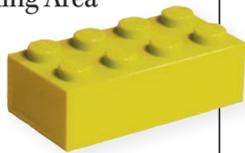




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Schools welcoming 173 new teachers this year

District holds orientation for more new educators than in recent years

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Newness, excitement, joy and some jitters filled the air Wednesday at Sumter School District's New Teacher Orientation at Crestwood High School.

This year, the district has 173 new certified classroom teachers

in Sumter County, according to district staff, one of the highest new teacher totals in recent years.

District administration said they're happy with the additions given the state teacher shortage and the number of vacancies the district had last school year, and they rolled out the welcome mat to all at the Fine Arts Center at Crest-

wood on Wednesday morning.

Kevin Grant, 23 and fresh out of South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, was one new teacher in attendance.

Grant grew up in Dalzell and is a 2013 Crestwood graduate. In his elementary school years, Grant

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Local effort, worldwide effects



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Thousands of volunteers packed meals at Sumter County Civic Center to feed children around the world on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of Feed My Starving Children.

Sumter chapter of Feed My Starving Children packs 400K meals for kids in need in developing countries

BY DANNY KELLY
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Feed My Starving Children MobilePack made meals at Sumter County Civic Center to feed starving children in the developing world.

The event occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday, with more than 2,000 volunteers helping the cause both days. "Our goal is to make 400,000 meals," Sumter FMSC MobilePack Chairman Sarah Bradham said. "We have 240 volunteers per session."

The group's goal was to make 50,000 meals per two-hour session, with a total of eight sessions. Those meals will give 136 children one meal a day for an entire year.



Dom Jones scoops an ingredient to help pack meals Tuesday.

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Sara Beaty helps organize the meals her group packed for hungry children around the world.

BY THE NUMBERS

5

years Sumter has participated in the packing event

\$90,000

raised in Sumter

50,000

meals packed per two-hour session

8

sessions held at the Sumter County Civic Center

136

children fed a meal a day for a year through Sumter's efforts

70

countries served by FMSC

1987

FMSC founded as a Christian nonprofit organization

163 million

meals packed nationwide last year

33

states participated in packing events last year

\$110,000

fundraising goal in Sumter for next year to pack half a million meals

School district will change its career fairs to 2 days

Businesses, industry encouraged to sign up to teach students about Sumter job opportunities

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter School District is changing the format of its middle- and high school career fairs this upcoming year.

"It's basically a district-wide career fair," said Mark

Gillard, the district's work-based learning coordinator, on Wednesday when describing the upcoming Education and Career Ready Business Summit to be held Sept. 11-12 at Sumter County Civic Center.

The idea originally came

from members of Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee, which consists of several local businesses and industries that generally faithfully attend numerous schools' career fairs throughout the county each year, Gillard said.

The district said let's try it, and the two-day summit is now on the calendar. The schedule is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

each day.

Gillard said the event objective is for local businesses to showcase their organization with the end goal to keep students in Sumter after graduation for their careers.

"We're trying to keep all of our talent here in Sumter," Gillard said. "Even if they go off to college, at least come back and realize we have some great opportunities here

at home."

To that end, manufacturing and service-sector industries throughout Sumter are invited to sign up to put their business on display at the summit.

According to Gillard, all the district's seventh-graders (about 1,300 in total) will descend on the civic center at rotating times and take part

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WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING: SUMTER CITY COUNCIL

In phases: Out with old computers, in with new houses

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter City Council listened to plans for a possible grant for Sumter Police Department to replace old patrol vehicle computers and approved agreements for the expansion of two subdivisions on Tuesday.

POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT TO REPLACE OLD COMPUTERS

Reading: None required

Agenda item: A public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding Sumter Police Department's intended uses of funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and local governments.

Background: Sumter Police Department will apply for funding through this grant which projects a \$23,284 allocation if approved. The department will request that the funding be used to replace antiquated computers and docking stations in some of

its marked vehicles. Officers use those computers to complete incident reports, traffic collision reports and electronic ticketing.

Police Chief Russell Roark III said the department began using computers in the vehicles about 5 years ago, and it's time to phase them out.

Public hearing: No public comments

Discussion: City Manager Deron McCormick said it was not necessary for council to vote on the use of the grant. Mayor Joe McElveen moved on to the next agenda item as the other council members seemed to be in agreement with Roark's statements. No other council members commented.

Vote: None required

STAFFORD MEADOWS SUBDIVISION TO HAVE MORE DEVELOPMENTS

Reading: Only one reading required

Agenda item: A maintenance guarantee, letter of credit in the amount of \$35,788.80 and deed of dedication for Phase IV of the Stafford Meadows subdivision which includes the development of 31 residential lots.

Background: The agreements will make the developer responsible for street and infrastructure improvements on Moseley Drive, where the lots will be developed, for a two-year period after approval by council.

Sumter Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposal.

Discussion: Councilman Robert Galiano made a motion for approval, and councilman David Merchant seconded.

Vote: Unanimous approval

HERITAGE BAY SUBDIVISION TO HAVE SIX MORE HOUSES

Reading: Only one reading required

Agenda item: A maintenance guarantee, letter of credit in the amount of \$10,800 and a deed of dedication for Phase 1-B of Heritage Bay subdivision for the development of lots 143-145 and lots 156-158.

Background: The agreements will make the developer responsible for street and infrastructure improvements on Curlew Circle, where the six lots will be developed, for a two-year period after approval by council.

Sumter Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposal.

Discussion: Councilman Calvin Hastie made a motion for approval, and councilman Thomas Lowery seconded.

Vote: Unanimous approval

Sumter Chamber to launch new program aimed at entrepreneurs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce is launching a new program targeting entrepreneurs in the Sumter area interested in learning the four keys to starting a successful business. According to a news release from the Chamber, the program will be made up of six courses beginning Oct. 9 and concluding on Nov. 13.

"The Chamber's Small Business Council has been working on this program since the end of last year. We believe the 4 Keys to starting a successful business are finance, legal, accounting and insurance. We have recruited some of the top business leaders in our community to develop a curriculum to better explain the knowledge needed in those four areas of expertise. It is difficult for someone to start and sustain a small business without an above-average working knowledge of all four, not just a few of them," Chris Hardy, president and CEO of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, said in the release.

According to the Chamber, the mission of the council is to build relationships with existing Chamber investors and to generate new benefits while monitoring existing ones to ensure members' needs are met. The council works to provide new opportunities to assist member business growth and to support the small business community. With this program, the end goal is to encourage, educate and inspire the entrepreneurial spirit.

"A great product or service comes from outside-the-box thinking and passion; however, sustainability comes from knowing how to run a business," Hardy said.

Applications will be available by Friday on the Chamber's website at www.sumterchamber.com. All applications are due by Sept. 30 by emailing the application to Maureen Dunton at maureen@sumterchamber.com or dropping it off at 32 E. Calhoun St.

Only the first 20 applicants will be accepted, so it is imperative to get your application in early.

A program registration fee of \$75 is due at the first class on Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. All programs will take place at the Chamber office.

For more information about the FUEL program or the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, visit www.sumterchamber.com or call (803) 775-1231.

Mayor declares Purple Heart Day

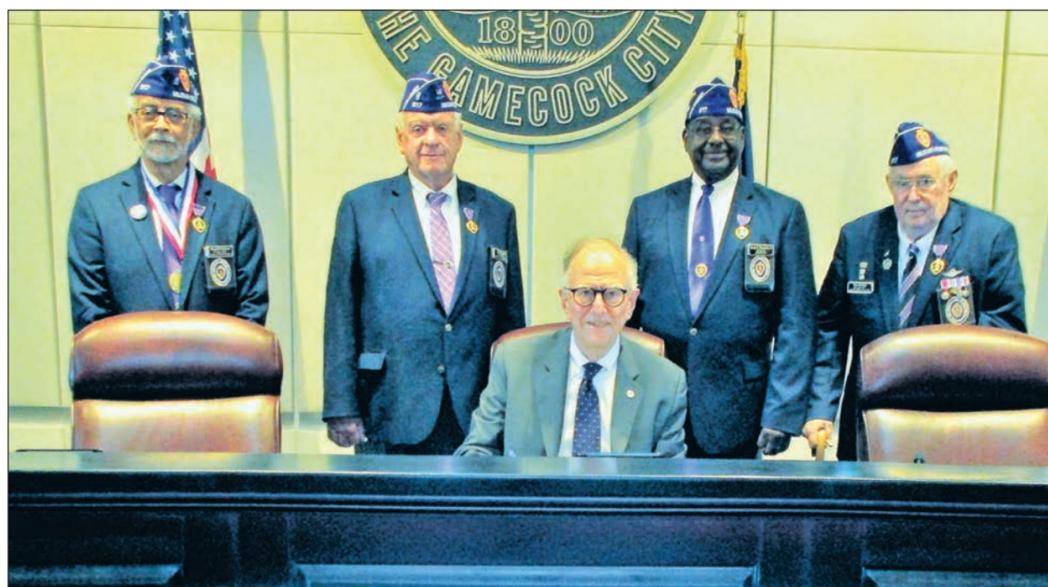


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Sumter Mayor Joe McElveen recently signed an official proclamation declaring Tuesday, Aug. 7, as Purple Heart Day in the City of Sumter. The proclamation honors military veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart, a U.S. military decoration awarded to military members who have been wounded or killed while serving in combat operations against hostile enemy forces. The General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart was founded in 2011 and consists of 31 Purple Heart recipients in the Sumter community. From left: Patriot Ron Harvin, Patriot Dave Nesbitt, McElveen, Chapter Adjutant Leroy Thompson and Patriot Don Kellum. McElveen is an associate member of the chapter based upon his father's Purple Heart in World War II.

Red Cross still in urgent need of blood

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The American Red Cross is still in urgent need of blood and platelet donations to help end an emergency shortage that began last month, and there are upcoming blood drives happening in Sumter.

A critical need, especially for type O, remains as many regular donors delay giving to take final summer vacations and prepare for the start of school, according to a news release from the American Red Cross.

Anyone who donates blood or platelets in August will receive a \$5 *Amazon.com* gift card via email.

To make an appointment, download the free American

Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Those who donated blood earlier this summer may be eligible to give again. Blood can safely be given every 56 days, according to the organization.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES IN SUMTER

- Thursday, Aug. 16: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Palmetto Health Tuomey, 129 N. Washington St.
- Saturday, Aug. 18: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Lakewood Baptist Church, 3140 Nazarene Church Road
- Wednesday, Aug. 22: noon-5 p.m., Shaw Army Central, 1 Gableski Drive
- Thursday, Aug. 23: 2-7 p.m., Pocalla Church, 1214 S. Guig-

nard Drive

- Thursday, Aug. 30: 2-7 p.m., Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DONATE?

All blood types are welcomed for donations to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years old (in most states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate.

High school students and other donors 18 years old and younger also have to meet certain criteria and weight requirements.

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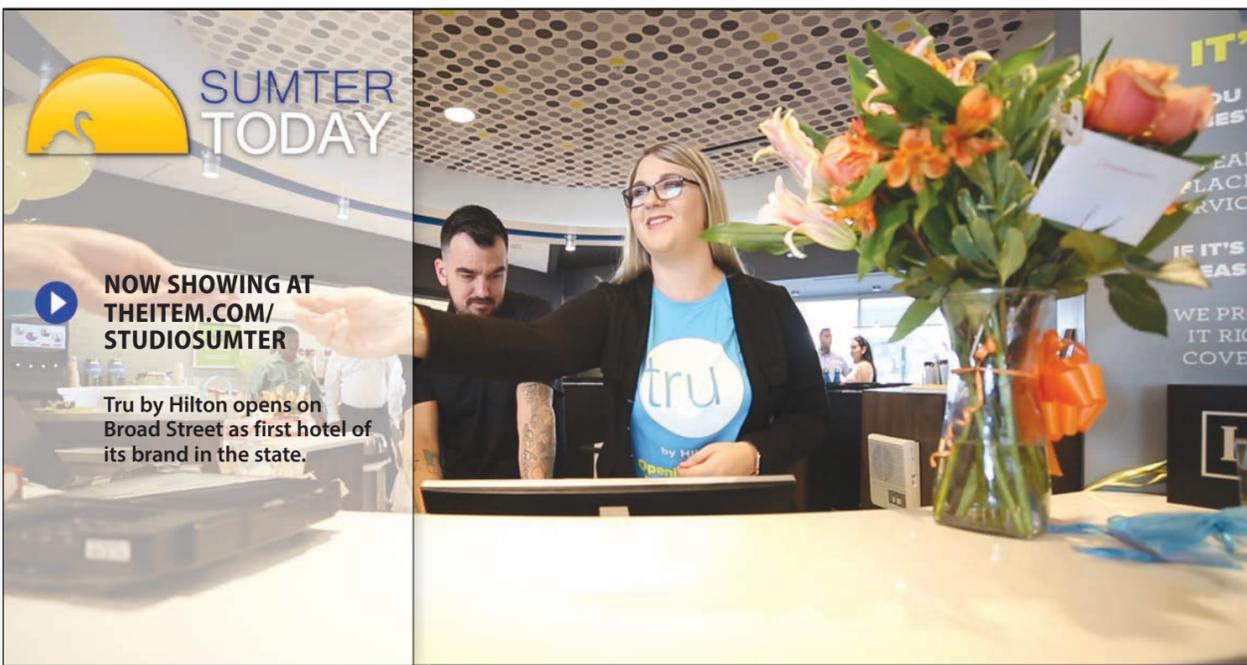
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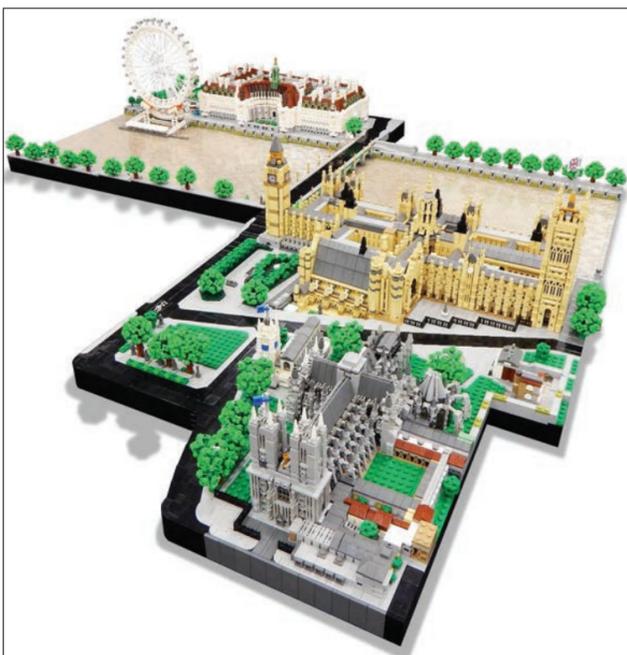
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LEGO Fan Convention coming to Columbia

LEGO artists from across the world and South Carolina will be sharing their creations at the BrickUniverse LEGO Fan Convention at Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St., Columbia, this weekend. Hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$15 online and \$18 at the door. Children 2 and under are admitted free. Visit www.brickuniverse.com/columbia.



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ABOVE: David Robinson and son, David Jr., built this replica of Williams-Brice Stadium with 5,000 LEGO bricks.

LEFT: Rocco Buttliere built this 1/650 scale of London with 50,000 LEGO bricks.

Instead of focusing on cutting calories, eat less processed foods

“You are what you eat. You are when you eat. Eat this one food every day. Never eat this particular food again.” Most of us hear this from experts on social media giving tips to help lose weight or prevent weight gain. While we may focus on making one change, there is actually a combination of factors that have influenced the obesity epidemic including how much we eat, what we eat and whether we are active. However, researchers are focusing their efforts on the quality of our food having the greatest impact on our waistline and the scale.



Missy Corrigan

Calories in our food supply have risen by as much as 800 calories per person per day since the 1980s, which means we may be consuming an extra 300 calories a day than we did nearly 40 years ago. As the calories in our foods started to go up, so did the rate of obesity. Since then, researchers, dietitians and scientists have been trying to identify the specific issue. Is it the consumption of carbohydrates or

fats that lead to weight gain? Or is it the ultra-processed foods that fill our grocery store aisles? We eat out more, have less control over what is in the foods we are eating and have easy, convenient foods right at our fingertips that are not necessarily healthy. Food companies want consumers to buy their products, so they use ingredients such as salt, sugar, fat and additives to improve the taste of their foods. Over the decades, we have been introduced to more refined foods including cereal bars, chips and different types of sodas. Researchers theorize that it is the effects of consuming an ultra-processed diet that has led to the obesity epidemic.

A typical processed diet looks like this: breakfast — pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice; lunch — ham sandwich with cheese on white bread, potato chips, soda; dinner — cheeseburger, French fries, sweet tea; snack — ice cream. Average intake for this is 2,860 calories, 5,912 milligrams of sodium, 435 grams of carbohydrates, 261 grams of sugar, 87 grams of protein and 105 grams of fat.

In comparison, an unprocessed diet looks like this: breakfast — eggs, oatmeal with blueberries and almonds; lunch — grilled

chicken, sweet potato, small salad, apple; dinner — beef tender roast, couscous, roasted vegetables; snack — raw veggies and hummus. Average intake for this is 1,640 calories, 1,378 milligrams of sodium, 205 grams of carbohydrates, 53 grams of sugar, 97 grams of protein and 50 grams of fat.

With the increased production of soybeans and corn in the '70s and '80s, the price of them went down, making it easy for food companies to make convenient yet inexpensive processed foods. These processed foods contain more carbohydrates and fats in them than unprocessed foods, automatically increasing daily intake of these nutrients and their calories. Rather than focusing on reducing calories, challenge yourself to eat less processed foods and consume more natural foods that can support better health and even weight loss.

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Teen pleads guilty of trying to fight for IS

COLUMBIA (AP) — A South Carolina teenager pleaded guilty Wednesday to allegations that he tried to fight for the Islamic State group.

Zakaryia Abdin pleaded guilty during a hearing in Charleston to a charge of attempting to provide material support to a terrorist organization, according to federal court documents. The charge carries a possible 20-year prison sentence.

Abdin, 19, was arrested at Charleston's airport in March 2017 as he tried to board a plane for Jordan. According to authorities, he told an FBI agent posing as an Islamic State recruiter

he wanted to torture an American and would attack a U.S. site if he couldn't get out of the country.

The teen has been monitored for years. At 16, authorities have said, he talked about robbing a gun store to get weapons to kill soldiers as revenge for American military action in the Middle East. He was arrested before any robbery took place and pleaded guilty. A parole board agreed to his early release after about a year in jail.

Abdin knew that authorities were still watching him but apparently didn't realize his "recruiter" was a federal agent.

Grand jury's 900 indictments challenged

YORK (AP) — Defense lawyers are challenging indictments issued by a grand jury that approved 904 cases in a single day.

The Herald newspaper in South Carolina reported that 27 defense attorneys joined the motion Aug. 3 to quash the indictments issued after the York County grand jury met for a single day in June. The motion says every single case was approved, at an average

time per indictment of 39 seconds.

A grand jury has up to 18 members who hear basic facts about a criminal case.

Prosecutor Kevin Brackett said they "worked very hard" during the 10 hours.

Brackett said their workload more than doubled in anticipation of changes involving defendants' right to a hearing to see if there's probable cause before cases go to the grand jury.

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Experts: U.S. braces for possible cyberattacks after Iran sanctions

BY DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. is bracing for cyberattacks Iran could launch in retaliation for the re-imposition of sanctions this week by President Donald Trump, cybersecurity and intelligence experts say.

Concern over that cyber threat has been rising since May, when Trump pulled out of the 2015 nuclear deal, under which the U.S. and other world powers eased economic sanctions in exchange for curbs on Iran's nuclear program. The experts say the threat would intensify following Washington's move Tuesday to re-impose economic restrictions on Tehran.

"While we have no specific threats, we have seen an increase in chatter related to Iranian threat activity over the past several weeks," said Priscilla Moriuchi, director of strategic threat development at Recorded Future, a global real-time cyber threat intelligence company. The Massachusetts-based company predicted back in May that the U.S. withdrawal from the nuclear agreement would provoke a cyber response from the Iranian government within two to four months.

U.S. intelligence agencies have singled out Iran as one of the main foreign cyber threats facing America, along with Russia, China and North Korea. A wave of attacks that U.S. authorities blamed on Iran between 2012 and 2014 targeted banks and caused tens of millions of dollars in damage. They also targeted but failed to penetrate critical infrastructure.

Iran denies using its cyber capabilities for offensive purposes and accuses the U.S. of targeting Iran. Several years ago, the top-secret Stuxnet computer virus destroyed centrifuges involved in Iran's contested nuclear program. Stuxnet, which is widely thought to be an American and Israeli creation, caused thousands of centrifuges at Iran's Natanz nuclear facility to spin themselves to destruction at the height of

the West's fears over Iran's program.

"The United States has been the most aggressive country in the world in offensive cyber activity and publicly boasted about attacking targets across the world," said Alireza Miryousefi, spokesman for Iran's diplomatic mission at the United Nations, contending that Iran's cyber capabilities are "exclusively for defensive purposes."

Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who heads the elite Quds Force of Iran's hard-line paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, has sounded more ominous, warning late last month about Iran's capabilities in "asymmetric war," a veiled reference to non-traditional warfare that could include cyber attacks.

The Trump administration says it re-imposed sanctions on Iran to prevent its aggression — denying it the funds it needs to finance terrorism, its missile program and forces in conflicts in Yemen and Syria.

The sanctions restarted Tuesday target U.S. dollar financial transactions, Iran's automotive sector and the purchase of commercial planes and metals, including gold. Even stronger sanctions targeting Iran's oil sector and central bank are to be re-imposed in early November. European leaders have expressed deep regret about the U.S. actions. They hit Iran at a time when its unemployment is rising, the country's currency has collapsed and demonstrators are taking to the streets to protest social issues and labor unrest.

Norm Roule, former Iran manager for the office of the Director of National Intelligence, said he thinks Tehran will muster its cyber forces in response.

"I think there is a good chance Iran will use cyber, probably not an attack that is so destructive that it would fragment its remaining relationship with Europe, but I just don't think the Iranians will think there is much cost to doing this," Roule said. "And it's a good way to show their capacity to inflict economic cost against the United States."



Advocates condemn psych techniques used to keep kids online

CHICAGO (AP) — Children's advocates want the American Psychological Association to condemn the tech industry's practice of using persuasive psychological techniques to keep kids glued to their screens.

The advocates, citing research that links excessive use of social media and video games with depression and academic troubles, say it's unethical for psychologists to be involved in tactics that risk harming kids' well-being. Skeptics say the research is inconclusive, and they note that psychologists have been involved in other industries' marketing and advertising for decades.

The group seeking intervention includes 60 U.S. psychologists, researchers, children's advocates and the Children's Screen Time Action Network, a project of the Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood. The network published a letter Wednesday to the American Psychological Association, coinciding with the association's annual meeting in San Francisco.

"There are powerful psychology principles and technology that are being used against kids in ways that are not in their best interests," said Josh Golin, executive director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood.

That technology uses computers to help figure out what motivates people and influence their online behavior. It's built on age-old tenets of behavioral psychology that marketers and advertisers have long used to get people to buy their products. The difference is smartphones are ubiquitous and unlike human marketers, they don't get tired, said B.J. Fogg, a behavioral scientist at Stanford University who has been called the technology's pioneer.

Fogg said he has aimed to use persuasive tech to enhance people's lives. But he also said he has long warned that it has a "dark side," including potential loss of privacy and the potential for encouraging behavior that isn't in users' best interests.

The letter to the psychol-

ogy association cites a recent study that found that teen girls who spend a lot of time on digital devices, including on social media, are at risk for depression and suicidal behaviors. That study couldn't show whether depressed girls might be more prone to using social media than other teens.

The letter also notes evidence that some teen boys overuse video games "at the expense of obtaining real-world competencies," including college educations and jobs.

"Families don't understand why their kids are so strongly attracted and pulled to these devices," said Richard Freed, a Walnut Creek, California, psychologist who signed the letter. He said the World Health Organization's decision in June to declare excessive video gaming an addiction shows that the problem is real.

Under Fogg's model, technology can change a person's behavior by tapping into hard-wired motivations, simplifying the activity and getting people to perform it with a "well-timed" trigger. That could mean an app prompting a person to go running or it could be an alert persuading someone to spend more time on social media based on their innate desire to win acceptance and avoid social rejection.

It's not just the big tech firms. BuzzFeed reported Tuesday, based on a confidential company memo, that founders of a startup recently acquired by Facebook boasted of using a "psychological trick" — custom social media profiles and mysterious calls to action — to get high schoolers to download a polling app. Facebook later shut down the app.

In job postings, big tech companies have sought psychologists and people with psychology training for research into user experiences. Microsoft's Xbox user research division is led by psychologists. Amazon looks for hires who "geek out over user research, psychology, ethnography." Google's preferred qualification for some positions includes a doctorate in experimental psychology.



Garden City, Michigan, resident Mark Johnston says this wild turkey showed up in his back yard about eight months ago during the last snowfall before the spring.

Michigan man befriends wild turkey who moved into his yard

GARDEN CITY, Mich. (AP) — A suburban Detroit man who found himself facing fines after a wild turkey moved into his overgrown backyard has made friends with the large bird.

Garden City bans residents from keeping wild animals as pets. The city fined Mark Johnston \$100 for harboring the turkey and another \$100 for dumping brush at his curb after he cleaned up his backyard in an effort to get the 30-pound turkey to leave.

The city eventually dismissed the turkey ticket since Johnston wasn't keeping the animal as a pet, *The Detroit News* reported. Johnston is still fighting the other one.

Meanwhile, the turkey remains in Johnston's yard. Johnston said that as far as

he's concerned, the bird can stay as long as he wants.

"I have no kids. I'm in the middle of a divorce. I have no one at home," said Johnston, 45, a tow truck driver. "He kinda keeps me company. It gives me something to come home to."

Johnston previously hunted turkeys but said he's given it up, considering his backyard guest.

Johnston's neighbors don't seem to have a problem with the turkey, which they said isn't too noisy.

"It's crazy. (But) if the turkey likes it and the guy likes it, leave them alone," said neighbor Sandi Canning.

Wild animals can only be moved if they're a nuisance or a threat, said Holly Vaughn, a spokeswoman for Department of Natural Resources' wildlife division.

"He's not holding it captive," Vaughn said. "Technically, it's a wild turkey and is free to go where he wants."

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Specially formulated vitamins, vegetables, soy and rice are packed and sealed in bags that are destined for a location in one of 70 countries served by FMSC.

“Our original budget was \$88,000, which is 22 cents per meal,” Bradham said. “We exceeded our goal with over \$90,000.”

FMSC is a Christian nonprofit organization founded in 1987 to battle world hunger. The special Manna-Pack meals made by the company are used in orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to help end poverty. Last year, the charity welcomed 657,000 volunteers to make 163 million meals in 33 states. FMSC spends 92 percent of its total donations directly on feeding the hungry and has maintained the highest four-star rating from Charity Navigator for eight years in a row. This is the fifth year the group has held this event in Sumter.

“(I like) seeing all of the people coming together from the community and serving God the Father Almighty,” Bradham said. “We will surpass one million meals (in Sumter) this year, and I want to continue to grow this event in the community.”

This event would be impossible without help from certain entities, she said.

“It’s only possible with our spon-



A volunteer group helps to pack some of 400,000 meals at Sumter Civic Center on Tuesday. The goal for next year is to collect \$110,000 for half a million meals packed.

sors and volunteers in the community,” Bradham said.

Bradham has some pretty big goals for the future.

“We want to pass half a million meals in one event,” she said. “Our next goal is to have \$110,000 for half

a million meals. I’m excited for years to come.”

For more information about how you or your organization can become involved, contact Chris Pendry at sfmsc@gmail.com or visit <http://www.fmsc.org/mobilepack/>



Price Bailey and Lexi Cisneros box up meals for transport.



Steve Shumake carries boxes for shipping the meals on Tuesday.

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attended High Hills Elementary School on Shaw Air Force Base.

He will be back there this year as a fifth-grade English/language arts teacher. In his senior year at Crestwood, Grant was drum major of the high school’s marching band, and he said he will help out some with the band this year.

He said he’s a little concerned with the workload that teachers have and hopes he can meet the expectations necessary to help his students succeed. His strengths are his positive attitude he brings to the classroom, he said, and writing and grammar are his strong suits.

Grant said returning home to Sumter School District was his first choice and that he couldn’t be happier.

“This is definitely a dream come true,” Grant said. “I wanted to start off as a teacher back at home and give back to the community that helped me.”

Husband and wife Derick and Jessica Smith are both new teachers in the district after moving their family from Georgia. They said they’re excited about the move to Sumter.

Derick will be a high school special education teacher at Lakewood High School and assistant football coach for the Gators. Jessica will be a fourth-grade teacher at Millwood Elementary School.

Derick Smith said teaching and coaching are similar in that you have to build relationships with the kids in both.

He said he’s comfortable going into a Title I (lower-income, higher-poverty) school and that he knows the needs of the students.

“I may be the only kind of



Sumter School District Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm speaks to new teachers during the 2018 New Teacher Orientation at Crestwood High School on Wednesday. Below, the teachers participate in the orientation sessions.



parent they have,” Smith said. “I’ve got to be some kind of role model for them, to hold them accountable for their actions because one day they may be a parent.”

After breakfast and a welcome from Chief Human Resources Officer John Koumas, Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm gave a welcome message to those in attendance.

All first-year teachers in

the district who haven’t taught previously participate in an induction program, where they have the assistance of a mentor and learn effective instructional strategies.

Three district induction teachers of the year from last year, now in their second year of teaching, also gave a morning presentation to all new teachers. Topics included tips for teachers, parental involvement and building relationships with students.

After the initial activities, the new teachers split up for six break-out sessions for the remainder of the day. Those sessions covered the state’s new teacher evaluation system, tiered-intervention strategies for students and curriculum and technology working together, among others.

With all the recent months’ hiring, the district is down to 29 classroom teacher vacancies as of Wednesday. Trevor Ivey, the district’s new director of teacher recruitment and retention, said the district hired about 60 teachers during the summer.

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in the summit on Sept. 11 with a tour lasting two-plus hours. The following day, Sept. 12, all the district’s

11th- and 12th-graders (about 2,100 total from the three public high schools) will attend a 2 1/2-hour tour session on a rotating schedule as well.

To date, Gillard said about 35 local businesses and industries have signed up for the event. He said the district would love to have 100 businesses and industries in attendance.

The district is especially trying to appeal to local businesses and industries that haven’t attended

school career fairs in the past and desire local talent for their future workforce.

An outdoor area will also be set up next to the civic center on the Sumter fairgrounds property to accommodate large vehicles and equipment.

It’s best to sign up as early as possible to be a part of event publicity and brochures, Gillard said.

Businesses and industries can register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/Mo7UQjfx2kWYlgJo2>

Individuals can also contact Gillard for more information, he said, at (803) 469-6900, extension 521.

EDUCATION AND CAREER READY BUSINESS SUMMIT

WHEN: Sept. 11-12, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WHERE: Sumter County Civic Center

HOW TO REGISTER: <https://goo.gl/forms/Mo7UQjfx2kWYlgJo2>

NEED MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on the summit, contact Mark Gillard, Sumter School District work-based learning coordinator, at (803) 469-6900, extension 521, or email him at mark.gillard@sumterschools.net.

Snow day? No, Beyonce day lets kids out early

COLUMBIA (AP) — Students at six schools in South Carolina will get to leave early thanks to Beyonce and Jay-Z.

Officials with Richland 1 School District said expected heavy traffic from a Columbia concert starring the two entertainers led them to close the schools after a half day on Aug. 21.

The district said in a statement that they worry if the schools dismiss at their regular times, buses will get caught in heavy traffic going to the show.

Beyonce and Jay-Z’s “On the Run II” concert is being held at the University of South Carolina’s 80,000-seat football stadium.

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM		
LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Actor John David Washington.	America's Got Talent "Road to Lives" The best moments from the season so far. (N)	Trial & Error Lavinia pressures Josh to fire Dwayne. (N)	Trial & Error The town finally embraces Josh. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Service" A soldier is suspected of assault. (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon "Rose Byrne; Brad Paisley" Rose Byrne; Brad Paisley performs. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory Bernadette won't go into labor.	(:31) Young Sheldon (DVS)	(:01) Big Brother Eviction; head of household competition. (N) (Live)	(:01) S.W.A.T. "Contamination" A hunt for domestic terrorists.	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Issa Rae; Darren Criss; Ronnie Chieng. (N)			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great American Cities"	Jeopardy! "Tournament of Champions: Week 2"	The Gong Show "Chris Sullivan; Natasha Leggero; Mark Cuban" Chris Sullivan; Natasha Leggero. (N)	Match Game Jason Alexander; Sheryl Underwood. (N) (DVS)	Take Two "All About Ava" Investigating an actress's death. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Bob Newhart; Awkwafina; Blood Orange. (N)				
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe The Best of Portugal.	Palmetto Scene	Little Women on Masterpiece: The sisters cope without their parents.	(8:59) Sherlock on Masterpiece "The Six Thatchers" Holmes returns to Britain.	(:32) The Tunnel: Vengeance Showdown with the Pied Piper.	BBC World News	The This Old House Hour				
WACH	57	6	6	NFL Preseason Football Carolina Panthers at Buffalo Bills. From New Era Field in Orchard Park, N.Y. (N) (Live)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)			Sports Zone	MasterChef "A Gordon Ramsay Wedding: The Big Not Easy" A wedding; the chefs use fresh seafood. (DVS)					
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike starts a miniature tank collection.	Last Man Standing Mike builds a shed for Vanessa.	Supernatural "A Most Holy Man" Sam and Dean track an ingredient.	Black Lightning "The Resurrection and the Light: The Book of Pain" Tobias must capture Black Lightning.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Masquerade" Exiled pedophile confesses.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "The War at Home" Commissioner's daughter goes missing.	The Game Melanie does some soul searching.				
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol	Live PD: Police Patrol (N)	Live PD: Police Patrol (N)	(:01) Live PD Presents: PD Cam (N)	Nightwatch Presents	Nightwatch: Recall	(:36) Live PD: Police Patrol	(12:03) Live PD: Police Patrol	
AMC	48	180	(3:30) *** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall.	*** "Lethal Weapon" (1987, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Gary Busey. A veteran detective is paired with an eccentric partner.	*** "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci. Detectives nail a South African diplomat who is a drug-runner.	Lone Star Law "In The Nick of Time" (2013, Fantasy) James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz.	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Record-Setting Bust" A Texas-size poaching cache.	Northwest Law "Boats and Does" (N)	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed A Texas-size poaching cache.	The Grand Hustle "Us or Else" The hustlers seek to raise awareness.	(12:05) Martin Luther King Jr. (N)			
ANPL	41	100	(:02) ** "ATL" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Tip Harris, Lauren London, Mykelti Williamson. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.	Shahs of Sunset Mike is single and ready to mingle.	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	Shahs of Sunset Reza and MJ make an announcement. (N)	
BET	61	162	Below Deck Mediterranean Brooke and Kasey air their grievances.	Shark Tank	Shark Tank A unique dating service.	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harm's Way"	Jay Leno's Garage	Jay Leno's Garage	Jay Leno's Garage	
BRAVO	47	181	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	(6:50) The Office	(:25) The Office "Stress Relief"	The Office "Stress Relief"	The Office "Lecture Circuit"	The Office "Lecture Circuit"	The Office "Blood Drive"	The Office "Golden Ticket"	Detroiters "Little Caesars" (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office	(12:01) King of the Hill
CNBC	35	84	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	"Zombies" (2018) Milo Manheim, Meg Donnelly. Suburban high schoolers learn to coexist with zombies.	Naked and Afraid "Barely Alive" Survivalists are tested in Brazil. (N)	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"
CNN	3	80	Little League Baseball Mid-Atlantic Regional, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N)	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball
COM	57	136	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	Championship Drive (N)	30 for 30	CFL Football Edmonton Eskimos at BC Lions. (N) (Live)	Chopped "Truck Stop Stars"	Chopped Firefighter cooks compete.	The Great Food Truck Race (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Food Truck Race
DISN	18	200	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	How I Met Your Mother	(5:30) ** "Oz the Great and Powerful" (2013, Fantasy) James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz.	*** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005, Children's) Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore, David Kelly. Five children tour the wondrous factory of an odd confectioner.	Phenoms	ACC All-Access	Driven	Driven	Driven	Driven
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"	Naked and Afraid "Strength in Pain"
ESPN	26	35	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Risky Builders	House Hunters	Flip or Flop	
ESPN2	27	39	Mountain Men "Time and Tide"	Mountain Men "Labor Pains"	Mountain Men "Fight or Flight" (N)	(:03) Alone "Starvation's Shadow" (N)	(:05) Alone "Starvation's Shadow"	Mountain Men	Blue Bloods "Lonely Hearts Club" Jackie and Danny track a serial killer.	Blue Bloods "Thanksgiving" Henry has a heart attack.	Blue Bloods "Moonlighting" A dangerous ex-mobster helps Danny.	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	
FOOD	40	109	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan. A man schemes to prevent his best friend's wedding.	(12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	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	Rachel Maddow	
FOXN	37	90	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	*** "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" (2004) Voices of Tom Kenny.	American Woman	** "Bad Teacher" (2011, Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake.	** "Bad Teacher" (2011, Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake.	Friends	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends	
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Voldemort lays a trap for Harry at the Triwizard Tournament. (DVS)	(:29) *** "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry prepares a group of students to fight Voldemort. (DVS)	Seinfeld "The Shoes"	Seinfeld "The Old Man"	Seinfeld "The Implant"	Seinfeld "The Handicap Spot"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. "Truth Safari"	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	Conan Actor Lisa Kudrow; comic Tom Papa.	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
FSS	21	47	(6:00) *** "The Sunshine Boys" (1975) Walter Matthau. (DVS)	*** "The Odd Couple" (1968, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, John Fiedler. An incurable slob rooms with a fastidious neurotic.	*** "The Fortune Cookie" (1966, Comedy-Drama) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau. A litigious brother-in-law urges an injured TV cameraman to sue.	"Taking of Pelham"	My 600-Lb. Life "Tara's Story"	My 600-Lb. Life "Benji & David's Story" Brothers share a weight loss journey.	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	(:01) My 600-Lb. Life Brothers share a weight loss journey.	My 600-Lb. Life Brothers share a weight loss journey.	My 600-Lb. Life Brothers share a weight loss journey.	My 600-Lb. Life Brothers share a weight loss journey.	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "A Country Wedding" (2015) Jesse Metcalfe, Autumn Reeser.	"A Novel Romance" (2011, Romance) Steve Guttenberg, Shannon Elizabeth, Milena Govich. Nate and Jenny meet in a restaurant and seem to bond.	** "Unknown" (2011, Suspense) Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger, January Jones. An accident victim finds a	** "A Walk Among the Tombstones" (2014, Crime Drama) Liam Neeson, Dan Stevens. A PI hunts the men who murdered a drug lord's wife. (DVS)	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop
HGTV	39	112	Mountain Men "Time and Tide"	Mountain Men "Labor Pains"	Mountain Men "Fight or Flight" (N)	(:03) Alone "Starvation's Shadow" (N)	(:05) Alone "Starvation's Shadow"	Mountain Men	Blue Bloods "Lonely Hearts Club" Jackie and Danny track a serial killer.	Blue Bloods "Thanksgiving" Henry has a heart attack.	Blue Bloods "Moonlighting" A dangerous ex-mobster helps Danny.	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	
HIST	45	110	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan. A man schemes to prevent his best friend's wedding.	(12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	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	Rachel Maddow	
ION	13	18	Blue Bloods Danny and Linda plan a romantic weekend.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan. A man schemes to prevent his best friend's wedding.	(12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	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	Rachel Maddow	
LIFE	50	145	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Risky Builders	House Hunters	Flip or Flop	
MSNBC	36	92	Mountain Men "Time and Tide"	Mountain Men "Labor Pains"	Mountain Men "Fight or Flight" (N)	(:03) Alone "Starvation's Shadow" (N)	(:05) Alone "Starvation's Shadow"	Mountain Men	Blue Bloods "Lonely Hearts Club" Jackie and Danny track a serial killer.	Blue Bloods "Thanksgiving" Henry has a heart attack.	Blue Bloods "Moonlighting" A dangerous ex-mobster helps Danny.	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	
NICK	16	210	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan. A man schemes to prevent his best friend's wedding.	(12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	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	Rachel Maddow	
NPRM	64	153	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Risky Builders	House Hunters	Flip or Flop	
PARMT	64	153	Mountain Men "Time and Tide"	Mountain Men "Labor Pains"	Mountain Men "Fight or Flight" (N)	(:03) Alone "Starvation's Shadow" (N)	(:05) Alone "Starvation's Shadow"	Mountain Men	Blue Bloods "Lonely Hearts Club" Jackie and Danny track a serial killer.	Blue Bloods "Thanksgiving" Henry has a heart attack.	Blue Bloods "Moonlighting" A dangerous ex-mobster helps Danny.	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	
SYFY	58	152	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan. A man schemes to prevent his best friend's wedding.	(12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	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	Rachel Maddow	
TBS	24	156	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Risky Builders	House Hunters	Flip or Flop	
TCM	49	186	Mountain Men "Time and Tide"	Mountain Men "Labor Pains"	Mountain Men "Fight or Flight" (N)	(:03) Alone "Starvation's Shadow" (N)	(:05) Alone "Starvation's Shadow"	Mountain Men	Blue Bloods "Lonely Hearts Club" Jackie and Danny track a serial killer.	Blue Bloods "Thanksgiving" Henry has a heart attack.	Blue Bloods "Moonlighting" A dangerous ex-mobster helps Danny.	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	
TLC	43	157	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan. A man schemes to prevent his best friend's wedding.	(12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	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	Rachel Maddow	
TNT	23	158	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Risky Builders	House Hunters	Flip or Flop	
TRUTV	38	129	Mountain Men "Time and Tide"	Mountain Men "Labor Pains"	Mountain Men "Fight or Flight" (N)	(:03) Alone "Starvation's Shadow" (N)	(:05) Alone "Starvation's Shadow"	Mountain Men	Blue Bloods "Lonely Hearts Club" Jackie and Danny track a serial killer.	Blue Bloods "Thanksgiving" Henry has a heart attack.	Blue Bloods "Moonlighting" A dangerous ex-mobster helps Danny.	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	
TV LAND	55	161	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan. A man schemes to prevent his best friend's wedding.	(12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	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	Rachel Maddow	
USA	25	132	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Risky Builders	House Hunters	Flip or Flop	
WE	68	166	Mountain Men "Time and Tide"	Mountain Men "Labor Pains"	Mountain Men "Fight or Flight" (N)	(:03) Alone "Starvation's Shadow" (N)	(:05) Alone "Starvation's Shadow"	Mountain Men	Blue Bloods "Lonely Hearts Club" Jackie and Danny track a serial killer.	Blue Bloods "Thanksgiving" Henry has a heart attack.	Blue Bloods "Moonlighting" A dangerous ex-mobster helps Danny.	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	Blue Bloods "Whistle Blower"	
WGNA	8	172	Grey's Anatomy Jackson and April get difficult news.	** "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	(:03) ** "Made of Honor" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan. A man schemes to prevent his best friend's wedding.	(12:01) ** "Maid in Manhattan"	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	Rachel Maddow	

Viewers invited to binge on 'Legendary Locations'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Travel Channel invites viewers to spend a lazy August Thursday discovering or revisiting "Legendary Locations" (8 a.m. to noon; 10 p.m., TV-G). Over the course of the day, this series, hosted by Josh Gates, visits remarkable temples, castles and homes linked to history and myth, from the ruins of a Trojan battlefield in Turkey (8 a.m.) to drug lord Pablo Escobar's Colombian hideaway (10 p.m.). Along the way, he also visits a notorious prison in French Guiana (9:30 a.m.), a portal to the dead in New Orleans (11 a.m.) and a cannibal's "kitchen" (11:30 a.m.).

Viewers may know Gates from his Travel Channel series "Expedition Unknown" (8 p.m. and 9 p.m., r, TV-PG), the Syfy series "Destination Truth" and various "Ghost Hunters" episodes.

• TCM spends 24 hours with the films of actor Walter Matthau (1920-2000), including two co-starring Jack Lemmon, "The Odd Couple" (8 p.m.) and "The Fortune Cookie" (10 p.m.). The latter was directed by Billy Wilder, who had directed Lemmon in "Some Like It Hot."

The 1968 adaptation of "The Odd Couple" inspired the television comedy of the same name, starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall.

Matthau starred in the original 1965 Broadway version of "The Odd Couple," co-starring Art Carney from "The Honeymooners." Playwright Neil Simon is said to have been inspired by the roommate travails of Mel Brooks, who moved in with writer Speed Vogel after leaving his first wife. Both Simon and Brooks were writers for NBC's "Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar.

Best known for playing noble, self-effacing curmudgeons, Matthau hosted "Saturday Night Live" during its fourth season in 1978.

• Kathleen feels self-actualized after a seminar on the period 1970s comedy "American Woman" (10 p.m., Paramount, TV-14). Along with "The Americans," this marks the second recent television series to work an Erhard Seminars Training session into an episode.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Fans of the new AMC series "Lodge 49" may appreciate its similarity to the 1998 cult comedy "The Big Lebowski" (7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Viceland).

• Contestants toil to prepare a former participant's big wedding dinner on "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

• Chris Sullivan, Natasha Leggero and Mark Cuban crack wise on "The Gong Show" (8 p.m. ABC, TV-PG).

• Julie Chen hosts "Big Brother" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG). In addition to hosting this series about private life under constant scrutiny, Chen is married to CBS CEO Leslie Moonves, who's currently under investigation for alleged sexual misconduct.

• Alec Baldwin hosts "Match Game" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

• A has-been sitcom star linked to Sam's career is found murdered on "Take Two" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

• Franklin addresses a morale problem on "Snowfall" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

Keenen Ivory Wayans starred in and directed the 1988 comedy "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka" (8 p.m., TMC), an affectionate parody of blaxploitation movies, made less than 15 years after the genre's demise. Jim Brown ("Slaughter"), Bernie Casey ("Dr. Black, Mr. Hyde"), Antonio Fargas ("Cleopatra Jones") and Isaac Hayes ("Truck Turner") are also featured.

SERIES NOTES

Bernadette's blessed event on "The Big Bang Theory" (8

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From left, Steven Boyer stars as Dwayne Reed, Kristin Chenoweth as Lavinia Peck-Foster, Sherri Shepherd as Anne Flatch and Nicholas D'Agosto as Josh Segal in the "A Change In the Team" episode of "Trial & Error: Lady, Killer," airing at 9 p.m. today on NBC.

p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Performers vie for attention on

"America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * The brothers go all out for Mary on "Supernatural" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * Latchkey life on

"Young Sheldon" (8:30 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * On two helpings of "Trial & Error" (NBC, TV-14), key evidence

(9 p.m.), acceptance for Josh (9:30 p.m.) * Tobias returns on "Black Lightning" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * A militia group with toxic intentions on "S.W.A.T." (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * The military protects its own on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"

(10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Emma Gonzales and Matt Deitsch are booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Lisa Kudrow, Tom Papa and Jukebox the Ghost appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Issa Rae, Darren Criss and Ronny Chieng are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Rose Byrne and Brad Paisley on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Bob Newhart, Awkwafina, Blood Orange and

A\$AP Rocky appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Kelsey Grammer, Rainn Wilson and Franz Ferdinand visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Tig Notaro, John Cho and Flora Cash appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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COMMENTARY

Democrats' rhetoric is as dangerous as Trump's

WASHINGTON — This week a New York man, Carlos Bayon, was arrested after leaving threatening messages for House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., and Conference Chairman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., promising to go after their families and “feed them lead.”

When police raided his home, they found 200 rounds of ammunition as well as receipts for an assault rifle and handgun and books with titles such as “How to create a foolproof new identity,” “Middle Eastern Terrorist Bomb Designs” and “Silent But Deadly,” instructions for making homemade silencers.



Marc Thiessen

This is the same Steve Scalise who barely survived an assassination attempt last year when James Hodgkinson, a Bernie Sanders campaign volunteer, fired at least 70 rounds in his attack on Republicans practicing on an Alexandria, Virginia, field for the annual Congressional Baseball Game. Scalise was shot in the hip, spent weeks in the ICU and had to undergo multiple surgeries.

It's worth keeping these incidents in mind as we listen to the rising chorus of warnings that the president's irresponsible attacks on the media will result in violence. CNN White House correspondent Jim Acosta recently tweeted, “I'm very worried that the hostility whipped up by Trump and some in conservative media will result in somebody getting hurt.” And *New York Times* columnist Bret Stephens warned, “We are approaching a day when blood on the newsroom floor will be blood on the president's hands.”

Let's pray something so awful never comes to pass. But by that standard, the blood on the Alexandria field was blood on the Democrats' hands. Before shooting Scalise, Hodgkinson joined Facebook groups such as “Join the Resistance Worldwide,” “Terminate the Republican Party” and “The Road To Hell Is Paved With Republicans.” He posted that “Trump is a Traitor” and “Republicans are the Taliban of the USA.” Where did he get the idea to compare Republicans to terrorists?

Well, just to give one example: During the 2016 campaign, Clinton compared Republicans to al-Qaeda and the Tali-

ban, declaring, “Now, extreme views on women, we expect that from some of the terrorist groups, we expect that from people who don't want to live in the modern world, but it's a little hard to take from Republicans.”

And Bayon, the man who threatened Scalise and McMorris Rodgers, was reportedly driven to rage over Trump's border policies.

Many Americans were outraged by the horrific policy of family separation, but it is inexcusably irresponsible for those such as Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., to compare Trump's policies with those of Nazi Germany and the detention centers along the U.S.-Mexico border to Hitler's concentration camps. It isn't difficult to imagine how an unbalanced mind could be influenced by overheated rhetoric by people in positions of authority.

Let's be clear: No individual, Democrat or Republican, is responsible for the violent actions of a deranged person. But we are all collectively responsible for creating the climate of hatred that is permeating our politics today. Those who call Republicans Nazis and terrorists and call Trump supporters “deplorables” who “didn't like black people getting rights” are just as guilty of feeding this climate of hate as those who call journalists the “enemy of the people.”

Here's an idea: If we are really concerned that the state of our political discourse is going to get someone killed, then maybe people on both sides should cut it out. I've been outspoken in my criticism of those on the right who engage in divisive rhetoric. It would be nice if voices on the left would do the same on their side. Journalists are not “the enemy of the people” and don't deserve to be called such. But while they express understandable outrage over being labeled enemies, they should also be doing a better job of calling out Democrats who compare Republicans to our actual enemies. Because demonizing our fellow Americans is not only wrong and dangerous when Republicans are the ones doing the demonizing.

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COMMENTARY

A note of appreciation to our readers

Editor's note: This editorial originally ran in the Index-Journal on July 29.

We are not the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post*. Closer to home, we're not the *Post & Courier*. Or *The State*. Or — well, you get the point.

Or do you? Those newspapers have a long history, as do we. In fact, next year we will celebrate our 100th year as the *Index-Journal*, a product that resulted from the merger of two newspapers that covered Greenwood, the *Greenwood Index* and the *Greenwood Journal*.

It is hard to imagine that Greenwood once supported two newspapers until they decided to combine their efforts in 1919, thus becoming the *Index-Journal*. We have changed in that 100 years. Design and content, along with the overall size of the newspaper, are but some of the changes. We broadened our reach as a daily newspaper, serving multiple counties instead of one.

With respect to content, we have had something of a homecoming, a return to our roots and reason for existence: local news. Aware that readers can flip on their computers, TVs, newsfeeds and smartphones for quick hits on news from across the state, the nation and around the globe, we have been putting our emphasis on what community newspapers did best, why they came to exist in the first place.

Of course we don't ignore the world, nation, state and

region around us. That news makes its way onto our daily news pages and website, and we often find ways to bring those distant stories closer to home, especially in the realm of politics.

We are aware that the instantaneous news we are all bombarded with daily at times can make a newspaper seem obsolete. In the age of Twitter and Facebook, many people are, sadly, satisfied with the small sips of news they get from social media. However, those who want and need their thirst for news quenched know they can draw their servings from a deeper well — especially when it comes to news that affects them right where they live. They won't get that from the *Times*, *Post* or other national publications and, frankly, they won't get that from area TV stations that can only devote mere seconds to a topic.

Want to know what the school board, city and county councils are doing for or, sometimes, to you? Turn to the community newspaper. That's where we are most relevant in your lives. Want to know how your child's school sports team is doing, even see a standout kid featured? That's the stuff that's on the pages of a community newspaper, weekly and daily alike.

Want to know who's making a difference in the community? Want to — make that need to — know where crimes are taking place and who has been arrested? Want to know who died? Who wants your vote? What

impact civic clubs and nonprofits are having on the community's present and future? Want to know the state of the local economy, how it's growing, what stores are closing? And why? Want to know the choices you have for filling your spare time with arts and entertainment? Want to know where the deals are when it comes to parting with your hard-earned income?

Hint: Anderson Cooper and Sean Hannity aren't discussing any of that. But your community newspaper and its website work hard to fill that void. Every day. Do we miss some things? Absolutely. We're not a staff of 100, we're not ready to roll 24/7. But we give it our best. We listen to you about how we might better serve your needs within our own means. And we depend on you as a partner to share news with the community.

We plan to be here another 100 years. And another after that. We don't know exactly what we will look like or how the various mediums we can use to disseminate area news will look and how you will see or hear them. What we do know is this: We are about serving and informing our audience like no other source can or will. Why? Because this is also our community.

That's not fake news. That's just good, old-fashioned community journalism. We appreciate you, our readers, for recognizing that and for welcoming us into your homes, your lives.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CITY OF MANNING NEEDS TO ANSWER BASIC QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW IT'S RUN

As with most of Manning's taxpaying citizens, I expect that the fine points of a weak mayor/strong council form of government was left behind in Civics 101 long ago. However, I would like to offer a suggestion that might be nicely implemented by the city's already published newsletter, Manning Matters, a creation of Mayor Nelson's office.

This is prompted by the ongoing Shaffer saga, which has been a credit to *The Sumter Item* for the diligence in reporting which the paper has pursued.

However, this situation has already gotten well into the “who is holding a grudge against whom and for what” phase, and simplistic trust-us-we're-doing-what's-best-for-you answers are not going to make FOIA or any other form of citizen protection go away, nor should they.

I would suggest for the public's edification that the mayor's office compile a set of replies to the following questions, publish it in the next issue of Manning Matters, and copy it to *The Sumter Item*

for publication. Ingeniously, the newsletter is distributed along with our monthly water bills, so we're sure to get one.

1. How many committees are in place currently to assist the city administration?
2. How many members does each committee have, and how are they selected, and for how long a term?
3. Why is the mayor serving as a committee member with voting power if she has none before city council except as a tie-breaker?
4. What authority does each committee have, and from whence is it derived, and what enforcement power does it have?
5. Does any standard exist for vetting a potential committeeman's experience to serve, and are they compensated?
6. If the city administration has departments with department heads and staffers, how do these people benefit from the input of committees?

You get the idea. If somebody deserves firing, fine — the citizens deserve to know who said so and why.

LEONARD D. GARNEAU
Manning

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AROUND TOWN

The American Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O. Schedule your donation appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, by visiting www.redcrossblood.org 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.-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; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, Shaw Air Force Base BX Exchange Building, 370 Rhodes Ave., Building 1403, Shaw AFB; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, Palmetto Health Tuomey, 129 N. Washington St.; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, Lakewood Baptist Church, 3140 Nazarene Church Road; noon-5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, Shaw Army Central, 1 Gableski Drive, Shaw AFB; 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, Po-calla Church, 1214 S. Guignard Drive; and 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St.

The Lee County Branch of the NAACP will hold its annual back-to-school giveaway at 6 p.m. today 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 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.

The Wesmark Branch of the Sumter County Library will

present the movie adaption of the August Wilson play "Fences," starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the meeting room, 180 W. Wesmark Blvd. **The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA)** will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19, at 26 Council St. Call the alumni office 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays at (803) 775-0444.

The DAV Mobile Service Office will provide free counseling and claim filing assistance to veterans from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, at Golden Corral, Walmart Boulevard. Call John Baxley at (803) 647-2422.

McLeod Hospice will offer a "Hospice Volunteering 101" class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, in the Volunteer Services Office of McLeod Health Clarendon, 10 Hospital St., Manning. This volunteer training program is for those interested in helping Hospice patients and / or assisting Hospice support staff in Clarendon and Sumter counties. Attendees must register in advance to participate in the training. Call Stacy Mosier at (803) 435-5287.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA) will hold an all white casual attire dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Aug. 31, at 26 Council St. D.J. Al will provide music. Tickets are \$15 each. Call the alumni office 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays at (803) 775-0444.

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.

WEATHER

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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
93°	73°	93° / 73°	93° / 73°	89° / 73°	88° / 72°
Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 60%
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TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

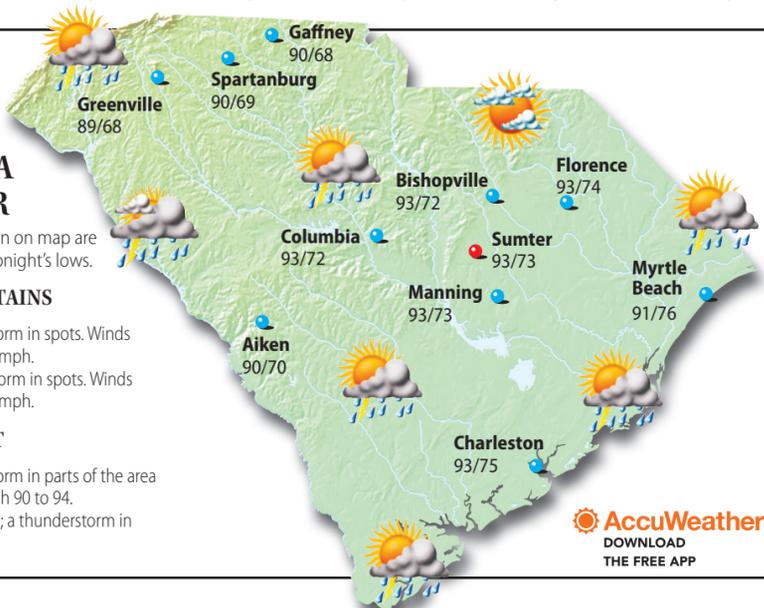
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: A thunderstorm in spots. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph.
Friday: A thunderstorm in spots. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A thunderstorm in parts of the area in the afternoon. High 90 to 94.
Friday: Partly sunny; a thunderstorm in spots. High 90 to 94.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
92°	92°	73°	90°	69°	102° in 2007	57° in 2004

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.00"	0.00"	0.70"	1.55"	22.61"	27.26"	29.89"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.09	-0.03
Marion	76.8	75.57	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	74.94	+0.06
Wateree	100	96.99	none

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.88	-0.27
Congaree River	19	5.16	-0.47
Lynches River	14	3.66	+0.26
Saluda River	14	4.83	-2.14
Up. Santee River	80	79.76	-0.06
Wateree River	24	11.36	-0.28

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:39 a.m.	Sunset	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise	4:26 a.m.	Moonset	6:57 p.m.

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Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 26	Sep. 2

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	7:37 a.m.	3.0	2:24 a.m.	0.0
	8:12 p.m.	3.8	2:29 p.m.	-0.6
Fri.	8:38 a.m.	3.1	3:20 a.m.	-0.2
	9:09 p.m.	3.9	3:26 p.m.	-0.7

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	87/73/t	88/72/t
Chicago	89/68/t	82/66/t
Dallas	91/76/c	93/75/t
Detroit	86/66/pc	83/63/pc
Houston	93/76/t	92/76/t
Los Angeles	94/71/s	89/69/s
New Orleans	90/78/t	88/78/pc
New York	87/72/pc	88/71/pc
Orlando	92/76/t	91/76/t
Philadelphia	89/72/pc	89/72/pc
Phoenix	101/83/t	100/83/pc
San Francisco	69/53/pc	69/53/pc
Wash., DC	89/73/pc	90/73/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Asheville	83/66/t	83/65/t	Florence	93/74/t	93/74/t
Athens	88/70/t	89/68/pc	Gainesville	90/74/pc	91/75/t
Augusta	91/71/c	92/73/t	Gastonia	91/68/pc	90/69/pc
Beaufort	94/75/t	94/74/t	Goldsboro	91/73/t	92/73/pc
Cape Hatteras	89/78/pc	89/76/pc	Goose Creek	93/74/t	92/75/t
Charleston	93/75/t	92/76/t	Greensboro	89/68/pc	90/69/pc
Charlotte	92/69/pc	92/70/pc	Greenville	89/68/t	88/68/pc
Clemson	90/70/t	88/69/pc	Hickory	88/66/t	88/67/pc
Columbia	93/72/pc	94/73/pc	Hilton Head	92/78/t	92/77/t
Darlington	93/72/t	92/72/t	Jacksonville, FL	93/74/t	93/73/t
Elizabeth City	90/73/t	90/74/pc	La Grange	89/72/t	88/71/t
Elizabethtown	92/73/t	91/73/pc	Macon	91/72/t	92/72/pc
Fayetteville	93/73/c	93/71/pc	Marietta	86/72/t	87/71/t
			Marion	86/65/t	86/66/t
			Mt. Pleasant	93/76/t	92/77/t
			Myrtle Beach	91/76/t	90/76/t
			Orangeburg	92/73/t	92/73/t
			Port Royal	93/76/t	93/76/t
			Raleigh	92/69/pc	93/69/pc
			Rock Hill	91/70/pc	90/69/pc
			Rockingham	92/71/c	92/70/pc
			Savannah	94/74/t	94/74/t
			Spartanburg	90/69/t	88/68/pc
			Summerville	92/73/t	91/74/t
			Wilmington	92/75/t	91/75/pc
			Winston-Salem	88/69/pc	89/70/pc

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION
Today, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Piece together your plan of action.

Sticking to simple, effective transitions will prove to be seamless and gratifying. Share your long-term plans with someone close to you. Be willing to compromise to accommodate someone you love and respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Situations will change rapidly. You'll have to be ready to deal with matters without letting your emotions lead you down the wrong path. A responsible approach to what needs to be done will help you avoid unnecessary mistakes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Speed up the process when bringing about personal or physical changes. Your personal and professional lives will clash if you cannot find a way to distribute your time evenly. Educational pursuits will help you achieve your professional goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put greater emphasis on your creative goals. Develop a plan that will help you incorporate what you enjoy doing into a moneymaking venture. Stressful situations will lead to ill health. Take time to relax and rejuvenate. Don't take on physical demands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Work behind the scenes. Pay close attention to every little detail before you decide to share what you are doing with others. If you are too open, someone will encourage you to expand too quickly. Moderation is in your best interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look for solutions and you'll be considered an asset to any group you contribute to. Protect against loss when divvying up an estate, winnings or a settlement that

includes others. A lifestyle change will improve your emotional outlook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put a little passion into whatever you do. Whether it's an adventure with someone you love or a change you make to the way you live, it will encourage you to finish what you start. Make a commitment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your plans a secret until you have everything in place. Someone will interfere if your plan doesn't live up to his or her expectations. Look out for your interests and be willing to walk away from anyone making too many demands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've got everything under control. Speak up and bring about changes you can afford. If someone suggests excessive additions to your plans, ask that person to pay for the updates. Honest discussions will bring the best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make suggestions and carry out your plans. Bring about changes that will improve your domestic environment and make you feel at home and comfortable with your surroundings. Convenience and comfort will make a difference to your emotional outlook.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Discussions will be difficult if one or more people involved overreact. Make a point to stick to your script and to make your thoughts concise for anyone who may try to entice you to take on more than you can handle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for ways to bring in more cash, but don't get involved in a get-rich-quick scheme that has the potential to backfire. If you want to bring about positive change, add to your qualifications and work hard to achieve your goals.

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Ross Russell comments on his photo submission, "This is Sarah Russell with a 52-pound Congo watermelon from the family patch."

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

P-15's fall into losers bracket



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Sumter starting pitcher Rylan Williamson delivers a pitch during the P-15's 7-4 loss to Troy, Alabama, in their opening game in the American Legion Southeast Region Tournament on Wednesday in Asheboro, N.C.

Sumter loses 7-4 to Troy, Alabama, in Southeast Region tourney opener

BY DANNY KELLY
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ASHEBORO, N.C. — The Sumter P-15's came up short in its opening game in the American Legion baseball Southeast Region Tournament against Alabama state champion Troy Post 70 on Wednesday at McCrary Park, falling by a final score of 7-4.

"We didn't play well," said Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson of his team, which fell to 23-14 on the season. "We had no defense, we were behind in counts, and we need to do a better job of locating the ball."

The P-15's will play today in an elimination game against the loser of today's 9 a.m. game between South Carolina state champion Chapin/Newberry Posts 193/24 or

host Randolph County Post 45. The game was scheduled for Wednesday, but postponed due to rain.

Sumter opened up the scoring in the bottom of the second inning when second baseman Lathan Todd grounded out to score Rylan Williamson, who had doubled to start the inning.

However, Troy responded with a run of its own in the top of the third with designated hitter Ryan Tomlin scoring center fielder Gage Herring with a single. Troy added two more runs in the top of the fourth, but

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Sumter must now win or go home

BY DANNY KELLY
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ASHEBORO, N.C. — Despite losing to Alabama state champion Troy Post 70 7-4 in their opening game in the American Legion baseball Southeast Region Tournament on Monday, the Sumter P-15's are not disheartened. They look to bounce back today in an elimination game against the loser of today's 9 a.m. game between South Carolina state champion Chapin/Newberry and host Randolph County Post 45. The game was postponed on Wednesday due to rain.

"(The game) worked in their favor," Sumter starting pitcher Rylan Williamson said of Troy. "We got squeezed by the umpire. We need to build some momentum (for Thursday)."

Williamson threw four innings against Troy, giving up seven hits, four runs — all of them earned — three walks and three strikeouts. He will play second base on Thursday.

"I think we played well," said Sumter third baseman Daulton Dabbs. "We were hitting the ball around the field and doing a good job with the pitch count. We need to simplify the game, get singles, bunts and score runs and not (focus on) getting doubles and triples."

Dabbs recorded a hit and scored a run in two at-bats.

"We need to get a good night's rest (for Thursday)," left fielder Bobby Crisp said. "We play at the same time tomorrow and we're in the losers bracket now."

The team looks to prepare for two potential opponents, one of them being Chapin-Newberry, whom the team has lost to three times already,

SEE PLAYERS, PAGE B3

PRO GOLF

Thomas steps out of the shadow of Spieth as PGA champion

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A walk from the driving range to the 10th tee at Bellerive took longer than usual for Justin Thomas.

One marshal wanted an autograph. Another wanted a selfie.

He made it under the tunnel to find two more people stopping him for pictures. Thomas eventually made it up the stairs, onto the putting green and up a slight hill to the tee box with thousands of fans crammed on both sides and every seat in the grandstands occupied. That's where some degree of normalcy returned.

He was playing with Tiger Woods. This was only Wednesday afternoon, and it's certain to be far more boisterous for the start of the 100th PGA Championship when Thomas tries to become only the second player in 60 years of stroke play to successfully defend his title.

The other was Woods, who has done it twice.

"Being the deepest field in golf and a great golf course and a lot of players trying to knock off that major here at the end of the year that haven't gotten one yet this year ... any tournament is a tough one to win, but this one espe-

cially is," Thomas said.

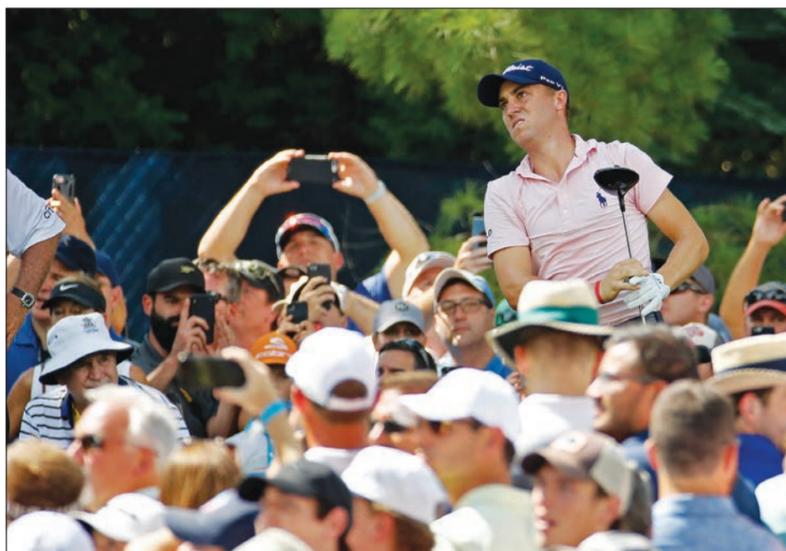
Thomas is coming off his first World Golf Championship title last week at Firestone and is among the favorites at Bellerive, which was starting to dry out from downpours earlier in the week.

A year ago, Thomas was one of those guys who had yet to win a major, and he wasn't getting much attention because it had been seven months since his last victory. Any mention of Thomas included that he was "Jordan Spieth's buddy."

Thomas hasn't heard that in a while. He won the PGA Championship at Quail Hollow (Spieth was among those who hung around to share in the moment) added a FedEx Cup playoff event (Spieth was the runner-up), captured the FedEx Cup and the \$10 million bonus and swept all the big awards, just like Spieth had done two years earlier. Dating to last year at the PGA, Thomas has won five times. Spieth has gone more than a year without winning.

Thomas has come into his own. "My last couple of wins, or maybe last year probably is when ... I started to get out of that shadow," Thomas said.

This is a deep friendship that transcends any rivalry, and Thomas was



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Justin Thomas watches his tee shot on the 15th hole during a practice round for the PGA Championship at Bellerive Country Club on Wednesday in St. Louis. Thomas will be trying to defend his title when the tournament begins today.

never overly bothered by the mention of being Spieth's close friend. He understood that Spieth, who turned pro a year earlier and effectively had a two-year start on him, has more majors, has won more tournaments, reached

No. 1 first and stayed there longer. "I've always been my own guy," Thomas said, "but I was perceived by the media as his buddy. Which is fine."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Goal for Alabama quarterback contenders: Win team, titles

BY JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Jalen Hurts is the strong-armed running threat who has mostly won during his Alabama career.

Tua Tagovailoa is the prized, left-handed recruit who rallied the Crimson Tide to a national championship.

It's a quarterback competition, Alabama-style. Totally win-win.

The Crimson Tide has two good options to choose from, and the decision will be based on what everything is at Alabama: Victories that make the Tide national and Southeastern Conference title contenders.

"A guy that wins," is offensive coordinator Mike Locksley boils down what the Tide's looking for.

Both players seem capable of doing that, even if they have different styles and strengths.

Greg McElroy, SEC Network analyst and former Alabama quarterback, figures it might come down to whether Tide coach Nick Saban wants to bank on the defense and go with the quarterback who makes the fewest mistakes or turn to the one with more of a gunslinging style.

While Tagovailoa is the presumed front-runner, McElroy believes it remains "very



Jalen Hurts (2) and quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (13) are competing for the starting quarterback job at Alabama

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL '18

Stanford's Love heads list of preseason Heisman contenders

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

Stanford running back Bryce Love's decision to return for his senior year instantly made him a preseason front-runner for some of college football's top individual awards.

Love won the Doak Walker Award as college football's top running back and was runner-up in the Heisman Trophy balloting last year as he rushed for 2,118 yards. He's an obvious candidate for both awards again this year, even though he will have a tough time matching his production from last season.

"I had a good chance to talk with Bryce, to talk about (how) this year can't be about stats," Stanford coach David Shaw said. "He broke a lot of records last year, did some phenomenal things last year. This year's about him getting bigger, stronger, being more versatile, different things, adding to his game. We're not going to do the Bryce Love stat watch."

Love is among several players to enter the season as contenders to earn hardware this season. Here's a rundown of potential candidates for some of college football's top individual awards.

HEISMAN TROPHY (TOP OVERALL PLAYER)

- Bryce Love, Stanford
His 2,118 yards rushing last season ranked second among all Football Bowl Subdivision players, behind only Seattle Seahawks first-round draft pick and former San Diego State star Rashaad Penny.
- Khalil Tate, Arizona

As a versatile quarterback who can beat defenses with his arm and legs, Tate fits the profile of many other recent Heisman winners.

- Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin
Taylor finished sixth in the Heisman balloting last year and set an NCAA freshman record by rushing for 1,977 yards.

DAVEY O'BRIEN (TOP QUARTERBACK)

- Will Grier, West Virginia
Grier threw for 317.3 yards per game last season and was the media's choice as Big 12 preseason offensive player of the year.

- McKenzie Milton, Central Florida
Milton finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting last year while leading UCF to a perfect season.

- Khalil Tate, Arizona
Tate rushed for 327 yards in one game last season and ran for over 200 yards in two other contests.

DOAK WALKER (TOP RUNNING BACK)

- J.K. Dobbins, Ohio State
Dobbins rushed for 1,403 yards and gained 7.2 yards per carry as a freshman last season

- Bryce Love, Stanford
Love will try to join former Texas star Ricky Williams and former Arkansas standout Darren McFadden as a two-time winner of this award.

- Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin
Taylor was one of three finalists for this award last year.



AP FILE PHOTO

Stanford running back Bryce Love (20) runs in front of Southern California safety Chris Hawkins (4) during the 2017 Pac-12 Conference championship game in Santa Clara, California. Love's decision to return for his senior year instantly made him a preseason frontrunner for some of college football's top individual awards.

BILETNIKOFF (TOP RECEIVER)

- A.J. Brown, Mississippi
Brown caught 75 passes for 1,252 yards and 11 touchdowns last year as an AP All-America third-team selection.

- N'Keal Harry, Arizona State
Harry had 82 catches for 1,142 yards and eight touchdowns a year ago.

- David Sills, West Virginia
Sills caught 18 touchdown passes last season to tie for the FBS lead and was a finalist for this award.

OUTLAND (TOP INTERIOR LINEMAN)

- Ed Oliver, Houston
Oliver won this trophy last year and also was a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy given to the nation's top defensive player.
- Christian Wilkins, Clemson

Clemson's defensive line is so fearsome that all four of its projected starters made the preseason all-Atlantic Coast Conference team.

- Jonah Williams, Alabama
Williams will try to become the fourth Alabama player in the last 11 years, joining Andre Smith (2008), Barrett Jones (2011) and Cam Robinson (2016).

BEDNARIK /NAGURSKI (SEPARATE AWARDS GIVEN TO THE TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYER)

- Nick Bosa, Ohio State
Bosa earned second-team AP All-America honors last season and had 16 tackles for loss plus eight sacks.

- Raekwon Davis, Alabama
An Alabama player has won the last two Bednarik Awards (Jonathan Allen in 2016 and Minkah Fitzpatrick in 2017) and one of the last two Nagurski Trophy honors (Allen in 2016).

- Clelin Ferrell, Clemson
Ferrell was a first-team AP All-American who collected 18 tackles for loss and 9 ½ sacks last year.

BUTKUS (TOP LINEBACKER)

- Devin Bush, Michigan
Bush was a Butkus Award finalist and third-team AP All-American last year.
- T.J. Edwards, Wisconsin
Edwards was a Butkus Award finalist and first-team AP All-American last year.
- Devin White, LSU
White had 133 tackles last season, including 14 for loss.

JIM THORPE (TOP DEFENSIVE BACK)

- Deandre Baker, Georgia
Baker had nine pass break-ups last season to go along with three interceptions.
- Jaquan Johnson, Miami
Johnson had a team-high 96 tackles and tied for the team lead with four interceptions last season.

- Andraez "Greedy" Williams, LSU
Williams picked off six passes and earned third-team AP All-America honors as a redshirt freshman last season.

- John Mackey, Georgia Tech
Mackey had 11 interceptions and 11 touchdowns last season.

- Noah Fant, Iowa
He's coming off a 2017 season in which he scored 11 touchdowns.
- Albert Okwuegbunam, Missouri
As a redshirt freshman last season, he had 11 touchdown catches to tie for the SEC lead.

- Caleb Wilson, UCLA
Wilson caught 38 passes for 490 yards in only five games last year before a foot injury shut him down for the rest of the season.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
7:20 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group D Match from Saint-Melo, France — Germany vs. China (FOX SPORTS 2).
10:20 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group C Match from Concarneau, France — Spain vs. Japan (FOX SPORTS 2).
11 a.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Midwest Regional Semifinal Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).
11 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Round-of-16 Matches from Toronto (TENNIS).
11:30 a.m. — WNBA Basketball: Seattle at Washington (NBA TV).
11:30 a.m. — American Legion Baseball: Southeast Region Tournament Game 5 from Asheboro, N.C. — Sumter vs. Chapin/Newberry or Randolph County, N.C. (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).
12:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Round-of-16 Matches from Toronto (ESPN2).
1 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series New England Regional Semifinal Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Minnesota at Cleveland (MLB NETWORK).
1:20 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group C Match from Concarneau, France — United States vs. Paraguay (FOX SPORTS 2).
2 p.m. — PGA Golf: PGA Championship First Round from St. Louis (TNT).
3 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Northwest Regional Semifinal Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).
4 p.m. — Women's Amateur Golf: U.S. Women's Amateur Round-of-32 and Round-of-16 Matches from Kingston Springs, Tenn. (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego at Milwaukee (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).
5 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Great Lakes Regional Semifinal Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).
5 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Round-of-16 Matches from Toronto (TENNIS).
5:30 p.m. — Horse Racing: NYSS Statue of Liberty Division Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXO-FM 105.9, WDXO-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group D Match from Saint-Melo, France — Haiti vs. Nigeria (FOX SPORTS 2).
7 p.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Carolina at Buffalo (WACH 57).
7 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Mid-Atlantic Regional Semifinal Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Los Angeles at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, NBA TV).
7 p.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Cleveland at New York Giants (NFL NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Exhibition Basketball: Kentucky vs. San Lorenzo de Almagro from Nassau, Bahamas (SEC NETWORK).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Seattle at Houston or Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado (MLB NETWORK).
9 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series West Regional Semifinal Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).
10 p.m. — CFL Football: Edmonton at British Columbia (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Minnesota at Las Vegas (NBA TV).
10 p.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Dallas at San Francisco (NFL NETWORK).
11 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh at San Francisco (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).
12:35 a.m. — PGA Golf: PGA Championship First-Round Highlights from St. Louis (WLTX 19).
1 a.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Los Angeles Rams at Baltimore (NFL NETWORK).
4 a.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Indianapolis at Seattle (NFL NETWORK).

Oakland	67	47	.588	5½
Seattle	65	50	.565	8
Los Angeles	57	58	.496	16
Texas	51	65	.440	22½

WEDNESDAY

Texas 11, Seattle 7
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

TODAY

Minnesota (Berrios 11-8) at Cleveland (Kluber 14-6), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Jurado 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Happ 11-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 14-4) at Toronto (Borucki 1-2), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Hess 2-6) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 9-5) at Houston (Verlander 11-6), 8:10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	64	50	.561	—
Atlanta	61	49	.555	1
Washington	58	55	.513	5½
New York	47	65	.420	16
Miami	47	68	.409	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	66	47	.584	—
Milwaukee	65	51	.560	2½
St. Louis	59	55	.518	7½
Pittsburgh	59	56	.513	8
Cincinnati	50	65	.435	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	63	51	.553	—
Arizona	64	52	.552	—
Colorado	60	54	.526	3
San Francisco	57	58	.496	6½
San Diego	45	70	.391	18½

TODAY

Atlanta (Sanchez 6-3) at Washington (Gonzalez 6-8), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Erlin 2-3) at Milwaukee (Guerra 6-7), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 8-3) at Colorado (Anderson 6-4), 8:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 6-6) at San Francisco (Suarez 4-7), 10:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

N.Y. Mets 8, Cincinnati 0
Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 3
Arizona 6, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	16	17
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

TODAY

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Miami, 7 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Arizona, 10 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	19	10	.655	—
x-Washington	18	11	.621	1
Connecticut	16	12	.571	2½
Chicago	10	19	.345	9
New York	7	21	.250	11½
Indiana	5	24	.172	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	23	7	.767	—
x-Los Angeles	17	11	.607	5
Minnesota	16	13	.552	6½
Phoenix	16	14	.533	7
Dallas	14	14	.500	8
Las Vegas	12	17	.414	10½
x-clinched playoff spot				

TUESDAY

Seattle 94, Indiana 79
Atlanta 109, Las Vegas 100
Minnesota 85, Chicago 64
Washington 103, Phoenix 98

WEDNESDAY

Los Angeles at New York, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Dallas, 8 p.m.

TODAY

Seattle at Washington, 11:30 a.m.
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Connecticut at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 10 p.m.<

SPORTS ITEMS

Glaze still in contention in Carolinas Open

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Former Sumter High School golfer Scott Glaze remained four shots off the lead and in a tie for eighth place after the second round of the 94th Carolinas Open at Starmount Forest Country Club on Tuesday.

Glaze shot an even par 71 in the second round after a 4 under 67 in Monday's first round. That gives him a score of 138 with the final round set for today.

Glaze is in a 5-way tie for eighth. He is tied with Nate Eaton of Raleigh, North Carolina, Kelly Mitchum of Southern Pines, North Carolina, Ryan Tindall of Murrells Inlet and Justin Emmons of Asheboro, North Carolina.

There is a 3-way tie for first at 8 under 134 between Tripp Summerlin of Summerfield, North Carolina, Gray Matthews of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Jerry Haas of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

OPENINGS LEFT IN CHURCHES CHALLENGE

A few openings remain for the afternoon sessions of the 19th annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament and Praise Rally on Aug. 24-25.

The cost is \$45 per golfer and includes the praise dinner on Friday as well as lunch and beverages on Saturday.

Registration forms can be mailed to CGA, 1285 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 or can be brought to the office at Dillon Park, next to Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

For more information, call (803) 773-2171 or (803) 983-3457.

SUMTER TOUCHDOWN CLUB SEEKING MEMBERS, SPONSORS

The Sumter Touchdown Club presented by FTC is looking for new members and sponsors for the start of its 29th season, which is set for Friday, Aug. 31.

Membership is open to the public. The fee is \$100 per year and includes a full buffet breakfast from Shoney's each week along with the ability to participate in all that the TD club offers. Sponsorships are \$200 per year.

For those interested in becoming a member or a sponsor, go to www.sumtertdclub.com and click on the membership form or sponsorship form.

For more information, go to the website or call Lee Glaze at (803) 968-0773.

From staff reports



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Josh Bryant goes airborne as he throws to first during the P-15's 7-4 loss to Troy, Alabama, on Wednesday in the Southeast Region Tournament in Asheboro, North Carolina in its opening round game at the American Legion Southeast Regional tournament in Asheboro, N.C., on Wednesday.

P-15'S

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Sumter responded with three runs of its own in the bottom of the inning to take a 4-3 lead, highlighted by left fielder Bobby Crisp's double to score Dabbs and Todd. Corey Blackley's single scored Crisp after he advanced on a wild pitch to make it 4-3.

It all went downhill from there for the P-15's though.

In the top of the fifth, Troy answered with a 3-run inning. Tomlin plated shortstop Logan Thompson with a double, third baseman Wood Jinright scored Tomlin with a single, and second baseman Dylan Register plated catcher DJ Law with a ground out to make the score 6-4.

Troy tacked on another run in the top of the sixth, with Thompson driving in left fielder Joey Wozniak with a single to give Troy its seventh and final run.

"(We've) got to play better," Coach Johnson said. "We need to get more hitter's counts."

Troy pitcher Reed Jinright threw 4½ innings, giving up seven hits, four runs (all of them earned) and three



Sumter's Daulton Dabbs (11) congratulates Bobby Crisp, right, after Crisp scored a run in the P-15's 7-4 loss to Troy, Alabama, on Wednesday in the Southeast Region Tournament in Asheboro, North Carolina.

strikeouts. In relief, Nathan Light recorded two strikeouts and one walk over 1 2/3 innings. Register also pitched for an inning, fanning one batter.

For Sumter, Rylan Williamson threw four innings, giving up seven hits, four runs (all of them earned), three walks and three strikeouts. In relief, Josh Bryant threw for an inning, giving up three hits and two

runs, both earned. He took the loss.

Chandler Hunter pitched for one inning, giving up a hit and a run, and Charlton Commander also pitched for an inning, recording a walk. "It's a one-game season," Coach Johnson said. "The chips will fall where they may."

Crisp was the only Sumter player with two hits. The team had seven total.

PGA FROM PAGE B1

There remains another shadow that was even stronger at Bellerive, and Thomas fully expects that.

Playing with Woods — along with Brooks Koepka, J.B. Holmes and what felt like half the state of Missouri — made it a true practice round. Thomas plays the opening two days with Woods and Rory McIlroy.

Woods might be bigger now than when he was winning, perhaps because fans had every right to wonder if they would ever see him again, or see him when he was capable of posting low scores. Coming off a fourth back surgery, Woods has made it through eight months without any health issues — though he did have an ice bath after a long week in the heat at Firestone — and has shown flashes.

The most recent was at the British Open, when he had the lead in the final round for two holes in the final round until fading to a tie for sixth. All that did was ratchet up the hysteria that perhaps another major is in the cards. This is his first PGA Championship since 2015, which was the first one Thomas played.

"It will be pretty crazy out there," Thomas said. "There's going to be a lot of people, I know that. ... So yeah, it will be a cool week.

It will be cool for him to be back, and he obviously has a lot of great success in this tournament, as he does most of the ones he's played in."

The players with Woods on Wednesday — and for the next two days — were telling.

Koepka has won the last two U.S. Opens. Thomas is the PGA champion and No. 2 player in the world. McIlroy began his run of four majors in a four-year stretch about the time Woods began dealing with injuries.

And there are plenty more like them, from Dustin Johnson growing impatient about not winning a major in two years to Spieth getting another crack at the career Grand Slam, to Rickie Fowler trying to shed the label as among the best without a major.

"It's the last opportunity to win one," Justin Rose said. "A good year becomes a phenomenal year with a major championship. It's what I build my year around. So absolutely, you're very keenly aware that this is the last opportunity. ... If you find yourself in contention down the stretch, you'll be fully aware of what this means."

For Thomas, a place in the record book with Woods. For Spieth, a place among the most elite group in golf. For Woods, the defining moment of a comeback.

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By The Associated Press
At Bellerive Country Club
St. Louis
Purse: TBA
Yardage: 7,316; Par: 70
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THURSDAY-FRIDAY

First hole-10th hole

7:50 a.m.-1:15 p.m. — Michael Block, United States; Eddie Pepperell, England; Ryan Fox, New Zealand.

8:01 a.m.-1:26 p.m. — Austin Cook, United States; Craig Hocknull, United States; Alexander Bjork, Sweden.

8:12 a.m.-1:37 p.m. — Yusaku Miyazato, Japan; Bob Sowards, United States; Scott Brown, United States.

8:23 a.m.-1:48 p.m. — Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain; Thomas Bjorn, Denmark; James Hahn, United States.

8:34 a.m.-1:59 p.m. — Billy Horschel, United States; Byeong Hun An, South Korea; Shane Lowry, Ireland.

8:45 a.m.-2:10 p.m. — Brian Harman, United States; Yuta Ikeda, Japan; Adam Hadwin, Canada.

8:56 a.m.-2:21 p.m. — Padraig Harrington, Ireland; Jimmy Walker, United States; Vijay Singh, Fiji.

9:07 a.m.-2:32 p.m. — Bryson DeChambeau, United States; Andy Sullivan, England; Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand.

9:18 a.m.-2:43 p.m. — Ryan Armour, United States; Cameron Smith, Australia; Peter Uihlein, United States.

9:29 a.m.-2:54 p.m. — Paul Dunne, Ireland; J.B. Holmes, United States; Dylan Frittelli, South Africa.

9:40 a.m.-3:05 p.m. — Charles Howell III, United States; Jason Schumhl, United States; Brian Gay, United States.

9:51 a.m.-3:16 p.m. — David Muttitt, United States; Ollie Schniederjans, United States; Troy Merritt, United States.

10:02 a.m.-3:27 p.m. — Shawn Warren, United States; Mikko Korhonen, Finland; J.J. Spaun, United States.

1:20 p.m.-7:55 a.m. — Johan Kok, United States; Brandon Stone, South Africa; Whee Kim, South Korea.

1:31 p.m.-8:06 a.m. — Matthew Wallace, England; Matt Dobyns, United States; Beau Hossler, United States.

1:42 p.m.-8:17 a.m. — Chris Wood, England; Alex Noren, Sweden; Matt Kuchar, United States.

1:53 p.m.-8:28 a.m. — Dustin Johnson, United States; Bubba Watson, United States; Adam Scott, Australia.

2:04 p.m.-8:39 a.m. — Tommy Fleetwood, England; Satoshi Kodaira, Japan; Marc Leishman, Australia.

2:15 p.m.-8:50 a.m. — Patrick Reed, United States; Brooks Koepka, United States; Francesco Molinari, Italy.

2:26 p.m.-9:01 a.m. — Gary Woodland, United States; Sergio Garcia, Spain; Kevin Kisner, United States.

2:37 p.m.-9:12 a.m. — Jordan Spieth, United States; Jon Rahm, Spain; Justin Rose, England.

2:48 p.m.-9:23 a.m. — Aaron Wise, United States; Paul Casey, England; Zach Johnson, United States.

2:59 p.m.-9:34 a.m. — Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa; Thomas Pieters, Belgium; Bill Haas, United States.

3:10 p.m.-9:45 a.m. — Jason Kokrak, United States; Joaquin Niemann, Chile; Daniel Berger, United States.

3:21 p.m.-9:56 a.m. — Omar Uresti, United States; Justin Harding, South Africa;

Andrew Landry, United States.
3:32 p.m.-10:07 a.m. — Matt Bachert, United States; Chris Stroud, United States; Andrew Putnam, United States.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

10th hole-First hole

7:55 a.m.-1:20 p.m. — Jamie Lovemark, United States; Rich Berberian Jr., United States; Shugo Imahira, Japan.

8:06 a.m.-1:31 p.m. — Brandt Snedeker, United States; Sean McCarty, United States; Li Haotong, China.

8:17 a.m.-1:42 p.m. — Jim Furyk, United States; Tony Finau, United States; Xander Schauffele, United States.

8:28 a.m.-1:53 p.m. — Davis Love III, United States; Martin Kaymer, Germany; Rich Beem, United States.

8:39 a.m.-2:04 p.m. — Rickie Fowler, United States; Hideki Matsuyama, Japan; Ian Poulter, England.

8:50 a.m.-2:15 p.m. — Henrik Stenson, Sweden; Danny Willett, England; Pat Perez, United States.

9:01 a.m.-2:26 p.m. — Phil Mickelson, United States; Jason Day, Australia; Keegan Bradley, United States.

9:12 a.m.-2:37 p.m. — Shubhankar Sharma, India; Jordan Smith, England; Scott Piercy, United States.

9:23 a.m.-2:48 p.m. — Justin Thomas, United States; Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland; Tiger Woods, United States.

9:34 a.m.-2:59 p.m. — Matt Fitzpatrick, England; Webb Simpson, United States; Jhonattan Vegas, Venezuela.

9:45 a.m.-3:10 p.m. — Stewart Cink, United States; Branden Grace, South Africa; Ryan Moore, United States.

9:56 a.m.-3:21 p.m. — Ross Fisher, England; Alexander Levy, France; Patton Kizzire, United States.

10:07 a.m.-3:32 p.m. — Julian Suri, United States; Sungjae Im, South Korea; Craig Bowden, United States.

1:15 p.m.-7:50 a.m. — Danny Balin, United States; Chesson Hadley, United States; Russell Henley, United States.

1:26 p.m.-8:01 a.m. — Marty Jertson, United States; Luke List, United States; Kevin Chappell, United States.

1:37 p.m.-8:12 a.m. — Jaysen Hansen, United States; Nick Watney, United States; Kyle Stanley, United States.

1:48 p.m.-8:23 a.m. — Ted Potter Jr., United States; Emiliano Grillo, Argentina; Jorge Campillo, Spain.

1:59 p.m.-8:34 a.m. — Ryan Vermeer, United States; Paul Broadhurst, England; John Daly, United States.

2:10 p.m.-8:45 a.m. — Si Woo Kim, South Korea; Brice Garnett, United States; Tyrrell Hatton, England.

2:21 p.m.-8:56 a.m. — Y.E. Yang, South Korea; Jason Dufner, United States; Shaun Micheel, United States.

2:32 p.m.-9:07 a.m. — Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa; Patrick Cantlay, United States.

2:43 p.m.-9:18 a.m. — Brendan Steele, United States; Adrian Otaegui, Spain; Kevin Na, United States.

2:54 p.m.-9:29 a.m. — Chez Reavie, United States; Charley Hoffman, United States; Russell Knox, Scotland.

3:05 p.m.-9:40 a.m. — Zach J. Johnson, United States; Michael Kim, United States; Seungsu Han, United States.

3:16 p.m.-9:51 a.m. — Brian Smock, United States; Anirban Lahiri, India; Mike Lorenzo-Vera, France.

3:27 p.m.-10:02 a.m. — Ben Kern, United States; Chris Kirk, United States; Ryuko Tokimatsu, Japan.

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including twice in the state tournament. Sumter beat Randolph County in a meeting earlier this season.

"I don't want to play them," Williamson said of Chapin/Newberry. "But we need to focus on velocity and hit the ball to right-center and right field. We haven't been hitting home runs."

However, Dabbs welcomes the challenge. "I want to play Chapin/Newberry," he said. "They beat us, but I don't feel like they're a better team; we need to focus on the shift."

Crisp knows what he wants to focus on heading into Thursday's elimination game.

"We need to look at kids' swings," he said. "We got burned twice (against Troy), so we need to look at how they're swinging."

The team needs to be motivated if it wants to come out on top and play again on Friday.

"I hope we have more energy tomorrow than today," Williamson said.

Sumter also has something else working in its favor, according to Dabbs.



Sumter pitcher Josh Bryant fields a ground ball during the P-15's 7-4 loss to Troy, Alabama, on Wednesday in the American Legion Southeast Region Tournament in Asheboro, North Carolina.

"We have our ace (Lathan Todd) pitching (Thursday)," Dabbs said.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY
at McCrary Park
in Asheboro, North Carolina

WEDNESDAY

Game 1 — Lyon County, Kentucky, 11, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 1
Game 2 — Troy, Alabama, 7, Sumter 4
Game 3 — Tallahassee, Florida (16-9-2) vs. Wilmington, North Carolina (21-6)
Game 4 — Chapin/Newberry (20-5) vs. Randolph County, North Carolina (24-17), ppd., rain

TODAY

Game 4 — Chapin/Newberry (20-5) vs. Randolph County, North Carolina (24-17), 9 a.m.
Game 5 — Parkersburg, West Virginia (25-13) vs. Wilmington, North Carolina (21-7), 11:30 a.m.
Game 6 — Sumter (23-14) vs. Loser Game 4 (doubleheader)
Game 7 — Lyon County, Kentucky (20-9) vs. Tallahassee, Florida (17-9-1), 4:30 p.m.
Game 8 — Troy, Alabama (31-6), vs. Winner Game 4 (doubleheader)

FRIDAY

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

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

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 ROUNDUP

Corbin, Peralta help Diamondbacks beat Phillies 6-0

PHOENIX — Patrick Corbin struck out nine in a combined four-hitter, David Peralta had four hits and two RBIs, and the Arizona Diamondbacks rolled over the Philadelphia Phillies 6-0 on Wednesday.

Corbin (10-4) had the Phillies guessing most of the game, allowing four hits in 7 1/3 innings while reaching a career-high 183 strikeouts this season. The left-hander did not give up a home run for the ninth straight start, the longest stretch by an Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher since Brandon Webb in 2003.

Peralta hit a two-run triple off Vince Velasquez (8-9) in the third inning, sending the Phillies right-hander to his first loss since June 25.

METS 8
REDS 0

NEW YORK — Jacob deGrom struck out 10 in six innings, received rare significant run support and earned his first win in nearly two months as New York beat Cincinnati.

DeGrom (6-7) ended a seven-start winless streak, allowing four hits in a 100-pitch outing and lowering his major league-leading ERA to 1.77. He won for the first time since June 18 at Colorado.

RANGERS 11
MARINERS 7

ARLINGTON, Texas — Joey



Atlanta starting pitcher Max Fried, center, heads to the clubhouse with pitching coach Chuck Hernandez, right, after he was hit by a ball off the bat of Washington's Spencer Kieboom during the second inning of their game at Nationals Park on Tuesday in Washington. Fried did not return to the game, but the Braves won the game 3-1.

Gallo homered twice and drove in four runs, Yovani Gallardo won his fourth straight start and Texas held off Seattle.

Gallardo (7-1) leads the majors with seven wins since June 23. He allowed three hits, two runs and three walks while striking out two in six innings.

Gallo has hit 10 of his 31 homers in his past 19 games. He went 3 for 5 to raise his batting average above .200 for the first time since June 16.

Seattle starter Marco Gonzales (12-7) gave up career

highs of 12 hits and seven runs in five innings.

PIRATES 4
ROCKIES 3

DENVER — Adam Frazier had three hits and made a run-saving play in the field in Pittsburgh's victory over Colorado.

Frazier had two doubles and a single, but made what might have been his biggest contribution in the field. With runners on the corners and two outs in the eighth inning, pinch-hitter Chris Iannetta hit a sharp grounder to the hole

at second. Frazier made a diving stop and threw out Iannetta to end the inning and preserve the one-run lead.

Chris Archer (4-5) allowed two runs and five hits in five innings in his second start since being acquired from Tampa Bay. Jan Vazquez got four out for his 26th save.

German Marquez (9-9) tied a career high with 10 strikeouts, and David Dahl homered for the Rockies.

ANGELS 6
TIGERS 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Justin Upton and Albert Pujols hit back-to-back homers in the fifth inning, and Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep of Detroit.

Kole Calhoun hit a leadoff homer and rookie Jaime Barria (7-7) pitched five-hit ball into the sixth. Los Angeles was in a 1-6 skid before getting back to .500 in the series with the struggling Tigers.

Upton connected on a full-count changeup from Blaine Hardy (4-4) for a two-run homer shortly before Pujols added his 632nd career homer.

TUESDAY

BRAVES 3
NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON — Not too many teams locked in a pennant race get excited about a doubleheader split.

That wasn't the case with

the Atlanta Braves, who were absolutely delighted after Ender Inciarte snapped a ninth-inning tie with a two-run triple in a 3-1 victory over the Washington Nationals on Tuesday night.

The thing is, the Braves had already lost the opener 8-3 and were going up against three-time Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer in the latter half of the day-night doubleheader.

Seeking to win his sixth straight start, Scherzer left in a tie game and Atlanta jumped on Washington's bullpen in the ninth.

"It's huge for us, splitting today after a tough loss in the first one," said Charlie Culberson, who homered in each game. "We battled, we stayed in there and Ender came up big for us with that hit in the ninth."

Freddie Freeman and Nick Markakis singled off Kelvin Herrera (1-2) before Inciarte hit a liner down the first-base line. The ball bounced off a low barrier in foul ground and momentarily eluded Bryce Harper, who had no options by the time he picked it up in right field.

That was the final pitch thrown by Herrera, who left after a visit from Washington's trainer.

From wire reports

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much up in the air" who will start the opener against Louisville in Orlando.

Hurts was only intercepted once last season and has gone 13-1 as a starter in each of his first two seasons with a pair of trips to national title games.

The Tide lost eight defensive starters from last season's title team, and projected first-team linebacker Terrell Lewis had knee surgery in July.

"Now, if I were to handicap it my-

self, I would say Tua would probably have the inside track just given how he played against one of the best defenses in college football last year," said McElroy, who led Alabama to the 2009 national championship. "But I also know that Jalen did a great job in providing the team exactly what it was they needed in the (13) games leading up to that championship game.

"I don't think it's as clear-cut as ev-

eryone else seems to think it is but I still think that Tua would have the inside track."

Tagovailoa passed for three touchdowns after halftime of the title game against Georgia's stingy defense, including the 41-yard winner to fellow freshman DeVonta Smith in overtime.

He also was picked off once and was sacked on the play before the TD strike.

"We have film of good, bad and ugly and that's definitely been on the ugly," Tagovailoa said. "It's most definitely

something you can learn from. Instead of taking a sack, throw the ball away."

Hurts has struggled in four playoff games, totaling just 329 passing yards while also making some plays on the ground and being named offensive MVP of last season's semifinal game.

But he was the SEC offensive player of the year as a freshman. He has run for 1,809 yards and 21 touchdowns in two seasons, though his passing yards per game dipped last season from 185.3 to 148.6.

OBITUARIES

HATTIE MAE SHAW-DUNCAN

Hattie Mae Shaw-Duncan, 68, departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, after a long illness, under

Agape Hospice Care. Born on April 6, 1950, in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Carolina Shaw Sr. and Maggie Martin Shaw. At an

early age, she joined Mount Olive AME Church, where she was a faithful member. She was educated in the public schools of Lee County. She was employed for 22 years at Skyline MFG and 35 years at Mayo Suit World.

Hattie Mae married Hammie Lewis Duncan on July 29, 1967. To this union two children were born.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 51 years, Hammie L. Duncan; one daughter, Sandra (Michael) Flournoy of Midway, Georgia; one grandson, Kristopher L. Duncan of Macon, Georgia; one brother, Carolina (Mazie) Shaw of Woodrow; 10 sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 68 Duncan Road, Rembert.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Mount Olive AME Church, 2738 Woodrow Road (U.S. Highway 441), Woodrow, with the Rev. Dr. Friendly J. Gadson, pastor, and the Rev. Joe David Shaw Jr., eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

The funeral procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Cooksfield Cemetery, JD Herriott Road, Dalzell.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages

may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

FERNANDO R. DA-ROSA

Fernando Rafael Da-Rosa entered eternal rest on Aug. 5, 2018.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

CELESTINE BROOKS

Celestine Brooks, 60, died on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at her home.

Born on April 7, 1958, she was a daughter of Edward and Rovena Croom.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 4910 Cain Savannah Road, Wedgefield.

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

RAYMOND C. SHOEMAKER JR.

DALZELL — Retired Master Sgt. Raymond C. Shoemaker Jr., 80, husband of Annie Lee "Ann" Benenhaley Shoemaker, died on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist, Columbia.

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

RALPH L. WASHBURN

Ralph L. Washburn, 89, formerly of Lynchburg, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Tabernacle Cemetery in Lynchburg with the Rev. Dr. Rusty Wilson officiating.

Ralph was born in Gouverneur, New York, a son of the late Louis and Lottie Washburn. He retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Kathleen Wilson Washburn; a daughter, Jacqueline Lewis of Willis, Texas; son,

Tim (Lynn) Washburn of New Carlisle, Ohio; stepdaughter, Anita Watford of Timmons-ville; stepson, Kent (Anne) Tyler of Sumter; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Tabernacle Cemetery, c/o Patricia Tyler, P.O. Box 87, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.laytonandersonfh.com.

Layton-Anderson Funeral Home, 4210 W. Palmetto St., Florence, is in charge of arrangements.

HICKIE LEE PUGH

PINEWOOD — Hickie Lee Pugh, 54, husband of Linda Parker Pugh, died on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on March 4, 1964, in Sumter, a son of the late Harvey Harvin and Lila Pugh Johnson.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. at the residence, 3810 Quiet Court, Sumter.

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

ALICE L. WOODS

God saw the need to call Alice Louise "Rody" McKnight Woods from labor to rest on Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, at Regency Hospital in Florence, after a long illness.

Born on Aug. 5, 1947, she was a daughter of the late Johnson and Willie Mae Gilyard McKnight. Alice received her formal education from Mt. Pleasant High School in Elliott. She was employed by James and Bland for five years.

Alice leaves to cherish her precious memories: her loving and devoted husband of 42 years, Covell Woods of Bishopville; one son, Covell Christopher (Emma) McKnight of the home; two granddaughters, Deidra and Deja Croskey McKnight; two great-grandsons, Da'marion and De'kari Croskey Commander; one sister, Thelma Hodge of Mayesville; one brother, Charlie McKnight of St. Charles; five

sisters-in-law, Shirley Woods and Annette (Wayne) Woods, both of Bishopville, Rosa Mae Woods of Philadelphia, Ruth McKnight of Columbia and Ruby Green of San Diego; two brothers-in-law, Levi (Mary) Woods of Sumter and Alexander Woods of Bishopville; two special nephews, Terry McKnight of Sumter and Dakota Woods of Bishopville; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, James, Irvin, George Thomas, Johnson Jr. and Calvin McKnight; and three sisters, Rutha Mae Rowell, Carolyn and Rhunette McKnight Woods.

Public viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Woods will be placed in the church at 2 p.m. on Friday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 126 E. Sumter St., Mayesville, SC 29104 with Pastor Eugene Myers officiating. Interment will follow at Mayesville Community Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home her sister, 300 Wilson St., Mayesville.

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

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

EDDIE JOE BRADLEY

Eddie Joe Bradley, 69, transitioned from his earthly home to his heavenly home on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at his home.

Born on June 21, 1949, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Paul Bradley Sr. and Julia Ann Sinkler Bradley. He received his education from the Sumter County public school system. He was employed at Morris College for years prior to retiring in June 2018. He was a faithful member of Joshua Baptist Church, where he was involved with many ministries of the church.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two daughters, Joyce Bradley Watts and Marcie (Tyrone) Rysor; two sons, Eddie Dwayne Bradley and Cameron (Kamilah) Bradley; 10 grandchildren; five siblings, Charlie Bradley, Christopher (Catherine) Bradley, Luke Bradley, Jerry (Sarah) Bradley and Dorothy (Marvin) Nelson; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4290 Cotton Acres Road, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Joshua Baptist Church, 5200 Live Oak Road, Dalzell, with the Rev. Eugene Dennis, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. for viewing.

The funeral procession will leave at 1:20 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be held immediately following services at Joshua Baptist Churchyard Cemetery.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

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JAMES GRANT

BISHOPVILLE — James Grant entered eternal rest on Aug. 2, 2018, at his residence, Bishopville.

The family is receiving friends and relatives from 2 until 7 p.m. daily at the home.

Visitation will be held from 2 until 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Lee Central High School Auditorium, Bishopville, with the Rev. Dr. Vernon Holland officiating. Interment will be at Thomastown Cemetery.

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

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WALLACE THE BRAVE



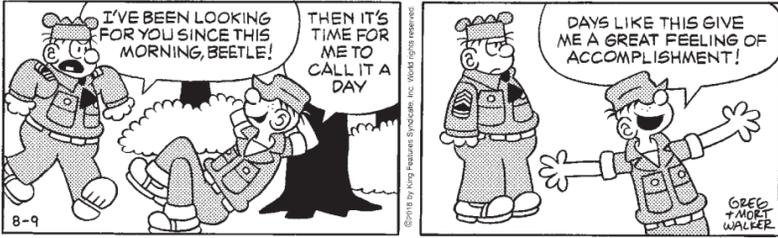
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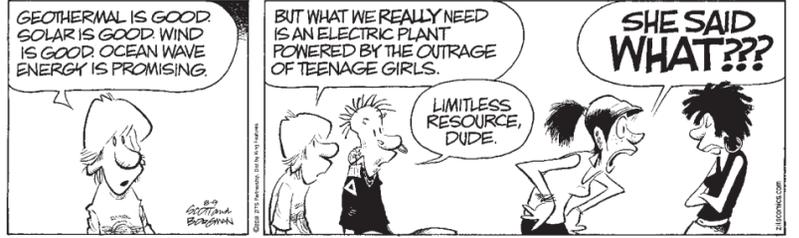
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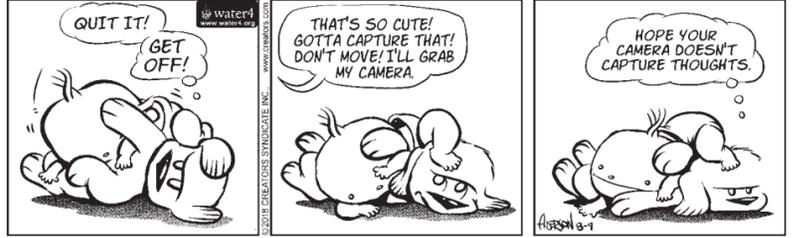
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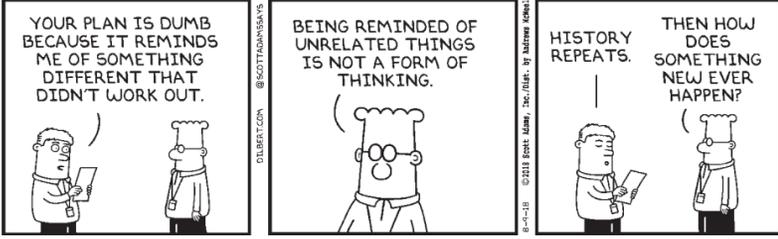
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Mom charges daughter-in-law rent after wedding



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — My mother-in-law owns the building my husband and I live in. I moved in with him about a year ago, before we were married. Because she owns the building, she doesn't charge

her son rent to live there but asks that he help manage the building, which takes about three hours a month. (He has a full-time job outside of managing the building.)

When I moved in, his mom asked that I pay rent. I guess in the back of my mind I thought it would change after we got married. Do you think I'm a

brat for thinking I shouldn't have to pay rent? The amount she's charging me is about what I would pay if we lived in another building and split the rent between us.

I don't know how to approach this, or if I'd be stepping out of line to request living somewhere rent-free. Please help.

DEAR ABBY — I am wondering about current etiquette con-

cerning work emails. I work in the office of a financial institution and receive multiple emails from customers and fellow employees every day. Our e-mail system recognizes when a word is spelled incorrectly. If I receive an email that has a misspelled word in it and I must reply to it, is it rude to correct the other person's spelling error?

DEAR UNSURE — If you do what you are contemplating, the recipient may find it insulting, so I don't recommend it. However well-intentioned, it could lose the company a client or annoy your co-workers.

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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.

MEHET

NICGL

QUICEL

GYLXAA



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

Yesterday's Jumbles: PARTY CHIVE VERSUS FILLET
Answer: At one out away from a perfect game, the crowd's cheering reached a — FEVER PITCH

SUDOKU

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

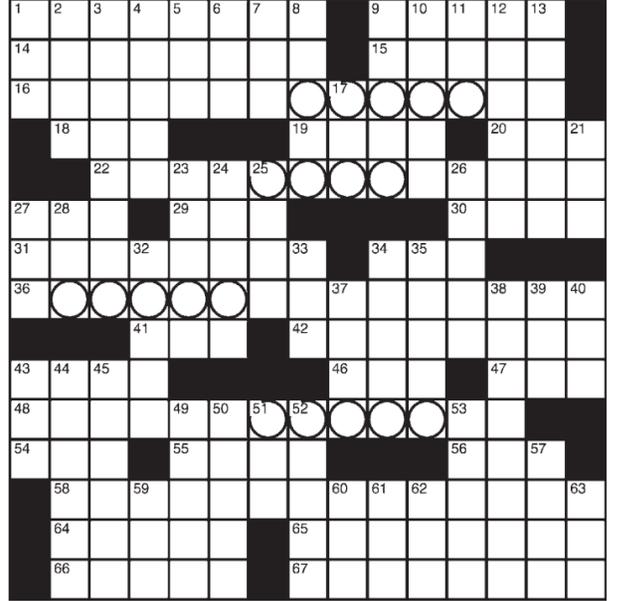
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Jeffrey Wechsler

8/9/18

ACROSS

- 1 Kvetch's phrase
- 9 Obstruct
- 14 Military award phrase
- 15 Cut out for marriage?
- 16 Lombardy skiing destination
- 18 Feed bit
- 19 "Can I get a word in here?"
- 20 Addams cousin
- 22 One of many standing in a Mexican bar
- 27 Merged comm. giant
- 29 Large garden ornament
- 30 Viewed warily
- 31 Looks down on
- 34 Gas
- 36 Gene Autry Easter song critter
- 41 Extreme degree
- 42 Moot point
- 43 Toulouse-Lautrec's birthplace
- 46 Like -trix, at times: Abbr.
- 47 Brief "I think"
- 48 Carl Orff opus
- 54 "Law & Order: _"
- 55 Boy of la casa

- 56 Farmers' business: Abbr.
- 58 Vacation spots found in each set of puzzle circles
- 64 Stand out
- 65 Behind closed doors
- 66 Publicizes showily
- 67 Car named for a small warship

- 21 "Chopped" host Allen
- 23 Ice cream buy
- 24 "Spenser: For Hire" actor
- 25 _ particular order
- 26 Student's backpack burden
- 27 Econ. indicator
- 28 Exec's accessory
- 32 Sturdy fabric
- 33 RR stop
- 34 Copier need
- 35 Jungian archetype
- 37 Stir-fry staple
- 38 Buddha statues, etc.
- 39 Periodic table suffix
- 40 Celestial feline

- 43 Carrier products, briefly
- 44 Profuse
- 45 Like some hillsides
- 49 Ludicrous
- 50 Array just before an odometer reaches 100,000
- 51 "So?"
- 52 _ acid
- 53 Family member
- 57 Dele canceler
- 59 Cup rim
- 60 Eclectic musician Brian
- 61 Original D&D company
- 62 Prepare to drag
- 63 Sault _ Marie

Previous Puzzle Solved

B	A	S	S	S	P	A	P	I	P	E	S
L	I	L	T	S	T	A	C	A	W	A	S
O	D	O	R	M	A	R	T	T	O	R	T
G	A	G	A	R	I	N	C	U	P	J	E
N	E	D	A	S	P	I	R	E			
B	A	G	G	A	G	E	C	L	A	I	M
A	G	E	E	G	O	E	A	T	E	N	
S	I	N	E	N	G	A	G	E	D	O	E
K	N	E	A	D	T	I	N	A	R	E	S
B	O	O	K	I	N	G	A	G	E	N	T
I	M	A	M	A	N	L	Y	E			
A	D	E	S	R	U	N	N	I	N	G	A
R	O	D	I	N	R	E	O	S	A	L	B
C	L	I	N	E	L	A	S	H	P	U	L
O	S	A	G	E	S	P	Y	S	T	Y	E

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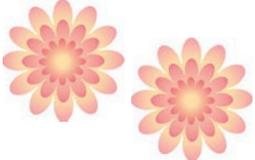
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