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office "The Carpet"	(12:01) King of the Hill
DISN	18	200		Bunk'd	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	Big City Greens	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp		Stuck in the Middle	Bunk'd Hazel makes Zuri a CIT.
DSC	42	103		Naked and Afraid "Swamp Queen"		Naked and Afraid "Hurricane Aftermath" Monkeys torment survivalists. (N)						Ultimate Ninja Challenge (N)		Naked and Afraid
ESPN	26	35		Basketball TBT Tournament: Overseas Elite vs. Golden Eagles. (N) (Live)				Basketball TBT Tournament: Team Fredette vs. Eberlein Drive. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter
ESPN2	27	39		CFL Football Ottawa Redblacks at Toronto Argonauts. (N) (Live)						WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx at Los Angeles Sparks. (N) (Live)				Nación ESPN (N)
FOOD	40	109		Chopped "Food Truck Fight"		Chopped Food truck chefs battle it out.		The Great Food Truck Race (N)		Beat Bobby Flay	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		Tucker Carlson
FREE	20	131		(6:00) *** "The Lion King" (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick.		Marvel's Cloak & Dagger New Orleans is thrown into chaos.		(:01) Marvel's Runaways "Reunion" Teens' parents may be hiding a secret.		(:01) Marvel's Cloak & Dagger New Orleans is thrown into chaos.		The 700 Club How to build a better gut. (Part 4 of 4)		How I Met Your Mother
FSS	21	47		MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)						Braves Live! Post.	SportsMoney	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets.		
HALL	52	183		(6:00) "The Perfect Bride" (2017) Pascale Hutton, Kavan Smith.		"Love on Safari" (2018, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Jon Cor, Brittany Bristow. An American web designer inherits an animal reserve in South Africa.				The Middle "The Paper Route"	The Middle	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "Snap Out of It"	The Golden Girls
HGTV	39	112		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	House Family	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters	Flip or Flop
HIST	45	110		Mountain Men "Nowhere to Run"		Mountain Men "Time and Tide"		Mountain Men "Labor Pains" (N)		(:03) Alone Food becomes scarce. (N)		(:05) Blood Money		Mountain Men
ION	13	18		Blue Bloods "Little Fish" A high-end escort is murdered.		Blue Bloods "Family Ties" The death of a Russian gangster's son.		Blue Bloods "Hall of Mirrors" A counterterrorism agent gets shot.		Blue Bloods "My Funny Valentine" A girl is kidnapped.		Blue Bloods "Dedication" An attempt is made on Frank's life.		Blue Bloods "Age of Innocence"
LIFE	50	145		Grey's Anatomy "What's Inside" Maggie takes on a big case.		*** "Hitch" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith, Eva Mendes, Kevin James. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress.						(:05) Seven Year Switch A surprise announcement raises tensions.	(12:01) *** "Hitch" (2005)	
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)		Rachel Maddow
NICK	16	210		The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	*** "Legally Blonde" (2001) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson.				Friends	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends
PARMT	64	153		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	American Woman	*** "Meet the Parents" (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller.			
SYFY	58	152		(6:30) * "Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance" (2012, Action) Nicolas Cage, Idris Elba, Ciarán Hinds.		*** "Déjà Vu" (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Val Kilmer, Jim Caviezel. A time-folding federal agent falls in love with a future murder victim.						*** "Chappie" (2015) Voice of Sharlto Copley, Dev Patel. Premiere. A robot has the ability to think and feel.		
TBS	24	156		Seinfeld "The Boyfriend"	Seinfeld "The Fix-Up" (DVS)	Seinfeld "The Limo"	Seinfeld "The Good Samaritan"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. "Bobo Beans"	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	Conan Actor Jodie Foster; actor Flula Borg.		Brooklyn Nine-Nine "9 Days"
TCM	49	186		(6:15) *** "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House" (1948) Cary Grant.		*** "Love Crazy" (1941, Romance-Comedy) William Powell, Myrna Loy, Gail Patrick. An anniversary celebration takes an unexpected turn.		*** "I Love You Again" (1940, Comedy) A boating mishap transforms an unhappy businessman.		(:15) *** "Maleficent" (2014, Fantasy) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning. A terrible betrayal turns Maleficent's pure heart to stone. (DVS)		(:01) My 600-Lb. Life Lee and Rena battle anger issues.		Castle "The Third Man"
TLC	43	157		My 600-Lb. Life "Olivia's Story"		My 600-Lb. Life "Rena & Lee's Story" Lee and Rena battle anger issues.				Dr. Pimple Popper (N)				
TNT	23	158		NCIS: New Orleans "Undocumented" A staged suicide turns out to be murder.		*** "Cinderella" (2015, Children's) Cate Blanchett, Lily James, Richard Madden. A young woman tries not to lose hope in the face of cruelty. (DVS)								
TRUTV	38	129		Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers (N)		Paid-Torpey	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers
TV LAND	55	161		M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) 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 A series of rapes puts the city on edge.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Evidence of a planned attack emerges.		Queen of the South Teresa faces a mutiny in her own ranks. (N)		(:01) Shooter "Swing Vote" Nadine is sent on a dangerous mission. (N)		(:02) The Sinner "Part I" A young boy kills his parents. (DVS)		(12:02) Queen of the South
WE	68	166		Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop		Bossip on WE TV "August 2, 2018"		Growing Up Hip Hop		Bossip on WE TV
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	Last Man Standing

# NFL preseason begins with Hall of Fame Game

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The NFL returns to prime time. The Chicago Bears and Baltimore Ravens meet in the **Hall of Fame Game** (8 p.m., NBC) in Canton, Ohio, ushering in the preseason.

Having come of age with television, the audience for the NFL has declined along with practically every other broadcast. At the same time, it has retained enough of a fan base to consistently rank among the most-watched programming, attracting tens of millions to big games and more than 100 million viewers to the Super Bowl.

Like everything else, the fall in NFL viewership is best explained by the shrinking number of cable subscribers, the growing number of viewing choices and the changing composition of TV audiences. But some have seen fit to explain its decline in terms of divisive politics.

Football has long been politicized. During the tumultuous Vietnam era, coaches Tom Landry and Vince Lombardi became heroes to a conservative demographic dubbed the "Silent Majority."

In the other camp, many saw football as the perfect metaphor for a country defined by militarism. In October 1975, comedian George Carlin rified on the politics of American sports when he hosted the first episode of "Saturday Night Live."

Carlin saw football as a sport played in stadiums to martial music, encouraging players to march downfield and invade their opponent's territory. In contrast, he impishly described baseball as a game played in a park where the ultimate goal was coming "home."

Carlin's observation notwithstanding, the NFL has a much bigger audience than Major League Baseball. While the NFL will probably survive the current controversies surrounding the national anthem, its long-term prognosis remains in doubt. A growing number of parents discourage their children from playing a sport increasingly identified with brain injuries. Every year brings news of high schools that simply abandon the sport because they cannot field a team. Will people still watch football a generation from now?

Will people still watch "tele-

vision?"

Other football-related choices include **Canadian Football League** action between the **Toronto Argonauts and Ottawa Redblacks** (7 p.m., ESPN2) as well as the 13th season opener of **"Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders: Making the Team"** (10 p.m., CMT, TV-PG).

- It's taken seven episodes for Sam and Eddie to wake up in bed together on **"Take Two"** (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG). But they can't remember how they got there! **Amnesia!**

- **"Bachelorette Weekend"** (11 p.m., CMT) follows a company that caters to brides-to-be and their rowdy friends by giving them a weekend to remember in Nashville.

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- **"Shahs of Sunset"** (9 p.m., Bravo, TV-14) enters its seventh season.

- The final four face each other on the season finale of **"The Four: Battle for Stardom"** (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

- Chaos consumes the Crescent City on the season finale of **"Marvel's Cloak and Dagger"** (8 p.m., Freeform, TV-14).

- Two homicides complicate the business on **"Snowfall"** (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

- African-American writers and editors share gossip and celebrity news on **"Bossip on WE TV"** (10 p.m., TV-14).

### CULT CHOICE

Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith are upstaged by a talking pug in the 1997 spoof **"Men in Black"** (8 p.m., AMC) and its 2002 sequel **"Men in Black II"** (10:05 p.m., AMC).

### SERIES NOTES

Leonard asks for criticism and gets it on **"The Big Bang Theory"** (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) \* Rob Riggle guest-judges on



JACK ROWAND / ABC

When Sam (Rachel Bilson), left, and Eddie (Eddie Cibrian) wake up in bed together with no memory of the previous night, they can't help but wonder what did or didn't happen in the "About Last Night" episode of "Take Two," airing at 10 p.m. today on ABC.

**"The Gong Show"** (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* Jim Beaver guest-stars on **"Supernatural"** (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) \* Fear of germs on **"Young Sheldon"** (8:30 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) \* Secrets emerge on **"Black Lightning"** (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) \* Hondo un-masks a drug kingpin on **"S.W.A.T."** (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

### LATE NIGHT

A\$AP Rocky is booked on **"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah"** (11 p.m., Comedy Central) \* Jodie Foster, Flula Borg and Neko Case appear on **"Conan"** (11 p.m., TBS, r) \* Chloe Grace Moretz and Bobcat Goldthwait are booked on **"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (11:35 p.m., CBS) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Ray Romano, Lauren Miller and Leon Bridges on **"The Tonight Show"** (11:35

p.m., NBC) \* Bret Baier and Courtney Barnett appear on **"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (11:35 p.m., ABC) \* Ewan McGregor, Ann Dowd and Taylor Gordon visit **"Late Night With Seth Meyers"** (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Sean

"Diddy" Combs, Ashton Kutcher and BTS appear on **"The Late Late Show With James Corden"** (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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### BUSINESS SERVICES

**Home Improvements**

**H.L. Boone, Contractor:** Remodel paint roofs gutters drywall blown ceilings ect. 773-9904

**Legal Service**

**Attorney Timothy L. Griffith** 803-607-9087, 360 W. Wesmark. Criminal, Family, Accident, Injury

**Roofing**

**Robert's Metal Roofing** 35 Yrs exp. 45 yr warranty. Financing avail. Expert installation. Long list of satisfied customers. 803-837-1549.

**All Types of Roofing & Roofing Repairs** All work guaranteed. 30 yrs exp. SC lic. Virgil Bickley 803-316-4734.

**Tree Service**

**Newman's Tree Service** Tree removal, trimming, topping, view enhancement pruning, bobcat work stump grinding, Lic & insured. Call 803-316-0128

**A Notch Above Tree Care** Full quality service low rates, lic./ins., free est BBB accredited 983-9721

### MERCHANDISE

**Want to Buy**

Will buy furniture by piece or bulk, tools, trailers, lawn mowers, 4 wheelers, or almost anything of value. Also old signs & lawn furniture Call 803-983-5364



### Auctions

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
SUMTER EAST SELF STORAGE  
800 MYRTLE BEACH HWY.  
AUCTION  
August 11, 2018  
10:00 A.M.

**UNITS FOR AUCTION**  
A-21 - Renitice Drayton  
A-29 - Linda M. Geter  
A-49 - Carrie L. Rubin  
A-53 - Sylvia Harry  
A-56 - Mary A. Miller  
B-5 - Mary A. Miller  
B-15 - Frizell Johnson  
C-3 - Angelia D. Wright  
C-29 - William Fullwood  
F-20 - Danielle Wright  
F-25 - Kelly A. Richardson  
F-26 - Jacqueline Kimes  
F-38 - Sandra P. Hill  
G-11 - Kelly A. Richardson  
G-28 - Catherine White  
H-29 - Sonja H. Ray

### Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

**Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale:** Fri. & Sat. Aug. 3rd & 4th, 8am-4pm at Clarendon Baptist Church, Main St, Alcolu

**Indoor Multi-Family Yard Sale:** Sat. Aug. 4th 7-1 at 995 N. Pike (old reality center) next to Black River Electric. Toys, furniture, appliances, clothes, exercise equipment, office furniture, boat and many many more.

**MEGA MOVING SALE**  
Fri. & Sat. 8 am - 3 pm, 3280 Mitchum St., DR furn., Safavieh area rugs, child & craft desks, twin & trundle mattress; Kitchenware, camping gear, exercise equip., toys, books; clothing ladies (8-12), boys (8-16) Cash & credit card accepted

**307 Rogers Ave.** Thurs. & Fri. 8-? Yard equip., Riding mower, old rifle, collectible knives & coins, & more.

### EMPLOYMENT

**Help Wanted Full-Time**

**Law office** seeks employee for Secretarial position requiring efficient typing, dictaphone, computer and office skills. Send resume to Box 338 c/o The Item, PO Box 1677 Sumter SC 29151

**Full Time Sales position** available. Some experience preferred but will train. No calls. Apply at Wally's Hardware 1291 Broad St.

**In home Care for elderly person needed.** Prefer CNA. Please call 803-316-1563 or 702-235-5490.

### Help Wanted Full-Time

**Nesbitt Transportation** is now hiring Class A CDL Drivers. Must be 23 yrs old and have 2 yrs experience. Home nights and weekends. Call 843-621-0943 or 843-659-8254

**NOW HIRING** Site Supervisor & Security Officers for all shifts in Sumter. Call 803.551.0389 or visit website [ussecurityassociates.com](http://ussecurityassociates.com)

### A CAREER YOU NEVER THOUGHT OF!

Could we be looking for you? Looking for people to develop a career path to success.

**Benefits:**  
•Competitive  
•Paid vacation after a year of service for full time shift managers  
•Meals  
•Incentives including retail and service discounts  
**McDonald's NOW HIRING:** Shift Manager  
Application can be filled out Monday-Friday 8:00AM -5:00PM! 1960 Paxville HWY Manning, SC 29102

**Newman's Tree Service**  
Now hiring for lawn care. Driver's license & transportation is a required. 803-316-0128

### Help Wanted Part-Time

**Housekeeper needed,** must have exp. and references avail. Must pass background check. Call 803-236-3603

### RENTALS

**Rooms for Rent**

**ROOMS FOR RENT** \$100- \$125 /wkly. First week rent free! All utilities & cable included. 803-938-2709

### Unfurnished Apartments

**HUNTINGTON PLACE APARTMENTS**  
RENTS FROM \$650 PER MO.

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125 W. Bartlette.  
775-0575  
Studio/1 Bedroom apartments available  
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### Mobile Home Rentals

**American MHP,** 2 & 3/BR, lot rentals, water/sewer/garbage pkup inc'd. Sec. 8 ok. 803-494-4300.

### REAL ESTATE

**Homes for Sale**

**Townhouse** at 2287 Dartmouth Dr. 3 Bedrooms 2 full Baths. Granite counter tops, ceramic tile flooring, new HP/AC, double garage, all appliances incl. W/D. Asking \$125,000. Original owner, never rented. Call 803-968-1187.

### Land & Lots for Sale

**Land For Sale** Wedgefield, 4+ Acres with well & septic. Call 803-481-8314

### RECREATION



**Hunting / Fishing**

**Hunting Land for Lease,** for deer stands in Clarendon County. Call (803) 473-8896 or (803) 473-3301

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Regardless of year, make or model, we will pay you good money for your current vehicle. We can give you a fair price appraisal in 15 minutes. Call Dealer For An Appointment **855.223.5023**

### TRANSPORTATION



**Miscellaneous**

**Refurbished batteries** as low as \$45. **New batteries** as low as \$65. 6, 8, & 12v golf cart batteries avail. **Lawnmower batteries** \$38.95. **Auto Electric Co.** 102 Blvd Rd. 803-773-4381

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CALL REDA HOLIDAY at 774-1257 come in and apply at

the Sumter ITEM 36 W. Liberty Street

## Now Hiring!

Home Delivery

**WEDGEFIELD & PATRIOT PARKWAY**

If you have good, dependable transportation, a phone in your home, and a desire to earn extra income

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